

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday November 20, 2024

1. CALL to ORDER: Chairman Allan Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., then turned the meeting over to Robert Valentine.

2. Attendance: Chairman Allan Walker, Robert Valentine, Paul Collins, Russell Murdock

Excused: Vice Chair Ned Bixler. **Absent:** Scott Tillmann, Jim Korner

Others: First Selectman Todd Carusillo, Michael Edison (President of WLPOA)

3. Seating of an Alternate: None

Motioned by Paul Collins to seat Russell Murdock, seconded by Allan Walker

4. Approval of Minutes:

Under the EOC Budgets and Grants: The EOC (Emergency Operation Center) to be corrected to EMD (Emergency Management Director). Gary Stango, Deputy, to be corrected to read Gary Stango, Sr. Deputy EMD.

Under Selectman's Report: The statement from Bob Valentine regarding the motion to move \$1200 for security cameras from Unassigned Fund Balance and Capital Non-Recurring to Town Clerk Capital, should read Bob Valentine motioned to move \$1200 for security cameras from Unassigned General Fund Balance to Capital Non-Recurring to Town Clerk Budget. If there are any other corrections to the meeting minutes, hearing none, all in favor to approve the meeting minutes as corrected. **Motioned by** Allan Walker, second by Paul Collins. Voted Unanimous.

5. Financial Reports Review: Received reports prior to meeting, are there any questions or comments? Discussion regarding report from Debbie Franklin on community and other grants funds. Bob Valentine was looking for clarity on report headings as follows: Early Voting \$2000, Voting Grants \$10,500, Election Technology Grant \$4730, FCH Prescription Grant \$609.19 and Fire Company Appreciation Dinner \$1262.13.

Patricik Reilly arrived at 7:37 p.m. **Motioned by** Paul Collins to seat Patrick Reilly, seconded by Walker. Vote Unanimous.

6. Tax Collector's Report Review:

The Board reviewed the Tax Collector's report; **Motioned by** Allan Walker, seconded by Paul Collins to accept. Allan complimented a nice report from the Tax Collector.

7. Selectman's Report:

Discussion on the State mandated security camera for ballot box.

Election grants received in the amounts of \$10,500, \$5000 and \$2000.

Waiting on Auditors report for Region #6 expenses and underfunded pensions. Region #20 referendum vote for Litchfield debt of \$1.9 million will be held on December 3, 2024.

First Selectman held a meeting with area towns and Enviro Express for pricing for MSW; if town opts out of MIRA Agreement.

The Board of Finance Budget schedules were changed to have the larger budgets sent out earlier, so they could have a better understanding of where the budgets will end. January and February budgets and letters were sent out. March and April budgets will follow. Bob Valentine asked First Selectman Carusillo to invite the trustees of Reg #6 to explain the under funded pension for Dec.18th meeting.

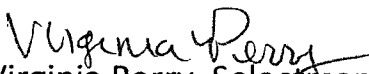
8. Correspondence:

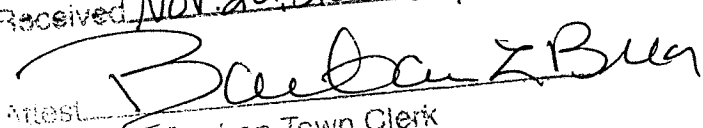
Letter received from WLPOA (Woodridge Lake Property Owner's Association, Inc.) with a request for support in funding to install 3 traffic- calming speed humps on Shelbourne, East Hyerdale Dr. They face challenges with traffic safety. The recent UCONN traffic study completed on an off season, showed the volumes were reduced, but proved there are significant numbers of speeders at all times of the day and some driving 2 to 3 times the legal speed limit.

Further discussion from the board with all road's issues with speeders. The board asked for the First Selectman to reach out to ConnDot (Connecticut Department of Transportation) to look into regulations on speed humps and stop signs.

9. New Business: None

10. Adjournment: Motioned by Paul Collins, seconded by Russell Murdock. Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.


Virginia Perry, Selectman's Admin Asst.

Received Nov. 22, 2024 @ 10:35 AM

Attest Barbara Z. Burr
Goshen Town Clerk

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Board of Finance

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Dear Finance Board,

We are writing to request your support for funding of the installation of 3 traffic-calming speed humps on Shelbourne and East Hyerdale Drive. We continually face challenges for traffic safety and your help to resolve this dangerous problem would prove beneficial.

Both streets are in relatively congested areas used by people walking, running, bicycling, and on East Hyerdale traffic entering/exiting the clubhouse, especially during the peak season, compounds the issue. The recent UCONN traffic study completed during our off-season, while traffic volumes were reduced, proved that there are significant numbers of speeders at all times of the day, and some are driving at 2 to 3 times the legal speed limit.

We are aware that the town has previously rejected funding for a resident state trooper due to its high cost. The cost of approximately \$15,000 for 3 speed humps is modest in comparison and unlike human resources, the humps are effective at slowing traffic 24/7/365. This would prove to be a significant measure, decreasing a known serious threat to public safety. The current proposed installation would also serve as a meaningful demonstration of their potential benefits for other speeding problem areas in Goshen.

The humps proposed have proven effective, both in performance and cost, in other towns in Connecticut over a long period of time. The wide, tapered humps force vehicles to slow to 15-20 mph, do not impede snowplows or emergency vehicles, offer a long service life, and require little or no maintenance.

Please allocate the necessary resources to finally address this problem before a serious accident occurs. Thank you in advance for considering our request and we appreciate your attention to this crucial matter.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'ME' followed by a stylized flourish.

Woodridge Lake Board