

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 23, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

PRESENT: Todd M. Carusillo, Scott Olson, Dexter S. Kinsella (Zoom)

OTHERS: Annette Lott; Michael Exstein; Marianne Stilson; Cindy Barrett; Michael Leonard; Audrey Blondin; Lynette Miller; Marissa Wright; Lynn Steinmayer; Josephine Jones; Judi Armstrong;

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 July 16, 2024:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson; the **motion** was made to approve the minutes of **July 16, 2024**. Voted unanimous.

3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 25, 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 \$97,507.20. Payroll in the amount of \$39,437.97 and the warrant in the amount of \$58,069.23. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Anvil (major roads) - \$3,535.86 & \$5,667.17; J.W Tractor - \$3,178.25; McNeil Ins. - \$8,916.00; Pension Consultants - \$6,530.00; United Concrete - \$3,190.00

4. **First Selectman's Report:**

In the area of 31 Milton Road, five (5) masked men attempted to break into cars at approximately 2:00 AM in the morning. Please be sure to lock your doors, get a ring camera, etc. to protect yourself.

Goshen has received their 2nd installment from Region 6 from their capital improvement account - \$247,538.96.

Todd Carusillo received a call from the First Selectman of Middlebury, thanking Todd for all his hard work in trying to acquire the transfer station in Torrington inclusive of the 21 towns that are the membership of the NWCOG. We need to secure our future in the area of "waste management". We need the support of all the residents here in Goshen.

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Old Business:**

6a. **Appointments:** None

7. **New Business:**

7a. **Update on Grave Stone Inspections**

Our group met with two (2) stone repair businesses - one in Torrington and another in West Hartford, who will submit quotes. Henrietta Horvay will accompany the group inspecting the stones at the cemetery inasmuch as she detailed, historical records for those buried there; has detailed history of each of the cemeteries in Goshen. In addition, Marianne and Devon Stilson have over 60 photographs that were taken upon each visit to each cemetery.

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8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment:

Annette Lott – in favor of public comment.

Michael Exstein Gave praise for the Selectmen and Public Works for good work done on Beach Street. He had questions on the BOE (Region 20) shortfall.

Marianne Stilson – either use one or the other (public comment) either all or not selectively.

Cindy Barrett – is in favor of Public Comments

Michael Leonard – Thank you to the Town of Goshen for the music concerts.

Audrey Blondin – if Town Meeting is going to be on zoom link (August 2nd – 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) Wished Henrietta Horvay a happy birthday.

Lynette Miller – Start with the Land Trust websites. The Land Trust does sell land. No attendance lists are required unless that person speaks. BOE vote tally was correct.

Marianne Stilson spoke about BOE vote and the FOIA.

Marissa Wright stated the Goshen Land Trust protects land. Thank you to the BOS for going to referendum.

Michael Edison is still confused whether the Land Trust can sell land.

Lynn Steinmayer stated that Lynette Miller is correct about the Land Trust *can* sell parts of the property, such as selling the house on the property.

Annette Lott gave a “ditto” to Lynn’s statement.

Lynette Miller questioned of CT; she spoke with State Elections committee.

Scott Olson stated up to July 9th - each individual spoke in detail. Todd Carusillo stated it is not required to have Public Comment. This Board is not going to do public comments “verbatim”. A quick statement – not verbatim.

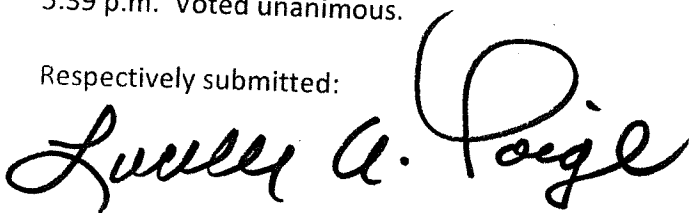
Dexter Kinsella also agreed that Public Comments are not going to be recorded verbatim. Put comments in writing and if person feels they are important, ask to have them “attached” to the minutes.

Henrietta Horvay stated we must follow State Law. All referendums must comply with State Law.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. Voted unanimously.

Respectively submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lucille A. Paige". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide