

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 2020

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

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Mark S. Harris

EXCUSED: Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Tammy Diehl; Joe Guttadauro; John McKenna, Republican American

1 Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matter Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – August 6, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of August 6, 2020 in the amount of \$34,307.54. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$16,077.96 and the warrant in the amount of \$18,229.58. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Eversource: \$2,700.75; Vision Govt. (computer supplier) \$6,496.00.

Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – August 13, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of August 13, 2020 in the amount of \$52,147.30. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$33,785.75 and the warrant in the amount of \$18,361.55. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: City of Torrington, ACO: \$4,569.84; Eversource: \$1,011.50.

5. Public Comment: None

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6. First Selectman's Report:

Much time and effort has been devoted to getting power restored to our residents last week. As of today, almost all residents have had their power restored. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) set up a pick-up at the Town Hall parking lot giving out pallets filled with bottled water and MRE's (meals ready to eat) to our residents in need. Also charging stations were also made available for charging phones and other electronic devices, as well as water to fill containers. Efforts were made to reach out to vulnerable and elderly residents regarding their needs during this emergency. It is hoped that in the future, Eversource will improve their communication resources and emergency restoration plans.

First returns in the Shared Work Program for library staff were filed this week. Bob is grateful for the assistance he received from Rep. Jay Case in facilitating this endeavor.

Bob attended a meeting of the Regional Animal Control last week with Mayor, Elinor Carbone, First Selectman Denise Raap of Litchfield, Chief of Police, Bill Baldwin. In that the initial bids/proposals for a new animal facility came in very high, the discussion centered around the feasibility of Goshen and Litchfield applying for a STEAP grant from the state – \$128,000 each as a way to receive additional funds for the project. Selectman Raap will also investigate the former Veterinarian Clinic (Torrington/Litchfield Rd.) as to the availability/status of that building.

Selectman Raap initiated a conversation of having Litchfield Recreation Dept. work with Goshen's Recreation Dept. (Litchfield's Recreation Director has retired) to engage in cooperative programs and activities.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Town Continuation of Operations: RE: COVID-19 Governor Lamont's Executive Orders:

No new COVID-19 cases have been reported for the town of Goshen.

8b. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to reappoint Russell B. Hurley to the Water Pollution Control Authority with this term expiring October 31, 2022. Voted unanimous.

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9. New Business:

9a. Goshen Players – Old Town Hall Façade Easement

Tammy Diehl, Co-President of the Goshen Players, described how the roof had begun leaking, in which repairs were made. However, it was found that due to the disrepair of the chimneys, leaking was still taking place. She had conversations with Henrietta Horvay and Marcia Barker at the Historical Society in that they recently addressed issues with the chimney on the Historical Society's building.

The Board of the Goshen Players favored getting rid of the chimneys in that they no longer serve their purpose. To abide by the "façade easement" in place to keep the historical integrity of the building, the Goshen Players sought repair quotes from various chimney repair businesses. One proposed taking them down and rebuild them. Tammy Diehl is awaiting additional quotes. Selectman Harris felt that perhaps the chimney builders are taking the easy way out in suggesting the chimneys should be taken down. He feels a sit-down discussion should be done and evaluate/compare ways to save them. Bob reiterated that the building was sold to the Goshen Players with the easement clause regarding the façade to retain its original appearance. He feels something can be done above the roof line. He feels strongly that a fund raiser can be conducted to cover the cost of saving the chimneys. He suggested contacting Rod Zander for his input, as Mr. Zander has done chimney work. Mr. Guttadauro injected that a projected cost for the work to retain the chimneys is approximately \$16,000 per chimney. Bob is confident that funds could be raised to offset the cost. Tammy agreed to meet the Selectmen at the Old Town Hall sometime next week so the Selectmen can get a first hand look at the chimneys.

10. Any Other Business: None

11. Adjournment:

In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide