

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 19, 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; Robert P. Valentine; Cindy Barrett; Suzannne Rinaldi; Annette Lott; Audrey Blondin; David Boisvert; Jack Malahan; Don Wilkes; Peter Kujawski; Dave Berto; Chris Sanders.

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 April 12, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: The spelling of *Antionette* (Lott) was to be corrected.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 21, 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 April 21, 2022 in the amount of \$46,192.17. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,536.27 and the warrant in the amount of \$32,655.90. Voted unanimous. Items of note: City of Torrington- Animal Control Facility: \$6,311.54; MIRA (tipping fees) - \$10,595.55; Vision Government Solutions (2022-2023 Valuation): \$3,220.49.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Last week COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County remain at 0. Continued good news.

A thank you to *Tomascak Plumbing* for their work in repairing the water system at Camp Cochipianne. The camp now has a new water filtration system.

Todd contacted C&M Electric and had the light in the parking lot fixed. It was "on" all the time, wasting taxpayers' money. Now it goes on only when a person is detected going in or out.

Our town Labor Attorney read over the two contracts for the Animal Control Officer and Assistant Animal Control Officer and suggested a clause regarding arbitration. Also Kate Graham has received her formal approvals from the State of CT. All is a go.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin reported Litchfield is installing an electric charging station for electric cars. She asked if the Town of Goshen would consider having one installed at the Town Hall parking lot. In discussion among the Board members, it was not thought to be practical thing to have it at the Town Hall Parking lot, with school children exiting the building, at times not enough parking for the residents. The charging station is in its beginning stages and will be subject to new technologies, and the wave of the future. Ms. Blondin feels a charging station located somewhere in Goshen would be beneficial to the town.

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Selectman Harris feels the charging station would not be suited for the Town Hall property. Selectman Kinsella suggested consideration of future options in which the Town is under no obligations. Cynthia Barret stated that the voltage for a clothes dryer is the same used in a charging station, and she has use of a family electric vehicle.

7. Correspondence:

A request was made by the Tour of the Litchfield Hills Organizing Committee requesting authorization to use Route 63, Route 4 and East Street North, for cyclists to participate in the *Tour of the Litchfield Hills*, on August 7, 2022. It was noted that no tape or paint will be allowed on Goshen's roads and the event will be approved.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris it was **voted** to contract with Kate Graham as Goshen's Animal Control Officer per contract (refer to minutes of April 12, 2022) and to contract with John Malahan as Goshen's Assistant Animal Control Officer (refer to minutes of April 12, 2022). Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 8, 8c. Bid Recommendation for Asphalt Shimming Roads. Voted unanimous.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to suspend the formal appointments of Annette Lott and Susan Rinaldi until letters of resignation from the Agricultural Council are received from their current members. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets:

Budgets discussed: Capital Expenditures Requests 2022-2023. (Recreation Revised).

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 and forwarded to the BOF. Voted unanimous.

8c. Bid Recommendation for Asphalt Shimming Roads:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the recommendation from Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, to grant Asphalt Shimming of Goshen Roads to S & S Asphalt Paving in the amount of approximately \$100,000.00. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9a. Resolution: Small Cities Program:

The contents of the Resolution – **The Town of Goshen Certified Resolution of Applicant Small Cities Program** was read aloud by Dexter S. Kinsella.

In a **motion** by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adopt this Resolution for federal funding per said Resolution. Voted unanimous. **Copy attached.**

Bob Valentine stated that this is what is called "pass-through" grant. This funding will be turned over to the Goshen Housing Trust at no cost to the town of Goshen.

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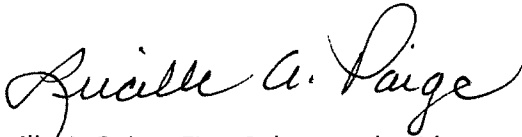
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10. Other Business:

Henrietta Horvay requested that the explanation of the Resolution of the Applicant Small Cities Program given by Bob Valentine be repeated at the front of the camera, in that his first response was unable to be heard by the "zoom" attendees. He complied.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Voted unanimous.



Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Received April 20, 2022 9:41 P.M.
Attest Barbara Z Blum
Goshen Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOSHEN

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT

SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

Certified a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Town of Goshen at a meeting of its

Board of Selectmen on April 19, 2022 and which has not been rescinded or modified in any way whatsoever.

(Clerk) Barbara L. Breor, Town Clerk

(Date) _____

(SEAL)

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 -3 83, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Goshen make application to the State for up to \$500,000.00 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Goshen in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman on behalf of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Goshen is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Goshen.