

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 05, 2021

This meeting held and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

Zoom Conference Link: <https://zoom.us/j/379444182>

Meeting ID #: 379-444-182

Option 2: Dial-in number: 1-929-205-6099

PRESENT: Robert P. Valentine, Mark S. Harris, Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Cindy Barrett

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 29, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of December 29, 2020 as presented. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: Selectman Kinsella inquired as to the next meeting of the Affordable Housing Committee. The meeting hasn't been scheduled yet but it is hoped it will be some time in the next two weeks

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – January 7, 2021

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of January 7, 2021 in the amount of \$57,694.56. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$17,196.93, and the warrant in the amount of \$40,497.63. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Cargill Salt: (road salt) \$10,479.59; Litchfield County Dispatch: \$16,309.53; McNeil & Company (Fire Co. insurance) \$6,031.50.

5. Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Five (5) additional cases of COVID-19 have been recorded in Goshen from one week ago. Hospitalizations in Litchfield County have decreased down to 11 cases; Charlotte Hungerford Hospital has recorded 4 cases in ICU.

Paul Collins has been appointed **Recycling Coordinator** for the town of Goshen. Mr. Collins served as VP of *Integrated Supply Chain* in New York City. He has retired and become a Goshen resident. He can be contacted at RATs@goshenct.gov.

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The Recycling article in *Town Topics* has received kudos from some Goshen residents stating, "It's very helpful."

Outstanding is the status of MIRA solid waste to energy plant, in that there seems to be no appetite from the Governor's office to support the State assisting in the rebuild of the plant, even though not rebuilding the plant would mean sending trash out of state to be land fill.

At the meeting of the **Lake Weed Committee** last week, Selectman Mark Harris reported that the Connecticut Federation of Lakes under the auspices of the (DEEP) has increased the fees on boat registrations. These funds are being collected to address the "weed" problems in CT lakes. Available monies for grants are \$360,000 (limit is \$50K per lake). The grant application must be submitted to DEEP by February 12, 2021. Applications here in Goshen are being planned by Tyler, West Side and Dog Pond. Tyler and West Side have organizations who have no-profit status and each will apply for a grant. Dog Pond will apply through the Town of Goshen. Grants are matching grant for up to 25% of project costs. If approved, the grants would help offset the loss of funds from the Town of Goshen this year.

Selectman Harris stated it should be noted that "our three lakes in Goshen have been cited by the State as leaders in weed control".

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

a. Town Continuation of Operations RE: COVID-19 Governor Lamont's Executive Orders: Most Executive Orders have been continued until February. Currently vaccinations are being conducted for phase 1a, Hospital workers, Nursing Homes and First responder. The goal is to have everyone in 1a vaccinated by the end of the month. Goshen's EMS personnel are currently being vaccinated.

Bob reported that Jeff Zeiner (WZBG radio) called to ask for his goals for 2021. Top on Bob's priorities are getting as many Goshen residents as possible vaccinated against COVID-19; followed by the State finalizing the purchase of 620 acres on Beach Hill for a wildlife Management area and creation of an Affordable Housing Plan for Goshen.

b. Appointments: See Page 1

9. New Business: None

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 5:18 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide