

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday June 28, 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: Cindy Barrett; Audrey Blondin; James Withstandley; Calvin Nodine; Paul Collins.

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 21, 2022: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 21, 2022, as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – June 30, 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 30, 2022 in the amount of \$186,268.78. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$18,226.53 and the warrant in the amount of \$168,042. **Voted unanimous.** Items of note: MIRA (recycle pickup) - \$11,637.15; Morton Salt – winter salt-\$11,319.24; S&S Asphalt (2022 shimming) - \$106,799.06; Zeller Tire (1860 (4) tires) \$1,035.92.

5. First Selectman's Report:

COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County from TAHD is "0". Todd has 90 test kits, and N 95 masks in his office. Please call when in need.

Todd, along with Paul Collins, met with Beth King of *Eversource* regarding the costs of an electric charging station (for Town Hall parking lot). (Artis costs were very high.) We are continuing to review other providers.

Representative Maria Horn and Todd conversed about the problems created by the "bear" population in Goshen, i.e. crop damage – corn fields, apple trees, raiding residential garbage containers, etc. Drone videos were shown. Those who have incidents to report or damage from bears, must come forth; people must report their incidents. To date, there have been no complaints or reporting of incidences.

The subject was "Broadband" at last week's NWCOG meeting. The conversation and information were very interesting. A Shrewsbury, Mass. resident (who serves on their Broadband Committee) reported that their town hired contractors through Comcast and costs to the residents were only \$60.00.

Town Attorney, Chip Roraback adapted and simplified the Town of Southington's flag display ordinance for consideration by the Town of Goshen's Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting. .

Representatives of NWCOG to office – 3 year report/safety: *Safety Table Report* - Goshen had 1 fatality; 2 serious incidents; 14 minor incidents; 14 possible injuries and only 2 DUI's.

Question and Answer, with Chris Leone was very interesting and informative; very smooth.

Todd is still receiving complaints regarding the “Pride Flag”. (Attorney Roraback sent over a new/proposed ordinance on this issue, which will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.)

6. Public Comment:

Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, publicly thanked all Goshen residents for their participation in the collection of recyclable plastic bags; collected (600 pounds). Collection will continue but only at Goshen Town Hall. This activity was a great example of success with the Town coming together. Also, the Garden project is going great.

Audrey Blondin thanked everyone who participated in the Pride Flag display. Thirty-five (35) towns in CT participated in this endeavor. She is looking forward to the proposed “flag ordinance” coming forth from Attorney Chip Roraback.

Cynthia Barrett stated “ditto” to the words of Audrey Blondin.

Calvin Nodine pointed out that the info board where the Pride Flag was displayed is close to the grammar school. There are two sides – left and right. Remember Newtown; don’t invite it. If every other flag is displayed, there will always be some discrimination. Don’t promote other ceremonies.

7. Correspondence:

Mark S. Harris received an agreement – ***Resolution to Approve Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)*** from *Sustainable Goshen* citing the commercial properties, revaluation draft, clean energy; this agreement will be sent to the EDC before adoption.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to forward this agreement over to EDC before the Board of Selectmen make reach any conclusions. Voted unanimous.

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Moratorium on Flag Display:

Selectman Mark S. Harris read aloud the ***Moratorium:***

We, the Selectmen do hereby declare a moratorium on the display of any new, unauthorized exterior flag or display on any Town-owned property for a period of up to one (1) year or until rescinded by the Board of Selectmen. This will allow the Town Government to form a policy or ordinance on such that is satisfactory to the vast majority of residents.

Signed this day of June 28, 2022.

Todd M. Carusillo
Dexter S. Kinsella
Mark S. Harris

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 5:20 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide