

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

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

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

**OTHERS:** Audrey Blondin; Henrietta Horvay; Patrick Lucas; Marissa Wright; Lee Killmer; John Hay; Bernie Harrington.

- 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 December 5, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of December 5, 2023. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Matters Arising Out of the meeting December 5, 2023:** None
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 14, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of December 14, 2023 in the amount of \$97,749.84. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$71,194.75 and the payroll in the amount of \$26,555.09. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Litchfield County Dispatch - \$18,990.00; MIRA- \$14,168.24; Recycle - \$9,541.00.
- 5. First Selectman's Report:**  
Holmes Road and Ivy Mountain Road were found to have culvert pipes stolen from a planned repair job (20 ft. long, 24" in diameter). If anyone has information as to this activity, please call Todd wherein the State Police will be notified accordingly.

Todd reminded everyone that the Caroline T. Brooks Fund is here to assist families that need help with children's dental braces, eyeglasses, etc. Please apply for these funds before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Todd was pleased to assist in an application going to the State Agricultural Dept. for the Ag Program from Region 6 over to the new Region 20.

Wages for the summer employees at Camp Coch should be applied to the Recreation Budget accordingly; increases were needed from the cost of living, minimum wage, etc.

Selectman Dexter Kinsella (with the subject of stolen pipes) stated that "beaver" control pipes were found in the river; these may be left over when the pipes were removed when the roads were being paved.

First Selectman Todd Carusillo mentioned the roofing system for storage containers were sold to a New Haven company for approximately \$30K; this may be an opportunity to obtain them for Goshen Public Works for perhaps \$20K for use as storage containers.

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### 6. Public Comment:

Lee Kilmer stated that he felt the use of “storage containers” was an awesome deal.

Audrey Blondin stated that the storage containers sounded great. In addition, use of the Carlise Fund for children’s needs is also great; she will accommodate those families whose children need glasses.

She also heard that the Salisbury Fire Company now get *paid* per call. Can someone contact the Northwest Hills Council of Governments and see what the neighboring towns are doing regarding their fire departments?

Audrey also took part in the swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials last week (Torrington). Each of the candidates received a copy of a code of ethics. She asked if Goshen has a code of ethics. She was told that back in 2017 Goshen published a code of ethics book, however it did not receive the support needed from the electorate.

Henrietta Horvay stated there did exist a “Board” for ethics, but the proposal did not receive acceptance from the Goshen residents.

Marissa Wright announced that she has approximately 200 hundred on-line signatures on a petition regarding the purchase of the property on Sharon Turnpike by the town of Goshen.

**7. Correspondence:** Todd announced his pride in receiving a letter from Senator Blumenthal congratulating him on his winning the election for the town of Goshen.

### 8. Other Business:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to add to the agenda 8a. Appointments. Voted unanimous.

#### 8a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint John Hay to the Lake Weed Committee. Mr. Hay lives on Woodridge Lake and has a vast knowledge of health of waterways/lakes. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to appoint Mark Harris to the Lake Weed Committee. Voted unanimous.

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Todd Carusillo pointed out that Woodridge Lake does not receive the \$15,000 for weed control, however, Tyler Lake, Dog Pond and West Side Lake do. These three lakes have received funding from the Goshen budget (\$15,000 each for continued health methods in preserving the lakes.)

Todd Carusillo stated we have a seat on EDC that is open; he notified the RTC.

There is a need to fill the position of Recycling Coordinator, the salary is \$90.00/month. Todd will fill in this position until a replacement is found.

### **9. New Business:**

#### **9a. Motion to approve insurance claim:**

An insurance claim was entered last week when the Bantam Fire Company truck backed into a tree. In good faith, it will be paid; the deductible owed is \$1057.00. Atty. Chip Roraback advised to pay it. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to pay the \$1057.00. Voted unanimous.

Selectman Olson stated that Bantam Ambulance has been covering a lot lately for the Goshen Fire Company because Goshen Ambulance doesn't have the manpower.

### **10. Other Business:** None

### **11. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide