

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday January 4, 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: Peter Kujawski; Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Judith Armstrong; Scott Olson; Jim Withstandley; Cindy Barret.

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 December 28, 2021:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of December 28, 2021. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising Out of the Minutes: The COVID-19 testing kits that were scheduled to be distributed to the Goshen residents on Thursday, December 30, 2021, did not arrive into Connecticut. Replacements did arrive for limited distribution on Sunday, January 2nd. Additional distributions will be made upon reports from the State. These distribution notices will be available on-line at the Goshen Website.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – January 6, 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 January 6, 2022 in the amount of \$176,563.05. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$13,505.10 and the warrant in the amount of \$163,057.95. Voted unanimous. Items of note: Dime Oil-(fuel, diesel)- \$3,656.82; Litchfield County Dispatch - \$16,390.67; Western Star- (new truck PW)- \$131,074.00.

5. Public Comment: Audrey Blondin – “Happy New Year to everyone”. She added that she was “pleased with “your” (First Selectman, Todd Carusillo) leadership during this COVID-19 time. Thank you for all you’ve done this difficult time; really appreciated.”

Henrietta Horvay asked when I-95 Face Masks will be received for distribution. Todd replied that information will be immediately available on Goshen Website “blackboard”.

Audrey Blondin liked the phone messaging system a lot.

Scott Olson stated while the “test” packages did not arrive at time promised, they had them in time to distribute on Sunday, January 2nd, and the team of volunteers pulled together and were ready.

Cindy Barret offered to help out with next distribution effort.

6. First Selectman’s Report:

COVID-19 has risen to 33 cases in Litchfield County Hospitals – up from 27 last week.

Although the distribution of the COVID-19 test kits were delayed, it was possible to distribute them this past Sunday, it went well. Another distribution is anticipated and announcement/date/time will be on the Goshen Website.

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Todd announced that "Purchase Order Guidelines" that were modified for the Public Works Department, (see minutes of December 14, 2021) will apply to the Fire Company. After review of their purchases, it would be prudent to allow them the \$2,500 purchasing limit when deciding on use of vendors for competitive pricing. The Fire Company will also be encouraged to get the best value in every purchase and keep records to justify every decision with the best intentions for the town.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** add to the agenda under Item 9. New Business, **9a. Budgets**. Voted unanimously.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

9. New Business:

9a. Budgets:

The following budget "**projections**" were presented for review:

Board of Assessment Appeals	Treasurer
Debt Service	Water Pollution Control Authority
Fire Marshal	Welfare

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to receive the budget "projections" as submitted. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to add to the agenda, 10. Other Business, **10a. Goshen Street Lights**. Voted unanimous.

10. Other Business:

10a. Goshen Street Lights:

Selectman Mark Harris announced that if there are any street lights that are "out", please call him and he will ensure that the light will be fixed. A discussion then took place on the poor lighting in the location of the Village Market Place and suggestions were made to remedy the situation due to safety concerns.

***Additional Public Comments:** Audrey Blondin referred to the Board of Assessment Appeals budget projections and questioned how the budget got to the BOS before membership was advised of its contents.

Henrietta Horvay questioned salaries that were included in the "budget projections" and was told the *update* to the Salary Matrix that would be applied to budgets has not yet been received. The second review of budgets will be applied after Salary Matrix has been configured into each. Mrs. Horvay suggested "Public Comment" be removed to the end of the BOS meetings to enable critique of First Selectman's Report.

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11. Adjournment:

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

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide