

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday October 18, 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 (zoom)

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Cindy Barrett; Patrick Lucas; Mike Fraher

At this time, First Selectman Carusillo asked to observe a moment of silence for the deceased police officers from the Bristol, CT force, who were killed from an ambush. Todd was grateful to all those who called him at his home, knowing he was a former police officer in Bristol. Again, he thanked all those who were so thoughtful and supportive.

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 October 11, 2022:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris,, *it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022 as submitted.* Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the Sept. 20th meeting.** None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – October 20, 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 October 20, 2022 in the amount of \$1,433,848.22. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$12,559.79 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,421,288.43. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: John Hancock (pension)-\$6,209.92; RSD 6-\$1,386,034.00; USA Waste (recycling)-\$9,064.00; Vision Govt. sol. (revalu) - \$4,534.85.

4. First Selectman's Report:

A Performance Bond (from Liberty Mutual) for the purchase of the new fire truck was presented to CIRMA, Goshen's Town Attorney, and the BOS for their official signatures. Failure of performance will result in a payment to Goshen in the amount of \$947,953.00.

Because this item was paid in full, up front, a savings of \$47,518.00 was realized.

The State Dept. of Transportation (DOT) will be here for the BOS meeting of November 1, 2022., (5:00 pm). Their discussion will be solutions to the Goshen Rotary.

The dedication to the Pavilion at Camp Coch will be held Friday, October 21st at 10:00 a.m. Friends and acquaintances of George and Patricia Schuster are welcome to attend.

Selectman Mark Harris alerted everyone that a small boy from Morris, was attacked by a 250lb bear. Selectman Dexter Kinsella added that DOT has no clear guidance for the (CT) homeowner in that situation. **Selectman Harris feels DEEP has failed to render proper protection to Conn.** CT Congressmen, while ignoring this issue, yet have gone to the length of creating a law regarding wearing a seatbelt in the backseat of our vehicles! Todd feels there should be a "bear season" especially for those farm, and large land owners who derive income from the use of their land.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin personally has no issue with the bear situation, however in the 30th district this subject is no. 1 in the campaign. She doesn't know of a solution for this. She also asked if BOS has taken a position on the sale/distribution of cannabis substance/marijuana. The Goshen BOS has not. She mentioned her EV vehicle having run out of battery charge and the difficulty where they had to be towed home.

Cindy Barret stated the cannabis issue will be aired at the Public Hearing with Planning & Zoning Commission on November 22, 2022

7. Correspondence: Barbara Breor, Goshen Town Clerk announced the hiring of a new Assistant Town Clerk, Kimberly Carusillo. Selectman Harris, on behalf of the, Board welcomed Kim to the Town Hall service providers.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments -None

8b. Dedication of Pavilion – George and Patricia Schuster. (See First Selectman's Report)

9. New Business:

9a. Bid Pavilion Electrical Services: ELECTRICAL SERVICE
Camp Coch Pavilion

C & M Electrical	\$9,407.20
424 Limerock Road	
Lakeville, CT 06039	
860-435-0684	

Walker Electrical Contractors, LLC	\$13,400.00
79 Marshall Street	
Torrington, CT. 06790	
860-689-6634	

Turri-Masterson, Inc.	\$16,977.84
766 Riverside Avenue	
Torrington, CT 06790	
860-482-2972	

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to forward the aforementioned bids onto the Recreation Commission for their review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

9b. Calendar – BOS Meetings for 2023

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the calendar and the scheduled dates for meetings for year 2023. There were no changes to the 2023 calendar submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Harris, it was **voted** to move into Executive Session for the discussion of a personnel issue regarding a new hire. Voted unanimous.

10. Other Business: Executive Session for the discussion to set salary for the Assistant Town Clerk.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to move into Executive Session at 5:23 p.m. to set salary for the Assistant Town Clerk, Voted unanimous.

The Board of Selectmen returned to open session at 5:28 p.m.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** set the salary at level 2, mid-range of the pay scale per (the Randi Frank Payroll Schedule) for Goshen Municipal Employees. Due to Mrs. Carusillo's extensive experience, the initial new employee 6- month processed was waived. Motion carried with First Selectman Todd Carusillo abstaining from vote.

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.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide