

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 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, (Zoom), Dexter S. Kinsella (Zoom)

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Michael Leonard; Cindy Barrett; Erin Reilly, Marianne Stilson; Janet Hooper; Dawn Wilkes; Patrick Lucas; Marissa Walker; Robin Christopher; Madelyn Flynn; Johanna Kimball

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 April 9, 2024: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, the motion was made to approve the minutes of April 9th: Scott Olson reported it was anticipated that Garret Harlow report on the rock crushing, but the bid was for the chip seal work. The spelling of the name of Jared Denis was corrected (as the appointee). Cindy Barret was talking about speed humps and was misunderstood as her having referred to the “speed humps” on her way home; the speeding **cars** were mentioned as being on Beach St. “on her way home”. She lives on Dresden Ct. Henrietta Horvay disputed the action taking place at Camp Coch where she was working at the PRIMARY, error -not the Early Voting taking place at Town Hall as stated in the minutes. There was a disagreement/error in that she “wanted to chat” with another individual which she denies she ever said. This statement was said by Dexter Kinsella *assuming* Henrietta would *probably want to also talk to said individual*.

Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 5, 2024.

The **motion to approve** was made by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was seconded by Scott Olson – **with corrections**. The State Statue was corrected to **8-30j**, regarding the Affordable Housing Plan. Motion under executive session – the Board of Selectmen have **appointed** the following candidates to serve on the Housing Committee. The correct title of this Committee **is Housing Plan Committee**. Voted unanimous.

3. Matters Arising out of the minutes: None

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

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant in the amount of \$57,972.15. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$17,674.69 and the warrant in the amount of \$40,297.46. Voted unanimous. Included were Dime Oil - \$4,178.86; Intuit - \$3,391.15; John Hancock – \$6,356.46; USA Waste (recycling) – \$9,541.00.

5. First Selectman’s Report:

Trinity Solar is going door-to-door (selling solar heat) – be advised- they do **NOT** have a Goshen Town Permit (Hawkers and Peddlers).

A resident from Bextley Court sent Todd a video of a man again seen walking behind/around homes 3:00 a.m. It was reported to the State Police and Woodridge Lake Safety Committee. It appears to be the same individual that was seen on Sandy Beach.

Todd spoke to the North Canaan First Selectman, regarding their bear ordinance of which he has received a copy. He urged everyone NOT TO FEED THE BEARS, (bird feeders, etc.) He also urged the purchase of the locked containers for refuse/recycling.

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First Selectman, Todd Carusillo spoke in reference to the replacements for Marty Connor's position.

New hires for Town Planner was Janell Mullen; For Land Use Enforcement Officer was Spencer Musselman.

6. Public Comment:

Janet Hooper sent a letter to Todd Carusillo regarding the "Housing Committee". Scott Olson looked at initial Housing Committee conversation wherein 2 Democrats, 2 Republicans, and 1 independent may compose a Housing Committee. Recommendation was made to the BOS: 2 Republicans, 2 Democrats, 1 unaffiliated. Five members without regard to political affiliation. Best candidates would be selected without political affiliation. She suggested this Committee be expanded by two – 2 Republicans; 2 Democrats and 2 additional Democrats. (Reference March 5th meeting minutes)

Henrietta Horvay asked to have corrected the minutes of April 2, 2024 - the **primary** took place at Camp Coch, were Ms. Horvay was working. Early voting took place at Town Hall. The minutes of April 9 suggested Mrs. Horvay may also want to chat, (as the other two individuals did). Mrs. Horvay was not being quoted, verbatim.

Audrey Blondin said Torrington hired a Human Services person. Goshen is in need of some type of Human Services person. Some type of Human Services is needed for Goshen needs. She is not in favor of disbanding Human Resources. Perhaps Goshen can work with Torrington on a cooperative level. Todd stated if it was with the Police Department.

Marianne Stilson in that the Torrington Police Department position is handling Human Services calls perhaps Goshen can share those services. Robert's Rules not logical and questions the amount of time for dialogue.

Cynthia Barrett suggested to Scott Olson and Dexter S. Kinsella and Todd Carusillo that a Court Stenographer be hired (to take the place of person who takes meeting minutes). This way minutes can be recorded word-for-word.

Robin Christopher - 2 letters: one regarding 190 Sharon Turnpike Rd. and another Affordable Housing Committee. Goshen is one of the 11 towns that have less than 1% of Affordable Housing.

Ms. Wright is please another look is being taken at 190 Sharon Turnpike and Goshen Fire Department As it regards to the STEAP grant. Need "public comment" for open space; keep improving, create better future.

Marianne Stilson is glad town is looking to sell the land. She has the right to vote **again** on Sharon Turnpike Property.

7. Correspondence: Janet Hooper sent letter regarding *Human Services Task Force* to Todd Carusillo. The two (2) other Selectman also received this letter.

A letter was received from Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, regarding survey work from *Cardinal Engineering*. This comes under Capital Expenditures – \$59,000. Cardinal Engineering is member of NWCOG.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments: A motion was made to appoint Donna Molon, Agent for the Elderly, by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd Carusillo. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets:

Public Works

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to receive the aforementioned budget – Public Works, 2024 -2025 and forward to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

8c. Housing Committee Discussion:

Scott Olson stated 2 additional alternates; Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsell, nominated Andy Savage, and Adam Andrusia. Voted unanimous.

9. New Business:

Scott Olson spoke about a Social Services position. Purpose of this committee. There is no need for the town to have Social Services. What we have in Goshen are safeguards. He is not in favor of creating layers of bureaucracies. Scott Olson cannot support adding another employee.

9a. Public Comment Discussion: Move Public Comment section just above no. 11. *Adjournment*, on the agenda. Dexter S. Kinsella asked to move it above no. 10. Motion to move to above #10, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

9b. Town Meeting – 190 Sharon Turnpike

Marissa Wright – call this May, money from grant to go across the street? The November meeting for Todd to sell or retain the lot. Dexter Kinsella stated it should not go in May; we don't have the "needs assessment" yet. Todd stated we need to have a feasibility study done on 181 Sharon Turnpike.

Garret Harlow smaller Building permitting process. P&Z Todd Carusillo we need to move forward on this. Sell to Land Trust? Approval good for 5 years. If approved, move grant from 181 to 190.

9c. Treatment Plan for the new boiler at Town Hall

The town's old boiler had corrosion from **inside** going out. CT Boiler – \$1,200 to \$1,500. Dexter Kinsella stated we should we have maintained the old system; would water softener alleviate the problem? We were connected with Town Hall and Goshen Center School. Todd will figure updated cost.

The call for a May meeting needs to be put together.

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 6:19 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide