

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, December 10, 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: Josephine Jones; Cindy Barrett; Scott Olson; Garret Harlow, Public Works Supervisor;

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 12/03/2024:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of 12/03/2024 as corrected: Janet Hooper asked to have her comments reflect “that she believes Goshen is a better place, not toxic.” Scott Olson wanted the minutes to show **his “error”** in that the date of **Jan.31st** could be a meeting where the BOS meets in the morning to sign checks, etc.” Lucille Paige took the initiative to type in the *correct* date of Dec 31st New Years Eve; Scott wanted the error date to be shown that it was he who made the mistake. In the paragraph regarding Carmody & Torrence, Scott Olson felt the phrase “The issue has been resolved” was in error. Voted unanimous.
3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 12, 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 \$178,653.27. Payroll was in the amount of \$32,459.94 and the warrant in the amount of \$146,193.33. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Jim Pescatore (windows in the Library) - \$12,750.00; McNeil Insurance - \$9,358.00; Northeast Crack Fill - \$15,486.00; S&S Asphalt - \$70,836.90.
4. **First Selectman’s Report:**
Todd reported that he has a meeting with Enviro Express to discuss tipping fees, result from the NWCOG meeting held last week, here at the Goshen Town Hall. The meeting addressed disposal of the towns’ solid waste

Traffic signs have been placed on various roads within the town of Goshen, along with signs alerting drivers of road “humps”; this is to have drivers reduce their speeds when driving along residential roads; speeding drivers have become problematic. Todd M. Carusillo is the Local Traffic Authority.

MIRA fees are going up to \$181.00 per ton beginning February 2025. Todd wants to avoid this increase for our Goshen residents. Hence, his recent meeting of all of the NWCOG members here at Goshen Town Hall, to discuss best/efficient endeavors to avoid these skyrocketing fees. The meeting entered around the NWCOG pursuing the feasibility of purchasing the Torrington Transfer Station.

Black bears are not quite ready to totally “hibernate”. Be aware of their presence; use caution when going out to your yard, or porches, etc.

Speed enforcement will be conducted by Conn. State Police along Route 4 in West Goshen and side roads.

Rather than calling the Goshen Town Hall, *Eversource* is requesting that the public make calls **DIRECTLY** to *Eversource* when reporting downed wires, limbs of trees, trees totally coming down, etc. They will take the call and dispatch their crews accordingly. The phone number is **1-800-286-2000**.

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Todd Carusillo appointed Selectmen Scott Olson to monitor the lights along the center of town, in front of the Post Office and the Candle Shop. This has been past practice for the Goshen Selectmen to do their due diligence for this task. Dexter Kinsella suggested that Supervisor of Public Works, Garret Harlow may also take notice of those lights (when snowplowing is taking place). These lights are under the prevue of the Carlise Fund.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Old Business: None

6a. Appointments: None

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was vote to add **Septic System for Public** Works under **7. New Business, 7a. Septic System for Goshen Public Works Dept.** Voted unanimous.

7. New Business:

7a. Goshen Public Works Septic System 38 Torrington Road:

Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, took to the podium to advise Goshen residents that an updated Septic System must be installed for the Public Works Department, along with some large equipment. The "Plan" has been submitted to Torrington Area Health Dept. (This Plan was submitted previously for development at 190 Sharon Turnpike). The building for this endeavor will be 5,000 sq. ft – significantly smaller than the previous submission on 190 Sharon Turnpike. Discounts for Northwest Hills Truck for housing their equipment; the original agreement with NWCOG was 5- 6 years and storage. Dexter Kinsella asked if other municipalities store their equipment for NWCOG? Todd Carusillo stated that Goshen isn't building a building to store COG Equipment. Grant money will be used for septic for new building. Dexter Kinsella stated that a Septic System will be required for this new building – using State and Federal Guidelines. The overall plan will have to go to the *Goshen Inland and Wetlands Committee*. The Goshen Building Committee needs bulldozer, loader, 2 tractors for excavation and grader and to have the "plan" to identify the needs of the town. Scott Olson asked where the new building will be placed. Is there enough room for the overhead doors? Todd Carusillo stated this issue will require a meeting with Seth Breakell; the project must be presented in "transparency" in order to move forward. Todd stated that we have only to May 2025" to secure money- Dexter Kinsella stated that when Garret Harlow is "ready" – we must move ahead with this; the must have absolute transparency; plans must be placed before the residents so they can "get behind it".

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment: (Two (2) Minutes):

Josephine Jones stated how she had a conversation with a Canaan State Trooper, wherein they discussed a resident State Trooper for Goshen. In addition, they discussed speeding cars on East Street South.

Scott Olson stated he too spoke to a State Trooper. Goshen gets only ½ of the area town calls.

Cindy Barrett asked about the Building Committee, if there were notes of their last meeting? She was told November 20th was the last time the Building Committee met.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucile A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide