

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Dexter S. Kinsella (zoom), Scott Olson

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Henrietta Horvay; Cindy Barrett; Marissa Wright; Mike, Sarah and Reed Leonard; Dawn Wilkes; Heidi Armstrong;

- 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 December 12, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of December 12, 2023. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting December 5, 2023:** Selectman Olson apologized for any misunderstanding regarding the deductible (\$1057.00) to be paid to Bantam Ambulance. He is fully in agreement to pay this deductible. (Ref. BOS minutes of 12/12/23.)
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 21, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of December 21, 2023 in the amount of \$1,446,666.03. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$1,433,717.69 and the payroll in the amount of \$12,948.34. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: CIRMA \$17,046.00; Dime Oil – \$5,599.10; Region 6 - \$1,370,061.00; Sepples Tree - \$6,600.00.
- 5. First Selectman's Report:**
At the recent NWCOG meeting, a discussion was centered around the announcement of MIRA closing operations as of 2027. Mark Daley, President of MIRA, there is \$55 million for remediation of the Torrington Facility. Among the suggestions for future recycling, “*shopping smart*” – i.e., **WEIGHT MUST COME DOWN**. Dexter Kinsella questioned if the Torrington facility has the capacity currently needed; are other options available? Todd stated we have three (3) years to come up with a plan of which much time and effort will be spent finding a plan suitable for the majority of NWCOG member towns.

A brief discussion took place on the Early In-Person Voting, due to the BOS meetings have to relocate during this activity. Presidential *primary* – March 26, 27, 28, 30: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; BOS will relocate their meeting perhaps to Todd's office. November Presidential *Election*: this will affect the meeting places of BOS, Lake Weed Committee, some Land Use (a.m.) office hours. *A full, detailed, schedule of the days and hours for the “Early Voting” process will be amply provided.*

Todd explained the minor corrections to the “Payroll & Warrants” last week. John Hancock (pension contributions) electronic transfer (\$4,790.00) was made on Wednesday - not Tuesday.

A Blight Ordinance has been brought to Todd's attention by three residents.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin sent out a "Happy Holidays" to all. Referring to last week's conversation regarding a code of ethics for Goshen, Audrey stated that a committee in the past was put together with Mr. Ed Wright and Henrietta Horvay included, as members. At that time, a draft was produced and put forth as a "proposed" code of ethics. John Krukar, former Selectman, had a copy and delivered it to Todd. Scott Olson feels the Code of Ethics members should be elected not appointed. Further discussion will take place on this matter. Dexter is in favor of code of ethics if it protects elected or committee members. However, he would be against any financial exposure.

Selectman Kinsella asked about the "costs" affiliated for the early voting procedure. This information will be made public when available.

Todd reported that he has been in contact with Garret Harlow and Marty Connor regarding the "conic" roofing system. Discussion will be necessary regarding insurance and engineering structure.

7. Correspondence: Todd announced his pride in receiving so many Christmas cards.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

After a thorough personal interview for Recycling Coordinator, Ms. Lisa Albreada of Goshen, has taken an application for said position. Upon her return of the application, Todd feels confident of her abilities and knowledge of the recycling/trash industry.

9. New Business: None

10. Other Business: None

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted: