

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday May 24, 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; Paul Collins; Scott Olson; Don Wilkes

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 May 17, 2022 :** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of May 10, 2022, as corrected. In the paragraph describing Goshen Town-Wide Communications Task Force, first line should read **by** Paul Collins. Voted unanimous.

3. **Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 26, 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 26, 2022 in the amount of \$64,278.43. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$27,935.22 and the warrant in the amount of \$36,343.21. **Voted unanimous.** Items of note: Connecticare- \$15,497.55; Dime Oil (diesel) – \$5,999.95; Vision Gov’t Solutions (reval.)-\$2,793.17.

5. First Selectman’s Report:

Last week’s COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County from the State of CT were not given out. Notwithstanding, with Todd giving out free testing kits to Goshen residents reveals that Goshen residents are being affected.

Solar Fields, are making inquiries of availability of open Town lands here in Goshen (to use for “solar fields”). 15% per mega watts depending on acres available.

The Public Hearing regarding Region 6 will be held Thursday, May 26, 2022, 8:00 p.m. here at Goshen Center School in the cafeteria.

In addition, Todd has submitted a letter to the Temporary Region School Study Committee; subject of letter to Messrs. Michael Bergin, Treasurer TRSSC Goshen and Steve Tracy, BOE. In part, “at the May 24, 2022 meeting of the Goshen Board of Selectmen the BOS unanimously agreed to support the findings and recommendations of the Temporary Regional School Study Committee”.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** send this letter with the BOS support for the findings and recommendation of the Temporary Regional School Study Committee contained therein- said letter dated May 24, 2022. Voted unanimous.

Joe Rocco Carting, Inc., will be starting trash service for the town of Goshen. Service number 860 480-4896.

Badges for the new personnel doing Animal Control have been shipped, to arrive soon. Hopefully we will have a small ceremony marking the occasion.

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The State Dept. of CT and Tilcon Construction Co. has advised the road project that affects Interstate 84 and route 8 and other roads in Goshen – Pavement Preservation (Ultra-Thin Bonded PMA) will hold a pre-construction meeting Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Todd will meet tomorrow (Wednesday, May 25th) with representatives from Artis Energy regarding electric car chargers. He will provide information following this meeting.

Giordano Sign Group in Torrington is interested in providing signage for **The Town of Goshen “Region 20”**. They did a fine job with Torrington High School. Laurentano Sign Company (Bantam) also is interested in providing the same type of signage for Goshen. Superintendent Chris Leone stated any signage must be provided for the *three* new schools.

Goshen Fire Company held their open house this past Sunday, May 22nd, and put on a fine, informational program. Attendance was good. Kudos to Will Clinton, Mike Fraher, Barry Hall, Bill Gelormino, Jack Malahan Patrick Lucas and Jack Burke for the fine job with demonstrations, the vehicles, etc.

6. Public Comment:

Henrietta Horvay attended the Goshen Fire Company’s Open House, watched the demonstrations and enjoyed the programs. She also asked when the Goshen revaluation program will begin. Todd will advise.

Cynthia Barrett asked about the road cones set up and ditches on Beach Street. The road cones are in preparation for the chip sealing project to begin soon on that road.

Scott Olson added that to begin the chip sealing process, the asphalt has to be ground down in preparation for the chip sealing.

Scott Olson continued that the electric car chargers may be too expensive and he would like to be included in the meeting and be given the overall information on the chargers, fees, etc. Todd reported that the cost is \$3,000 to \$3,500 per unit but that Goshen would be able to collect fees. More information to come. Todd and Paul Collins do so invited Scott Olson accordingly.

Audrey Blondin gave thanks for the information on the electric car chargers. Solar panels in Litchfield – income from panels? Todd will advise.

Dexter Kinsella reported he is moving forward with the ceremony for the reading of the proclamation for Gay Pride month (June). The proclamation will be read during the ceremony at the informational booth. Mark Harris stated that this event should be for Goshen residents only, and not a “central” point for area towns. This event will take place on Tuesday, June 7th at the informational booth at 5:00 p.m.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to reappoint Mark Beeman to Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. His term will expire Voted unanimous.

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In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Paul Collins, Chairman of the Communications Task Force. Voted unanimous. Paul reported on the beginning stages for the formation of the Communications Task Force for Seniors, in his efforts to gather more information, reaching out to many town organizations. Mark Harris advised that the total membership should be no more than 8 or 9, lest it become too unwieldy.

9. New Business:

Todd reported that Special Permits for two (2) organizations are not yet up to date with their approval requirements: The Tibet Fest 9, Saturday, June 25th and Sunday, June 26th at the Goshen Fair Grounds and the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, Friday, July 29, Saturday, July 30, and Sunday, July 26th. He will continue to pursue the matter.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella it was **voted** to approve the use of town labor (several Goshen Public Works employees) to clear out Camp Cochipianne and set up for the public activity (voting polling place) mandated to conduct voting for the June 28th referendum for the Regionalization of Region 6 over to Region 20. This labor will not be subject to any "overtime" hours. 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 5:31 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide