

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 08, 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 5:04 p.m.

2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of November 24, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 24, 2020 as presented. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: Bob Valentine reported as of this date, he has not yet “locked in” on the gas, diesel and heating oil prices. Noting the prices, he will probably do this next week.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 3, 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 December 3, 2020, in the amount of \$19,238.94. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$11,737.84 and the warrant in the amount of \$7,501.10. Motion carried with Robert P. Valentine abstaining. Included in the warrant were: Eversource: \$1,298.68.

Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 10, 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 December 10, 2020, in the amount of \$99,924.64. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$25,879.31 and the warrant in the amount of \$74,045.33. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant were: Distinctive Tree Care: \$29,237.50; Innovative Surface Solutions (Magic Salt) - \$5,827.60; Supreme Forest Products - \$5,900.

5. Public Comment: None

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, item 9 New Business: 9a. Tax Collector’s Report-November 30, 2020. Voted unanimous.

6. First Selectman’s Report:

Bob Valentine has received his weekly status report from Tom Stansfield of the TAHD; unfortunately, the uptick trend continues.

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In his recent meeting with the Town Hall Staff, he reported that all of them felt comfortable with the Town Hall being open. The public enters the building, signs in, takes/records their temperature, and uses hand sanitizers available. When inside, standard protocols of wearing masks, plexiglass at the doorways, social distancing are observed.

Our Town Clerks reports that land transfers/revenues are up; the Building Department also shows an increase in permits/revenues are up.

Bob Valentine distributed a **draft** copy of *Goshen Compensation Review and Update for 2021* authored by Randi Frank Consulting LLC. Goshen is awaiting recent salary surveys from NWCOG and CCM for comparisons. This data in this “update” demonstrates how Ms. Frank analyses the information. The purpose of updating town pay matrix is to keep pay scales in line with similar size towns, particularly in the northwest corner.

A memo has gone out to Dept. Heads to conduct performance/salary reviews after January 1, 2021.

Work continues with a more permanent installation of the zoom meeting equipment in the conference room.

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. The Governor is grappling with closings of some businesses in view of the spike in COVID cases. All are reminded not to let your guard down. In Connecticut 64K doses of the new vaccine will become available soon, with health care workers, EMS personnel and nursing homes at the top of the list, followed by those 65 yrs. of age and older.

8b. Appointments: None

9. New Business: None

9a. Tax Collector’s Report – November 30, 2020:

The Collection Rate- collected less refunds vs. total budgeted – is 59.26% which is on target with previous years’ rates for this date.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris it was **voted** to receive the Tax Collector’s Report for November 30, 2020 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

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10. Any Other Business: None

1. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:33p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide