

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Audrey Blondin; Henrietta Horvay; Scott Olson; Gary Stango; Marc McCarthy; Bobby Miles; Erin Reilly; Anne Green; Janet Hooper; 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 April 18, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 18, 2023 as presented. Voted unanimous.
*Note: Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella is in receipt of all agendas/minutes and pertinent financial documents prior to every BOS meeting.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the April 18, 2023 meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 27, 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 April 27, 2023 in the amount of \$61,719.31. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$33,353.13 and the payroll in the amount of \$28,366.18. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: VISA - \$5,799.66; Overdrive Audio Books (library) - \$1,128.98; City of Torrington – Probate- \$1,558.39. Selectman Kinsella questioned a fee of \$1800 for roof repairs. He was told this item was for repair of a section roof at the Public Works Dept.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd has placed an order for an American Flag, inclusive of post, base (\$146.43). The Connecticut Flag has been placed on back-order.

USA Hauling has sent a letter with reference to “commercial” customers in town regarding the need to recycle to save the town money; a report of those findings will be sent to Todd.

P&Z meeting will have on its agenda for the meeting tonite the town land purchase (Sharon Turnpike) as discussed at last week's BOS meeting.

Todd reported that Library Director, Lynette Steinmeyer has submitted her resignation. Also, Sharyl Marino, Part-Time Bus Driver for elderly/disabled (Goshen/Cornwall) has also submitted her resignation.

Friday, April 28th, the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Board will hold a meeting. In attendance will be Senator Steven Harding and Representative Maria Horn. Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella plans to be in attendance along with Todd.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin asked when the “Town Meeting” will be held. Todd informed everyone that the meeting may have to request an extension date to Monday, May 8. (Closing of land purchase is May 5th)

Henrietta Horvay reported that the Library Board has accepted Ms. Steinmeyer's resignation; a meeting will be held to review the job description and hiring practices. In addition, she asked if questions about item 7a. Human Services Task Force- can be taken tonite, or at next week's meeting. She was told questions must be asked at next week's BOS meeting, May 2nd.

7. **Correspondence:** Todd received a letter from Office of Victims Services. Anyone who has been affected by crime, abuse, etc. can call 1-800-822-8247. *Victims Abuse Week* is from April 23rd to April 29th.

Todd received a letter advising the use of the roads in Goshen for the 20th Annual Tour of the Litchfield Hills, charity bicycle and walk to benefit Cancer Care Fund. Todd advised them, as they did in last year's race, to use blue masking tape instead of any paint on the roads.

Selectman Mark Harris reported "Give Local" campaign is beginning. This campaign is put on by local non-profits. He urged that Goshen residents please be generous.

7a. Human Services Task Force:

Erin Reilly mentioned that the resignation of the Goshen/Cornwall bus driver points out the need for transportation services for the disabled/elderly. Anne Green pointed out that therein lies a "need" many may be unaware of, others on the task force that have "viable information" to help many of our Goshen residents. Create a "directory" for area people to find the help they need; what's available. Selectman Harris there is an under-rated concern of many. A need to compile data for more awareness. Janet Hooper agreed in that data needs to be collected; ensure the public's needs are being met. Selectman Kinsella there are needs out there that are underreported. Neighboring communities should be contacted for their information. Perhaps a "regional" position serving multiple communities. Scott Olson stated that there appears to be a need to yield to the wisdom of the Board of Selectmen.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Budgets: None

9. New Business:

9.a Bids – Cemetery Mowing and Municipal Mowing

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CEMETERY MOWING

Valley's #1 Lawncare LLC
31 Hayes Road
West Hartford, CT 06117
860-921-8944

Price per Mowing:

1. East Street Cemetery	\$ 90.00
2. Oviatt Cemetery	\$ 45.00
3. Hall Meadow Cemetery	\$ 60.00
4. Westside Cemetery	\$ 60.00
5. West Goshen Cemetery	\$ 60.00
6. Old Middle Street Cemetery	\$ 60.00

Price per Spring Clean-Ups (all cemeteries) \$ 900.00

Price per Fall Clean-Ups (all cemeteries) \$1,000.00

Price per Hour for Additional work \$ 55.00

Municipal Mowing – No Bids received.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Marks S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the mowing bids and forward onto Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, for his review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

9b. Broadband Advisory Committee Presentation – Scott Olson

With reference to high-speed internet at Camp Cochipianne, initially, it was thought that high speed internet could not and be brought to Camp Coch. Touring the positioning of the lot, it was found that a conduit *can be achieved*, and that “high speed internet can be connected on the property.” Currently the internet services are wholly inadequate, but not because “high speed internet” cannot be brought to the property. It can be very beneficial to summer concerts, etc. Upfront cost is approximately \$1,500 followed by a fee of \$60.00 per month. This will be a great benefit to all of our Goshen residents. Selectmen Mark Harris has been in contact with the Recreation Department. He extended appreciation to the Broadband Committee for their work. Recreation Director, Erin Reilly, will place this item in her proposed budget. With this feasibility, Marc McCarthy suggested tying into the nursing station, and the newly erected Pavilion also.

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 5:50 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide