

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, November 12, 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; Marianne Stilson; Ashley Hall-Dadona; Susan Wheeler; Krista Rizzo

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 11/5/2024: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of 10/29/2024 as corrected: Audrey Blondin spoke at the meeting of November 5, 2024. Voted unanimous.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 14, 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 \$98,980.39. Payroll was in the amount of \$34,897.97, and the warrant in the amount of \$64,082.42 Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: CIRMA - \$6,615.00; Dime Oil – 3,346.04; MIRA - \$15,392.50; Overhead Door - \$3,257.00.

4. First Selectman’s Report:

There is currently a power outage on Hillhouse Road; a tree has fallen over and onto the wires on a pole – the road is blocked. Hill House Rd., is blocked. Drivers are asked to use an alternate route.

Region 20 called First Selectmen, Todd Carusillo regarding the Goshen Center School will see the installation of new updated lighting at parking, entrance, exits, to receive new lighting adjacent to parking places, and at the gymnasium walkways. This will enhance safety of foot traffic, for visitors, etc.

Early voting in Goshen resulted in a cost of \$15,805.00 thus far.

Todd has been receiving numerous calls regarding the behavior of Black Bears in Goshen. He urged residents to bring their garbage in, using enclosed areas; so, hold off on putting bird feeders out. Bring inside your dog or cat food dishes, in that many calls report bears on porches and decks.

A speed study has been conducted at Woodridge Lake. This study has resulted in a verified speeding problem – speeds averaging between 37 miles and up to 70 miles per hour. This problem also exists on Shelbourne Drive and East Hyerdale. Decisions are being made on installing speed “humps” and increased speed digital signage.

Scott Olson gave a thank you to all the voters who turned out to vote – over 2,000 Goshen residents, many who took advantage of “early” voting. Thank you/grateful for all the poll workers, moderators and everyone involved in supporting the voting process.

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo gave a big “thank you” to Toby Geiger for putting on the program regarding “crime watch” information and Public Works Dept. for their efforts with the crime watch signage at Deer Run Lane. Dexter Kinsella “ditto”.

5. Correspondence:

Todd received an e-mail from Margaret Barra, of Deer Run - a thank you for the “crime watch” signage.

6. Old Business - None

6a. Appointments: None

7. New Business:

7a. BOS Calendar of Meetings Dates – 2025 – Adopt

After reviewing the calendar of 2025 BOS meeting dates distributed to BOS members, a **motion** was made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson to receive and accept the **2025 BOS calendar of meeting dates for 2025**. (a slight revision to the original will have the “address” of the Goshen Town Hall 42 North Street, be added to the calendar.) Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson it was **voted** to add to the agenda item 7b. Region 20 Referendum Flyer – December 3, 2024. Voted unanimous.

7b. Region 20 Referendum Flyer:

Resident Ashley Hall-Dadona gave a report on the \$1.9 bond for debt service. She gave an overview of debt to be decided on at the Referendum to be held on December 3, 2024. Equalization of assets of both Litchfield Public Schools and Region 6 school districts. The breakdown of town responsibility for the \$1.9 million in LPS debt requires that RSD6 towns pay 44% of both debts and the Town of Litchfield pay 56% of both debts. A flyer has been publicly distributed to these towns giving a full description of the debt responsibility.

Ms. Krista Rizzo stated that this agreement was part of the educational plan. Dexter Kinsella endorses this plan. Referendum Endorsement will be on next week’s agenda. (November 19, 2024).

8. Other Business: None

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

Audrey Blondin stated that Torrington had difficulties in their vote checking process. Goshen, on the other hand, did excellent. She thanked everyone/all who worked at the Goshen polls.

Marianne Stilson thanked both Scott Olson and Audrey Blondin who did such a fine job in showing appreciation/pride to the residents of Goshen who worked at the polls. She too thanked all who worked hard at the polls.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Voted unanimous.