

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday August 23, 2022

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 (zoom)

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Joyce Mowrey; Joe Pedone; Robert Harmon; Cindy Barrett; Paul Collins; Judy Armstong; Scott Olson

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 August 16, 2022:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was voted to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022. Voted unanimous.

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

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – August 25, 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 August 25, 2022 in the amount of \$1,446,456.69. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$29,715.56 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,416,741.13. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: Connecticare - \$14,736.00; Lenard Engr. – (lot 101 West Hyderdale) \$3,992.00; RSD#6 – \$1,386,034.00.

5. First Selectman’s Report:

COVID – 19: no reports received.

Todd Carusillo reported that he and contractors will be inspecting the local cemeteries and making repairs to headstones accordingly. A small cemetery literally in someone’s backyard was discovered. It is located at the corner of Town Hill Rd. and West Side – Star Cemetery. Goshen has the right to maintain this cemetery. Selectman Kinsella knows this cemetery and will accompany Todd on this visit.

Richard Weigold wishes to donate fresh flowers on the Veterans’ Park at the (Route 4) cemetery. The flowers there have wilted and died. No one knows who is responsible for the care of flowers at the grave stones. Will Clinton is investigating who, if anyone, is in charge of maintaining the flowers on the gravestones.

6. Public Comment:

Joyce Mowrey announced that the *Sustainable Goshen Team* has submitted an application for the Bronze Certificate to Sustainable CT. Total points submitted were 275. The SGT team will be advised of said requirements of this resolution by November 2022. Ms. Mowrey wanted to thank all those Goshen residents who worked to make this happen. Paul Collins added his congratulations noting that Ms. Mowrey took on the “lion’s share” of this project and is deserving of everyone’s gratitude.

Scott Olson, in addressing Joyce Mowrey, gave “congratulations” to her; he stated how EDC adopted the “C-Pace” resolution. This award brings strong benefits to Goshen, especially the EDC. This award is certainly a benefit to bringing businesses together here in Goshen, keep the town thriving.

Audrey Blondin asked where the “Flag Ordinance” stands at this time; will it be on the “call” of the November public hearing? She also asked about the status of the “electric car charger”.

Joe Pedone felt that placing of the electric car charger would be better to be located at/or adjacent to the Shell Gas Station on Route 4. He cited long lines of cars awaiting service would tie up valuable parking space for those having business at the Town Hall and/or school. The chargers should be on private property.

Scott Olson pointed out that in order to be eligible for “grants” toward the cost of installing & use of the electric chargers, the charger has to be placed on “municipal” property. There are no grants available for placing them on private property. Both Todd and Paul Collins are thoroughly vetting the solicitors.

Joe Pedone asked why the town is messing with the Rotary. His experience is that drivers just have to read the signs and be careful.

Cindy Barrett stated that while doing business at the bank adjacent to the rotary, she has witnessed many times the traffic pattern through the rotary where cars to through there extremely fast.

Henrietta Horvay invited Todd to visit her at the Historical Society in that there is a wealth of information to be had there regarding all the cemeteries, dating back to the 1700’s.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: Awaiting a copy of the resignation from the Chairman of the Recreation Commission.

8a. Appointments: Todd was advised that the appointment of Peter Kujawski (D) was made in error. Mr. Kujawski was to be moved from “alternate” up to a “regular” member of EDC to fill a vacancy. (A registered Democrat or Unaffiliated is needed to fill an alternate position on EDC.)

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Peter Kujawski to regular member of EDC until the November 2022 Town Meeting. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Neil White, Esq. to regular position on the EDC. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to this agenda, item 8b. Flag Ordinance. Voted unanimous.

8b. Flag Ordinance

Todd reported that Chip Roraback adapted and simplified Southington’s flag display ordinance to apply to Goshen’s request for same. Selectman Harris would like to hold a public hearing BEFORE the actual Public Town Meeting. A “special” meeting of the BOS before presenting the “call”. Selectman Kinsella would like more information from Chip Roraback to be provided at the “special” meeting of the BOS. What is the difference between a “sign” and a “flag”. Selectman Harris cited a case brought before the city of Boston in that a municipality cannot violate “freedom of speech”. Todd does not want this issue to become political. Selectman Harris wants it to be the decision of the Town.

9. New Business – None

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 5:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide