

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday October 26, 2021

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

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

OTHERS: Todd Carusillo; Cindy Barrett, Jim Withstandley, John McKenna- Republican American

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021 as submitted. Motion carried with Robert P. Valentine abstaining.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant –October 28, 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 October 28, 2021 in the amount of \$110,483.27. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,627.49 and the warrant in the amount of \$85,855.78. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Connecticare (health insurance)-\$16,335.25; Firematic (engines 3 & 1) -\$4,556.59; Litchfield Ford (new F550 truck)- \$43,141.00; Target Enterprise (pipe for East Hyerdale)-\$2,449.90.

5 . Public Comment: None

6. First Selectman's Report:

Bob Valentine reported that total hospitalizations from COVID-19 are 8, which is a good number at this time.

Having received an "early draft" of the RSD6 Town *Assessment* from Superintendent Chris Leone, Bob reported the following totals:

• Warren	K-12 total – 128	19.97%	\$408,236.47
• Morris	K-12 total - 205	31.98%	\$ (43,515.88)
• Goshen	K-12 total - 308	48.05%	\$ (364,720.59)

The above has to be certified by the CSDE (pending) and is based on a 0% change to total assessment (we are still months away from that point).

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9, New Business, 9b. Resolution for the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, 9c. Request for Town Aid Road funds for Public Works. Voted unanimous.

Pricing was received for the Electricity RFP done by CCM (Connecticut Council of Municipalities) as reported in the BOS minutes of October 5, 2021. In the future it is anticipated that there will a very *unfriendly* electricity rate due to national policies and substantially increasing natural gas prices. After discussion, the board agreed to look at locking in pricing for three years on our current contract which expires in 2022.

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The meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission will be held tonite at 7:00 p.m. On the agenda will be the Board of Selectmen's request to add the Affordable Housing Plan to the Plan of Conservation and Development.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Tax Collector's Report – September 30, 2021:

The Collection rate- collected less refunds vs. total budgeted is 58.80%. This is in line with previous Tax Collector's Reports for previous years.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to receive the Tax Collector's Report – September 30, 2021 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

9b. Resolution for the CT Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security: SEE ATTACHED.

Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella read the aforementioned Resolution aloud. These are the funds that are used and directed by the Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) consisting of 43 towns in the DEMHS region 5 area. NWCOG is responsible for managing the funds.

In a **motion** made by Selectman Mark S. Harris, seconded by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adopt said Resolution as submitted. Voted unanimous.

9c. Request for Town Aid Road funds for Public Works Department:

Garret Harlow, Supervisor for Public Works, has requested an allocation from TAR Funds, Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) in place for paving of School Hill Road (from Sandy Beach to Westside Road), Sucker Brook Road and Sunset Drive. Amount \$201,781.00.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the allocation from the TAR fund in the amount of \$201,781.00 for Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) in place as described above. Voted unanimous.

Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works has requested an allocation from TAR Funds for tree removal from various locations in Goshen in the amount of \$40,000. Mr. Harlow advised that the work will be done by one of the on-call tree contractors as selected by the lowest bid.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the allocation from the TAR fund in the amount of \$40,000.00 for selective removal of dead and compromised trees along various roads throughout Goshen. Voted unanimous.

10. 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 5:30 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide