

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

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

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Cynthia Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; Dawn Wilkes; Marianne Stilson; Pat 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 October 10, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 10, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting October 10, 2023:** With reference to the Black Bear Concert wherein a camper accidentally cause a water pipe to burst, resulting in the entire water service to the concert at the fairgrounds to be shut down. It was found that the entire water system did not have to be turned off, but rather there are individuals separately in charge of various power sources. Perhaps a list of Fairground “special contacts” can be included in the *Special Event Application* to assist the Applicant as to whom to contact on breakdown issues. (This can be done on a separate sheet of the application.
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – October 19 , 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 October 19, 2023 in the amount of \$75,898.39. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$62,060.60 and the payroll in the amount of \$13,837.79. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Water Testing at Camp Coch: \$1,333.119; Mountain Top Trucking (stone) - \$36,731.29; USA Recycling - \$9,541.00.
- 5. First Selectman’s Report:**

There have been reports of vehicle break-ins. It is strongly urged that everyone take their laptops, cell phones, briefcases and other valuables from their cars and into the house. Review the footage on ring cameras.

State Police are maintaining a presence around town. Not all the speeders are Goshen residents. Area travelers, along with commercial trucks, have been ticketed for excessive speed.

Todd announced that he has “locked-in” with Dime Oil Company, resulting in an 18% *decrease*.

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State Dept. of Transportation, and Dan Belmonte, in discussions with Todd, “line of sight” with reference to obliterating the yellow lines for people to cross the road safely during “fog”. Hence, the DOT from Thomaston will come up and conduct a survey that includes blinking lights/flashing lights at the crossing locations on Route 63) in front of the Goshen Fairgrounds entrance.

6. Public Comment:

Goshen resident Pat Reilly publicly “thanked” Selectman Mark Harris for his years of service to the town of Goshen. Mr. Reilly expressed appreciation to Mark for his service on several town committees, the Lake Weed Committee and other public activities that were beneficial to Goshen residents. Selectman Harris accepted the accolades with gratitude and humility and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

Audrey Blondin suggested thought be given to having Goshen’s Town Clerk be an “appointed” rather than “elected” position as do many other towns in CT. Todd responded that inasmuch as Goshen’s Town Clerk is doing a great job. Perhaps when the Town Clerk retires, thought may be given to adjusting the status of Goshen’s Town Clerk. Selectman Kinsella felt that while this “appointment” issue has some valued points, the position of Town Clerk requires a highly qualified/trained person which Goshen’s Town Clerk has. Hence, he doesn’t believe a change is needed at this time.

- 7. Correspondence:** Todd received a book entitled “NWCT Land Conservation”. This will be left out in the Town Hall hallway table for the public to see. This report demonstrates the essentials that land and water conservation provide for our local economies, environment, and human health. It is a blueprint for regional land conservation in northwest Connecticut in keeping with the national and international initiatives.

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Resolution: Emergency Management Services (attached)

Selectman Kinsella read aloud the resolution. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, **authorization** was voted unanimous.

9b. Building Committee: Rename, and add another member:

Discussion took place to rename the newly planned building and it resulted that it be called “*Subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen*”.

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Barry Hall, will serve as **liaison** of this Committee, inasmuch as his present duties consume the majority of his time.

Jason Whatley rescinded his membership to this Committee for business reasons.

Subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen:

Garret Harlow

Todd Carusillo

Alan Kinsella

Drew Roehl

Luanne Zbinden

Seth Breakell

Dexter Kinsella

Patrick Lucas

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the formal list of *Subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen*, per the above listed individuals. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to have each approved Subcommittee member serve until the entire work is declared “complete” for this project. 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 5:21 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide