

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday March 8, 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; Scott Olson; Paul Collins; Audrey Blondin; Jim Withstandley; Susan Rinaldi

1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 1, 2022 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – March 10, 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 March 10, 2022 in the amount of \$54,156.55. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$26,101.54 and the warrant in the amount of \$28,055.01. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Dime Oil (diesel)- \$2,601.52; Johnny's Sweeping (Rock House Rd.) – \$1,575.00; Sinnamon Asst. (FY 2021 Audit) \$13,500.

5. First Selectman's Report:

COVID-19, unfortunately was 2 but now up to 4.

Goshen Stampede has applied for a Special Event Permit. The "approval process" will begin with appropriate sign-offs, etc.

Eversource will be beginning their tree trimming on North Street and North Goshen Road. This update was given to Todd from a meeting with *Eversource's* Steve Silver and Dan Davis. Mr. Silver is retiring and Mr. Davis will be taking his place as "contact person" for emergencies.

The Tax Collector dropped off a report to Todd at the end of the day: Collections – Real Estate 98.93%; Motor Vehicles 97.03%; Personal Property 99.13%; MV Supplement \$88.48%; **Total collections - 98.72%**

The water filter located at Camp Coch had sprung a leak from a clogged filter. Quotes for repairs were made accordingly (\$495.00) and Katie Hennessy was advised to contact the water system people that there was no damage.

Ms. Mary Wheeler has submitted her letter of resignation from the Board of Assessors. A new appointment will be made.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin presented a resolution for adoption by the Board of Selectmen of Goshen, regarding support for the crisis in Ukraine. This resolution originally adopted by the legislature, was also adopted by the Westport Republican Town Committee. The Resolution reads as follows:

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We the undersigned Board of Selectmen for the Town of Goshen, Connecticut, do hereby proclaim our support for Ukraine, a sovereign nation under illegal invasion by the hostile Russian government, and our support for the people of Ukraine in their pursuit of the Divine Rights of Liberty, Justice, Freedom and Self-Determination.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was voted to adopt the Resolution for Ukraine by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Goshen. Voted unanimous.

Todd reported to Henrietta Horvay that her question regarding the extra cost of the Boomer mower for Public Works was for a swing-away attachment.

Mark S. Harris reiterated his findings on the “attendance” at a public meeting. Anyone who wishes not to be counted/recognized in attendance at a public meeting may do so. **The Board Clerk at a public meeting is NOT required to take attendance.** However, if the attendee wishes to make a statement at said meeting pertinent to the meeting agenda, they may be acknowledged in the minutes of said meeting. Cindy Barrett, and Henrietta Horvay stated that they have an egg timer within reach to ensure an attendee does not exceed his/her 2 min. limit of comments.

Cindy Barrett reported that three new homes are being built on Beach St. However, Cindy Barrett noticed an excess of plastic, insulation and other building debris scattered around the building sites. She asked if someone can call said building contractors to pick up building materials that may have flown out of the dumpsters.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9 New Business, 9a. Bid Recommendations: Wetland Delineations, Survey Services. Voted unanimous.

7. Correspondence: Comer Contracting , Inc. (Newington, CT) has advised that their firm would like to be considered in future bids for road work in Goshen, i.e., chip seal, etc.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets:

Animal Control Fund Budget	Elections
Professional Services	Fiscal Office
Board of Finance	Library
Rescue	

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the aforementioned budget projections with the understanding that they may be subject to adjustments. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

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9a. Bid Recommendations: Wetland Delineations, Survey Services

Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, has recommended Timothy G. Wyllie, Land Surveyor, LLC. for Survey Services- Bridge 05155 - \$9,900.

Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, has recommended BSC Group for Wetland Delineation- Bridge 05155 - \$5,000.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to accept the bid recommended by Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, for Timothy G. Willie, Land Surveyor, LLC for Survey Services- Bridge 05155 - \$9,900. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to accept the bid recommended by Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor, for BSC Group for Wetland Delineation – Bridge 05155 – \$5,000. Voted unanimous.

10. Other Business: None

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella**oted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide