

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Dexter S. Kinsella (zoom), Mark S. Harris

OTHERS: Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Dawn Wilkes; Scott Olson; Audrey Blondin; Cynthia Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; John McKenna, *Republican American*.

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 1, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the August 1, 2023 meeting: None**
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – August 10, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of August 10, 2023 in the amount of \$125,140.83. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$92,317.86 and the payroll in the amount of \$32,822.97. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Connecticare: - \$22,596.88; McElhone: - \$12,065.00; - Quality Data Services - \$5,570.00

5. First Selectman's Report:

Goshen's Public Works Dept. continues work on some of our roads, doing grading, etc. where cleanup efforts are still needed.

A report was received of stolen vehicles (5) – however, correct number was only 2 as reported by State Police Roy Dungan who is handling the details. The vehicles are from Marshapaug Road and Cottage Grove Road.

A standard *Protocol and Briefing* meeting is required for **all** events held at Goshen Fairgrounds, under the requirements of the Special Event Application. This meeting brings together all the checks and balances required by law, safety measures, sanitation, emergency services, etc. As such, the Protocol and Briefing meeting for the Goshen Fair will be held Monday, August 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Goshen Chatter reported a white Kia, Florida license plate, has been reported as being parked in people's driveways. If anyone sees this vehicle parked around, please contact the State Police or Todd.

John Fields, Garret Harlow and representatives from FEMA will be meeting with Todd tomorrow to review the costs to Goshen of the extensive road damage as a result of the constant heavy rains to the state. Todd is confident that Goshen can qualify for FEMA funding.

Those needing to contact an employee at the Goshen Town Hall for town business, can easily refer to the Goshen website for that employee's phone number with extension and/or their general e-mail. (No personal e-mails are required to be given out.) Use a "g-mail or outlook" email.

6. Public Comment:

Henrietta Horvay questioned whether one general e-mail will suffice for those individuals who serve on more than one commission, or board. She was advised that was correct. (No personal e-mails are required to be given out to the public.)

7. **Correspondence:** Todd received a letter from the *Woodridge Lake Association* lauding his efforts to bring together a public "Neighborhood Watch" meeting. In that regard, the Woodridge Lake residents want to be included in protocol, criminal watch signs, speed cameras. Some sort of program to help alleviate speeders on East Hyderdale Road, etc.

Falcon Crest representative questioned the need for the Special Events Protocol and the need for Emergency meetings - Fire Dept. police, ambulance, sanitation, protocol for an emergency should attendees get hurt, become sick, etc. They were advised that the event applicant is responsible for any hazards, etc.

Todd received a call from the town of Burlington, regarding properties of 10 or more acres (PA 490) that fall under "special use assessment". They wanted to know how this affects their town's tax base. Lucy Hussman wrote a letter for them explaining how this is implemented in Goshen.

Todd reported that he has attended a Wellness meeting at WAMOGO and from that he announced Drug "Take Back" day, Saturday, October 28th. State Troopers will be on hand here to collect left-over prescription drugs that can be harmful if they fall into the wrong hands. They will safely dispose of all the unused drugs they collect.

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint George Motel to Alternate EDC. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business: Mark Harris advised his great pleasure noticing the plentiful Honeybees and other pollinators that have made a good return to his yard and the area. Butterflies, bees, and other pollinators, with help from Sustainable CT and other groups are everywhere in his yard and all around. Great to see. Cindy Barrett, who has been working on the Pollinator Garden, adjacent to the GCS parking, lot stated this space was previously only a big square patch of grass but now is full of great beds of flowers accompanied by many bees and other pollinators.

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 5:15 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide