

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

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

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

OTHERS: Lynn Steinmayer, Library Director; Henreitta Horvay, Chairman of the Library Board; Sean O'Neil; Brandy Summerlin; Frank Lomes

1 Call to order: Robert P. Valentine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval the minutes of the meeting of May 26, 2020, 2020:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of May 26, 2020 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matter Arising Out of the Minutes: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 6-4-2020:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Robert P. Valentine, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of 6-4-2020 in the amount of \$19,004.16. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,189.78 and the warrant in the amount of \$5,814.38. Motion passed with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in the warrant were: Eversource - \$946.47; O&G (asphalt) - \$682.16.

Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 6-11-2020:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of 6-11-2020 in the amount of \$74,848.04. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$24,597.96 and the warrant in the amount of \$50,250.08. Included in the warrant were: Kofile Tech \$4,710.00; Lenard Engineering (Tamarak Lane) \$10,789.64; Northeast Crack Seal (various roads) \$18,289.50.

5. Public Comment:

Sean O'Neil commented on the denial of Special Events Permit for the Goshen Stampede. He stated that he is working with the Connecticut Reopening Team and the Goshen Agricultural Society and currently plans to change dates of the "Stampede" for July 17th, 18th and 19th. Bob stated that the Board of Selectmen must abide by the Governor's Executive Orders, and that allowing large events won't be addressed until Phase 3 and Phase 4, sometime in August or September. He suggested that Mr. O'Neil submit an application for a specific date if he would like the board of selectmen to considerate it.

6. First Selectman's Report:

Some good news – a big thank you goes out to Senator Craig Minor for his getting involved to get a long-delayed reimbursement payment from ConnDot for paving project on Milton Rd, completed last fall. While the total amount owed Goshen is \$ 567,365,09, Senator Minor's intervention resulted in a portion of that amount \$497,700 from ConnDOT for the project. The balance of \$69,665.09 has been promised for next month.

Bob was pleased to report that the "Shred-It" and "Electronics Re-Cycling" day that was held here in Goshen this past Saturday was an outstanding success. It appeared that many people practicing "staying home" during the COVID-19 protocols, decided to clean out their storage spaces, attics, etc. A sincere "thank you" goes out to the Recycling And Trash Committee for their help in this effort.

Bob reported that he and Ned Bixler (BOF) met today and reviewed the proposals from area auditors to preform audit services for the Town of Goshen. It was agreed to choose Sinnamon & Associates, LLC, with offices both in Litchfield and Canaan. In that Goshen employs Deborah Franklin of King & King Associates as our accountant consultants, the fees for the auditing services were very favorable - \$13,500.

Bob requested the BOS approve a withdrawal of \$150,000 from Goshen's TAR account to finish up the Tamarack Lane project.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appropriate from the TAR account the amount of \$150,000 to reclaim and rebuild Tamarack Lane contingent upon the reimbursement, previously mentioned coming from the State (ConnDOT). Voted unanimous.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Town Continuation of Operations, RE: COVID-19, Governor Lamont's Executive Orders:

Bob reported that currently there are no COVID-19 cases at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital at this time.

Both Library Director, Lynn Steinmayer and President of the Library Board, Henrietta Horvay will initiate efforts to open the Goshen Library to the public by appointment under protocol being formulated by Lynn and the Library Board. Ms. Horvay will initiate a special meeting of the Library Board to consider the protocol and opening. For consideration is no more than four (4) people at a time by appointment with ½ hour slots, beginning Monday, June 15. The standard COVID-19 practices will continue to be in place, i.e., wearing of masks, "sneeze guards" will be in place, gloves/hand sanitizing for handling of books, signs directing "social distancing".

In addition, Bob reported that inasmuch as the Governor appears to be easing some restrictions that were in place, that plans are in place for offices in the Town Hall to resume to full staff accommodations. Selectman Kinsella has completed the half-doors with plexiglass on the Fiscal Office and will complete the same design for the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk's office. These doors will enable the offices to conduct business more safely.

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Bob serves on the Board of the ACIR (**A**dvisory **C**ommission on **I**ntergovernmental **R**elations) which has put together newly created documentation regarding best practices for “Long Term Recovery” on the State level and local level. He will share this ACIR information with Selectman Harris to coordinate with the Goshen’s Long Term Recovery Committee. James O’Leary, Goshen’s EMS director, will share with Selectman Harris, his information from the State also.

8b. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Robert P. Valentine, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, Rod Zander was appointed as regular member to the Citizen Advisory Committee for **Recycling And Trash (RATs)**. Voted unanimous.

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 6:20 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully,

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide