

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday November 30, 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; Paul Collins, Scott Olson; Peter Kujawski; John McKenna, Republican American Henrietta Horvay; David Boisvert.

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 23, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 23, 2021 as corrected: Peter Kujawski's name was spelled incorrectly. Further corrections of said minutes can be found under item 5. Public Comment of these minutes. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: During last week's meeting regarding "gravel" purchase, a formal bid was put out to the public. Mr. Colby chose not to participate in that bidding process. Mark S. Harris and Todd Carusillo are not "active" members of the Broadband Committee.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 2, 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 December 2, 2021 in the amount of \$24,277.42. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,231.54 and the warrant in the amount of \$11,045.88. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Leonard Engineering, (East Hyerdale Dr.) \$1,344.80

5 . Public Comment:

The BOS took full responsibility for the failure of the sound/connection system that took place at last week's meeting, including an apology to Henrietta Horvay for same. In addition, her request in her letter to the BOS regarding Selectman Mark Harris having to rescind his motion to change item 3, under the **Title 75 Ordinance**, it was duly noted in the minutes of November 23, 2021 that said motion was withdrawn. Under item 10 - Other Business, of those minutes, 8% of the infrastructure bill being under consideration for Broadband for the northwest corner of the state, was corrected to read \$100,000,000. Also, under 10. Other Business of 11/23/2021 Minutes, "Northwest corner may receive 17% which equals \$40,000,000."

6. First Selectman's Report:

Todd reported all budget letters have gone out to all town departments for the 2022/2023 budget compilations.

The COVID-19 count of cases in Litchfield County was 17 yesterday but today the count is 21.

With consulting from Mayor O'Leary from Waterbury, Todd filled out the paperwork for the National Opioid Settlement.

MIRA: To clarify, MIRA's fees are tipping fees. Todd questioned if there would be "additional fees" if Goshen should opt out. Discussion among BOS members and Paul Collins, Recycling Director, revealed that the overall contract is for 5 years. Further investigation will be done, inasmuch as MIRA is the only hauler in town.

Todd reported that there is a position opened at the Town Library. After some discussion, it was agreed that Library Director, Ms. Lynn Steinmayer will interview subjects resumes and recommend a candidate to the Board of Selectmen for final approval.

Supervisor of Public Works, Garret Harlow has requested permission to go out to bid on a new/used roadside tractor with mower. The one used now costs \$14,000 to rent for the summer. Discussion came up with questioning where the \$150,000 for a new one would come from. Prior to going out to bid, Dexter Kinsella would like to see an overall cost analysis to identify the benefits of a new tractor over renting one for the season.

Todd announced that Christopher Sanders has resigned from the EDC (Economic Development Commission) In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Scott Olson from *alternate* position to *sitting Commission position*. Voted unanimous. To fill the position of "alternate" (held by Scott Olson) for the EDC, Dexter S. Kinsella made a **motion** to appoint Peter Kujawski , seconded by Mark S. Harris. Voted unanimous.

Todd reported that he has received a request to use the conference room at Town Hall from *Trout Unlimited*. They hold one (1) meeting a month. Availability of use of conference rooms in Town Hall was discussed. Perhaps this organization serves a regional area, rather than just the town of Goshen. As such, Todd may suggest availability of the NWCOG conference rooms as an alternative. The use of the conference room at Town Hall is under the preview of the First Selectman.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: None

8b. Broadband:

Scott Olson announced that the first meeting of the *Broadband Committee* will be held this Friday, December 3, 2021. The public is invited to attend. An agenda will be forthcoming.

(Dexter Kinsella and Jim Mersfelder have made headway in forming a "Bantam Lake Protective Association Task Force." (See BOS minutes from November 23, 2021.) Inasmuch as Dr. Jeff Damiano has shown interest in this endeavor, Dexter Kinsella will investigate further the progress.)

11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide