

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, October 01, 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;

EXCUSED: Dexter S. Kinsella

OTHERS: Susan Wheeler; Josephine 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 09-24-2024: In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024 as submitted. Voted unanimous.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – October 3, 2024:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant in the amount of \$58,147.33. Payroll in the amount of \$16,607.77 and the warrant in the amount of \$41,539.56. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Atlas Industrial – \$12,750.00 Dime Oil - \$2,328.51; Mountain Top Trucking - \$12,456.31.

4. First Selectman's Report:

Toby Geiger, (Deer Run Dr.) held a meeting to update neighbors regarding "CRIME WATCH".

As reported in the recent issue of the *Goshen News*, pensions regarding the Board of Education were for non-certified personnel, not teachers.

5. Correspondence: Tom Stansfield, a town asset for Goshen, will be stepping down from the Inland/Wetlands Commission. Tom has served for 30 years. Tom had always kept the duties apolitical. Surely he has been a great asset to Goshen in this capacity. Thank you, Tom for your dedication/service. Interested candidates for this position would be Democrat or Independent.

6. Old Business: None

6a. Appointments: None

7. New Business: None

7a. Black Bear Americana Music Festival 2024: Oct. 11th; Oct. 12th; Oct. 13th

The approvals are nearly complete; are in the works. Confident of all approvals received on time, in a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the Black Bear Americana Music Festival per the dates submitted at the Goshen Agricultural Fair Grounds. Voted unanimous.

8. Other Business:

The Board of Selectmen have been asked by Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, to increase the fees for driveway permits - \$100 current; *up to \$150.00*; Roadway excavations from \$150.00 *up to \$350.00*. These items will be brought back at the next Board of Selectmen meeting to include the vote of Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella.

9. Public Comment (Two (2) minutes)

Josephine Jones asked that everyone keep in mind that political signage on private property has been found missing. This activity is considered a felony if committed by non-owners. She stated that many property owners have had their signage removed, destroyed, etc.

Susan Wheeler stated that the Board of Education meeting held on September 26th, at the December 3rd, referendum, the budget was 1.8 – now it is 1.9; the Capital that was originally stated was \$900,000; it is now \$1,000,000. The BOE claims that the increases include legal fees, shortage on fuel, and other items that were overlooked. Ms. Wheeler urged everyone to attend the next BOE meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd in Litchfield.

Marianne Stilson reported that trees originally scheduled to be taken down Cornwall Drive and Weldon Court, still have the ribbons tied around them, showing which ones have to be taken down. In previous minutes, it was stated that they were taken down and the wood was still left there. They have not been taken down. What is the status of this project? Todd stated that Public Works were still busy with “drainage” issues; he will contact Public Works and get answers.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide