

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday December 27, 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; Audrey Blondin; Don Wilkes; John McKenna, Republican American

1. **Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of the minutes of December 20, 2022.** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 20, 2022 as corrected. Misspelling of the names of Marcia and Haworth Barker. Todd pointed out the Communication Task Force was dissolved and the statement from Henrietta Horvay was incorrect. Voted unanimous.

3. **Matters Arising Out of the meeting.** None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 12/29/2022:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of December 29, 2022- \$46,628.87. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$16,865.24 and the warrant in the amount of \$29,763.63. Motion carried. Included in this warrant: Connecticare: \$16,906.42; Independent Materials (gradation) – \$1,125.00.

5 First Selectman's Report:

A new report from TAHD shows Goshen having "0" Covid cases. (Unfortunately, Dexter Kinsella is recovering from COVID.)

The heavy rain and high winds storm on December 23rd rendered some families without power. Power outages in Goshen did not end until December 24th around 2:00 p.m. As such the Goshen EOC (Emergency Operation Center) team was assembled here at Town Hall to aid those in without power. Bob Valentine, Jim O'Leary, Virginia Perry and I, with help from the State Police, and (Eversource traveled the roads to report the homes who were found to be without power). Several families whose homes were without power, i.e., hence no heat, were brought here to Town Hall for relief/safety. In liaison with Eversource, we were able return the families to their homes once advised that their power had been restored. At 2:00 p.m. on December 24th we were able declare that Goshen's power had been restored and families were safe. Sincere thanks to Bob Valentine – Deputy Management Director, Jim O'Leary, Virginia Perry for their work and effort to keep Goshen people safe.

Todd announced that he was given only 15 or 16 COVID-19 Test Kits. Don't hesitate to call his office if you have need to be tested.

6.Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin wished the Selectmen and everyone a Happy New Year.

Henrietta Horvay also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

7. **Correspondence:** None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Plowing on Rockhouse Road:

The plowing company who won the bid on the contract to plow Rockhouse Road went out of business. Garret called Jesperson's Landscaping, second contractor on the bid, to do the plowing. Jesperson's will continue the snow plowing on this street for the rest of the snow season.

9b. WLSD Letter:

A *revised* letter from the Woodridge Lake Sewer District (WLSD) to the Goshen Board of Selectmen, has been received. Todd feels that the residents of Woodridge Lake are important to the town and should receive the Board's support where necessary. With dialogue from Litchfield Sewer District, it appears the four districts working together may be able to do it.

In a **motion** by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to submit the revision below for the corrected letter from WLSD:

"However, Litchfield may be reluctant to enter into an IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) unless the Town of Goshen is a participant in the IMA. Therefore, as citizens and taxpayers in the Town of Goshen, we request that the Goshen Board of Selectmen assist us in moving our project forward by **formally** requesting that Litchfield WPCA negotiate and (delete the word execute) **PRESENT** an IMA with the WLSD, the Town of Goshen and the Town of Litchfield."

Motion voted unanimous.

The Selectmen feel that Goshen doesn't want to "execute" an IMA until the public, along with the GWPCA (Goshen Water Pollution Control Authority) have an opportunity to be made aware of the entire process, liabilities, etc.

10. Other Business: None

11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide