

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 2, 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: Seth Breakell; Josephine Jones; Judi Armstrong; Michael Leonard; Cindy Barrett; Henrietta Horvay; Scott Fellows; Patrick Lucas; Audrey Blondin; Betty Cogsgrove; Louise Krozek;

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 June 25, 2024:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson; the **motion** was made to approve the minutes of June 25, 2024. Voted unanimous.
3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – July 3, 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 \$80,265.35. Payroll in the amount of \$28,320.70 and the warrant in the amount of \$51,944.65. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were: Active Internet – \$3,537.00; VISA – \$3,954.58; CIRMA - \$2,624.00; MyRec - \$4,065.00.

4. First Selectman's Report:

Todd Carusillo received word about illegal dumping on Pond Road; Todd dispatched Public Works to that area to deal with the issue.

The white dog "Shilo" running loose again on Beach St. The Dog Warden has been called many times.

Roadside mowing on our roads in town has begun. Tree trimming along Sherbrook Rd, Hageman-Shean Rd. grapevines being removed.

Scott Olson gave kudos to Shilo Garceau for manning the phones and coordinating efforts to keep everyone on her team informed, etc. for our residents. Todd Carusillo mentioned the area power outage from last Thursday, *Eversource* had things up and running by lunch time. Hardest hit were Milton, New Milford, etc. Sunday afternoon a large tree came down on Hillhouse Rd that blocked the road.

Todd Carusillo announced the good news of Goshen having received several grants (\$10K +\$25,000.) EOC, the other grants were somewhat less. Kudos to Gary Stango Jr., Shilo and Jim whose efforts added to the totaling grant monies – to nearly \$35K

Todd reported that the discrepancy with the vote count (Thursday, June 17th) is now in the hands of the Attorneys and has nothing to report as this time.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Old Business:

6a. Appointments: None

6b. Falcon Ridge Music Festival (final approval)

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the request for the Falcon Ridge Music Festival, July 26, 27, 28, to be held at the Goshen Fairgrounds. Voted unanimous.

7. New Business: None

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment (Two (2) minutes per person):

Josephine Jones extended her congratulations on Goshen being awarded the grants stated by Todd Carusillo. She asked what can be done regarding the noise from music festivals/other events held at the Goshen. In that Goshen has no noise ordinance, perhaps an application can be put through for next years' events. (in particular the loud speaker to be silenced after 12:00 a.m.)

Ms. Jones asked how the decision to cancel the vote last Thursday was reached. Who made this decision? Who made the decision to seek legal and State Council? Who pays the legal fees? It is beyond belief that our small town can't hold an election without all this disfunction.

Todd Carusillo did as instructed – called the meeting to order followed by cancellation of the vote.

Seth Breakell stated that he and others can talk to the officials of the Falcon Ridge Festival to alert them to the speaker problem, etc.

Audrey Blondin wished everyone a nice Holiday. The next town meeting is Tuesday, 7/16; and asked if the question(s) are about the "land", Sharon Turnpike? Because Emily Cole's position has expired, is her seat open? She was advised to go to the website for more information.

Judi Armstrong congratulated Todd on receipt of the grants. She asked whose decision it was to cancel the vote? Who pays the legal fees? Seems dysfunctional. When will this decision be resolved? Todd Carusillo advised that more information will be known on Monday, July 8th.

Cindy Barrett – with reference with Judy Armstrong – how long is this issue going to take? She thanked the registrars for their hard work; the difficulty handling 4 lanes of individuals in line; accommodated the elderly how to handle four lanes of traffic. Todd Carusillo stated the next time this will be handled via referendum.

Marianne Stilson gave thanks to all the workers, counters, etc. Thank you to workers, counters. It's important that Attorneys getting info from actual workers.

Cindy Barrett wanted all to know that there is a Board of Ed meeting at Lakeview High tonight, 6:00p.m. with zoom.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide