

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 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: Sean O'Neil

1 Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of July 7, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 7, 2020 as amended. (Tom Stansfield (TAHD) was present while the people were assembling, but was not in attendance when the Town Meeting was called to order.) Voted unanimous.

3. Matter Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 16, 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 16, 2020 in the amount of \$1,350,480.44. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$17,358.96 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,333,121.48. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: B. Metcalf Paving – \$73,037.16; *Connecticare* (Health Ins.) - \$30,005.06; MIRA (tipping fees)-\$11,725.41; Reg. 6 School District – \$1,183,348.00; USA Hauling (recycling) – \$7,330.50. Bob Valentine commented that the Region 6 School District bill will be offset by approximately \$248,000 credit for capital expenses that were being put off by the District.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported on his conversation with David Lehman, DECD (Department of Economic Development) on the COVID-19 Executive Orders and related *Sector Rules* for Phase 2 and Phase 3 (Phase 3 has been currently suspended by Gov. Lamont. See more information in item 9. New Business: 9a. Goshen Stampede.)

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Bob Valentine gave an update on the re-opening of Town Hall. Only a few taxpayers have come in for the Tax Collector, the majority have been mailing in their payments which is much appreciated. Those who have visited, have been very respectful of the protocols, wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, logging in, maintaining the social distancing.

Bob reported that he has ordered “sneeze guard protectors” for the Goshen-Cornwall Senior Bus in the amount of \$1,600. The town of Cornwall will pay for ½ of this expense. The overall expense will be slated for FEMA and State of CT reimbursement applications.

Bob reported that he has renewed the agreement with Geer Nursing Home Facilities for scheduling of transportation on the Goshen-Cornwall Senior Bus and related record-keeping and reports.

Debbie Franklin, our Accounting Consultant, has been working to close accounts for “end of year” 6/30/20. Some accounts are slightly over such as MIRA (tipping fees); unanticipated expenses for the COVID-19 related items. Lynn Steinmayor, Library Director, has been given permission to purchase some new edition books, catching up on purchases that were put off previously because of the spending freeze. Public Works budget for chip seal is being reviewed for overages. The final compilations for closing the accounts will be sent out to our auditors for review.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

a. Town Continuation of Operations: RE: COVID-19, Governor Lamont’s Executive Orders: Phase 3 of Governor Lamont’s Executive orders are still under suspension.

b. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

a. Goshen Stampede:

Bob Valentine reported that he is in receipt of three (3) separate Special Event Permit applications from Sean O’Neil regarding the Goshen Stampede. Mr. O’Neil clarified the correct dates for submission – August 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and August 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd. Bob also mentioned an email sent previously letting Mr. O’Neill know that there were items missing for the applications that need to be submitted, such as maps of the event. In conversations with Lt. Mancini (Commander Troop B Canaan State Police), Bob discussed the Stampede and the required police presence. Also discussed was the propriety of issuing a liquor permit given the current situation with COVID-19.

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Once the application is complete, a legal ad in the local newspaper will need to be posted. Guided by Governor's Executive orders, Mr. O'Neil stated he has revised the event to be presented in an "ala carte" type of setups, shortened versions, which differs from previous years' set-ups of this event. Bob urged Mr. O'Neil to review his revised set ups with the current Phase 2 Sector rules in mind. Bob mentioned that given his recent conversations with Fire Marshal, Bill Baldwin, and Lt. Mancini, he is not inclined to support a liquor permit for August events. In addition to the Sector Rules, local ordinance must also be complied with. Under Bob Valentine's advice, Mr. O'Neil indicated that he would talk with Tom Stansfield of TAHD regarding food vendor set up and other issues before submitting finalized applications.

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 5:34 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide