

**Town of Goshen**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

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

**OTHERS:** Dawn Wilkes; Henrietta Horvay; Scott Olson; Cindy Barrett; Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Audrey Blondin; Ann Greene; Erin Reilly.

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 30, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of May 30, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous. Dexter S. Kinsella, abstained.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the May 30, 2023 meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – June 8, 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 June 6, 2023 in the amount of \$65,579.17. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$37,677.67 and the payroll in the amount of \$27,901.50. Voted unanimous, with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: Dime Oil - \$4,641.49; Halyward - \$8,695.00; Mountain Top Trucking - \$5,235.00.

**5. First Selectman's Report:**

The Town of Goshen Budget 2023-2024 passed. The mill rate was lowered to 15.6 mills (a decrease of 4.2

With reference to the discussion at last week's meeting regarding crime spree occurring among our residents' neighborhood, contact Garret Harlow at our Public Works Dept. to obtain signage such as "Neighborhood Watch" for your street.

A Town Hall video shows bears in the parking lot trying to open the garbage disposal, peering into the window of the school. Our dumpsters now have locks. We may have to install some type of lighting on the other side of the lot to deter the bears from entering the parking lot.

REMINDER: Please continue to recycle! The figures show many of our residents have now engaged in recycling. We need to get that figure on recycling lower. Thank you to all who have begun to recycle. We need everyone's efforts. THANKS!

From a request by Fire Chief Barry Hall, there will be a school safety protocols meeting. Along with Superintendent Chris Leone, we have contacted the Commander at Troop B in Canaan and Chief of Police Torrington, William Baldwin and other pertinent individuals.

Todd will be attending a "Safety Meeting" regarding the activity of the Goshen Stampede on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to review the list of requirements/approvals to be in place before the gates open.

**6. Public Comment:**

Cindy Barrett stated the alert regarding the bears (roaming private property – the school parking lot) was "scary". Everyone should heed the warnings.

Anne Green reported that she had a bear in her yard today.

7. **Correspondence:** The Goshen Library Board has put forth a recommendation for a new "Library Director". An interview with Todd will take place this week.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 8 Old Business, 8b. Bid Recommendation - Municipal Mowing. Voted unanimous.

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**8. Old Business:** one

**8a. Appointments:** None

**8b. Bid Recommendation- Municipal Mowing.**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the recommendation from Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, to award *Old Oak Landscaping* their bid for Municipal Mowing for 2023-24. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:**

**9a. Goshen Stampede:** Sign off for final approval for all requirements will take place Friday, June 9th at the Goshen Fair Grounds.

**9b. Human Services Task Force:**

Erin Reilly spoke about the “needs assessment” form that will aid in collecting data on the needs within Goshen, i.e., individual or family, elderly, etc. Age ranges, type of need food supplies, medical, utilities, etc. Dexter Kinsella asked if it can be known how or through what method the inquiries came from. Mark Harris asked if a review to consider what needs are relevant to the services being offered done. **He stated all inquiries, request for assistance must be sent to the Selectman’s office on a weekly basis. The data must be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to proceed with the collection of needs assessment process for the Human Services Task Force. 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 5:23 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide