

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**January 9, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**PRESENT:** Todd M. Carusillo, Scott Olson, Dexter S. Kinsella

**OTHERS:** Cindy Barrett; Dawn Wilkes; Patrick Lucas; Marissa Wright; Judi Armstrong; Bernie Harrington  
Henrietta Horvay

**1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2024.** In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024 as submitted. Motion carried.

**3. Matters Arising out of the January 2, 2024 meeting:** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – January 11, 2024:**

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of January 11, 2024 in the amount of \$63,370.16. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$26,453.53 and the warrant in the amount of \$36,916.63. Motion carried. Included in this warrant: Dime Oil -\$2,063.31; ESO– \$3,608.90; MIRA - \$12,986.20; Torrington Probate - \$1,636.29;

**5 First Selectman’s Report:**

With weather currently high winds, heavy rain, if you need to report downed trees, or other damage to our roadways, please call Eversource; other damages, etc. call Town Hall (emergency, Public Works Dept.)

**6. Public Comment:**

Marissa Wright asked if additional information can be placed on the agenda if it is known what is going to be announced/reported.

**7. Correspondence:** **Todd** stated Michael Edison, President, representing the Woodridge Lake Property Association, and with the Town of Goshen had an informal agreement regarding work done by Woodridge Lake Association and work done by Town of Goshen (Public Works) i.e. sediment work, etc. Goshen’s Board of Finance allocates \$20K; Woodridge Lake Association allocates \$20K. Scott Olson explained that there has been no formal agreement in writing. Todd stated the hand-shake agreement is that Woodridge Lake Association and the Town of Goshen would split the cost of materials. Ed Dutka, Property Manager for the Woodridge Lake Property Association, did not have the transactions formally recorded. Nothing criminal has ever taken place, but this agreement needs to be done differently, needs systematic method to verify the amount of the check(s). This activity merely needs a “paper trail” for accuracy. Entering into a written agreement will provide any and all verifications for *both* parties. Selectman Kinsella felt that Bob Valentine (former First Selectman) should be involved in this transaction as he represented the Town at the time this agreement was initiated. The Board is in agreement moving forward that a systematic method needs to be initiated, written invoices, payment dates, etc.

**8. Old Business:** None

**8a. Appointments:** None

**9. New Business:**

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to 9. New Business, 9a. Budgets 24 – 25. Voted unanimous.

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### 9a. Budgets 2024-2025:

Board of Assessment Appeals	Inlands Wetlands Commissions
Debt Service	Land Use Enforcement
Fire Commissioners	Miscellaneous Expenditures
Fire Marshal	Welfare
Treasurer	Water Pollution Control Authority

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to receive and accept the budgets presented and forward them to the Board of Finance. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson it was **voted** to add to the agenda under item 9. New Business, *Tax Collector's Report*. Voted unanimous.

### 9. New Business: Tax Collector's Report 01/09/2024:

Percent Collected: Real Estate – 70.39% Personal Property– 61.12% Motor Vehicle – 97.12% Motor Vehicle Substitute – 25.94% (average for this item). Total paid: \$8,197,645.10.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to receive and accept the Tax Collector's Report 1/09/2024 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

### 10. Other Business: None

**11. Adjournment:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide