

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

**Tuesday, October 31, 2023**

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

**OTHERS:** Audrey Blondin; Cynthia Barrett; Dawn Wilkes; Scott Olson; Janet Hooper; Anne Greene; Marty Harris; Patrick Lucas; Erin Reilly; Paul Collins; Marianne Stilson

- 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 October 24, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Mark S. Harris, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of October 24, 2023 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting October 24, 2023:** None
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 2, 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 2, 2023 in the amount of \$63,150.40. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$48,873.24 and the payroll in the amount of \$14,277.16. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Connecticare - \$12,975.36; P.W. Mower - \$2,486.52; Audit - \$14,000;
- 5. First Selectman's Report:**

The State Police Radar are running radar to catch speeders on Lyman Lane and Beach St. A car was stopped for speeding there at – 85 mph!!

The newly formed “Subcommittee of the Board of Selectmen”, better known as the ***Building Committee*** will be held Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. (zoom will be available).
- 6. Public Comment:**

Audrey Blondin wished everyone a Happy Halloween. She commented on car stopped for speeding on Lyman Lane; the speed limit there is 25 mph.

Paul Collins stated that the *Household Hazardous Waste* day, this past Saturday was a great success. Approximately 535 cars participated.
- 7. Correspondence:** None
- 8 Old Business:** None
- 8a. Appointments:** None
- Jerrold J. Upton** – Board of Assessors - 3 yrs. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella it was voted to appoint Jerrod J. Upton to continue on the Board of Assessors for another 3 yrs. term. Voted unanimous.

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**Chris Wright** – *Building Board of Appeals* – 5 yrs. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to appoint Chris Wright to continue on the Building Board of Appeals for another 5yr. term. Voted unanimous.

**Cynthia Barrett** – *Conservation Commission* – 4 yrs. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to appoint Cynthia Barret to continue on the Conservation Commission for another 4 yr. term. Voted unanimous.

**Christopher Zavagnin** – *Water Pollution Control* – 3 yrs. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to appoint Chris Zavagnin to continue on the WPCA for another 3 yr. term. Voted unanimous.

**Jeff Lindstrom** - *Water Pollution Control* – 3 yrs. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to appoint Jeff Lindstrom to continue on the WPCA for another 3 yrs. term. Voted unanimous.

**Charles Roraback, Esq.** – *Town Attorney* – 1 yr. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to appoint Charles Roraback, Esq. to continue as Town Attorney for another 1 year. Voted unanimous.

**Garret Harlow** – *Tree Warden* – 2 yrs. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to appoint Garret Harlow to continue to server a Tree Warden for another 2 yr. term. Voted unanimous.

**Rebecca Juchert-Derungs** – *Tax Collector* – 2 yrs. In a motion made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to appoint Rebecca Juchert-Derungs – Tax Collector, for another 2 yr. term. Voted unanimous.

### 9. New Business:

#### 9a. Call for the Town Meeting: November 20, 2023: COPY ENCLOSED

Todd Carusillo read aloud the *Warning of the Annual and Special Town Meeting for the Town of Goshen, Monday, November 20, 2023*. In a **motion** made by Mark S. Harris, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the *Warning Annual and Special Town Meeting, Town of Goshen, November 20, 2023*. Voted unanimous.

#### 9b.Human Services Task Force:

Janet Hooper announced that the information that was asked for at the previous presentation to the Board of Selectmen has been gathered. Those members were Anne Green, Erin Reilly, Todd Carusillo, Scott Olson, Kit Wright and Donna Molon. Their mandate was to gather the social services criteria for the town of Goshen. This questionnaire sent to 12 service organization in town.

**Actual “office”** for the Recreation Dept.

**Create a “resource directory”** in *Town Topics*

**Template for questionnaire.** Needs to be addressed Food Security; Financial;

**Transportation needs;** Families are in need not just the elderly. Scott Olson, is there a real need for “social worker”. The Sharon Pilot Project Grant to be considered. Anne Greene agrees with Scott in that a “trial run”. Janet Hooper emphasized coordination

and care management. Todd felt that garnering the Sharon Pilot Program Grant would be a great help in bringing, on request if needed, organized plan to the Board of Finance for review. In the interim, a volunteer “social worker” would help bring all the needs in Goshen together and offer the size and depth of the needs. Mark Harris suggested the social worker could cull the information of need, as previously suggested by the NWCOG and go from there. Many Goshen families are not aware of the SMK Fund, which can help with dental, medical needs. Dexter Kinsella agreed with pursuing this issue further.

**9c. Calendar Meeting for 2024:** A calendar for the Board of Selectmen meetings for 2024 was reviewed. A formal copy will be posted in the Town Clerk’s Office, the bulletin boards there and anyone who requests a copy.

**10.Other Business:**

**10a.** Selectman Mark Harris clarified the confusion by some residents in that being on the Subcommittee of the Board of Selectman, referring to the subject discussed at last week’s Board of Selectmen meeting where an individual can serve in “advisory” position and also vote on a motion from the “floor” i.e., equals ability to vote twice. No so, in legal parliamentary procedure this action is allowed.

Selectman Harris also questioned that if the Recreation Director’s office was located at Camp Cochipianne, rather than Town Hall, and an exercise program, for example, was is session, and Erin Reilly had to be called away on an emergency issue, who would **assume liability** (in that no Town Authority individual would be present?)

**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