

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 1, 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; Scott Olson.

1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 25, 2022. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 3, 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 February 3, 2022 in the amount of \$191,896.85. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$18,886.22 and the warrant in the amount of \$173,010.63. Voted unanimous. Items of note: *Harvest Moon Timber (Rec. Pavilion)-\$4,525.00; Morton Salt-\$21,440.68; Sepples Tree Removal-\$10,000; Truck Builders (2022 plow truck)- \$120,736.00. *Deposit for the Pavilion Kit.

5. First Selectman's Report:

COVID-19 has been reduced to 23 (down from 34) cases in Litchfield County Hospitals. COVID-19.

Todd reported that the tributaries going into Bantam lake are creating some pollution. Jim Mersfelder asked if Mark Harris would be interested in serving on the *Bantam Lake Protective Association* to address this issue. *(Because of Mark's past work and long service on the Tyler Lake Protective Association, his experience in this matter would be beneficial; thus having nothing to do with his position as Selectman). Tyler Lake's participation in this activity will be very valuable. Mark Harris has agreed to serve.

We wish to commend our Public Works Department for the hard work and the good job they did over the weekend keeping our roads open and passable during the winter storm.

Replaced the radiator in the Library; price for the new unit is \$657.00 plus labor.

Public Works and the Fire Company are not the only departments to receive the increased threshold for bidding purposes. This increase has been extended to all Goshen Municipal Departments. In a **motion** made by Todd M. Carusillo, seconded by Mark S. Harris it was **voted** to extend the bidding threshold up to \$2,500 for all Goshen Municipal Departments. Voted unanimous.

6. Public Comment:

Henrietta Horvay asked about the payments to Harvest Moon Timber that is constructing the Pavilion for the Recreation Dept. Todd stated that cost of \$26,750 is for the complete kit. The engineering foundation plans cost is \$695.00. This produced a savings of \$76,000 for the town. **Payment schedule is online.** The Board of Finance approved the balance of the cost for the pavilion. We are depending on craftsmen in Goshen to volunteer their skills

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and workmanship to complete the pavilion. Cindy Barrett asked how this volunteer labor pool will be processed. Todd stated a schedule will be produced; Dexter Kinsella will organize the volunteer schedule.

7. Correspondence:

Todd received the second amendment to the tier 1 long term Municipal Solid Waste Management Services Agreement. Paul Collins (Recycling Coordinator) and Todd reviewed the new offer. MIRA has set the fiscal year 2023 tipping fee at \$116.00 per ton including recycling, for municipalities that sign the amendment. The South Meadows trash-to-energy facility is scheduled to commence decommissioning in July of 2022. MIRA is negotiating final agreements with RFP awarded bidders to establish a long haul waste transfer program to take effect as early as this coming July providing assured disposal options for each and every MIRA municipality.

In a conversation with Goshen's Tax Collector, as of this month, the collected taxes are at 95%, which means Goshen is in good shape.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen (2/8/2022) will feature Joyce Moverly who will give a presentation on "Sustainable Connecticut".

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets:

Discussions were done on the following budgets:

Civil Preparedness Economic Development

Tax Collector

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: None

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 5:24 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide