

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Dexter S. Kinsella *and* Scott Olson - Zoom

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Susan Wheeler; Marianne Stilson; Dawn Wilkes; Seth Kinsella; Judy Armstrong; Lynette Miller

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 September 10, 2024: In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 10, 2024. Voted unanimous.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – September 19, 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 \$55,901.33. Payroll in the amount of \$16,477.83 and the warrant in the amount of \$39,423.50. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: USA, Recycle: \$9,821.95; Firemen’s Appreciation Dinner - \$4,674.00; CIRMA - \$17,583.

4. First Selectman’s Report:

Todd announced that Donna Molon has submitted a letter **rescinding** her resignation from the Board of Assessment Appeals. Her skills, experience, and education are very valuable.

At the recent meeting of NWCOG tipping fees were discussed. Tipping fee from MIRA is now \$180/ton beginning July 25, 2025 – unless we are able to opt out before then.

School referendum, 12/3/2024 – not work in Litchfield per Denise Rapp. Therefore, this date may change again.

Todd announced he has “locked in” with Dime Oil Company with a contract for 2025 – 2026, \$.61 less than last year. New contract - Diesel – \$2.61; Gas \$2.42; Oil \$2.58

Todd reported a major problem (a major clog) with the bathrooms here at Town Hall. Our plumbers have advised contacting *specialists* as it appears to be a problem where special equipment may be needed to detect the problem.

5. Correspondence:

Letter received from Donna Molon *rescinding* her resignation from the Board of Assessment Appeals.

6. Old Business: None

6a. Appointments: None

7. New Business: None

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment (Two (2) minutes)

Audrey Blondin stated she is happy that Donna Molon has *rescinded* her resignation from the Board of Assessment Appeals. Good news. Thank you to Todd Carusillo and Dexter Kinsella for attending her class last night.

Marianne Stilson heard the bathrooms at Town Hall were clogged. She also advised that many of the trees that have been taken down (Cornwall Drive) – none have been removed. Todd will converse with Garret Harlow. – Todd stated that it cost the town \$600 last time for fixing a clogged pipe; these pipes here at town hall are very old, back to the 1940's. This time the cost for repairs is going to be perhaps twice as much.

Dawn Wilkes announced that there is an opening for a person to serve as Registrar of Voters. She thanked Todd for allowing her to solicit the job opportunities in Town Topics. All those who may be interested in being a poll worker, please contact us. Thank you.

Susan Wheeler spoke regarding the Region 6 pension fund. Reg 6 was shown to have \$1,400 and \$454,000 in bills; many expenses incurred in the *previous* administration. Audit needs to be done. Todd sent Region 20 BOE questions on pensions, bonding, etc. Ms. Wheeler has met with many residents of other towns – opinions- they are not for it. She expressed examples of non-essential items – \$8500. spent for a mascot costume; an expenditure of \$33,000 for furniture in the senior lounge – money spent irresponsibly.

Marianne Stilson stated that as community, we are losing people from the Board. She is concerned; BOE new members have no idea; the BOE have real problems.

Seth Kinsella stated the need for oversight from the towns to straighten out all this. Todd stated a need for a forensic audit.

Todd questioned who authorized cuts in pensions for Region 6.

Judy Armstrong zoomed in the BOE Region 20 meeting; she was impressed with students.

Todd Carusillo mentioned the Firemen's Appreciation Dinner he attended last Saturday, was great, he had a good time. He stated the food was great! Dexter Kinsella added that he had a good time as well. Scott Olson joined them expressing his appreciation for the Fire Department's hard work and dedication to the residents of Goshen.

Lynette Miller stated the Region 20 needs to provide clarification \$454,000- Region 20, Litchfield, and Region 6. \$1,400. in regular checking account. Time for all to stand up; stick to a budget; time for people to get serious. Support be given Region 20 budget. (she stated that Ashley Dedonna wants to see job descriptions, and organization charts; the people didn't vote yet on the budget).

10. Adjournment:

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

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide