

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

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

OTHERS: Dawn Wilkes; Audrey Blondin; Cindy Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; 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 April 11, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023 as presented. Voted unanimous.
*Note: Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella is in receipt of all agendas/minutes and pertinent financial documents prior to every BOS meeting.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the April 4, 2023 meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 13, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of April 20, 2023 in the amount of \$38,779.76. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$24,581.84 and the payroll in the amount of \$14,197.92. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in this warrant: Dime Oil (diesel & heating) - \$4,984.47; Jespersen's Landscaping (Rockhouse Rd) - \$3,200.00; Segalla (winter sand) - \$3,870.65.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Todd phoned the CT Secretary of State regarding the days for "early" voting going from 1 day to 14 days i.e., "Early Voting". The cost to towns in the state range from \$120,000 to \$140,000. This is simply not doable for our cities and towns. Obviously, terms of office will have to be increased from 2 years out to 4 years as this tax burden would be prohibitive to CT taxpayers.

Todd reported that he has been receiving calls from residents of Woodridge Lake, Legion 46 (Veterans) members are requesting Todd for more police presence or a police department, in that they are complaining of having eggs thrown at their homes, and other destructive of property events. Todd has called for increased police presence or police department and would appreciate helpful information from residents. He suggested the residents have cameras installed on the outside of their homes/garages.

Todd reported having received two letters of resignation – Christopher De'Angelis from the Recycling Committee and Kate Malanca from her position as Accounting/Payroll Clerk.

A review meeting of Region 6 budget will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 6 p.m. at Goshen Center School.

Todd is asking all residents to be on the alert for wandering bears. They are now out of hibernation, very hungry and emboldened.

Additional "compost bins" have arrived and those who have signed up for them are urged come in and pick them up.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin asked when the Town Meeting will be scheduled. (No specific dates has yet been scheduled.) Ms. Blondin offered her assistance when Todd may be working with Rep. Johanna Hayes for grants, etc. She also noted an article in the *CT Mirror* on the towns in Connecticut who offer Food Stamps. Goshen does not have a food store that comes under the requirements of distribution of food stamps.

Henrietta Horvay referred to those individuals who submit their letters of resignation from various committees/jobs, but whose names are not included in the minutes when reporting such resignation. Todd stated that letters of resignation are processed through the Town Clerk. Ms. Horvay suggested it would be courtesy to the "chairmen" of municipal committees/boards to have this information before being announced at the BOS meeting. This improved step process will be discussed with the Town Clerk.

Cindy Barrett reminded residents that Saturday, April 22nd is “EARTH DAY”. This is a town-wide cleanup. (Sign-up for a street at Goshenrec.com. Cleaning supplies can be picked up at the Recreation Office the week of April 17th – 21st.)

With reference to some residents expressing consternation of the physical absence of Selectman Dexter Kinsella, (Selectman Kinsella has a temporary job placement in the Boston area and therefore joins/participates in the weekly Board of Selectmen via “zoom”.) Scott Olson stated that Selectman Kinsella is amply meeting his obligations as “present” member of each meeting and fulfilling his duties and obligations as Selectman for the town of Goshen. Mr. Olson feels there is no question regarding Selectman Kinsella’s commitment. He should be “*recognized*” not criticized.

Selectman Kinsella stated that he can be contacted in the same manner has he has been for years and that he will be running for re-election this fall. Todd gives Selectman Kinsella his full support and that his input to the BOS is of great value to the town of Goshen.

Audrey Blondin echoed those sentiments for Selectman Kinsella, and renders her full support.

7. **Correspondence:** Todd received a letter from members of the Human Services Task Force. This group serves the residents of Goshen with needs and follow-up, and perhaps additional services. This item will be on next week’s BOS agenda for further discussion.
8. **Od Business:** Selectman Mark Harris made a motion to have added to this Agenda, under Old Business, 8c. American Flag. This was seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella. Voted unanimous.

8a. **Appointments:** None

8b. Budgets:

Budgets submitted for review and discussion were:

Town Clerk; Town Office Building; Fiscal Office

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to receive those budgets for 2023-2024 and to forward to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

8c. American Flag:

Selectman Mark Harris reported that an American Flag and a State of Connecticut Flag will be purchased for the Town Hall Conference Room, as previously discussed, price not to exceed \$500. Selectman Kinsella stated the display of our American, and State flag is very patriotic.

9. New Business:

9a. Special Events: Goshen Stampede

Todd reported that the applicants for the Goshen Stampede have completed all of the requirements necessary to hold this event at the Goshen Fairgrounds on June 9, 10, and 11 – 2023, except the EMS plans which are in process. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to give approval for said permit contingent up the completion of the EMS plans. Voted unanimous.

10. Other Business:

10a. Tax Collector’s Report, March 31, 2023:

The Selectmen reviewed the aforementioned Tax Collector’s Report. Collection rate – collected less refunds vs. total budgeted - \$100.74%. Prior collection rates: 2019 – 99.90%; 2018 – 99.90%; 2017 – 99.75%

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the Tax Collector’s Report for March 31, 2023. Voted unanimous.

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11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide