

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday May 10, 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; Annette Lott; Don Wilkes; Don Patterson; John McKenna, Republican American; Paul Collins.

1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of May 3, 2022, as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 12, 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 May 12, 2022 in the amount of \$128,699.33. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$26,643.12 and the warrant in the amount of \$102,056.21. **Voted unanimous.** Items of note: City of Torrington (probate court) - \$3,448.80.; John Hancock (pensions)-\$4,404.28; Northeast Crack Filling-\$27,413.70; Universal Body & Equipment (2022 Ford)- \$33,658.75.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Last week COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County per the State of CT holding at 0. However, 3 cases of COVID 19 week reported for Goshen.

Poppy's Annual Fishing Derby, was held May 7th. Kudos to Recreation Director Katie Hennessy and Don Patterson, Chairman of the Recreation Commission for their efforts for the great turnout and a good fun day for the kids.

Goshen's Fire Company notified Todd that pump was fixed on engine 2; engine 3 will be out of service for repairs from Thursday out to next Tuesday. Further, the fire company finds it necessary to bypass the standard purchasing policy for a "drone" that is able to search ponds, lakes and other terrain to search for hikers, campers, etc. The cost of the new "drone" is \$3,000. Todd gave them the go-ahead inasmuch as there is only one (1) company that manufactures this device.

Todd is pleased to have been invited to cut the ribbon on the opening of the Farm Stand.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin reported on the flag raising ceremony to be held in June to celebrate Gay Pride Month, and asked if Goshen can celebrate this special day, beginning with a flag raising ceremony from Connecticut Gay Pride Association. The flag will be flown for the month of June. She will e-mail to Todd a copy of the proclamation for his review. Selectman Dexter Kinsella told her that they would accept the flag and find an appropriate place to have it displayed.

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Henrietta Horvay again expressed her disappointment in that many of her senior friends could not find information on the "Senior Safe Driving" course, in that the course heretofore had been conducted at Town Hall, but now is being held at Camp Coch. The word needs to be out to the seniors and Goshen. Also the free clinic for Blood Pressure screening is sponsored by the VNA and is part of the Town Budget.

Don Patterson, Chairman of the Recreation Commission answered Mrs. Horvay citing **16 different public venues wherein all the programs through the Recreation Dept. are made available to the Seniors in Goshen.** Town Topics is mailed to every household in Goshen; the Town of Goshen website, etc. Mrs. Horvay was invited to a meeting of the Recreation Commission to make inquiries for her information.

Cynthia Barrett stated the trash recycling program was well attended by Goshen residents because of the signage placed around town. Perhaps some signage may be helpful for the senior.

7. Correspondence:

Todd received a letter from the Friends of Dog Pond Inc. expressing their thanks and appreciation for the \$25,000.00 allocation to them in that they are now a listed as 501-C (3) category. These funds will go to the weed control issues at the pond.

Erin Reilly will be heading up *Random Acts of Cleanup*, that will be conducted May 22nd. This effort will have trash collected on some of the smaller roads in Goshen.

Todd is looking forward to the "moving up" ceremony taking place at the Goshen Center School that he was invited to and urges others to attend. June 15th at 5:30 p.m.

Smoke detector sensors will be replaced at Camp Coch and will be reflected in their budget through the BOF.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9. New Business, 9a. Tax Collector's Report – April 30, 2022. Voted unanimous.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

Todd has put forward the appointment of Hope Thorn from "alternate" position up to regular sitting member of the Agricultural Council. In addition, Susan Rinaldi has been put forward to "alternate" position on the Agricultural Council.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Hope Thorn to the regular sitting position on the Agricultural Council and appoint Susan Rinaldi to "alternate" position on the Agricultural Council. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets: None

9. New Business:

9a. Tax Collector's Report – April 30, 2022.

The Board members reviewed the Tax Collector's Report for April 30, 2022. Collection rate- collection less refunds vs. total budgeted is 102.12%.

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In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris it was **voted** to accept the Tax Collector's Report for April 30, 2022 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

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 5:32 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide