

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 22, 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; John McKenna (Republican American); Joyce Mowrey; Janet Hooper; Josephine Jones; Doreen Deary; James Withstandley; Costa Voiklis; Annette Lott; Garret Harlow; Jack Kelly; Johanna Kimball; Don Wilkes; Paul Collins; Audrey Blondin

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 February 15, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of February 15, 2022 as corrected. On page 2, the motion by Selectman Harris and Selectman Kinsella, regarding the petition should have read "received", and not accepted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: Selectman Mark Harris apprised the attendees of this meeting that he had been somewhat disrespectful to Recreation Director, Katie Hennessy during the meeting of February 15, 2022. Selectman Harris apologized the next day to Ms. Hennessy privately and at this meeting of February 22, 2022, he is apologizing publicly for his comments.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 24, 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 24, 2022 in the amount of \$1,507,458.33. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$29,042.98 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,478, 415.35. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Dime Oil (fuel, diesel)-\$2,219.94; John Hancock-(pensions) \$4,481.25; MIRA (waste disposal)-\$9,486.75; RSD 6-\$1,446,820.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

COVID-19 again has been reduced to 9 (from 10) cases in Litchfield County Hospitals. This past weekend First Selectman Todd Carusillo along with Town Clerk, Barbara Breor distributed 30 test kits to the public. More are available at Town Hall; please give a quick call ahead for your pickup.

6. Public Comment: Henrietta Horvay referring to the tractor bids, wanted the *Total Price* to be *defined* in what was included (parts, etc.) Selectman Carusillo defined the quotation. Audrey Blondin wanted to correct the actual time of adjournment from last week's meeting. Michael Exstine, three yrs. ago attended a P&Z meeting in Kent, along with members of the Northwest Conn. Council of Governments. Goshen's **Affordable Housing Plan** was introduced at this meeting Kent. Inasmuch as this was Mr. Exstine's first introduction to the "housing" plan, he felt more information, definition should have been available to the Goshen residents. Marty Harris, member of the Goshen Housing Trust, added more information to assist Mr. Exstine's questions. Selectman Dexter Kinsella informed Mr. Exstine and those present that the Planning & Zoning Commission did give public presentations regarding this subject before the Kent presentation. The Goshen Affordable Housing Plan has been accepted by the State. Scott Olson added that the Goshen Housing Trust is not a town entity, privately controlled.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets:

Discussions were held on the following budget:

Conservation of Health

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

8c. Broadband Advisory Committee – No report

8d. Sustainable CT – phase 3

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to sign the *Resolution for Sustainable CT*, with the meetings being held after working hours for public participation, keep the Board of Selectmen updated with minutes of meetings and public activities. Voted unanimous.

Ms. Joyce Mowrey thanked the Board of Selectmen profusely for their favorable consideration.

9. New Business:

9a. Referendum Petition:

A written review of the Petition was submitted to Attorney Mark V. Connolly for his legal opinion of the content therein. (This letter from Atty. Connolly was included in the Agenda packet for review by the public). ***"The present Petition does not set forth a legitimate and proper purpose. It seeks to wrest control over the content of the Goshen Plan of Conservation and Development and the potential inclusion of the Goshen Connecticut Housing Plan 2022-2027 in the POCD from the Goshen Planning and Zoning Committee. The Petition would subject the content of the Goshen POCD to a Town Referendum. Connecticut Courts have never endorsed or approved action by a town's legislative body to amend, repeal or supplant the actions of a town's planning and zoning commission in this way."***

10. Other Business:

Letter of Recommendation Bid Selection – Roadside Boom Mower:

Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, submitted his letter of recommendation for Tiger Corporation for the purchase of a Roadside Boom Mower. Total price including selected options is \$152,815.00.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to accept the recommendation from Mr. Harlow for the Roadside Boom Mower in the amount \$152,815.00, inclusive of selected options. Voted unanimous. This mower will be delivered to the Goshen Public Works facility.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5.53p.m. Voted unanimous.