

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 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: Chris Sanders, Cindy Barrett, Audrey Blondin

1 Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of October 13, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – October 22, 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 October 22, 2020 in the amount of \$63,624.91. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,739.31 and the warrant in the amount of \$38,885.60. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Connecticare \$15,002.53; Dime Oil Company \$2,350.40; Jespersen's Landscaping \$1,000.00; MIRA (recycling) \$13,105.82.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to accept the request to add to the agenda under **item 9, New Business, 9b. Tax Collector's Report – September 30, 2020**. Voted unanimous.

5. Public Comment: Audrey Blondin asked Bob Valentine if he has heard from Gov. Lamont regarding the "hybrid/virtual" Town meetings for municipalities. He has not. Ms. Blondin will contact the Governor's office.

Chris Sanders opined on the **Sustainable CT** and thoughts to be considered. "Wording" of the required "resolution" needs to be carefully thought out. Three (3) members – should one be from the municipal staff? Goshen is built on volunteers, should this be a new arm of town government? Will the efforts in this program be sustainable? compatible with other town committees, i.e., Goshen Business Circle, EDC. Cindy Barrett feels it behooves the town to keep an open mind.

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6. First Selectman's Report:

A meeting mandated by PURA regarding the tropical storm Isaisa on August 4th was held with Steve Silver, from *Eversource*, Jim O'Leary, EMD and Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works. The subject matter from this meeting was how to **"make crews safe"** and restore power as quickly as possible, safely. PURA put forth new requirements for *Eversource* to improving their response for future events. With this information, *Eversource* hopes to improve their service.

Final review of the audit has been done by Bob Valentine, Debbie Franklin and Chris King. George Sinnamon, auditor, will have a final draft for Monday October 19th.

As Bob sits on the Legislative Committee for NWCOG, he reported that this committee has put together priorities to submit to our Legislators for the next session that begins in January 2021. One of the items is the municipal hybrid public meetings.

Bob received draft report 2021-2022 ADM from Region 6 school district. These projections are based on October 1st student enrollment and a \$0 change to the total assessment. Projected totals for Warren – 112; Morris – 205; Goshen-323. This results in Goshen's Region 6 assessment increasing by \$145,998.90 Morris" decrease of \$110,928.35 and Warren decreasing by \$35,070.55. As previously mentioned, Goshen Center School has an increase of 23 students.

7. Correspondence: None

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

There are no new cases in Goshen of COVID-19 to report.

8b. Appointments: A brief discussion took place on the vacancy on the ZBA and the Inlands/Wetlands Commission. Bob also reported receiving a letter of resignation from Amy Tobin for EDC.

9. New Business:

9a. BOS Meeting Calendar for 2021: (See attached)

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In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adopt the calendar of meetings for 2021 the Board of Selectmen as submitted. Voted unanimous.

9b. Tax Collector's Report - September 30, 2020:

Collection rate – collected less refunds vs. total budgeted – 58.03%. This figure is consistent with the prior three years collection rates.

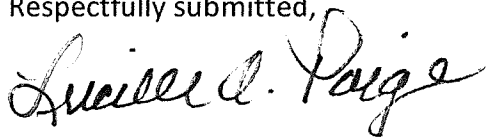
In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to accept the Tax Collector's Report – September 30, 2020 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

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 5:35 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lucille A. Paige". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

TOWN OF GOSHEN				
BOARD OF SELECTMEN				
REGULAR MEETINGS 2021				
Town Hall Conference Room				
5:00 p.m.				
January 5, 2021				July 6, 2021
January 12, 2021				July 13, 2021
January 19, 2021				July 20, 2021
January 26, 2021				July 27, 2021
February 2, 2021				August 3, 2021
February 9, 2021				August 10, 2021
February 16, 2021				August 17, 2021
February 23, 2021				August 24, 2021
March 2, 2021				August 31, 2021
March 9, 2021				September 7, 2021
March 16, 2021				September 14, 2021
March 23, 2021				September 21, 2021
March 30, 2021				September 28, 2021
April 6, 2021				October 5, 2021
April 13, 2021				October 12, 2021
April 20, 2021				October 19, 2021
April 27, 2021				October 26, 2021
May 4, 2021				November 2, 2021
May 11, 2021				November 9, 2021
May 18, 2021				November 16, 2021
May 25, 2021				November 23, 2021
June 1, 2021				November 30, 2021
June 8, 2021				December 7, 2021
June 15, 2021				December 14, 2021
June 22, 2021				December 21, 2021
June 29, 2021				December 28, 2021
				*Election Day
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Town Meetings -May 26, Nov 15				

Spencer A. Paige

Received Oct 21, 2020 @ 3:00 P.M.
 Attest Becky Z. Bean
 Goshen Town Clerk