

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

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

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Dawn Wilkes; Henrietta Horvay; Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Bob Valentine; Marianne Stilson; Lee Killmer; Bill Lane; Marty Harris; Cindy Barrett; Darlene Wadhams; Rick Wadhams; Judi Armstrong; Shawn Harris; Kelly Taylor; Sophie Tayler; Marin Tayler; Josephine Jones; Tray Mazarek; Mary Orlando; Sarah and Mike Leonard; John McKenna, Republican American; Senator Stephen Harding

- 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 November 7, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 7, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting November 7, 2023:** None
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 16, 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 November 16, 2023 in the amount of \$118,215.37. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$102,388.88 and the payroll in the amount of \$15,826.49. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Hurst Tool - \$61,899.84; John Hancock - \$4,257.67; Target Enterprises - \$8,535.72; Concrete - \$1,415.00.
- 5. First Selectman's Report:**

It's been pretty quiet. The State Police Radar are in place to catch speeders on our side roads. Selectman Mark Harris asked that the Building Committee withdraw their plans at the next meeting. Todd responded "Yes".
- 6. Public Comment:**

Marisa Wright asked that "Public Comment" be restored at the next Building Committee meeting and other town committees so public can be heard. A discussion should take place on whether the two (2) buildings should be combined. Combining the two departments will be exponentially expensive. An addition can be placed on the current Fire Company building and another place found for the Public Works. The water resources should be protected. She doesn't want to see her taxes increased.

Lee Kilmer ½ the price of his house. He has water in his basement all the time. Look into having two bays; town garage should be elsewhere; house values in the area will decrease; many wet basements; look at other places to build.

Michael Leonard asked to have opinions of professionals; is the Public Works Bldg. really needed; the process seems disorganized; the proper steps are not being taken; gross spending; whole process appears disorganized.

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Scott Olson – he initially was not going to speak; no public connection with the Building Committee; – a subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen; however, he recognizes that Town people want to be heard.

Audrey Blondin: following up with Scott, she publicly and personally supports this endeavor. She agrees with Scott that every public meeting needs to have “public comment” restored to the agenda.

Mary Orlando – Years ago, she attempted to have a driveway put in on her property, however due to water, she could not do so. There is a real water here in her area.

Todd asked for other public comment; having no other public comment, this item on the agenda will be closed.

7. Correspondence: A letter of resignation has been received from Selectman Mark S. Harris; a letter has also been received from Paul Collins stating his resignation from the Recycling Committee.

8. Old Business: None

8a. Appointments: In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Andrew Savage to the Building Committee. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business: None

10. Other Business: It was pointed out that on the 2024 BOS meeting calendar, December 24, 2024 was posted as a BOS meeting. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, the BOS meeting for *December 24, 2024* has been *cancelled*. Voted unanimous.

11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, It was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Following the meeting, Citations were presented to Mark S. Harris, Don Wilkes and (William) “Bill” Lane, each of whom served the Town of Goshen on various committees/boards.