

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

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

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Audrey Blondin; Henrietta Horvay; Scott Olson; Janet Hooper; Amy Breakell; Eric Warner; Cindy Barrett; Allan Walker; Michael Exstein; Don Wilkes

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 April 25, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 25, 2023 as corrected. Voted unanimous. (Janet Hooper did not agree that data needs to be collected – ref. paragraph 76a. Human Services Task Force).
3. **Matters Arising Out of the April 25, 2023 meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 4, 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 May 4, 2023 in the amount of \$1,466,084.13. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$1,453,093.35 and the payroll in the amount of \$12,990.78. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: Dan Kallman, (grader part) - \$2,009.20; MIRA (tipping fees) - \$11,267.61; RSD #6 – \$1,386.033.00

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd has received the new American Flag. The Connecticut Flag placed on back-order has not yet been delivered.

Todd attended the Region 6 Board meeting wherein the school budget was discussed and voted upon. The budget passed 44 yeah; 2 nay. Todd was disappointed that so few of the public were in attendance-Goshen had only 17. More of the public should attend this *important* meeting.

Todd met with representatives of *Eversource*. They discussed the updated “storm procedures”, new phone numbers for emergency and hazardous calls.

Todd reported that he and his staff are working very diligently on the budget numbers. Every effort is being made to keep the numbers down.

The Special Town meeting is Tuesday, May 9th, at 8:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria. This is for the purchase of the land on Sharon Turnpike.

The Board of Finance allowed the \$1,500 from capital on the Recreation Dept. budget allotted for Broadband (high speed) capability at Camp Coch. Todd expressed special thanks to the Broadband Committee for their good work on enabling this to happen.

Selectmen Mark Harris commented that while there was a poor turnout at the school budget meeting, it also demonstrates the strong trust the people of Goshen have in the Board of Selectmen in their handling of the town expenses and efforts made to keep expenditures down.

6. Public Comment:

Michael Exstein questioned the work being done on the road reflectors. Todd referred him to Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, in that activity is in progress, but smaller road reflectors are being used. Mr. Harlow can explain it better. Mr. Exstein asked questions regarding the determination of the price of the newly purchased land by the town of Goshen, on Sharon Turnpike. Todd explained the monetary facts and that this purchase was reviewed by the Board of Finance, who thought the price of the land was fair. Mr. Exstein asked about the feasibility of installation of an electric charging station. Given the exorbitant price for one charging station, Todd explained why this is not being considered for the Goshen residents in the near future.

Dawn Wilkes expressed her enthusiasm for having Broadband connections available at Camp Coch.

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Audrey Blondin stated her ongoing support of having the availability of electric charging stations, and is pleased with Broadband available at Camp Coch. She also remarked that she will be away for the Town Meeting but despite the public not being able to vote while tuning on "Zoom" (only in-person attendance by residents voting can take place.) She expressed her support of the Human Services Task Force. She would like to be informed when the decision for this will go forward.

Henrietta Horvay expressed her disappointment of the "public comment" portion of the BOS meeting is exceeding the 2-minute limit. As Chairman of the Library Board, she is disappointed that the vacancy of the Library Director was not distributed. She then proceeded to read aloud the job description for same.

Scott Olson stated the installation of an electric charging station must take into consideration the overall cost which, at this time, is prohibitive. He stated the procedure to install one, and the list of installation steps that bear costs that are unreasonable for the average town.

Allan Walker asked if there were any questions from those in attendance regarding the upcoming budget.

Janet Hooper added that Human Services Task Force will continue to collect data. She hopes this task will move quickly and the data collection can be done before one year.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: Todd reported on the recent vacancies of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the replacements therein: Dan Kobylenski, Amanda Cannon; Donald Moore; all to be reappointed. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to reappoint the aforementioned residents to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda item 8b. Budgets. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets:

Public Works, and Recreation Dept.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the budgets for 2023-2024 and forward to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration.

9. New Business:

9a. Land Purchase; Special Town Meeting: Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella read aloud the Legal Warning of the Special Town Meeting for the Appropriation of Land. *See attached.* In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to publish the special Town Meeting with regards to the appropriations of funds for the purchase of land on Sharon Turnpike. *See attached.* Voted unanimous.

9b. Library Director Job Description change recommendations from Library Board.

The changes to the Library Director's job description put forth:

1. Education – 2 years' experience
2. Essential job functions – assist with grant writing; development of long-short range plans.
3. Holds Master's Degree – in Library and Information Sciences.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adopt the job description changes for the Library Director. Voted unanimous.

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, item 9c. Chip Seal Bid. Voted unanimous.

9c. Chip Seal Bid:

Bid Results
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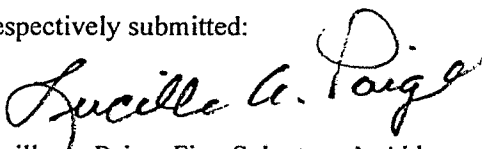
	Est. Quantity (1 yr.)	Bid Unit Price (in Figures)	Total Bid Price
Dosch-King Co., Inc. David King, President 30 Bernhard Road North Haven, CT 06473 973-887-0145	106,302	\$2.79 per sq. yd	\$296,582.58
New England Asphalt Services, LLC II 508 Forest Road Northford, CT 06472 203-208-3178	106,302	\$2.97 per sq. yd	\$315,716.94
Comer Contracting, Inc. Robert Comer 15 Holmes Road Newington, CT 06111 860-250-0764	106,302	\$2.35 per sq. yd	\$249,809.70

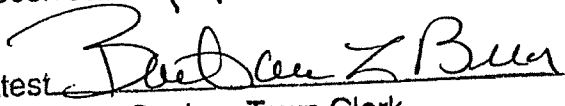
In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to receive the Chip Seal Bids and forward onto Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works for review and decision. Voted unanimous.

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 5:52 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:


Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Received May 4, 2023 @ 11:22 P.M.
Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk

WARNING
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GOSHEN

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82267126992>

Zoom is viewing only
Voting will be held in person ONLY

Meeting ID: 822 6712 6992

Phone In: 1 929 205 6099

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Goshen, hereby give warning to persons legally entitled to vote thereat that a Special Town Meeting will be held in the cafeteria of Goshen Center School in said Town of Goshen on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1) Upon the recommendation of the Board of Finance, to take such action as the voters deem best with respect to (i) the appropriation of funds for the purchase of 13.84 acres of land, more or less, shown as "Parcel 'A' 13.84 Ac.±" on a map entitled "PORTION OF PROPERTY OF DANIEL & ETHEL H. SABIA CONN. RT. #4 SCALE 1"=100' GOSHEN, CONN JULY, 1980" prepared by Howard B. Stearns, Jr. R.L.S. #7035 (the "Map") from Alfred E. Wright and Peter A. Fay for a contract price not to exceed \$200,000.00 and for the payment of closing costs; and (ii) the authorization of the First Selectman to take such steps as he deems necessary or desirable to effectuate said acquisition.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, this 2nd day of May, 2023

Todd M. Carusillo

Mark S. Harris

Dexter S. Kinsella

Received May 3, 2023 @ 9:45 A.M BOARD OF SELECTMEN

est Brian Z. Bley
Goshen Town Clerk