

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday April 26, 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; Audrey Blondin; Don Wilkes; Scott Olson; James Withstandley; John McKenna, Republican American

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 April 19, 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: Due to lack of expected resignations from the Agricultural Council, a new motion will be made to correct the appointments to this Council at this meeting.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 28, 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 28, 2022 in the amount of \$1,497,126.72. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$27,063.37 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,470,063.35. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Connecticare: (health insurance) - \$15,497.55; RSD # 6 (May – June 2022)-\$1,446,820.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd asked that a moment of silence be held for Ellie Mae Kurlis. (Toddler from Watertown who lost her life from an accident with farm machinery.)

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

Todd reported that Goshen is officially no longer a partner in the Animal Control Facility Agreement with Torrington and Litchfield. Thus \$134,00 can be returned to the Capital and Non-Recurring Account.

Structural issue at Camp Coch has been repaired.

"Give Local" campaign (givelocal@CCF.org) is underway. This is a good opportunity for the public to give to their **local** non-profits.

The legal notice for the Public Hearing for the Conn. Develop Block Grant (May 10th) has been run in the Republican American. The public hearing renders an opportunity for input from the public on their town's community development and housing needs.

6. Public Comment:

Henrietta Horvay – Goshen's Website does not show the particulars of the Public Hearing i.e, agenda, etc. This will be taken care of tomorrow, she was told.

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Audrey Blondin reported that Senator Horn and Senator Lessor who have been working to make municipal meetings permanent going forward under “zoom” method. The bill is expected to pass.

Continuing the subject of electric charging stations in Goshen, Ms. Blondin reported that the Economic Development Commission will be looking into this for Goshen.

Scott Olson reiterated that the withdrawal from the Torrington Animal Control program results in savings for Goshen in the amount of \$134,000 “off the bat”. Todd assured him of this. This action will be affirmed at the Board of Finance meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, 4-27-22. Goshen will be putting into place an Animal Control Officer and a backup Assistant Animal Control Officer.

7. Correspondence:

Torrington Area Probate District (Goshen) costs increased by 11.8%; previously \$5,326.02, now \$6,535.77. This goes under Professional Services.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to rescind the formal appointments of Annette Lott and Susan Rinaldi (ref BOS minutes of April 19th) until formal letters of resignation from the Agricultural Council are received from current members. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets:

Budgets discussed: *Professional Services, Capital Expenditures 2022-2023 – Selectman 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 Board of Finance. 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 5:21 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide