

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, November 19, 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; Cindy Barrett; Henrietta Horvay

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 11/12/2024: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of 11/12/2024 as submitted: voted unanimous.

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 \$39,329.00. Payroll was in the amount of \$13,230.78 and the warrant in the amount of \$26,098.22. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: King & King Accounting - \$1,712.00; USA Waste-recycling - \$9,821.95; Yucatech – \$2,471.93.

4. First Selectman's Report:

Todd spoke about the “smoke” in the atmosphere, coming down from Great Barrington, MA. where there is a “wildfire” issue going on. Todd Carusillo used our “Blackboard” site to warn residents of the smoke. In addition, Jeff Zeiner has been giving updates on his newscast daily.

The *Town Meeting* went very well. An update on the speaker system was requested.

5. Correspondence:

Todd received a letter from Kate Malanca containing her resignation from the Safety Committee.

Lisa Bequillard our Library Aide, has submitted her resignation.

Commission Clerks are needed: Board of Finance, Recreation Commission, and Planning & Zoning Commission. Excellent for anyone who is looking for part-time work only.

Todd has received a letter from Woodridge Lake officials to the Goshen Board of Finance, for \$15,000 the cost of the speed “humps”. However, at this time of year, the asphalt “humps” will not cure appropriately. The Safety Committee, consisting of a representative from each department brings forth what needs to be repaired; this renders the opportunity to bring forth this particular need.

6. Old Business:

In reference to the Region 20 Referendum Endorsement (12-3-2024). It suggests bonding on an existing debt - \$1.8 million or 1.9 million for legal cost. In reality, is it not “Litchfield’s debt”. Litchfield had a pre-existing debt (Region 6 was bonded) – Litchfield’s debt was not bonded. There are 2,200 taxpayers in Goshen. Going forward, the full amount is not “*Litchfield’s debt*”. It belongs to *both* Region 6 per se, *and* Litchfield. – Region 6 (Goshen) and Region 20 – **both entities had preexisting debt** 1.9 million – the difference was that Region 6 was bonded and is for 20 yrs. with 15 years left. *Region 20 absorbed Litchfield’s debt – 1.9 million* – Do we pay it - 1.9 million in 1 year or over 10 years?

Scott Olson fully supports the referendum question. Dexter Kinsella thanked Scott Olson for the full explanation. He understands that we pay in one year or over 10 years- as such. Dexter also approves the upcoming question – A “yes” vote gives Region 20 permission to pay the debt it is already legally committed to.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, - officially endorses the referendum question. Voted unanimous by the Board of Selectmen.

In **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda item 6b. Appointments. Voted unanimous.

6b. Appointments:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to re-appoint *Danielle Mastrocola* to the position of Agent for the Elderly. Voted unanimous.

Todd has not gotten hold of Jeff Lindstrom yet, after several attempts to call him. (Bld. Board of Appeals). He will continue his endeavors.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to re-appoint the members of the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund, aka SMK. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to re-appoint Janet Hooper to the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund to November 11, 2025. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to re-appoint Sara Krahla to the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund to November 11, 2025. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to re-appoint Dexter S. Kinsella to the Shane Morehouse Kinsella Fund to November 11, 2025. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to re-appoint Attorney “Chip” Roraback of Roraback, Roraback Attorneys of Torrington for a 1 year term, October 31, 2025. Voted unanimous.

7. New Business: None

8. Other Business: None

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

Janet Hooper with reference to a *Town Meeting* suggested that when a person is nominated for a position, it is important to have that individual step up to the podium/microphone. This enables the people to see who the nominee is. Ms. Hooper also stated her disappointment in that no movement has been made to appoint a Social Services person for Goshen. The fiscal investment is worthwhile. She asked that this issue be pursued.

Scott Olson about the role of Social/Human Services be pursued. Get info from surrounding towns.

Audrey Blondin stated her objection to the process of appointing of “town attorney”. As a taxpayer, she objects to the process.

Cindy Barrett felt that comparing Goshen to Torrington for Social/Human Services is not comparing “apples to apples”. Referendum Vote – 6-8 p.m. Absentee ballots – not everyone communicates. Speed Bumps/stop signs placed where suggested, will slow down traffic. They are needed on Beach St., Use whatever means that is necessary.

Henrietta Horvay feels that at a Town Meeting, people should be allowed to speak and should get public recognition – people should stand up to be seen.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman' Aide