

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, December 03, 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: Audrey Blondin; Janet Hooper; Maureen Goodhouse; Cindy Barrett; Charlotte Jones; 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 11/26/2024: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of 11//26/2024 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – December 5, 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 \$50,692.41. Payroll was in the amount of \$15,339.03 and the warrant in the amount of \$35,353.38. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Carmody Torrence - \$7,248.00; Dime Oil - \$4,240.74; Mountain Top - \$10,037.38.

4. First Selectman's Report: None

5. Correspondence: None

6. Old Business: None

6a. Appointments: None

7. New Business: Under the "Warrant", the payment to Carmody & Torrence (the town's law firm) was for actions that occurred regarding a June 17, 2024 BOE vote. The issue has since been resolved. The legal fees also have been taken care of. Board of Selectmen received approval from BOF Chairman, Allan Walker.

8. Other Business: Discussion with reference to moving the Board of Selectmen meeting from Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), *back one day* to Monday, December 23, 2024:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was voted to move the *regular* scheduled "*Tuesday*" BOS meeting (Dec. 24th Christmas Eve) back one day to "Monday – a Special Meeting" December 23rd); this is to accommodate the residents celebrating Christmas Eve. Voted unanimous.

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

Janet Hooper - Ref: Article in *Republican American* on Tuesday, December 3rd. There is an elephant in the room. Her comments referred to Tabitha Guarnieri, Library Director, of the Goshen Library who has submitted her resignation. Goshen does not have a "toxic" element. Goshen can do better. Ms. Hooper wishes Ms. Guarnieri well.

Audrey Blondin: Brought to the Selectmen's attention that perhaps Tuesday, December 31st – *New Year's Eve* should be changed also. Scott Olson suggested that the Selectmen could meet on Tuesday morning on December 31st at 11:00 a.m. to sign checks, etc.

Cindy Barrett: Would like it to go on record rendering a "thank you" to Janet Hooper for putting good wording in her response to the article regarding the Library Director. She totally agrees.

Charlotte Jones: The Library Director was subjected to harassment by one Library Board member. How much has this cost us in legal fees. Harassment is costly. There should be a "code of conduct" for all.

First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo: Stated that reporter, John McKenna had a misprint in this article. He will make the correction in the paper. Todd further stated that he tried to retain Ms. Guarnieri and asked her to withdraw her resignation.

Marianne Stilson: Inasmuch as the Article stated "toxic environment", why was the employee allowed to remain working, inasmuch as she cited "harassment". The atmosphere is not toxic.

Maureen Goodhouse: Stated her support for Ms. Guarnieri. The "book" was in the Library for two (2) years. Yet, Ms. Guarnieri stated she was subjected to constant harassment. We, as a town, can work together. "I wish Tabitha well. I hope, we as a town can work together."

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman' Aide