

Town of Goshen  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, November 3, 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

**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 27, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 27, 2020. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** Selectman Harris apologized for a misunderstanding that emanated from the *Goshen Chatter* site regarding the “Hawkers & Peddlers” permit for Goshen residents.

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 5, 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 November 5, 2020, in the amount of \$1,540,393.36. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$12,909.86 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,527,483.50. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: CT Library Consortium: \$1,771.35; J.W. Tractor: \$1,813.39; CONN.DOT Inspections: \$4,137.31; RSD #6, Nov. Dec.: \$1,431,473.00; O&G (Tamarack Lane) \$74,123.69.

**5. Public Comment:** None

**6. First Selectman’s Report:**

The Board of Finance met last week (Wednesday, 10-28<sup>th</sup>) wherein George Sinnamon, Auditor presented the final audit report for Town of Goshen. He presented a very favorable review. Again, we thank all the Town departments for their due diligence and hard work to make this possible.

The **Annual Town Meeting** for Goshen will take place on **Monday, November 16, 2020, 8:00 p.m. at the Goshen Center School Gymnasium**. This meeting will be a “hybrid” type meeting available in the digital format to encompass a larger portion of Goshen residents. In-person attendance will be under COVID-19 protocols, registrars will be in attendance for voter identification.

**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>. Litchfield County hospitalization rates has been between 0 and 3 since mid summer. With hospitalizations ticking up in *other* CT counties, Gov. Lamont has had to roll back several of his Executive Orders.

The rollbacks Phase (2.1) as listed below.

- Restaurants will roll back to 50% capacity
- Arts and entertainment facilities, arcades, movie theaters, close by 9:30 p.m.
- Hair Salons/Barber shops will operate at 75% capacity
- Performing Arts limited to 100 people
- Religious services/gatherings allowed 50% capacity
- Employers are to maximize televised work-at-home where feasible

It's important to understand that the above roll-back regulations pertain to private gatherings, Church gatherings and businesses – **not municipalities**. Goshen's upcoming Annual Town Meeting is not in violation of any of these "roll-back" changes.

**8b. Appointments:** None

**9. New Business:**

Selectman Harris reported that he as been in contact with TAHD to receive clarification concerning when individuals should "quarantine". For instance, an individual who is under quarantine because of a suspected contact with a COVID-19 individual does not create a quarantine requirement for anyone who is in contact with any such person. (WAMOG0) had 120 students in quarantine. **Quarantine** is when you may have been in contact with a person who has COVID-19, yet you have not shown any COVID-19 systems. **Isolation** is when a person has tested positive for COVID-19- he/she therefore should have contact with other people, except health professionals.

**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 5:12 p.m. Voted unanimous.