

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 2, 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: Dawn Wilkes; Patrick Lucas; Lorraine Lucas; Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Michael Leonard; Eric Warner, *Goshen News*; Judi Armstrong; Cindy Barrett; Thomas Stansfield; Christopher Zibell

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 26, 2024: In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2024 were **voted** unanimous for approval **with corrections**. Dexter S. Kinsella abstained. Don Wilkes attended the meeting (not Dawn Wilkes); Judi Armstrong stated she is in agreement with having Public Comment on the agendas open to all matters. (was recorded, in error, as *not in agreement*).

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None

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

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant and payroll of April 4, 2024 in the amount of \$35,667.06. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$17,797.46 and the warrant in the amount of \$17,869.60. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Cargill Salt - \$5,176.98; Eversource - \$1,646.32; King & King Assoc - \$1,576.25

5. First Selectman's Report:

The Woodridge Lake Property Association has requested 3 Speed HUMPS on their roads; they have not received approvals yet from their "Association". These Speed HUMPS won't be installed if they don't get said approvals.

Todd Carusillo spoke with Martin Heft, State Dept. regarding moving grant monies proposed building on Sharon Turnpike to across the road behind the Fire Dept. - from one side of the street to the other. This "change" in plans must be presented at the Goshen Town Meeting in May. The land originally purchased will be kept for future use or sold.

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo related a call he had with Mayor Elinor C. Carbone regarding Torrington's "Social Services" Dept. – they have none and have no *need* to have one. Social Services type issues are given to the McCall Foundation, Susan B. Anthony Foundation and other related agencies in Torrington to handle.

Regarding the request for Safety Humps around Woodridge Lake, \$5,000 will be kept in the Selectman's Budget under public safety; Dexter S. Kinsella felt the Town should not be doing it – speed humps because of snow plows; NO humps unless Woodridge Lake Assoc. pays for them. Now exploring new building be placed behind the Fire Company. A question would go to town to make change in request for *location*.

6. Public Comment:

Audrey Blondin stated she agreed with working it all out as to the location of the proposed building. (Sharon Turnpike) Todd Carusillo soil scientist same engineer; Speed Bumps rejected by Public Works Dept. due to plowing. Scott Olson nice attendance by WLPOA

Judi Armstrong thanked everyone for the way the “error” in her statement regarding the content of the “Public Comment” was handled at the BOS meeting of March 26th. She and Lucille Page discussed the error.

Thomas Stanfield, (Torrington Area Health Department) spoke on behalf of Martin Connor’s resignation in that the person replacing him must have skills and knowledge, along with *credentials* of certain subjects regarding Land Use, Planning and Zoning, etc. and other subjects called out in the job description.

Lorraine Lucas emphasized the importance of job skills needed to fill this type of position; she suggested an *interview panel* be put together; place the job out to the public for at least a month.

Dexter Kinsella agreed with the aforementioned comments; First Selectman Carusillo stated the ad is in the *Republican American* and on the use *INDEED* website to reach people outside of Connecticut. Todd Carusillo agreed with the suggestions and not rush into quick decisions.

Cindy Barrett suggested the “podium” be placed into position so that the “in-person” audience attending at the Town Hall Conference room can be seen while speaking, which renders better understanding. RATS reminder - Shred Smart; Mattress & Box Spring recycling at **Goshen Center School Parking lot** – recycling Saturday, April 6th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Electronics recycling- Saturday, April 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the **Goshen Town Hall Parking Lot**.

Audrey Blondin gave kudos to the Town clerk for the helping carry out the “early voting procedure”. Excellent job done.

Mike Leonard expressed the importance of getting the right person in office for Land Use position.

Selectman Scott Olson expressed “thank you” to Tom Stansfield and Lorriane Lucas for suggesting excellent points for the hire of the Land Use Office.

7. Correspondence:

Aquarium Water Company is offering a \$5,000 grant- adults and a \$1,000 for 9-12 grades- students on water (get e-mail) clarification. Go to Aquarionwater.com/Awards

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: None

Andy Savage requested his interest serving as Alternate on Planning & Zoning; Dexter Kinsella requested Mr. Savage’s phone number to chat. Henrietta Horvay to chat also.

8b. Budgets:

Contingency	Waste Removal
Public Works	Recreation
Capital Expend, Requests	Capital Expend Requests
(Public Works)	(Recreation)

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to receive the aforementioned budgets 2024 -2025 and forward to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous. (Public Works will be reviewed again before submitted to Board of Finance.)

9. New Business:

9a. Building Permit Fees:

Christopher Zibell, Goshen's Building Official began the discussion by stating he (Goshen) receives \$8.00 per \$1,000 in executing permit fees. Other area towns receive: Morris - \$10.00 per \$1,000.; Watertown \$15.00 per \$1,000; Southbury – \$15.00 per \$1,000.; Torrington \$12.00 per \$1,000.00 to name a few. Scott Olson stated that from his discussion with Goshen residents (builders, etc.) Chris is doing a great job, very thorough. In as much as Scott Olson has professional work done by Mr. Zibell, Dexter suggested it should not present a conflict of interest by a member of the Board Of Selectman. After some discussion regarding code of ethics a motion was made by Dexter S. Kinsella to increase the permit fees for Building Official, Christopher Zibell from \$8.00 per \$1000.00 *increased* to \$10.00 per \$1000.00 executing permit fees, comparable to the area towns, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

9b. Discussion – East Street South Haying Bid:

Todd Carusillo reported there may be three cuttings/mowings required; or perhaps only two due to the inordinate amount of rain we have had. Todd is going have Goshen Public Works Dept. clear the stumps. The business doing the haying pays to the town of Goshen.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to add to the agenda under 9c. Chip Seal Bid. Voted unanimous.

9c. Chip Seal Bid:

**Town of Goshen
Chip Seal Bid
April 3, 2024**

	<u>Est. Quan. (1 yr.)</u>	<u>Bid Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Bid Price Yr. 1</u>
Comer Contracting, Inc. 15 Holmes Road Newington, CT 06111 860-677-0603	95,615	\$2.44 per sq. yd.	\$233,300.60
New England Asphalt Services LLC, II 508 Forest Road Northfield, CT 06472 203-208-3178	95,615	\$2.48 per sq. yd.	\$237,125.20

10. Other Business: None

11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide