

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 30, 2020

This meeting held and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Dexter S. Kinsella, Mark S. Harris

OTHERS: John McKenna, *Republican American*; Pat Reilly, Sean O'Neil, Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director; Members of the Recreation Commission: Don Patterson, Sarah Leonard, Erin Reilly, Nanci Howard

1 Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020 . Voted unanimous.

3. Matter Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 2, 2020:

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 2, 2020 in the amount of \$100,549.43. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$16,483.62 and the warrant in the amount of \$84,065.81 Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: CIRMA (workers comp., liability, auto, property) \$18,761.00; Town of Goshen, Tax Collector, Tax refunds \$6,626.56; LCD (Litchfield County Dispatch) \$16,309.54; Northeast Crack Filling \$9,936.50.

5. Public Comment: Sean O'Neill announced that he will be applying for a new Special Events permit for the Goshen Stampede to take place August 13th 14th, 15th, 16th and August 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. While Mr. O'Neil anticipates loosening of the pandemic restrictions, Bob Valentine cautioned that new rules and regulations are very fluid. He furthered cautioned that liquor permits may not be issued in August. He recommended that Mr. O'Neil contact the required authorities, i.e, TAHD, Lt. Mancini (State Police Troop B), Jim O'Leary, EMD; Barry Hall, Chief Goshen EMS/fire; Bill Baldwin, Fire Marshal, etc. for their sign-offs on the permit and submit the completed application to the BOS for consideration. Provided the application is complete and the required legal notice has been run in the newspaper this item will appear on the BOS agenda for July 14th.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported having received several compliments on the "drive-thru" Senior Picnic held recently at Camp Coch. Kudos to Director Kinkade and her staff.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

a. Recreation Commission, Recreation Director – Summer Camp Fees

Bob Valentine began the discussion by stating that due to the current circumstances with the COVID-19 pandemic a spending freeze was still in place. And that every town department needed to do their part to hold spending down to the minimum necessary. He noted that the Public Works department has forgone hiring two seasonal staff and cut back on road projects, the library had cut back on book purchases.

As many municipalities had to cancel their summer camp programs, Goshen is one of the few that were able to offer the summer camp program this year. After listening twice to the zoom tapes of the Recreation Commission meeting where the fees were voted on he noted that some of the commissioners didn't have a clear understanding of the town finances. Bob explained the current status of the unassigned fund balance as well as a reduction on interest charged on past due tax accounts as required by the Governor.

Historically, Goshen Camp fees were always lower than the surrounding towns, i.e., Litchfield fees were \$175.00/per student. Goshen's fees for residents is \$100.per child with a \$120 for out of town children. Not increasing the fees the \$20 necessary to pay for the program, could result in Goshen taxpayers subsidizing Litchfield and other non-residents who attend our camp.

Don Patterson, Chairman of the Recreation Commission, stated that the biggest concern that led to not increasing the fees at Camp Coch, is that it came at a time when people were struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Commission members didn't want to increase the fees when people were hurting. The Commissioners noted that if the camp discovered any cases of COVID-19 infections, the camp would have to close and no refunds were to be given under those circumstances.

Director Kinkade felt that due to the COVID-19 protocols that mandated no swimming lessons, and a lot of other programs being cancelled, a rise in campers fees was not prudent at this time. It was noted by the Recreation Commissioners that the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund would be available to help residents who might have difficulty pay for camp although some commission members felt the fund should not be used to offset higher fees. Bob reminded the commissioners that helping those unable to afford camp was one of the purposes of the fund. In addition, decisions on use of the fund are the purview of the Shane Morehouse Memorial Fund Committee.

Bob Valentine stressed the necessity of all Town departments doing their part to help get the town through a time of uncertainty in revenue due to the pandemic. He reminded the commission that the Board of Selectmen have a responsibility to manage the budget and that in these times they need to keep an eye on all expenses, given any shortfall in offsetting summer camp fees are take from the fund balance.

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Selectman Harris suggested a meeting with both the BOS and the Recreation Commission before fees for camp are decided upon next year, to avoid any misunderstandings. Director Kinkade suggested a meeting in December with the BOS to allow for time to discuss the subject, well before camp would start.

b. Town Continuation of Operations: RE: COVID-19, Governor Lamont's Executive Orders:

Relative to some questions from Goshen residents about having a Town Meeting, Bob reported that he has had conversations with Rob Rubbo, TAHD, and with Jonathan Harris, Senior Advisor to Governor Lamont, and that assembly at a Town Meeting is permissible. There are no means for a Town Meeting to take place via virtual or "zoom" in that a Town Meeting was created *specifically* for "in person" voting; the right for citizens to assemble and vote.

Bob reported that there have been no additional cases of COVID-19 over the past two weeks, here in Goshen.

Bob reported that the application (for the last quarter) for FEMA grant funds has been completed and submitted accordingly. This is for 75% of allowable pandemic expenses. In addition we will apply for *State* funds for the 25% not covered by FEMA or items not allowed by the grant.

8c. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to appoint Josephine Jones to fill the vacancy on Goshen Library Board. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

- a. Bid Opening: Aggregate Materials- Town of Goshen

AGGREGATE MATERIALS – 2020			
June 30, 2020			
		<u>Picked Up/ton</u>	<u>Delivered/ton</u>
Mountaintop Trucking 179 Colebrook River Rd. Winsted, CT 06098 860-496-7257	½" Crushed Stone	\$15.50	\$19.80
	¾" Crushed Stone	14.00	17.30
	1-1/4" Crushes Stone	12.50	15.50
	Modified Rip Rap	15.50	18.80
	Intermed. & Quarry Run	15.25	17.55
	1-1/4" Processed	11.50	14.80
	¾ Processed	12.00	15.30
	3" Minus Processed	11.00	14.30
	Asphalt Millings	15.00	18.30

Stone Construction Co., Inc 168 Main Street South Southbury, CT 06488 203-264-6501	½" Crushed Stone	No Bid	23.75
	¾" Crushed Stone	No Bid	23.75
	1-1/4" Crushed Stone	No Bid	23.75
	Modified Rip Rap	No Bid	25.50
	Intermed. & Quarry Run	No Bid	27.00
	1-1/4" Processed	No Bid	17.50
	¾" Processed	No Bid	18.00
	3" Minus Processed	No Bid	17.25
	Asphalt Millings	No Bid	10.00
O&G Industries, Inc. 112 Well Street Torrington, CT 06790 860-618-5863	½" Crushed Stone	17.25	23.25
	¾" Crushed Stone	14.50	20.50
	1-1/4" Crushed Stone	13.00	19.00
	Modified Rip Rap	16.00	22.00
	Intermed. & Quarry Run	16.00	25.00
	1-1/4" Processed	11.90	17.90
	¾" Processed	13.00	19.00
	3" Minus Processed	11.65	17.65
	Asphalt Millings (Screened)	33.45	41.45

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the aforementioned bids and forward them onto the Supervisor of Public Works for review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

10. Any 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 6:23 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide