

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Audrey Blondin; Henrietta Horvay; Scott Olson; Cindy Barrett; Don Wilkes; Aaron Warren, 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 May 9, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of May 9, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the May 9, 2023 meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 18, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of May 18, 2023 in the amount of \$40,077.40. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$27,317.20 and the payroll in the amount of \$12,760.20. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella, abstaining. Included in this warrant: Connecticare: \$16,144.87; 1060 Hydraulic Line Grader - \$2,488.36; Valley #1 Lawn Care – (skating rink, Camp Coch mowing) - \$570.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd has received the State Connecticut flag. It looks great alongside the American flag in the conference room.

Todd wanted to give out a big, sincere “thank you” to the first response Goshen Fire Company for the outstanding job they performed for that big accident on North Street, involving the two buses with school children and a car; a golf team from Hotchkiss School, and girls Lacrosse team from the Gunnery. Their arrival time at the scene was remarkable. We extend the “thank you” to our neighboring fire companies, Bantam, Cornwall, Falls Village, Canaan. Multiple ambulances from neighboring towns also must be commended for their fine work.

Todd reminded everyone that the Board of Finance will meet tomorrow night, Wednesday, 5/17/2023, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Conference Room. This is to conduct a Public Hearing on the town budget. The public is urged to attend.

Goshen Public Works have been out on the roads fixing potholes, grading, etc.

Todd urges commercial businesses to recycle, compost and scrap with the goal being reducing the weight of *regular* waste. The weights are going down/reducing our fees; hope to see fees/weights going down even more before July.

There are 10 compost bins in the Town Hall hallway. ***Please come in to pick them up if you ordered one.*** If you wish to purchase one, call 860-618-6468.

Selectman Mark Harris suggested the town enter into a trial program regarding the “bear” sightings, etc. If you see a neighbor hanging out birdfeeders, or putting out food for wild animals. Please don't hesitate to call Todd and report these dangerous violations. He can then decide how big the problem is here in Goshen.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin commented that the new flags now in the Town Conference room look great.

Dawn Wilkes commented on the hearing last week in the school cafeteria. The public was engaged, interested; measures were passed.

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Scott Olson commented that he was impressed by the professionalism displayed by our Goshen Volunteer Fire company (accident on North Street). They showed very high levels of professionalism – the same as any PAID fire company would do. There were 7 ambulances from out of town that came to the scene. Demonstrates the good security Goshen can count on and how great an asset Goshen's Volunteer company is to all of us.

Cindy Barrett noticed how well the public was informed about the recent land purchase. The BOS meetings have had this subject on their agenda since back in March. At their BOS meetings, everyone has an easy opportunity to learn about all facts regarding the land purchase, reasons for it, etc.

Henrietta Horvay felt that the handling of paper ballots at the Town Meeting could have been better handled. The current system needs improvement.

Dawn Wilkes agreed that the handling of the paper ballots can be done somewhat better.

7. Correspondence:

Town Clerk, Barbara Breor has received the letter of resignation from the Board of Fire Commissioners from Melissa Foster.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Seth Breakell as Fire Commissioner Alternate. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets: None

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to item 9. New Business, Tax Collector' Update. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business: Tax Collector's Update –

Percentage of Goshen taxes collected to date:

Real Estate:	99.88%	
Personal Property	99.55%	
Motor Vehicle	98.11%	
Motor Vehicle	94.83%	99.69% Cumulative

***collections are higher than normal.**

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 5:17 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide