

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

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

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Dawn Wilkes; Henrietta Horvay; Cindy Barrett; Patrick Lucas; Seth Breakell; Adam Andrusia;

- 1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2023:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 21, 2023. (The motion was made by Dexter Kinsella, but seconded by Todd M. Carusillo.) Voted unanimous.

Matters Arising Out of the meeting November 21, 2023: None

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of November 28, 2023: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo it was **voted** to approve the minutes of November 28, 2023. Voted unanimous.

- 3. Matters arising out of the meeting of November 28, 2023:** None
- 4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 7, 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 7, 2023 in the amount of \$82,501.05. Included was the warrant in the amount of \$68,470.43 and the payroll in the amount of \$14030.62. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Stone: \$22,673.45; Crack Filling: 30,438.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

The "land" is NOT for sale. Social media has produced rumors that are not valid inferring the land on Sharon Turnpike may now be up for sale. Todd will be going to the BOF for funds inasmuch as the funds were not included in the 2023-2024 budget. It will be in the 2024-2025 budget. It may take 2 budget cycles to secure the money, 4 yrs. to spend with a 1-year extension. The next BOF meeting Todd request will be to secure the matching monies for the grant. Scott Olson stated the \$500K will be for a "concept" for Public Works. We need to secure the monies, to move forward with a budget to present to the State. Dexter Kinsella stated that the funds have to be "OK"d by a "Town" meeting, which all agreed.

Neil White has handed in his resignation from the EDC. Comments were shared on assuring that any Goshen resident may apply for the position.

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Todd received a letter from Sarah Leonard to re-establish “Public Comment”. Todd stated “Public Comment” was *not* going to be eliminated from the BOS agenda; it will continue to appear on the agenda to enable comments to be made with direct regard to the items that are posted on said agenda. Todd stated that he has an “open door” policy. Residents are welcome to come in talk.

Dexter Kinsella explained that Mark Harris’s position on the Lake Weed Committee was due to his position as a “Selectman”. Residents/members reside on one of the three lakes. An appointee will be named next week.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin, stated that as a former 1st Selectman of Litchfield, under Public Comment on an agenda, the public should be allowed to speak about anything they wish. Also, she reported a two-section couch put on public property (for trash). (Public Works has been told and will handle the disposition).

Sarah Leonard stated she was pleased that “Public Comment” will not be taken off the agenda. She also said that she understood the Steap Grant will be used for “building” purposes only. Todd Carusillo explained the securing of this grant, a Town Meeting, and funds will be used for the proposed building only.

Cindy Barrett suggested that when there becomes an opening on any of the town’s commissions, other methods may be used to “get the word out”. Scott Olson stated that “Goshen News” that goes into every residents mailbox, can be very helpful to make known the town vacancies. Dexter and Todd agreed. In addition, Dexter stated we notify the RTC or DTC of the vacancy.

Henrietta Horvay stated that inasmuch most town commissions carry an “alternate” list of members. As such, these alternates can move up to “regular” member if they so choose.

7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Other Business:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to move into Executive Session for discussion of insurance (municipal) per FOIA insurance reasons pending claims and litigation, at 5:37p.m. Voted unanimous.

The executive meeting returned to open session at 5:47 p.m. No action was taken.

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11. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide