

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 22, 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 Kenna, Republican American

1 Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of December 15, 2020 as presented. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None.

Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 24, 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 24, 2020, in the amount of \$45,208.27. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$28,939.17, and the warrant in the amount of \$16,269.10. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Gowan Knight (Engine 2 emergency repair) \$2,085.99; John Hancock – (pensions) \$4,867.43; O&G (asphalt) \$1,540.38.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Regarding COVID-19 vaccinations, Phase **1.a** vaccinations will be for Medical personnel, EMS and first responders. **1.b** Will be for essential workers which will include Town Hall staff. Torrington Area Health District (TAHD) will receive vaccine Wednesday 12-23-20 and will be conducting a clinic on December 26th at it's office in Torrington. Shipments of the vaccine are scheduled to be received on a weekly basis thereafter. An estimated time of vaccine for Town Hall staff is the end of January, first part of February.

As discussed at the December 15th, Board of Selectmen meeting, regarding the potential for things like "ransomware" and other computer attacks, Bob requested an appropriation from the Board of Finance in order to use cloud based software for both Tax and Assessor's office. The BOF did agree, adjustments in budget will be made year end as necessary.

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Bob reported receiving an e-mail from Rob Rubbo, TAHD requesting 10% of Goshen's Corona Relief Fund (CRF) dollars received from July 1st to December 30th in order to offset some of the additional expenses that the Health District has incurred due to covid-19. CRF funds can be allocated to Health Districts if a municipality wishes. Bob would like to be sure the town's COVID-19 expenses are covered first, before committing. The board agreed to send funds to TAHD as long as Goshen's expenses are covered first. The total CRF funds Goshen will be receiving is \$16,136.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Town Continuation of Operations: RE: COVID-19 Governor Lamont's Executive Orders:
Three additional cases of COVID-19 were reported for Goshen. The 31 COVID-19 patients at Charlotte Hungerford last week this time has decreased to 16. The Library will go back to the Phase 2, where it will be closed and by appointment only, implementing using the book drop, etc.

Bob distributed the Governors Executive Order 9R to the Board prior to the meeting. EO 9R requires municipalities to offer a 90-day deferral of property taxes due January 1st for those who have had financial effects due to Covid-19 or low interest, 3% Per Annum for 90 days. These are the same options required for last June's property taxes. The Board decided to keep the same option as last June, 3% per Annum for 90 days.

8b. Appointments: None

9. New Business: None

10. Any Other Business:

The Goshen Town Hall will be closed for business at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide