

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday November 16, 2021

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

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris, Dexter S. Kinsella,

OTHERS: Cindy Barrett; Audrey Blondin; Henreitta Horvay

1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 9, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant –November 18, 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 November 18, 2021 in the amount of \$191,780.73 Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,148.21 and the warrant in the amount of \$178,632.52. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Fay & Wright (E. Hyderdale Dr.) \$150,265; NWCOG- (Housing Study) -\$5,727.23; Target (East St. North) - \$3,180.38.

5 . Public Comment:

Cindy Barret expressed her concerns in that the “Zoom” PA system cut out the transmissions from the public and the Moderator at the Annual and Special Town meeting held on Monday, November 15, 2021. The “Zoom” component must be in top working order for the reliability of the actions taken at such meeting. Perhaps a Town Hall employee can be assigned “Zoom” equipment set up.

Henrietta Horvay also expressed her concern and disappointment in being unable to receive necessary information concerning the candidates, voting, etc. due to the equipment malfunctioning at Town meetings. She also mentioned that **Title 75** concerning the Economic Development Committee should have been on the Special Town Meeting. Audrey Blondin also echoed the aforementioned remarks as she also was cut off from major portions of the Town Meeting. But she appreciated the efforts that were made.

6. First Selectman’s Report:

Current COVID-19 cases in Litchfield County (hospitals) are 6, as reported at 6:00 p.m. today.

Todd attended a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in which Broadband connections for the northwest corner of the state was the topic of discussion. CT is said be receiving 8% of this infrastructure payout.

Todd announced that Jim O’Leary, has stepped down from Emergency Services Director for Goshen. He will serve instead as “Deputy Director” for Emergency Director. Pending receipt of the official letter of resignation from Jim, Robert P. Valentine will serve as Emergency Services Director.

Todd reported he placed a request for ISP for funding for the Goshen-Cornwall Senior bus. Funds have been applied for the balance of 2021 (\$10,000) and for 2022 (\$32,000).

Todd reported the very latest pricing for heating oil, diesel fuel and gasoline from Dime Oil Company.. From this information showing favorable pricing and discussion with the Board of Selectmen, it was agreed that it may be advantageous to have Todd lock into pricing at this time. See as follows.

- Heating Oil - \$2.5597
- Diesel Fuel – \$2.5496
- Gasoline - \$2.4585

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Todd M. Carusillo, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to appoint Garret Harlow for Tree Warden, with term expiring November 30, 2023. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Dr. Jeffrey Damiano for Alternate on the Economic Development Commission, to fill the vacancy of Todd Carusillo. Voted unanimous.

Todd, in serving as First Selectman of Goshen, apprised everyone that he also serves “Burning Official” or the town. In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was voted to have Todd M. Carusillo as “Burning Official.” Voted unanimous.

9. New Business: None

10. Other Business:

Todd reported that he attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting last Friday. He learned that Connecticut will be receiving 8% (\$100,000) of an infrastructure bill that is being considered for Broadband service to the Northwest Corner of Connecticut. Selectman Harris suggested that it may in Goshen’s best interest to convene a *Broadband Advisory Committee*. Selectman Kinsella agreed in that this “committee” can learn what options will be available and what “regional” solutions can be garnered from this venture.

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Voted unanimous.