

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday July 19, 2022

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris

EXCUSED: Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Don Wilkes; Bridgette Michaud; Audrey Blondin; Scott Olson; Madey Flynn

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 July 12, 2022: In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 12, 2022, as corrected. Under No Parking Signs at Sandy Beach: road signs had been placed between addresses 73 & 78 (at entry sides of 75).

Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 21, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of July 21, 2022 in the amount of \$113,826.39. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$23,712.67 and the warrant in the amount of \$90,113.72 **Voted unanimous.** Items of note: MIRA (tipping fees)-\$13,582.80; Quality Data Assessors (tax software) - \$14,557.77; Vision Govt. Solutions \$14,321.10.

5. First Selectman's Report:

COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County (TAHD) are 7.

Interviews with candidates for the Goshen Recreation Dept. Director will be taking place, in the Conference Room following this meeting.

Coming from recent sales meetings, prices for the use of Electric Car Charges are **very** high (\$3,500 - \$4,000 is *not* the true cost to the town) \$120k – \$140K - even after Eversource's incentive. Goshen would never recoup the cost of *one* unit. However, requests for quotations will continue.

Complaints from Goshen residents have been received regarding the Special Town Meeting held on Wednesday, July 13th. The meeting was posted to start at 8:00 p.m. However, many people who wished to cast a ballot, arrived *after* that time, in that the meeting wasn't called to order until 8:20p.m. The Registrars of Voters did a tremendous job in handling the late arrivals who intended to vote. Attorney Chip Roraback is reviewing the proper procedures at a Town Meeting, when there are people who want to cast a vote, arrive *after the meeting is called to order*.

6. Public Comments:

Audrey Blondin stated there were 54 voters who came to the Town Meeting. She agreed that the Registrars did an excellent job. The question becomes can late arrivals participate "after the 8:00 p.m. start time; cannot participate after the meeting is **"called to order"**. If a voter arrives late, after the recognized start time, they will be unable to vote. Voters who participate via "zoom" are required to be in attendance and logged in no later than 8:00 p.m.

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Henrietta Horvay suggested that if large crowds of people are anticipated at the next Special Town Meeting that perhaps the meeting should be moved to the parking lot. She concurred that the Registrar(s) at the meeting did an excellent job of handling the late arrivals.

7. Correspondence:

Eversource will present a "Webinar" at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26th regarding the Electric Car Chargers.

8. Old Business:

In a **motion** made by Todd Carusillo, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 8. Old Business, 8b. Pollinator Policy. Voted unanimous.

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Pollinator Pathway Resolution:

The *Pollinator Pathway Resolution* adopted at the BOS meeting of July 12, 2022, has been revised:

"Refraining from the use of pesticides and herbicides unless deemed necessary, in which the Town will abide by best practices in accordance with Connecticut State Law."

In a **motion** made by Todd M. Carusillo, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adopt the revision made to the Pollinator Pathway Resolution as presented above. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9. New Business, item 9b. Statement of Support Sharon Hospital. Voted unanimous.

9a. Sustainable CT

In a **motion** made by Todd M. Carusillo, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** "table" Sustainable CT to the BOS meeting of next week, July 26, 2022. Voted unanimous.

9b. Statement of Support Sharon Hospital:

Selectman Harris explained that vital services heretofore provided by Sharon Hospital are being considered for elimination, i.e., maternity services, ICU services, maintenance of after-hour surgery. The Boards of Selectmen in neighboring towns are being asked to submit a statement of support to maintain Sharon Hospital as a full-service hospital.

In a **motion** made by Todd M. Carusillo, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to submit the Resolution: "State Legislators and Congressional members to do what is necessary to ensure the well being of our rural communities in Connecticut by safeguarding equal access to healthcare for all our residents. " 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 5:18 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige- First Selectman's Aide