

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday September 13, 2022

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

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Mark S. Harris

EXCUSED: Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin, Joe Pedone, Lucy Hussman, John McKenna, Republican American; Dave Boisvert

1. **Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 2022:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was voted to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. **Matters Arising Out of the Minutes:** None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – September 15, 2022:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of September 15, 2022 in the amount of \$48,766.41. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,636.81 and the warrant in the amount of \$35,129.60. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant: John Hancock – Pensions: \$4,577.62; CIRMA – Workers Comp.- \$17,243.00; Jesperson's Landscaping: \$1,600.00

5. First Selectman's Report:

COVID – 19: Per this week's TAHD report, there are 3 cases here in Goshen.

Last Wednesday, September 7, Todd participated in a softball game at Fuessenich Park in Torrington between Ned Lamont's team vs. Bob Stefanowski's team. Everyone got along; it was a good time for all. Proceeds went to the Friendly Hands Food Bank.

Received plaque in memory of George and Patricia Schuster. The plaque will be placed on the Pavilion at Camp Coch during a formal dedication ceremony to be planned in the future.

Lt. Governor, Susan Bycsiewicz was featured guest at Camp Coch last week to bring honor and remembrance to the Goshen residents (47) who are veterans from the Korean War and Vietnam War. It was a great ceremony.

Todd, Dexter and Mark looked over the Scoville Park area with changes in mind to make more space to make it more useful for the public and preserve the history there. The tree was taken down; possible to erect poll barn, better space for the "Farmers' Market", etc.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin noticed the article in the newspaper regarding the Affordable Housing in Goshen located at the Village Marketplace. Great job.

Henrietta Horvay questioned if there will be a “dedication” ceremony for the Pavilion at Camp Coch in memory of George and Patricia Schuster. Todd explained that at this time, the soil around the Pavilion needs to be treated, regraded before visitors can use it. Mark Harris further explained that the area surrounding the facility is not safe for public to use at this time.

7. Correspondence:

Todd received a nice note of thanks from Dawn Wilkes for enabling her to attend the Registrars of Voters Conference.

In that the Hartford facility of the MIRA (**M**aterials **I**nnovation and **R**ecycling **A**uthority) the region’s solid waste disposal facilities, will be closed, they would like to begin discussions to use Torrington and Essex transfer stations and others for their solid waste management needs. Todd will keep apprised of these discussions, and other options that may arise in these changes and what is best for Goshen.

Todd received a letter from Al Torizzo with reference to the Goshen traffic circle. Todd will consider his input regarding making the crossing of the areas near the traffic circle safer. Hopefully Mr. Torizzo will attend the planned public meeting regarding this issue.

ESC (Environmental Systems Corporation) sent in correspondence regarding their electric charging stations. Todd stated that an EV charger will not happen this year.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, 9a. Tax Collector’s Report – August 31, 2022. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, 9b. Action Wildlife Special Permit. Voted unanimous.

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments - None

9. New Business:

9a. Tax Collector’s Report – August 31, 2022

The Selectmen reviewed the report. The Collection rate -collected less refunds vs. total budgeted showed 58.72%. (Currently, there is \$132,000 late – back taxes.) In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo it was **voted** to receive the Tax Collector’s Report – August 31, 2022 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

9b. Action Wildlife Special Permit:

Ms. Heidi Jespersen explained the request for a temporary liquor permit to hold a fund raiser on the property of the Action Wildlife property. Discussions of the activity there suggested perhaps a “special event permit” may be applicable. This will be discussed with Marty Connor, Zoning Officer on Thursday, September 15th.

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 5:20 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide

