

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 15, 2020

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

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

OTHERS: John McKenna, Republican American

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 September 8, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 8, 2020. Voted unanimous.

3. Matter Arising Out of the Minutes: Cable Television Advisory Board (CTAC) held their regular meeting on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020. The main discussion centered around the recent internet outages in Goshen and remedies to avoid future outages.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – September 17, 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 September 17, 2020 in the amount of \$69,102.31. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$15,497.14 and the warrant in the amount of \$53,605.17. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: CIRMA (workers' comp) \$17,576.00; Eversource – \$1,719.05; Michigan Tech (Roadsoft software) \$1,495.00.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

A discussion took place on rental procedures for the Lodge at Camp Coch during this pandemic. Bob had conversations about this with both Colleen Kinkade, Recreation Director and Don Patterson, Chairman of the Recreation Commission. With the goal of preventing any outbreaks/increases of COVID-19, all meetings of the Boy Scouts and other groups will be held outside following the protocols of wearing masks and participants remaining 6' apart. No meetings will be held inside the Lodge. It is the opinion of the Board of Selectmen that consistencies of these policies must remain in place until changes are warranted, perhaps late in the fall or in the new year.

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The Tyler Lake Protective Association is proceeding with their regular “draw down” of the level of the lake procedure. The lake is down 1ft just from the lack of rain; maximum drawdown is 3 ft. This procedure enables lake residents to stabilize their shoreline, make repairs/clean-ups. and promotes weed control.

Bob reported that the Town has received payments from the Secretary of State’s office for election expenses. We have thus far received \$1,200 and a second payment of \$2,000. Due to the increase in absentee ballot usage, we have assistance from a student (WAMOGO) enrolled in Civics class; in addition we have volunteers from the League of Women Voters. Total election grants will be approximately \$4,300.

Bob reported that Rick Lynn, Executive Director of the Northwest Hill Council of Governments (NHCOG) has drafted a proposed modification of Conn. State Statutes, Section 7-1 relative to holding Town Meetings and Annual Town Meetings per recent discussion by the NHCOG members. The draft is being circulated to COST and CCM for comment.

Sec. 7-1 (c)

Where any town’s public buildings do not contain adequate safeguards for holding annual or special town meetings, any such town may hold any such meeting remotely through video-conferencing software that is generally available to the public. Such towns may also conduct annual and special town meetings through a “hybrid” combination of meetings within a public building and remote video-conferencing participation in the meeting.

The final payment from the State for the Milton Road Project came in today.

7. Correspondence: None

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, under item 9, 9a. Call of Town Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Voted unanimous.

8. Old Business:

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

There are no new cases of COVID-19 to report. The Executive Orders from the Governor’s office now include that the rules will be enforced by issuing “fines” for noncompliance.

8b. Appointments: None

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9. New Business:

9a. Call of Town Meeting:

The call of the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. was read aloud by Dexter S. Kinsella. **See attached.**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to accept the call of the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Voted unanimous.

10. Any Other Business: At their meeting of September 16, 2020, the Board of Finance approved the request for *Vison Software upgrade* for the Assessor's Office, updating the Randy Frank Payroll Matrix, and Woodridge Lake Drainage Improvements. Vision software upgrade and Randy Frank payroll matrix are under the threshold requiring town meeting approval, Woodridge Lake Drainage Improvements will require town meeting approval. The requests for major road projects, the new Public Works truck and new fire truck and ambulance were placed on hold for the time being.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide