

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

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

OTHERS: Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Dawn Wilkes; Scott Olson; Audrey Blondin; Cynthia Barrett; Henrietta Horvay

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 July 25, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 25, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the July 25, meeting:** Dexter Kinsella commented that the synopsis of the presentation of the Boy Scouts at the July 25, 2023 meeting was very good. Henrietta Horvay wanted the minutes of the July 25, 2023 to be corrected under paragraph 7, page 2 under the question “How does the town promote history, heritage” – “Goshen has many “elders” who volunteer with the Goshen Historical Society”. (“elderly people” was not acceptable.”) Also “Goshen’s 250th Anniversary should read 275th Anniversary.”)
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – August 3, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella,, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of July 27, 2023 in the amount of \$112,056.27. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$91,587.22 and the payroll in the amount of \$20,469.05. Voted unanimous. To Dog Pond - \$16,000.; West Side Pond - \$15,000.; Tyler Lake Association – \$15,000 for annual lake weed maintenance. Also included in this warrant: Michigan Tech - \$5,577.57.
5. **First Selectman’s Report:**
Goshen’s Public Works Dept. continued work on some of our roads this weekend also, inasmuch they needed cleanup where some of the gravel (\$33K worth) had washed away.

Todd reported that the meeting for initiating a “Neighborhood Watch” program here in Goshen, was held Monday, July 31, 2023 at Camp Cochipianee and was a great success; the turnout was great, approximately 75 people were in attendance. Included in attendance were two Goshen residents who were formerly police officers, Toby Geiger and Gary Stango, Sr. The program was led by State Trooper, 1st Class, Roy Dungan. Some statistics for Goshen from 1/1/2023 to 7/31/2023: Total calls for service 2022: – 1,248; traffic stops – 309; traffic accidents – 27; domestic violence – 12; larceny – 4; burglary – 3; medical assistance – 32; dui arrests – 2. Goshen’s Public Works Dept. has ordered 15 “Neighborhood Watch” signs; they will install them. Todd suggested that Woodridge Lake place the signs only at the entrances and exits as too many signs may suggest a negative effect in that area.

6. Public Comment:

Dawn Wilkes thanked the Board for the *Neighborhood Watch* meeting. She suggested that the signs be placed at the 4-way intersection of Woodridge Lake – Brynmoor and Ives - to remind residents of this program in place. She would be happy to be “leader” for that section. Thank you for consideration.

Mark Harris stated that there are other signage that can be used, other than the “Neighborhood Watch” signs.

Henrietta Horvay pointed out that the minutes of the July 25, 2023, page 2, paragraph 7 - “elderly people” should read “elders” and requested the minutes be corrected. She also asked if it would be possible to have the sides of the road be mowed to provide better views of the road for drivers. She stated that she saw some signs already in her neighborhood regarding *Neighborhood Watch*.

Mark Harris advised that the town crews have to prioritize before mowing. The damage to the roads from the rain has set back their work schedules, so mowing will commence as soon as possible.

Cynthia Barrett lauded the *Neighborhood Watch* meeting and stated it was great. She felt it was good to see so many Goshen residents who are concerned. She urged everyone to be vigilant. The number to call for **Non-Emergencies** is- 860-626-1820.

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Relative to installation of safety signage, Todd called attention to the number for “Call Before You Dig” or the power company; beware of underground utilities before digging to find a support level for the **signs**. He also held up a photo of the ***Neighborhood Watch*** sign to show what they look like.

Audrey Blondin echoes what the others have said – good to see so many people being “proactive”. On Beach St. to Route 4 there is high grass/bushes that are blocking views to traffic. (Todd will make a call to the DOT.) She disagrees that too many signs being a deterrent at Woodridge.

Todd reported that a new “Camera” law will be in effect in Oct. 2023. He feels that at least two cameras for Goshen will help deter violators. He will apply once an ordinance is passed in Goshen (a Town Meeting will precede the camera ordinance).

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business: None

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 5:25 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide