

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris

EXCUSED: Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Cindy Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; Dawn Wilkes; John McKenna, Republican American; Garret Harlow; Ryan Stewart, The Goshen News

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 March 21, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023 as presented. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the March 14, 2023 meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – March 30, 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 30, 2023 in the amount of \$96,636.59. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$84,306.70 and the payroll in the amount of \$12,329.89. Included in this warrant: Cargill (de-icer salt)-\$16,921.32; Innovative Surface Solutions (magic minus)-\$6,880.00; Mountain Top Stone -\$1,325.63. Voted unanimous.

5. First Selectman's Report:

With storm clean-up continuing, Todd reported the success being done in clearing the roads of tree branches and debris; many phone calls have been coming in. *Thank you very much, New Milford and Burlington*, for the quick response on helping restore power to our Goshen residents. In addition, he wanted to clarify that trees, branches, debris on a resident's personal property must be the responsibility of said resident. The Goshen town crews can work only on public property, roads, etc.

Todd will be meeting with *Torrington Police Chief Bill Baldwin, and Superintendent of Schools, Chris Leone to discuss protocol and solutions to active shooter issues/school shootings. *Torrington is closest police facility to Goshen.

A thank-you goes out to Chris Leone for accepting the position of Superintendent of Schools for the new Region 20 school district.

Todd reported that on behalf of the town of Goshen, he is in negotiations for the purchase of land on the northerly side of the state highway, known as Route 4. This land is to be used to build a storage facility for the town of Goshen. (This purchase is with the approval of the Goshen Board of Finance.)

The "compost" bins are in for those who have ordered them. They can be picked up here at Town Hall.

Electronics Recycling, Saturday, April 1st – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location: Goshen Town Hall Parking Lot
Shred Smart, Mattress & Box Spring Recycling, April 1st – 9:00 am. to 12:00 p.m. – Location: Goshen Center School Parking Lot.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin expressed thank you to Todd for bringing up the school shooting issue. Also, she expressed disappointment in that a Town Meeting cannot provide voting via remote (zoom). Voting at a Town Meeting can only be done "in person". Ms. Blondin remarked on the trees/branches down around Woodridge Lake. Todd commented that only the towns' right-of-way will be cleared of brush, branches, etc. The town will not pick up tree limbs, branches on any resident-owned property.

Cindy Barrett commented on the Brynmoor Rd. having a goodly amount of branches, tree stumps. Confirmed these areas are the responsibility of home/land owner.

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7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets:

Budgets submitted for review and discussion were:

Insurance

Fiscal Office

Professional Service

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to receive those budgets for 2023-2024 and forward to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** add under 9. New Business, 9a. Tax Collector's Update. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9a. Tax Collector Update: Todd gave kudos to Goshen Tax Collector for the fine job she continues to do.

As of 3/28/2023 Percent Collected:

Real Estate: 99.35%

Personal Property: 99.01%

Motor Vehicle 97.91%

Motor Supplemental 90.78%

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 5:18 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide