Town of Goshen BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

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

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

- **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 26, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023 as corrected- Misspelling of Roraback and a comma should have correctly shown \$250,000. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting September 26, 2023: (See item 2 above).
- **4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant October 5, 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 October 5, 2023 in the amount of \$45,925.55. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$29,848.86 and the payroll in the amount of \$16,076.69 Motion passed with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Also included in this warrant: J.W. Tractor: \$4,193.45; DAW Pro-track \$2,120.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd had applied for a STEAP Grant from the State. Todd received notice Friday that Goshen was, in fact, the recipient of said grant. **\$500,000.!** This will be applied to the new town building to be constructed on Sharon Turnpike. Todd had to listen to a zoom session regarding the application for this grant. Dexter asked for a copy of the STEAP grant zoom and that he would serve on the Building Committee for this project.

There are still several municipal agencies in Goshen that have not submitted their "Annual Reports" to Virginia Perry for inclusion in *Goshen's Annual Report*. Please submit your reports asap – *no later than October 16th*.

Unfortunately, repeat washouts from the weekend rain (5") have resulted on some of our roads. Please call our Public Works department with your information (860-491-6029).

Update on "crime" in Goshen. Last Thursday, two white, males (as seen from cameras) were seen entering cars in driveways. If you see/witness criminal activity, please call the State Police. Todd was told that State Troopers are in Goshen on a regular basis.

Town Commission members are on "g-mail" accounts. Todd contacted our Town Attorney in that no personal accounts are to be used.

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Good news! Todd was contacted by Sen. Richard Bluementhal's office regarding grant monies from July heavy rain storms. \$110,000. There are grant opportunities for storm damage repairs.

5. Public Comment:

Henrietta Horvay asked for the deadline (10-16-23) for submittal of "Annual Reports" in that she had not been given a deadline for the Goshen Historical Society. She is pleased to know that Goshen was granted the STEAP Grant for \$500,000. She congratulated Todd on the good work. Additional grant opportunities exist for the July heavy rains.

Audrey Blondin expressed her delight in that Todd received good news from Sen. Blumenthal's office with opportunities for grant monies for Goshen. She also expressed gratitude to be informed about the criminal activities going on here in Goshen (Woodridge Lake area).

Cindy Barrett stated the *Neighborhood Watch Meeting* that took place at Camp Coch last spring gave everyone good things to do. She reiterated that everyone must be vigilant, keep garage doors locked, use ring cameras, keep no valuables in your vehicle, etc.

Lori Clinton stated that she is pleased to hear about Sen. Blumenthal's ability to seek grants, in that the Goshen Fire Department is in need of grant money.

6. Correspondence:

Todd received a letter from NWCOG, (North West Council of Governments) that their prescription program for seniors in Goshen has ended. Todd will garner more information and report back to our residents.

8. Old Business: None8a. 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 5:17 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide