

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, September 10, 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; Henrietta Horvay; Cindy Barrett; Susan Wheeler; Daneille Mastrocola

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 3, 2024: In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of September 3, 2024 as corrected. Scott Olson noted that in his commentary on the congested bus arrivals at Lakeview High School, his children do not leave one hour early to avoid the traffic. Voted unanimous. Dexter S. Kinsella abstained.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – September 12, 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 \$97,340.24. Payroll in the amount of \$30,690.82 and the warrant in the amount of \$66,649.42. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Attorney Fees - \$11,781.00; MIRA (recycling) - \$16,302.95; Pension - \$5,933.71; Oddo Print Shop (Town Topics) - \$4,859.00.

4. First Selectman's Report:

Todd announced that the Board of Education referendum has been postponed until after the Presidential election. He will be attending Thursday night's meeting; the BOE claims to have reduced the proposed budget by \$700,000, however, Todd questions that amount of reduction when they have hired 17 new teachers.

September 23rd the drawdown of Tyler Lake will take place. Also, Woodridge Lake will have a drawdown to make repairs to the dam.

This upcoming Thursday, our Public Works department will be paving Newcomb Road; possibly they will be able to continue on West St. Extension.

Litchfield will be holding an *American 250 Celebration* celebrating the 250 years of establishment of the United States. Hopefully, we will have volunteers from Goshen also to partake in presentation of these festivities.

Goshen's tipping fees are \$16,302.95 up \$3,000.00 from last August. *Everyone in Goshen must increase their amount in recycling.*

Dexter Kinsella stated that he will be attending the Firemens' Appreciation Dinner and will be making his annual contribution to them accordingly.

5. Correspondence:

Todd has received a letter of resignation from Donna Molon from the Board of Assessment Appeals. This resignation is active for September 30, 2024.

6. Old Business:

6a. Appointments:

Todd also announced that **Ms. Danielle Mastrocola** has offered to be the “Agent for the Elderly” for Goshen. She addressed the audience at this meeting outlining her long career working with the elderly, 25 years, and 15 years as Social Services Director. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to appoint Ms. Mastrocola to the position of Agent for the Elderly for Goshen. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson it was **voted** to add under New Business, 7a. Black Bear Music Festival. Voted unanimous.

7. New Business:

7a. Black Bear Music Festival

The officials of the *Black Bear Music Festival* have applied for a Special Event Permit with the Goshen Agricultural Fair Grounds for 10-11th; 10-12th and 10-13th of 2024. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson it was **voted** to accept the application pending all required approvals be submitted accordingly. Voted unanimous.

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment (Two (2) minutes)

Henrietta Horvay asked that Ms. Danielle Mastrocola stand in front of the camera to enable those tuning on via zoom may see her.

Cindy Barrett on behalf of the Recycling Committee will be holding the next recycling event at the parking lots of Town Hall and Goshen Center School on Saturday, October 5th - electronics, paper, mattresses and soft plastic. Todd applied for a grant (from our local bank) to conduct shredding.

Susan Wheeler asked Todd where the Board of Education meeting for Region 20 is to be held; Todd stated that it will be held at the Litchfield Middle School, Thursday, Sept. 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Litchfield will not endorse the budget if there are no reasonable cuts. The traffic at the beginning of the school day is being addressed; a new traffic light has been installed.

Audrey Blondin gave her “hello” to everyone in attendance at this meeting. She encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the lovely weather.

Cindy Barrett had to travel to Hartford to visit Hartford Hospital the other day. She exclaimed how awful a traffic jam there was at the Tarringford School; cars were backed up down Charles St, across Tarringford West St., etc. She hopes a solution can be found for this issue.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted: