

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 30, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

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

OTHERS: Henrietta Horvay; Audrey Blondin; Michael Leonard; Sarah Leonard; Cindy Barrett; Janet Hooper; Paul Gallo; Thomas Stanfield; Bernie Harrington; Judi Armstrong; Christopher Jones; Susan Kilmer; Lee Kilmer; Marianne Stilson; Dawn Wilkes; Patrick Lucas; Marissa Wright; Robin Christopher; Josephine Jones; Scott Fellows; Tony Dimarco; Madelyn Flynn; Johanna Kimball; Jonathan Miller; Jeff Damiano; Tony Dimarco; Shilo Garceau; Judi Armstrong; Scott Fellows; Dawna Beausoliel; Bryan Beausoliel; Deborah Ellis; Krisa Rizzo.

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 23, 2024:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, the **motion** was made to approve the minutes of April 23, 2024. Voted unanimous.

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

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 2, 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 \$58,253.52. Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$15,731.30 and the warrant in the amount of \$45,522.22. Voted unanimous. Included were Cargill Salt – \$10,229.26; Dime Oil- \$6,214.12; Haley Ward - \$4,846.25; Sepples Tree Service- \$3,000.00.

5. First Selectman’s Report:

First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo, is crunching budget numbers for tomorrow night’s Board of Finance meeting.

Scott Olson stated that the Town Employees *Pay Matrix* is a mystery for him. He would like to see the description and full disclosure of the process to the employees.

Scott Olson stated that the Board of Selectmen were to go before the upcoming P&Z meeting regarding the *needs assessment* for both Public Works and the Fire Company. Unfortunately the issue was not submitted in time for publishing on the agenda. (With a majority vote, a subject can be added.) Notwithstanding, the Planning & Zoning will channel this item to the public with a public hearing for all interested residents to attend.

6. Correspondence:

Lori Clinton is on the BOS agenda for Tuesday, May 14th. It may go into “executive session” for personnel issues.

Marissa Wright wants the town to withdraw application with the P&Z.

7. Old Business:

7a. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson and seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to re-appoint **Matthew Grosclaude** to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another 2-year term. Voted unanimously.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to re-appoint **Mark Beeman** as Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another 2-year term. Voted unanimously.

Bruce Arsego has chosen not to be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A candidate will be sought.

8. New Business:

8a. Needs Assessment Committee:

In a discussion it was brought forth that Barry Hall and Garret Harlow are adequate and enough individuals to comprise a "Needs Assessment" Committee. Dexter Kinsella questioned what the "charge" to this committee.

Scott Olson added that Bill Gelormino (Public Works) can also be added to these committees. Todd Carusillo agreed that these individuals are very capable of producing practical needs and requirements to satisfy not only the Goshen Fire Company and Goshen Public Works, but also the *Board of Finance*.

9. Other Business: None

9a. Michael Leonard to Speak

Mr. Leonard asked why it takes months for complete a needs assessment? The BOF wants to keep spending down. Building Committee can handle what needs are now and in the future.

Scott Olson stated that now he knows it's a two (2) year window for the STEAP grant. Site plans for permitted use can be designed.

In a **motion** by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** add to the agenda item 9b. P&Z Application for 190 Sharon Turnpike. Voted unanimous.

9b. P&Z Application for 190 Sharon Turnpike:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, he asks the application for P&Z be withdrawn. *There was no second for Scott Olson's motion.* Dexter S. Kinsella stated he is not in favor or withdrawing the of the P&Z application. (no discussion continued without a second to this motion.)

10. Public Comment: (Two (2) minutes per person)

(The Public Comments are summarized with the best intentions of expressing the full thoughts of the individual and subject matter.)

Thomas Stansfield (serves as Chairman on Goshen's Inland-Wetlands). He stated the HR lucked out with the newly hired Land Use Officer. As it turns out, two very competent people have been

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hired. He hopes in the future to have an opportunity to be involved in the interview process. He looks forward to working closely with the new hires.

Josephine Jones stated that at the last meeting, Scott Olson challenged the Board with best intentions. The DCLA - no banned books were recorded. Goshen's Library did Not ban the book. Books are challenged to protect children.

Renee Kajawski stated that Emerson Education also challenged the book. The 190 Sharon Turnpike land purchased - there were no committees.....don't put the cart before the horse.

Henrietta Horvay said with regards to the Zoning Board of Appeals, she has consulted the Annual Report for Goshen – ZBA has five regular members - 2 Republicans; 3 Alternates and another Alternate. 2 Republicans, 1 Democrat, add 1 unaffiliated. There is a vacancy.

Scott Fellows stated he has not received answers to two questions from last week: one question regarded update on the Library situation; another regarding the BOS. Does a code of ethics exist? Is there a code of ethics for elected officials. The Library Board issue involved a Selectman. Todd Carusillo stated that at this time the Town Attorney and a Labor Attorney are involved in this issue. Selectman Kinsella interjected that perhaps an "Ethics Board" should be created to create ethics that must be followed.

Janet Hooper was disappointed that corrections made for BOS meetings are not seen in the following week's minutes.

Tony DiMarco (Chairman of Republican Town Committee) asked the BOS to include in the minutes his letter of complaint about the graphic images in "Gender Queer)

Marissa Wright expressed her disappointment with the BOS going to the PZA with an application, knowing there was significant opposition to this. This will bring a burden on taxpayers; withdraw the site plan application.

Robin Christopher stated that to move forward, this needs an assessment committee – with criteria, and have equal representation.

Sarah Leonard acknowledged the lack of clarity with the 190 Sharon Turnpike issue. She would like to see the P&Z application withdrawn.

Judy Armstrong is very concerned with the divided support for the project; she gives her support to the Library Board members regarding the "book". The Town needs a "Social Services" person; she would like to see the Recreation Department move to Camp Coch; would like to see "Housing Committee". Doesn't want to see the Town divided.

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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

6:15 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide