

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**March 12, 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 (zoom)

**OTHERS:** Dawn Wilkes; Patrick Lucas; Marissa Wright; Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Michael Leonard; Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Judi Armstrong; Bernie Harrington; Jon Carroll; Erin Reilly, Recreation Director; Shilo Garseau; Dawn Wilkes; Norma Knox;

**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 March 5, 2024:** In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2024 were voted unanimous for approval.

**3. Matters Arising out of the minutes:** None

**4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – March 14, 2024:**

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$72,284.74. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$25,306.88 and the warrant in the amount of \$46,977.86. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: USA Waste: \$9,541.00; MIRA - \$ 10,226.56; McNeil Insurance:- \$8,495.25.

**5. First Selectman's Report:**

I spoke with our Building Official, Chris Zibell, regarding the increase in costs for "Building Permits". Other area towns are showing increases i.e., Southbury – \$15.00; Watertown- \$15.00; Middlebury - \$13.00; Waterbury - \$25.26. Goshen's fee for a Building Permit is \$8.00. per \$1000. Chris will advise.

A thank you goes out to Audrey Blondin for reporting (per video) her sighting of a big bear on her property. Please report any bear sightings to DEEP on their website.

Todd attended the luncheon held at the Social Center celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Besides the wonderful traditional Irish menu, the State Police gave an informational talk in scams going on in the area, i.e., sales of solar panels, medical insurance, etc. The time spent with our seniors was very enjoyable.

The boiler located in the Town Hall basement was found to have two (2) holes in it wherein the water is spilling out. Needless to say, a new boiler will be installed tomorrow and expected to be repaired the same day. (\$13,800)

**6. Public Comment:**

Audrey Blondin submitted a video of a large bear attempting to get at a bird feeder in her yard. In addition she added that the Board of Assessment Appeals found minimal property questions. Good job! Kudos to our BAA Committee. Kudos to Lucy Hussman, Denise LeClaire.

Michael Leonard reported that two individuals, wearing dark hoods, were wandering around Bartholomew Hill Rd. in the early hours of the morning (4:00 a.m.).

**7. Correspondence:**

Todd received letters from Jeff Damiano and Lynette Miller requesting to be placed on the “Housing Committee” being formed.

**8. Old Business:**

**8a. Recreation Director (response to BOS move Recreation Dept to Camp Cochipianne):**

Selectman Kinsella felt it may be best to try the move on an experimental basis. Todd Carusillo stated he was not 100% convinced of the feasibility of the move in that currently there are not enough programs to support the increased expenses attributed to the overall move; the inevitable increase in the cost of heat in the building, cleaning, shoveling, etc. Selectman Kinsella made a resolution in the form of a motion to adopt a temporary setup wherein Recreation can setup an office in the West Wing and with the set up new/additional programs. Selectman Olson stated he doesn’t see the value of setting up two (2) offices considering the heat/maintenance, etc. **No second to the Selectman Kinsella’s motion was made at this time. Selectman Kinsella withdrew his original motion.** However, Selectman Olson at this time then did second Selectman Kinsella’s motion. Selectman Kinsella asked for a “call” on the original motion. No call was put forth, no official final vote was made; it was then considered dead on the floor.

Ms. Reilly stated that Marty Connor’s office is not “utilized when he is not here working. Todd Carusillo stated the Board of Selectmen will take up this issue again where there are new, additional programs (to offset the increase of the expenses of the necessity of use of such space at Camp Cochipianne).

**8b. Appointments:** None

**8c. Budgets:**

**RESCUE                      LIBRARY**

**FIRE PROTECTION**

In a **motion** made by Dexter Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to receive the 2024-2025 for Rescue, Fire Protection; Library and forward to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

Goshen Fire Protection and the Goshen Public Library submitted their proposed Capital Budget 2024-2029. Capital Expenditures Request Revision for Selectmen.

Todd reported that the boiler cost is coming out from “Capital” Town Hall Maintenance.

The Selectmen will conduct a review/inspection of our cemeteries. Stone work to East Street North and God’s Green Acres in particular may need repairs.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to waive from the original rule of having to submit three (3) bids (when the estimated cost is over \$2,000). Voted unanimous.

**9. New Business:** None

**10. Other Business:** None

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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 5:50 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide