

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, November 26, 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; Patrick Lucas.

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 11/19/2024: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of 11//19/2024 as corrected: voted unanimous. On the vote for Dexter Kinsella for SMK re-appointment the vote wasn't "unanimous"; it should have read voted only by Todd Carusillo and Scott Olson – a majority.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 21, 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 \$57,494.68. Payroll was in the amount of \$25,812.22 and the warrant in the amount of \$31,682.46 Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Adkins Printing (ballots) - \$1,395.40; BCBS – \$19,396.75; Tax Refunds \$1,983.16; W.B. Mason - \$1,420.84.

4. First Selectman's Report:

On Wednesday, November 20, a meeting was held here at Goshen Town Hall hosted by Todd Carusillo. This meeting brought together the area First Selectmen and Mayors to discuss moving forward on the MSW (Municipal Solid Waste). DAS will be taking over the transfer station located in Torrington run by , *Enviro Express Services for MIRA* . On November 25th, Todd himself, along with Brian Ohler, John McKenna, Garret Harlow, made a visit to this transfer station to look over the facilities. The contract currently in place, ends June 2025 – something has to be done before July 1, 2025! If something isn't done before June 2025, Goshen residents will see a **huge** increase in their tax burden for waste removal. Todd is continuing his efforts to have NWCOG take over and run the transfer station – it's imperative.

Registrar of Voters, Dawn Wilkes, has issued a notice that for the Monday, December 3rd Referendum, there is a **dire need for poll workers**. Please contact her if you are willing to work at the polls that day – hours are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 860-491-9200; DWilkes@goshenct.gov

Todd announced the resignation of Tabitha Guarnieri, Goshen Library Director.

Todd Carusillo spoke to the audience to answer any questions that anyone may have regarding cooking their holiday turkey in an oil fryer. Safety measures of how much oil should be used; should be done in an "open" area – enclosed.

5. Correspondence:

Todd received a letter from resident Margaret Barra, (Deer Run). In reference to the upcoming "Region 20 Referendum vote" to be held on Monday, December 3, 2024 – "We don't need two of everything!"

Todd received a "thank you" from Karen Thomas of *Friendly Hands Food Bank*, for a contribution.

6. Old Business: None

6a. Appointments: None

7. New Business: None

8. Other Business: Scott Olson in speaking to the audience stated Ms. Barra's letter makes it clear that the only item for decision is the pre-existing debt; should the BOE bond this amount.

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

Audrey Blondin stated that we can all "agree to disagree", with Scott Olson. Region 20's deficit of \$2.3 million shows a lack of transparency - on-going mismanagement - not well thought out.

Janet Hooper - The SMK fund stands for "**Shane Morehouse Kinsella Children's Fund**". The proceeds from this fund goes to 15 kids going to Camp; Ski Lessons, etc. – up to age 18. Ms. Hooper does not agree with Ms. Blondin.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman' Aide