

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Henrietta Horvay; Paul Collins; Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Audrey Blondin; Shilo Gareau; Gary Stango, Sr.; John McKenna, *Republican American*; Scott Olson

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 June 27, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the June 27, meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 6, 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 July 06, 2023 in the amount of \$1,452,305.14. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$1,424,249.00 and the payroll in the amount of \$28,056.14. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: Dime Oil - \$2,190.86; J.W. Tractor Repair \$4,976.38 and \$2,240.63; LCD - \$18,990.00; Region 6 Assessment - \$1,370,062.00.

Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 13, 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 July 13, 2023 in the amount of \$94,706.18. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$65,197.16 and the payroll in the amount of \$29,509.02. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: Auto Grapher \$4,469.00; CIRMA - \$17,049.00; MIRA - \$13,338.87; TAHD - \$17,344.20.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd reported that he was out on the Goshen roads all day Sunday, July 9th alongside our Public Works crews to make safe the roads that wash-outs, erosions, etc. all a result of the heavy rains. Hence, Todd had to issue a "State of Emergency" for Goshen to apply for Federal Funds for road repairs: East Street North washed out, East Street South, North Goshen Road – east and west – washed out, Hageman Shean Rd, Gray Lane, all had major road destruction rendering the roads hazardous for driving.

Todd received a letter from Bob Valentine containing his resignation as Director of Emergency Operations Commission.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to accept the resignation of Robert Valentine as Director of Emergency Operations. Voted unanimous.

The efforts to pull together a "Neighborhood Watch" will be soon established. The State Police here in Canaan along with Chief William Baldwin in Torrington are making efforts to launch a program.

6. Public Comment:

Henrietta Horvay reported that the Goshen Historical Society building sustained water damage emanating from the roof due to the heavy rains.

7. Correspondence: Letter of resignation from Robert Valentine as Director of Emergency Operations Commission. (see above).

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Shilo Garceau to Director of Emergency Operations Commission. Voted unanimous.

Ms. Garceau has been life-long (31yrs) with the Goshen Fire Department, also working as Emergency Medical Services for 25 years. We welcome her services to our Goshen residents.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Gary Stango Sr. EMT Assistant Director. Voted unanimous.

Mr. Stango has a long history in Emergency Service having worked for Hartford Region 3, the Waterbury Police Dept., 25 years with the Waterbury EMT department, and the Governor's Task Force. Todd stated Gary will be a great mentor for Ms. Garceau.

9. New Business:

9a. Falcon Ridge Music Festival (7/28; 7/29; 7/30/2023)

A review of this Special Event Application shows all of the required approvals have been met.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the Special Event Application for the **Falcon Ridge Music Festival** per the aforementioned days for the event. Voted unanimous.

9b. Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival (8/10; 8/11; 8/12/2023)

A review of this Special Event Application shows all requirements have been met.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S Harris, it was **voted** to approve the Special Event Application for the Podunk Bluegrass Festival per the aforementioned days for the event. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, item 9c, Recycling Coordinator Report. Voted unanimous.

9c. Recycling Coordinator:

Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, reported commercial tonnage in years 2022 & 2023, showed a 7% *reduction* of municipal solid waste. Town efforts are clearly making a difference. Thank you to the Selectmen for the continued reminders to the residents. Keep up the good work on Household Hazardous Waste Day, composting, electronics, mattress waste, etc.

10. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide