

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

*REGULAR MEETING*

**Tuesday January 10, 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:** Cindy Barrett; Dawn Wilkes; Scott Olson; John McKenna, Republican American; Anne Green

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 January 3, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023 as submitted. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining.

3. **Matters Arising Out of the January 3, 2023 meeting.** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – January 12, 2023:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of January 12, 2023 in the amount of \$80,383.20. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$26,489.22 and the warrant in the amount of \$53,893.98. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: Cargill Salt - \$13,033.61; ES Solutions (GFC charting) - \$3,503.78; Mountain Top Trucking (stone) - \$3,225.85.

**5 First Selectman's Report:**

COVID – 19 cases not reported from TAHD. However, 16 flu cases in Litchfield County.

Just a note: In the article in the *Republican American* regarding the dumping of garbage/meat on Town Hill Road the cleanup people were described as "laborers". It was felt that "maintainers" would have better described their job/position.

Goshen's USA Hauling Co. and J. Rocco Carting pick up trash and the tipping fees are paid for by residential customers. However, it has been noticed that many "containers" are being used by commercial businesses and contractors for waste such as building materials, commercial type boxes, plumbing items, etc. USA Hauling is to pick up commercial trash from which they collect tipping fees from Goshen residents. In the near future, the residential waste from USA Hauling will be processed and shipped on to Lexington, Ohio.

To save Goshen residents money and reduce their costs of tipping fees, the *weight* of solid waste must be reduced. That means Goshen residents must be in compliance. Any *contractor* that is hired by a resident must provide their own containers and dispose of waste materials by their own methods. Not doing so is not fair to the residents. There is a provision in the waste contract to apply a "fine" for being non-compliant. Ordinance Title 51 must be changed to protect the Goshen taxpayer. This issue will be discussed further by the BOS.

The Policy for reimbursement of cost of mileage to/from classes/or training has been brought forward. Staff traveling for training sessions/seminars are paid for time *and* mileage. While the expense is not high and abuses of this issue are not prevalent, this issue will be brought up for further discussion.

Todd has applied for a grant to restore cemetery head stones. A cost will be devised accordingly.

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### 6. Public Comment:

Resident Michael Exstein reported the issue of not having lines on the road (Beach Street) either on the sides or down the center. He described not only the difficulty of navigating the road, but the clear and present danger of navigating the road during the “extreme” fog that Goshen experienced last week. Todd explained that issue has been addressed in that the roads in Goshen are not wide-enough per State Statutes to enable applying lines. Perhaps during a dangerous fog situation, cones or small lights can be set up.

Cindy Barrett suggested that cameras can be set up (in the area where the garbage/meat piles are on Town Hill Road). She was apprised by Todd that Ian Kinsella is already installing cameras in this area for surveillance.

Scott Olson asked Todd for additional clarification to the dumpster/tipping fees issue. He stated that the commercial businesses **are** paying a tipping fee. The confusion stems from the commercial businesses in that they do pay for their garbage/waste to be hailed from Goshen down to Torrington- (\$90.00) every quarter. In that the MIRA incinerator plant is going to shut down, recycling materials will be hauled (from Torrington) to Lexington, Ohio. It can't be emphasized enough – ***the weight must be reduced! The waste must be separated and recycled. All of us must help each other.***

Scott Olson provided clarification of the travel time compensation. He cited another business where there was an issue with travel time and mileage. He feels this should be a “non-issue”.

### 7. Correspondence: None

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9 .New Business, 9b. Tax Collector's Report, December 31, 2022. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 8. New Business, 8b. Flag Ordinance. Voted unanimous.

### 8. Old Business:

**8a. Appointments:** None

**8b. Flag Ordinance:**

Mark Harris stated that the issue (last year) regarding Flag Ordinance. This issue should be reviewed in that perhaps a “Flag Policy” may better serve the town, rather than an “ordinance”. While Dexter Kinsella is not opposed to this change, he will give it thought. A discussion of this issue will take place at a future meeting.

### 9. New Business:

**9a. Woodridge Lake/Town of Goshen Liaison:**

Todd put forth the name of Dr. Jeff Damiano, a biologist, to serve as liaison for the Woodridge Lake Sewer District/Town of Goshen. Dr. Damiano is not a resident of Woodridge Lake. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to select Dr. Jeff Damiano as Goshen Liaison for the town and the Woodridge Lake Sewer District. Voted unanimous.

**9b. Tax Collector's Report, December 31, 2022.**

The Selectmen reviewed the tax information therein. Collection Rate – collected less refunds vs. total budgeted is 67.69%. This is line with previous collection rates. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the Tax Collector's Report, December 31, 2022. Voted unanimous.

**10. Other Business:** None

**11. Adjournment:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide