

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 9, 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: Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Michael Leonard; Cindy Barrett; Erin Reilly,
Marianne Stilson

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 2, 2024:** In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, the minutes of the meeting of were **voted** unanimous for approval **with corrections**. Dexter S. Kinsella abstained. Corrections therein are: Dexter S. Kinsella did not state that WLPOA was going to pay for the Speed Humps; Thomas Stanfield attended the meeting representing Inland Wetlands – not TAHD; WPLOA did not request 3 Speed Humps in their waiting on WLPOA’s approval; The First Selectman, Todd Carusillo did a great move allowing Public Comment for anything the Public wants to speak about; Public Works Budget submitted was tabled, not forwarded to Board of Finance.
3. **Matters Arising out of the minutes:** None
4. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 11, 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 11, 2024 in the amount of \$59,019.57. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$29,016.79 and the warrant in the amount of \$30,002.70. Voted unanimous. Also included in this warrant: Election Workers/Vendors - \$428.93; Adkins Printing - \$1,434.99; Fire Equipment - \$1,251.00; Fire School - \$2,000.00; MIRA (tipping fees) - \$10,406.36; Zeller Tire Co. – \$1,904.82.

5. First Selectman’s Report:

Todd Carusillo stated that some tremors from the “earthquake” (taken place in New Jersey) last Friday were felt in Goshen. He told residents that he received no reports of any damage in town.

Bears are out in full force; Todd Carusillo received many calls of sightings. He urged residents to call USA Waste or Joe Rocco for bear-proof containers (that can be locked).

Goshen had some wind and storm damage. Special thanks to residents who called in having downed trees. Goshen’s Public Works Dept. crew were on top of it; *Eversource* also were attentive to the area.

Woodridge Lake Property Owners Association will conduct a safety meeting, Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. DEEP will conduct a bear presentation, Tuesday, May 21st, @ 7:00 p.m.

The BOS is awaiting a “needs assessment” from the Public Works Department and the Fire Department for the stand-alone building behind the Fire House.

6. Public Comment: (A podium has been set up for those who wish to speak publicly at the BOS meeting.)

Mrs. Henrietta Horvay expressed her dismay, she was very upset in that her name was listed on those in attendance at the BOS meeting of April 2, 2024, when in fact she was **not** at the meeting but rather at the polls (for early voting). In addition, she asked where the minutes of the Special Meeting of the BOS on

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Friday, April 5, 2024; these minutes should have been included in tonite's 4/9/2024 meeting packet.

Marianne Stilson asked respectfully, if there should be some sort of limit that any one person can serve on multiple number of boards and committees in the same period/time sequence.

Cindy Barrett thanked the BOS committee for putting in place the podium; speakers can now be clearly seen and heard. In addition, she has observed the speed humps on Beach Street on her way home and has observed many drivers going way too fast; very upsetting.

7. Correspondence:

Todd Carusillo received a letter from Erin Reilly stating her resignation from the Agent for the Elderly. She will be missed.

A Letter of Recommendation for the work on the Rock Crushing & Materials Processing has been received from Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Goshen Public Works. Torrington Diesel Corporation has been chosen for this job.

8. Old Business:

8a. Appointments:

Todd Carusillo stated that the RTC has recommended to him the appointment of Gerard Dennis as P&Z Alternate. Scott Olson made a motion to appoint Gerard Dennis to the Planning & Zoning Commission as Alternate; seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella. Voted unanimous.

8b. Budgets:

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| Employee Benefits | Recreation (Increase) |
| Newsletter | Town Office Building |

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.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda item 8c. *Recreation Budget* (updated with additional reductions). Voted unanimous.

8c. Recreation Budget (adjustments):

Erin Reilly, Recreation Director, listed and explained the items on her budget where reductions were made. She reviewed the number of CIT's and Jr. CIT's, the camp Counselors, etc. Plans are in place to bring in revenue from summer concerts, local business sponsors, camp rentals, etc. She reported on details on adjustments. Dexter Kinsella reminded everyone that safety of the children is paramount, qualified personnel is also paramount to the program.

9. New Business:

9a. Discussion on MIRA Contract:

The current tipping fee per MIRA is \$131.00 per ton. Next year an increase is anticipated. We may opt-out of MIRA and find another vendor; we *may* be able to save \$15.00 per ton. Todd Carusillo is engaging with other solutions, vendors and will report back accordingly.

10. Other Business: It was requested that "Housing Committee" appear on the agenda for April 16, 2024. The minutes of April 5, 2024 need to be approved to formally.

11. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide