

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 16, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

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

OTHERS: Cindy Barrett; Dawn Wilkes; Patrick Lucas; Marissa Wright; Judi Armstrong; Henrietta Horvay, Audrey Blondin; Michael Leonard; 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 January 9, 2024. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 9, 2024 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the January 9, 2024 meeting: None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – January 18, 2024:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of January 18, 2024 in the amount of \$109,685.23. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$21,521.53 and the warrant in the amount of \$88,163.70. Voted unanimous. Included in this warrant: Postage (Tax Collector) - \$2,303.90; NWCOC (HHW)- \$7,880.25; East Coast Sign: \$3,155.00. (Firematic was issued a check for \$61,899.84 on 11/16/2023; they claimed they never received said check. Hence, this new check was reissued.)

5. First Selectman’s Report:

The State Police have issued a caution for the northwest corner in that criminal activity has increased substantially. The police urge everyone to be cautious; pay attention to safety tips.

One of the town’s equipment – a grader is under repair – the radiator had extensive issues to be met; the motor seals needed to be replaced; truck 3, had hydraulic repairs needed; truck 4 went down also.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin reported that she is back from Nicaragua. She has learned that there is a grant that the State is distributing to towns in Connecticut to defray the cost of installing EV chargers (electric cars).

Cindy Barrett looked up the information as to what towns received the EV grants; Barkhamsted was one of the smaller towns. Their Board of Selectmen chose the location of said chargers – the Barkhamsted Town Hall parking lot, which is located in the center of town and accommodating to users. This information will go to the Goshen Housing Trust for consideration at their shopping center.

Todd Carusillo stated that regarding the mutual agreement between the Town of Goshen and the Woodridge Lake Association, the Goshen Board of Finance allocates \$20,000 for projects; Woodridge Lake, when invoiced, repays the Town of Goshen for the repairs and cost for the catch basins. Scott Olson stated that the roads around the lake are owned by the *Town*. Inasmuch as the Town donates funding to the *three* lakes, Dog Pond, Tyler Lake and Westside Pond, the “agreement” with Woodridge Lake was in line with these three other lake associations that receive funding from the Town. The grand list was therefore legitimate for all the major waterways located in Goshen. Patrick Lucas questioned if the cost was split between the Town and Woodridge Lake Association, which it is.

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7. Correspondence: None

8. Old Business: None

8a. Budgets: None

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

8b. Appointments: In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to appoint John Carroll to **regular** member of the Economic Development Commission, up from **Alternate** on the Economic Development Commission. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to 9. New Business, 9a. Code of Ethics for the Town of Goshen. Voted unanimous.

It was decided to discuss the feasibility of creating “Code of Ethics – Goshen, Ct.” This subject will appear on next week’s agenda, January 23, 2024. Dexter Kinsella stated the process of “enforcement” must be included in these discussions.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9. New Business, 9b. Tax Collector’s Report 1/16/2024. Voted unanimous.

9.b New Business: Tax Collector’s Report 01/16/2024:

Percent Collected: Real Estate – 77.27% Personal Property– 61.37% Motor Vehicle – 97.13% Motor Vehicle Substitute – 36.67% (average for this item). Total paid: \$8,919,018.75

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to receive and accept the Tax Collector’s Report 1/16/2024 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

10. Other Business:

In a motion made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to add to 10. Other Business, 10a. Martin J. Connor, Thirty Years of Service award. Voted unanimous.

10a. Martin J. Connor Service Award:

The Board of Selectmen, Todd M. Carusillo, Scott Olson and Dexter S. Kinsella were proud to present to Martin J. Connor, “Marty” an official award for thirty (30) years of service to the town of Goshen. Marty began his duties as Land Use and Zoning Enforcement Officer, and also served as Goshen Fire Commissioner. Marty was congratulated by all.

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

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide