

**Town of Goshen**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris, Dexter S. Kinsella (zoom)

**OTHERS:** Audrey Blondin; Scott Olson; Cindy Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; Don Wilkes; Ron Hill; Dawn Wilkes; Lucy Hussman; Scott Tillmann; Scott Fraher; John McKenna, Republican American.

**1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by, Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the March 14, 2023 meeting:** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – March 23, 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 March 23, 2023 in the amount of \$86,521.57 with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$55,937.07 and the payroll in the amount of \$30,584.50. Included in this warrant: Cardinal Engineering - \$23,484.70; Cargill Salt - \$13,010.51; McNeil & Co. - \$8,222.25.

**5. First Selectman's Report:**

Todd expressed the *excellent* job done by *Eversource* during the winter storm; Goshen experienced a 98% power outage to all of its residents. The EOC (Emergency Operating Center) was opened here at Town Hall; Barry Hall, Jim O'Leary, Bob Valentine, Todd Carusillo, Virginia Perry all pitched in together to provide shelter here at Town Hall, where needed, etc. Not to be overlooked, were the power companies from out of town, and state who traveled here to assist in getting power back to all of the homes affected. Goshen's Public Works Department in keeping Goshen's roads open - Fantastic team work! Thank you.

**6. Public Comment:**

Henrietta Horvay expressed her deep appreciation to Todd Carisillo, Bob Valentine and Scott Olson, who came to help her during the storm. She expressed her sincere appreciation and thank you to all.

Cindy Barrett likewise expressed her appreciation to all those who stepped up to help during this emergency situation.

Todd Carusillo likewise sincerely thanked all those who pitched in to help during the emergency. It was great. In addition, he paid tribute to Gov. Ned Lamont, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, who phoned in to lend assistance to the needs of Goshen residents during the storm. Representative Maria Horn, called and Senator Steven Harding paid a visit to Town Hall to render assistance. Thank you to all who stepped up to help wherever they could.

Todd further informed the residents that when the snow melts, Goshen Public Works will -within town roads- chip trees and branches along the sides of the road so that they can be picked up at a later date. Todd will advise further on this.

Audrey Blondin, in hearing of those representatives from the State who called or visited Goshen, wanted to express her appreciation to them, and all of those who stepped up to helped the residents of Goshen.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Appointments:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to appoint Kit Wright to the Human Services - Task Force. Voted unanimous.

**8b. Budgets -** None

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In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** add under 9. New Business, 9a. **Tipping Fees**. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Tipping Fees:**

All Goshen residents must recycle. The trash was being shipped to Torrington enroute to final destination. This is no longer the route, in that Torrington is no longer being used as first drop-off. Result? Goshen being charged increased tipping fees. Between USA Hauling and Rocco's Carting current tipping fees are \$123.00 per ton - 434.4 tons/per year. Goshen spends approximately \$279,000. on tipping fees and recycling. Goshen has 1,670 residential homes; 60 commercial establishments. Those *commercial* users produce 30%-40% of the weight- 1,268 tons of solid waste per year. 40 tons per month x \$123.00/per ton, starting July 1<sup>st</sup> is **\$4,920 per month** – that's **\$59,040 per year!** Cardboard – do not throw in your dumpster. Goshen must reduce the overall weight – it's in the best interest of all of us. Commercial businesses must be provided a dumpster by USA Hauling; it's in the contract.

Scott Fraher, president of the Goshen Agricultural Society, stated Goshen Ag is very responsible on this issue and he can produce receipts to prove it. Goshen Fair vendors and other event organizers pay their own tipping fees. Dexter Kinsella stated that maybe home contractors/renovators living in Goshen but have customers, say in Litchfield, may bring back to their homes in Goshen - scrap wood, pipes, etc. that came from their job; this adds to Goshen's weight. Scott Tillmann stated his front load dumpster is 25% compost. Mark Harris stated the magnitude of the problem has come to the forefront only recently. Ron Hill stated scrap metal, piping, anyone who has scrap metal can call for a dumpster. Dexter Kinsella stated tires, metal and appliances can be picked up on the first Friday of every month by residents calling USA Hauling advising them to pick up at their residence for this special pick-up. Scott Olson commented that this subject is a wake-up call to everyone; many didn't know there are two separate "tipping" fees. **NON-RECYCLE – Mirrors and windows!**

**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 5:32 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide