

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 21, 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, (Zoom), Dexter S. Kinsella (Zoom)

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Henrietta Horvay; Dawn Wilkes

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 May 14, 2024:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, the **motion** was made to approve the minutes of May 14, 2024. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising out of the minutes:** None

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 21, 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 \$51,118.84. Payroll in the amount of \$26,331.48 and the warrant in the amount of \$24,787.36. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were : Connecticare- \$17,836.12; Safe (taxes) - \$1035.00; Shred it Day event- \$950.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Chip sealing of roads in Goshen have begun – Deming Road, East St. South, East St. North, Meadowcrest (north and south), Reservoir Rd., Hill Top Drive; Bear Hill Rd., West St., Ext.

The “Bear Lecture” we have announced is being held tonite at 7:00p.m. at Woodridge Lake.

A letter of resignation from the Recreation Commission has been received from Angela Rossbach.

A letter of resignation from Cinzia Lavin of the Goshen Library has resigned as of June 1, 2024.

6. Correspondence:

First Selectman Carusillo has received a letter from Henrietta Horvay to have Audrey Blondin serve on the vacancy of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A letter from Marissa Wright has been received stating her interest to serve on the Inland-Wetlands Commission.

In addition, letters has been received from Matt Wheeler and Chris Kennavane stating their interest to serve on the Inland-Wetlands Commission also. Todd Carusillo stated that all three (3) will come in next week to speak to the Selectmen.

7. Old Business:

7a. Appointments:

Scott Olson made a **motion** to add to the agenda under 7a. Appointments: Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella. Voted unanimous. Mark Beeman served as Alternate on the ZBA; Scott Olson made a **motion** to move Mark Beeman up to regular member on the ZBA, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella. Voted unanimous.

Dexter S. Kinsella **moved** to appoint Audrey Blondin to the open position of Alternate on the ZBA, seconded by Scott Olson. **Voted** unanimous. Audrey Blondin (in the audience) stated that she wished to be passed over for now; consider other candidates. At this time Dexter S. Kinsella withdrew Ms. Blondin's nomination. He would like to have those candidates being considered for ZBA to come before the BOS and be interviewed before selection is made.

8. New Business:

9. Other Business:

- Scott Olson asked if we're ready to move forward on the "Haying" Bid (East St. South). A short discussion took place wherein the hay should be ready to harvest. (This has not gone out to bid yet.)
- From a discussion regarding the damage to cemetery stones at Goshen's cemeteries, the *Board of Selectmen will meet early Friday morning to begin touring them to gather information on how much damage has been done to the grave markers and the steps needed to repair them accordingly. *(Special meeting of the Board of Selectmen).
- The next step to move forward the rock crushing bid (to make gravel). Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works will bring the Board up to date.

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

Dawn Wilkes gave a big "thanks!" to the Goshen Board of Selectmen for the availability of "zoom" for the Affordable Housing Commission meetings, and was happy to see a list of 8 outside resources. The BOS's advice and opinions are very much appreciated.

Henrietta Horvay stated Brandon Summerlin will resign from the Inland Wetlands Commission – November 2025. The Zoning Board of Appeals now has two (2) vacancies regular members and two (2) ZBA Alternates. She also advised that the Historical Society has much information available about every cemetery in Goshen. Their backgrounds, history, etc.

Marianne Stilson thanked the Selectmen for doing the work to bring all the cemeteries back to their original condition. She thanked each Selectman for hard work in this endeavor, Dexter Kinsella for his insightfulness, Todd Carusillo and Scott Olson. (She added that Devin Stilson will join them on Friday for the cemetery project.)

Scott Olson asked about the Northwest Transit District position. Dexter Kinsella asked Todd Carusillo to look into the position as to the current viability.

11. 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.