

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Audrey Blondin; Cynthia Barrett; Henrietta Horvay

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 September 5, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the September 5, 2023 meeting: None**
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – September 14, 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 September 14, 2023 in the amount of \$62,648.33. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$35,539.91 and the payroll in the amount of \$27,108.42. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant: Firematic - \$6,904.16; McNeil Insurance - \$8,495.25; Pittsfield Pagers - \$4,850.00.
5. **First Selectman's Report:**
Dexter Kinsella and Todd attended the Goshen Garden Club's 90th Anniversary. A great time was had by all. Congratulations to the Goshen Garden Club on its 90th Anniversary and all the good work they do.

The newly appointed EMD has requested a new laptop, inasmuch as the one passed down is old and in need of repair. The new budget will be examined to find the most economic way to facilitate this purchase.

Todd reported the tipping fees for August, 2023 were \$16,581.04. (Four weeks in August 2023).

Todd signed up Goshen for Connecticut's "*Drug Take Back Day*" (Saturday, October 28th). He is awaiting word from Troop B as to the Trooper available to assist in this program.

Todd reported that East Street North and North Goshen Road were paved back to good condition today, from the recent storm. They look great.

Dexter and Todd attended a meeting (zoom) held down at University of New Haven with Audrey Blondin. Dexter appreciated comments that came from the group of students – "to work to get along; respect for everyone's opinion and coming together to do what is best for the town". Very good presentation.

Our Selectman, Mark Harris shot a 44 in his golf game today!! "Atta Boy"!!!!

Selectman Dexter Kinsella added that Joe and Shirley Pedone have done so much to keep flowers, plants and trees located around town. Unfortunately, Joe is unable to continue to trim trees and some other tasks. He advises that the Sugar Maple tree located down at Goshen's Public Works Dept. in front of the red barn does need to be trimmed.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin gave a "thank you" to Todd and Dexter for attending the student conference held at University of New Haven. Todd and Dexter's input was very informative for the students.

She suggested Mark Harris work with the BOF to enable the purchase of a new laptop for the EDC. EDC serves a very important service to the town.

The Board of Assessment Appeals held a meeting for vehicle assessments; unfortunately, no one from the public attended.

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Day Lilies on her property were destroyed by Optimum/ALTICE when they installed Fiber Optics. Todd advised that she must call Optimum as the property she indicated does not belong to the town.

Cindy Barrett stated she doesn't plant any flowers down near the road on her property just for that reason -that road work won't allow it. Todd reiterated that the road adjacent to resident's property does not belong to the town. These trenches or diggings are the "utility right of way".

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business: None

10. Other Business: Chris Sanders will attend (volunteered) a seminar in Stonington regarding the CT Dept of Housing. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, Chris will be asked to represent the town of Goshen at this meeting. Voted unanimous.

11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide