Town of Goshen BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

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

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Audrey Blondin; Henrietta Horvay; Scott Olson; Amy Breakell; Cindy Barrett; Don Wilkes; Norma Knox Wright; Bernard Harrington

- 1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2023: In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was voted to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the May 2, 2023 meeting: None
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant May 11, 2023: In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, was voted to approve the total warrant and payroll of May 11, 2023 in the amount of \$65,778.48. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$39,441.40 the payroll in the amount of \$26,337.08. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant: Eversource: \$2,228.564; MIRA (tipping fees) \$10,675.98; USA Hauling (recycling) \$9,064.00. Voted unanimous.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd has received pole for the Connecticut flag, however, the flag itself has not yet arrived.

Some residents who do a lot of walking outdoors, suggested that another attempt at "Adopt a Road" be done inasmuch as many roads still have trash, bottles/nippers, cans, etc.

The Special Town meeting is tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria. This is for the purchase of the land on Sharon Turnpike.

Donna Molon and I scheduled a CPR class demonstration with the seniors at their luncheon today; the attendees were able to participate; Meghan from TAHD conducted the demonstration. Much fun was had by all who attended.

Todd reminded everyone that Board of Finance will conduct their Special Budget meeting tomorrow night, Wednesday, May10th at 7:30 p.m.

Todd reported sightings in his own backyard of bears. Mark Harris reminded everyone that it is *against the law* in the State of Connecticut to feed wildlife. He urged everyone **not** to use bird feeders, and other methods to feed wildlife.

Some residents feel we need a "Security Task Force" of sorts to report criminal activities, remind residents that "egging, car breakings, etc." will not be tolerated. All are urged to lock your car doors, lock your house doors, sheds, etc. Todd will check with the town's insurance company.

Some residents have expressed the need for the "public comment" portion of the meeting be held to the 2-minute limit. Try to keep your allotted time within the 2-min limit so everyone is able to express their thoughts.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin commented on posted signs on some streets "neighborhood watch". Congratulations to Henrietta Horvay will receive the "Chairman's Award" next Sunday at Aqua Turf, in Southington.

Scott Olson reminded everyone of the ordinance regarding the feeding of wildlife. The "fines" are nominal. Neighboring towns of North Canaan and Salisbury have their own *town ordinance* regarding the feeding of bears.

Henrietta Horvay stated that Beach Street has signs indicating that there is a "watch" program in that area.

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7. Correspondence:

"Goshen News" asked 13 questions regarding the land purchase to be answered at the Special Town Meeting tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Goshen Center School.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: Library Board: Anne Greene

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to **appoint** Anne Green to the Goshen Library Board. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets: None

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9, New Business, item 9a. Recommendation – Asphalt Bid. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

9a. Recommendation – Asphalt Bid

A recommendation from Supervisor of Public Works, Garret Harlow, for the Annual Chip Seal Program was received by the BOS. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to accept the recommendation of *Comer Contracting Inc*. for the Annual Chip Seal Program. 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 5:16 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide