

Town of Goshen  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, October 27, 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: Cindy Barrett, Audrey Blondin

**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 October 20, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 20, 2020. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** Following the meeting of 10/20/2020, an email was received from Governor Lamont's office advising that an executive order was issued allowing for "hybrid" form of attendance/voting at Town meetings.

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – October 29, 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 29, 2020 in the amount of \$52,444.06. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$15,651.96 and the warrant in the amount of \$36,792.10 Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Target Enterprises (West Hyderdale Rd.) \$7,612.91; Mountaintop Trucking - \$1,037.48.

**5. Public Comment:** Audrey Blondin conveyed that Senator Richard Blumenthal may be making a personal appearance this Saturday, October 31, 2020 at Scoville Park in Goshen.

**6. First Selectman's Report:**

Bob reported that the town of Goshen submitted expenses in the amount of \$14,903.48 and will be reimbursed the same from State Corona, Relief Fund (CRF). Still outstanding, Goshen also submitted overtime hours from employees to FEMA. There's anticipated to be a second round of reimbursements from CRF fund for July 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. This second round should cover the sneeze guards installed in the Goshen Cornwall Senior Bus and other items.

The Town's audit has been completed. This will be submitted to the Board of Finance at their meeting of Wednesday, October 28 and will be presented by our auditor, George Sinnamon. Mr. Sinnamon found our accounts and practices to be very favorable.

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The Annual Report for the year ending June 30, 2020 is at the printers and should be out in two weeks.

With the green light coming from the Governor's Executive Order for hybrid Town meetings Bob has ordered the technology necessary to facilitate the meetings including a 75" TV screen, camera, speakers and microphones. Total cost, without IT support, \$7,154. The purchase will come from Capital and Non-Recurring account under Emergency Management. In addition, monies may be coming from the Voting Enhancement grant obtained by the Registrars. Microphones will be placed in various places around the GCS gymnasium to ensure everyone's input can be heard; Bob Leigh (Yucatech) will hard-wire the internet cable at the school to enable transmission. In person attendance as well as virtual will be allowed at the Annual Town meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> however **phone** in attendance **will not** be allow because of the inability to confirm the identity of those phoning in for any votes. The process and the equipment will be rehearsed at a Board of Selectmen meeting prior to the Town Meeting.

**7. Correspondence:** None

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

TAHD has reported several cases of COVID-19 recently: 1 on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and 2 on October 21<sup>st</sup> (within the same family).

**8b. Appointments:** None

**8c. Bid Opening: Dried Screen Road Sand:**

**Rebid 10-27-2020**

**Town of Goshen  
Dry Screened Road Sand**

	<u>Per Ton Delivered</u>	<u>Per Ton Picked Up</u>
Laurelbrook Natural Resources, LLC 12 Casey Hill Road East Canaan, CT 06024 860-824-7217	\$17.80	\$12.00
O&G Industries, Inc. 112 Wall Street Torrington, CT 06790 860-618-5863	\$19.00	\$13.00

Segalla Sand & Gravel, Inc. 112 Allyndale Road North Canaan, CT 06018 860-824-4444	\$14.50	\$11.00
Moutaintop Trucking 179 Colebrook River Road Winsted, CT 06098 860-496-7257	\$16.30	\$11.00
The Stone Construction Co., Inc. 168 Main Street PO Box 123 Southbury, CT 06488 203-264-6501	\$23.50	\$23.50

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

**9. New Business: None**

**10. Any Other Business:**

Selectman Mark Harris reported that he had read on *Goshen Chatter*, that individuals were knocking on residents' doors advising that they are new to Goshen and soliciting recommendations for "good places to eat in the area". Bob advised that due to the pandemic, residents should not be opening their doors to strangers, in addition, anyone who is soliciting door to door in Goshen is required to obtain a "Hawkers and Peddlers " permit from the First Selectman's office before going door to door.

**11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide