

Town of Goshen  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, November 24, 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, John McKenna – Republican American

**1 Call to order:** Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2020:**

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020 as presented. Voted unanimous.

**3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 25, 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 25, 2020, in the amount of \$44,672.32. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,496.72 and the warrant in the amount of \$20,175.60. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Firematic (SCBA Filters, COVID 19) - \$4,170.08; NWCOG (HHW Day) - \$3,035.64.

**5. Public Comment:** Cindy Barrett stated the clearing of trees on Ives Road went very well.

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

The traditional "Thanksgiving Proclamation" has been issued and can be found on the Goshen Town Website. The Board of Selectmen extend their best wishes to everyone for a great Thanksgiving Holiday.

Bob Valentine reported that an updated salary/pay matrix will be completed in January, using a Salary Survey issued by NWCOG and CCM and other available data. The cost will be \$750. The updating will be done by Randi Frank Consulting LLC.

Employee evaluations will be sent out next week to be completed at the beginning of January 2021.

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Bob Valentine reported he would like to “lock-in” gas, diesel, and heating oil prices for next fiscal year. He pointed out that *Dime Oil* can provide *all three* types of fuel and prices would be based on New Haven harbor futures prices, whereas, other fuel providers in the area can provide only two types of fuel. The Selectmen were in agreement.

Unfortunately, there are two additional cases of COVID-19 in Goshen over the past week. At Charlotte Hungerford Hospital, there are 20 patients with COVID-19 ( 7 in ICU). An uptick in the virus is being seen in Litchfield County. Bob urges everyone to continue social distancing and, wearing masks per CDC guidelines.

The Pop-Up COVID-19 test site at the Church of Christ Congregational was held last Friday, Nov. 20 and was a great success. Many people availed themselves of this opportunity to be tested for the virus. Kudos to the Community Health and Wellness Center for providing this opportunity.

The tree removal by Distinctive Tree Care (DTC) has begun on Goshen roads. (ref. BOS meeting of October 13<sup>th</sup>). Bob showed a brief movie highlighting the advanced, cost saving process of the trees being cut down using a grapple and attached chainsaw and then the swift process of the remains through a large chipper while the chips are blown into a trailer dump. Everyone viewing the method was impressed.

**7. Correspondence: None**

**8. Old Business:**

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

The Governor’s Conference calls on Wednesdays have resumed. Bob, in the questions and answers portion of the call mentioned the success of the “Hybrid” Annual Town Meeting recently held here in Goshen. This opens the door for other towns in Connecticut to follow during the pandemic.

**8b. Appointments: None**

**9. New Business: None**

**10. Any Other Business:** The EDC (Economic Development Commission) of Goshen held their first meeting with the newly elected members Monday.

**1. Adjournment:**

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

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide