

**Town of Goshen**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

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

**OTHERS:** Dawn Wilkes; Scott Olson; Audrey Blondin; Cynthia Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; Devin Stilson; Marijane Arancio Stilson; Josephine Jones; Don Wilkes;

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 8, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of August 8, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising Out of the August 8, 2023 meeting:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – August 17, 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 17, 2023 in the amount of \$76,747.83. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$59,939.69 and the payroll in the amount of \$16,808.14. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: MIRA- \$16,760.84; Yucatech - \$11,933.34 (for upgrades).

**5. First Selectman's Report:**

As previously reported, Garrett Harlow, John Fields and Todd met with FEMA representatives Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> to survey the overall damage to many roads in Goshen from the continuous heavy rain storms. Machine hours, man-hours, overtime hours, material usage to repair the roads in Goshen, etc. FEMA will reimburse cost of replacing existing pipes; *they will not reimburse to use larger replacement pipes* (to prevent future damage of water overload) nor any upgrades. Again, FEMA **will not** absorb the cost of using replacement larger pipes or other materials that would *prevent* future repeat damage.

Shilo Garceau (newly appointed Emergency Management Director) is participating in classes from Eversource regarding critical/emergency calls from elderly/disabled, i.e., medical machinery, life support equipment, dialysis machines, protocol on power outages which will affect these critical issues with our residents, etc.

Residents of Woodridge Lake have a strong interest in installing “speed cameras”. Noting a “Town Meeting” will be required to facilitate this action; from the Town Meeting, a town “Ordinance” will result in addressing the use of speed cameras. Todd has received complaints of cars traveling 60 miles per hour or more on East Hyderdale Drive, and Beach Street 64 miles per hour. The use of “speed bumps” is also being considered to alleviate these conditions (permission for placement of these bumps must emanate from the Woodridge Lake Association).

Todd has received a letter of resignation from Devon T. Stilson from his membership from the Goshen Conservation Commission.

Todd reported the reconstruction of Holmes Road is coming along great. The installation of new culvert pipe, gravel and other road requirements looks good.

The MIRA bill for July (recycling/composting) was, \$16,740. That is very high for one month! Todd urges residents to inform summer residents to use compost and recycle.

**6. Public Comment:**

Henrietta Horvay stated the BOS minutes of August 8, 2023 must be corrected in that Audrey Blondin's name should not have been listed in attendance at that meeting, as Ms. Blondin was traveling in Ireland at that time.

Scott Olson, in reference to FEMA's reimbursement stated that the amount therein may be only the cost of what was already in the ground when storms/rain hit. The President must formally declare the continued storms from August 9<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility that Goshen will not get reimbursement funding or replacement credit will be for only what was in the ground already – before the storm.

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Dawn Wilkes, with reference to the very high cost of MIRA's bill for July, pointed out that there were 5 Mondays in July. This may account for the increased weight of recycling/compost. However, Todd feels \$13K to \$15K is very high. He hopes the people from out of state are not bringing in their waste from the cities and combining with Goshen's.

Cindy Barrett commenting on the July high cost from MIRA, stated the increased number of residents (from the cities) that come to their second home in Goshen for the summer may account for the increase. Todd countered that bins are overflowing with trash, and there are no recycle bins among them

**7. Correspondence:** Todd received a letter from Devin T. Stilson submitting his resignation from the Goshen Conservation Commission.

**8. Old Business:** None

**8a. Appointments:**

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Devin Stilson to the Inland Wetlands Commission. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint Annette Lott to the Conservation Commission. Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:** Mark Harris representing the Town of Goshen, traveled to Hartford regarding a FOIA complaint (4/9/2021) against the Town of Goshen. A hearing by FOIA was held in May, 2022 regarding this complaint. A formal dismissal of the complaint was issued by FOIA on August 9, 2023. Dexter Kinsella said this demonstrates the transparency of the Town of Goshen, for which Mark Harris agreed.

**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 5:25 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide