

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday June 21, 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; Joel Skelton; Annette Lott; Janet Hooper; Marty Harris; Joyce Mowrey; Charlotte Voikis; David Boisvert; Sarah Habernen; Peter Kujawski; Mady Flynn; Bridgett Michaud.

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 June 14, 2022: In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 14, 2022, as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – June 23, 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 June 23, 2022 in the amount of \$46,627.32. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$28,490.80 and the warrant in the amount of \$18,136.52. **Voted unanimous.** Items of note: Inclusion Solutions (election booth)-\$1,001.94; Vision Govt. Solutions (revaluations)-\$3,612.26.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Last week's COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County from the State of CT were not given out. TAHD had a figure of 6 new cases; has come down to 2 in Goshen.

There has been feedback with regards to the Pride Flag being flown on Town property. Todd reiterated his stating that the Pride Flag would remain on display until the last day of June 30, 2022. Unfortunately, the issue has become controversial. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella it was **voted** to follow a more peaceful and dignified fashion of this event as this gesture was not intended to become political. Voted unanimous. Todd met with Attorney Chip Roraback and he will come back to Todd with remedies to the flag issue; Chip suggests we go directly to referendum.

Applicants for the position of Recreation Director have been coming in. The deadline is July 11th.

Paul Collins and Todd met with representatives from The Mercury Group (Electric Vehicle Chargers (EV). They described various programs and the requirements therein. *Eversource* will come in on Thursday to discuss incentives.

The Pavilion footings/pad (slab) have been poured at Camp Coch. Todd thanks Allen Kinsella, the guys from Goshen Public Works, Dexter Kinsella and the generosity of the C.H. Nickerson Company. The slab/footings look great.

6. Public Comment:

Janet Hooper has lived in Goshen for 48 years and feels proud to know that Pride represents friends and family – all of us. "Everyone is welcome at the table".

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Annette Lott stated that Goshen is a small town of people who really care. All people are welcome to Goshen. The town of Goshen welcomes all; noted for their welcome to all.

Cynthia Barret thanked First Selectman Todd Carusillo, and Selectmen Mark S. Harris and Dexter S. Kinsella for displaying the Pride flag.

Audrey Blondin thanked the Selectmen for flying the Pride flag. She didn't see that the ceremony turned "political". A moratorium should not be backlash from this event. Photos, facebook, were snapped by those making this event political. She is sorry it became political.

Joyce Mowrey stated the Pride Month flag was an opportunity to demonstrate something positive. Consideration should be given to future recognitions. "Goshen" specific to creating a town and environment that is "above all others". Goshen has created an atmosphere of trust.

Peter Kujawski stated the flag showed a great gesture, great show of leadership.

Henrietta Horvay thanked the three (3) Selectmen for the Pride Month flag. Shows that all people are equal.

Joel Skilton asked to see a copy of the town budget, wherein the percentage of insurance coverage is shown for the Tax Collector, as part of a previous agreement that was created Feb. 26, 2019. He wants to see breakout in this year's budget.

7. Correspondence:

Todd announced that there is a new trash hauler in Goshen. **Rocco Carting Inc.** (860 480-4896). They represent residential trash services.

CCM distributed a magazine entitled *Responding to Racial Tensions in your Municipality*. They give examples of how to handle racial issues.

Vision Government Solutions, is a private appraisal firm that has been retained by the town of Goshen to assist the Assessor's Office with the 2022 Revaluation project required by the State of Connecticut. The following individuals are employed by said company. They will be carrying a *Vision Government Solutions* **employee identification badge**. Please be aware if you see them in your driveway or on your property.

	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>CT License Plate No.</u>
Brandy Landrie	2015 Green Jeep Cherokee	123SMX
Sue Robinson	2019 Blue Subaru Impreza	999-PDT
Matt Mendillo	2021 Silver Toyota Carolla	109-ZSC
Hendrick Hulswit	2015 Black Scion TC	476 UGA

8. Old Business:

Several typos were discovered in the latest issue of *Town Topics*. (Page 3, Legal Notice to Pay Taxes).

Corrections: Taxes Due: **July 1, 2022**. Last Day to Pay- Monday, **August 2, 2022**. Tax bills will be mailed **June 25, 2022**. Etc. Front page, editorial by Todd Carusillo – first sentence should read correctlyThe Town Budget for **FY22-23**.

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Dexter S. Kinsella requested to amend the **motion** made earlier in that a **“moratorium” for one year** be held until a resolution can be reached on this issue of flags being flown in “town property”; this will ensure people who are opposed have an opportunity to be heard. This amendment seconded by Mark S. Harris. **Motion to amend 1st motion put forth voted unanimous.**

In **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. Approval of Tibet Festival and Falcon Ridge Folk Festival. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

The new custodian for the Town Hall is Jerry Harmon. (Earle Tyler will continue his duties at Camp Coch).

The new Camp Coch Assistant Director for the summer camp program at Camp Coch is Mindy Cohen.

9.a Approval of Tibet Festival and Falcon Ridge Folk Festival:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted**, having met all the conditions required, to approve the Special Event Permit Applications for **Tibet Fest 9** (Saturday, June 25th and Sunday, June 26th at the Goshen Fair Grounds); and **The Falcon Ridge Folk Festival**, (Friday, July 29th, Saturday, July 30th, and Sunday, July 31st at the Goshen Fair Grounds). 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 5:33 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide