

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

**Tuesday, November 21, 2023**

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

**OTHERS:** Audrey Blondin; Dawn Wilkes; Henrietta Horvay; Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Marianne Stilson; Lee Killmer; Cindy Barrett; Darlene Wadhams; Judi Armstrong; Josephine Jones; Mary Orlando; Patrick Lucas; Marisa Wright; Susan Wheeler; Marc McCarthy

- 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 14, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 14, 2023 with descriptions added. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting November 14, 2023:** Paul Collins resigned as “coordinator” of the Recycling Committee; Mark Harris resigned as *Selectman* from the Lake Weed Committee. He will run for a seat on the Lake Weed Committee as “town resident”.
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 23, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of November 22, 2023 in the amount of \$66,418.16. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$39,714.57 and the payroll in the amount of \$26,703.59. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Dime Oil: \$5,480.85; Storage Cabinets; \$7,865.00; Fire School \$2,900.00.
- 5. First Selectman’s Report:**

Thank you for Social Media putting (190) Sharon Trnpke property out for other thoughts of what can be built there - senior housing, indoor activities, etc. The town voted to purchase the lot after it was approved. DK had no thoughts on other issues at this time.
- 6. Public Comment:**

Marisa Wright noticed 78 Goshen residents voted in favor of the purchase of the lot. Fire Company with Public Works on property. Protect land; meet all of the goals that others have suggested. Leave it for open space.

Audrey Blondin wished everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving”; she thanked everyone who attended the Firemen’s Ball. She feels strongly that the proposed use of this parcel is great use for everyone resident in Goshen. She is strongly opposed to selling this property. “Let’s not throw out the baby with the bathwater”.

Lee Kilmer stated that the Fire House should put addition on their own land. This should be built somewhere else; this project will impact his own property value; should be built somewhere else.

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Rhonda Herwitz social media reference to the land on Sharon Turnpike needs to be addressed at some other place.

Lou-Anne Zbinden stated the town should look at parcels in a non-conforming business zone. Throw out as an alternative; seek other options.

Todd Carusillo stated that CIRMA insurance advised to build as “new building”.

Robin Christoper stated her surprise to discover the building would have an 8 bay Garage; should have affect on landscaping. Some portion of her house and driveway was built on wetlands.

Look at “official” map. TAHD good soil for septic system – looking toward the future,

Scott Olson addressed the wisdom of Building Committee. Landscape Engineer and–working on budget with the project.

Cindy Barrett – asked podium be used for people in conference room; makes it easier to see who is speaking. Also remain in the “2 minutes” designated for public comment.

Todd M. Carusillo put forth a motion to “pause” in the project on 190 Sharon Turnpike until a formal “needs assessment” has been completed for both buildings, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

Todd M. Carusillo made a motion to add item 10 to the agenda – Broad Band Committee Dissolved, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

**7. Correspondence:** None

**8. Old Business:** None

**8a. Appointments:** Lake Weed Committee – Mark Harris

Todd Carusillo put out the request for Mark S. Harris, for membership on the Lake Weed Committee – *as a resident only member* (prior membership for Mr. Harris was as “Selectman”). This was seconded by Scott Olson. With the motion on the floor, Mr. Olson then rescinded his vote. Dexter S. Kinsella suggested this nomination be “tabled” until enough time is allowed for others who may be interested to come forth.

**9. New Business:** None

**10. Other Business:**

**10a.** Dissolution of Broad Band Committee.

Todd wanted to support the dissolution of the Broad Band Committee and thank Marc McCarthy for all his good work in spearheading the Broadband Committee, bringing this great service to the people of Goshen. He also thanked Gary Stango, Jr. for having this service installed at Camp Coch. Dexter Kinsella also wanted to recommend the dissolution of the Broad Band Committee and in so doing added thanks for the great work done by this Committee. Scott Olson's recommendation for dissolution made the vote unanimous.

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

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide