

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday January 25, 2022

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris, Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Cindy Barrett; Dave Boisvert; Peter Kujawski; John McKenna; Jim Withstandley; Judith Armstrong; Scott Olson.

1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – January 27, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of January 27, 2022 in the amount of \$59,210.73. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$30,973.40 and the warrant in the amount of \$28,237.33. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Connecticare (health insurance)-\$17,858.37; Dime Oil (diesel, heating)-\$3,332.05.

5. First Selectman's Report:

COVID-19 has been reduced to 34 (down from 40) cases in Litchfield County Hospitals. COVID-19: Todd Carusillo received 500 Rapid test kits last week; Last Saturday, 320 were distributed (25 went to the Fire Company; 10 went to Public Works) the few left were given out by calling for appointed distribution.

6. Public Comment: Henrietta Horvay pointed out an error on the spelling of Ms. Bate's name in the minutes of 1 18 2022; it is correctly spelled **BATE**. Mrs. Horvay also wanted an explanation of why a new Roadside Mowing Tractor is being *purchased* rather than *renting* a roadside mower, using Goshen manpower (including salary, benefits, etc.) would not be cheaper. Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, explained *in detail* the job/tasks of using a rented roadside mower. He then explained the features and capabilities of a *new* roadside mower that render savings in both time and tasks. The new mower will not be used solely for mowing road sides, but can be used for grading and other tasks undertaken by PW employees.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to forward the specifications and cost advantages of purchasing a new Roadside Mowing Tractor onto the Board of Finance for consideration. Voted unanimous. See copy attached.

Cindy Barrett noted the misspelling of the name Barrett. Ms. Horvay concurred. Correction noted. Jim Withstandley noted the two bids for the Pavilion and the difference in bid price. He was told the more expensive bid price was for "completely" built, whereas the other was quoted as "materials only" with installation per customer (PW).

7. Correspondence: None

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8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets:

Discussions were done on the following budgets:

Elections

Town Clerk

Planning & Zoning

Zoning Board of Appeals

Street Lights

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive listed budgets and forward onto the Board of Finance for review. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9a. New Hires:

Goshen Library

Ms. Renee DeSimone has been hired as Children's Programmer.

In a **motion** made by Mark Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the hiring of Children's Programmer for the Goshen Library. Voted unanimous.

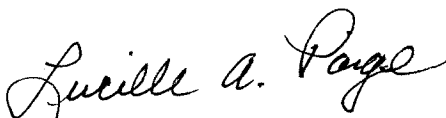
Ms. Marie Bate has been hired as Commission Clerk for EDC.

In a **motion** made by Mark Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the hiring of Marie Bate for Commission Clerk. Voted unanimous.

10. Other Business: None

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Voted unanimous.



Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Roadside Mowing Tractor
Rental vs. Ownership Comparison

Town of Goshen
Department of Public Works
November, 2021

Current Rental Cost of Tractor for 2 Months \$14,000

Cost of Rental over 20 Years \$287,000*

Approximate Purchase Price of New 100HP Enclosed Cab Tractor w/ Roadside Mower Package
\$150,000

Annual Cost of Initial Investment Over 20 year time Period \$7500 annually

*Includes 2.5% Increase for Inflation over Time Period

Benefits of Ownership

Savings of Approximately \$117,000 over Time Period (this includes \$1000 per year for
maintenance)

Ability to Mow Roads More than Once per Season, therefore Keeping Sight Lines Open, Weeds
Mowed Down along Pavement prior to Winter

Ability to Rough Mow other Town Owned Properties

Tractor Available for Other Maintenance Uses During the Year, Sweeping, Plowing