

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 14, 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; Michael Leonard; Marianne Stilson; Marissa Walker;

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 7, 2024:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, the **motion** was made to approve the minutes of May 7, 2024. Voted unanimous.
3. **Matters Arising out of the minutes:** Scott Olson's statement that the employees needed to understand the "pay matrix" at the top of the paragraph was followed by "He then gave "thanks" to Todd Carusillo for bringing it to the employees attention. (This statement was placed at the end of the paragraph in **error**.)

Page 2, "First Selectman Todd Carusillo can be contacted for approval of the BOS minutes, town appointments, new hires, etc. The public can call him for stop by his office with any questions."

Selectman Scott Olson found error in the "needs assessment". We are not submitting a needs assessment, but rather a **zoning application**.

4. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 16, 2024

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson,(on zoom) seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the total warrant in the amount of \$1,434,365.94. Todd Carusillo, (cont.) Included in this warrant were the payroll in the amount of \$15,323.64 and the warrant in the amount of \$1,419,042,39. Voted unanimous. Included in the warrant were : John Hancock- \$4,999.81; MIRA - \$13,197.32; Region 6 - \$1,370,061.00; USA Waste (Recycling) - \$9,541.00.

5. First Selectman's Report:

Last week, the Fire Commissioner, Seth Breakell, stated the Fire Company wants an addition on the Fire House and not a stand-alone building behind the current Fire House. First Selectman Todd Carusillo contacted an appraiser for 190 Sharon Turnpike. We can move the "grant monies" from the property at 190 Sharon Turnpike and move it over to the property at *Public Works* location. We can sell the property on 190 Sharon Turnpike or retain the property for future use. Todd Carusillo Public Works Supervisor, Garret Harlow after reading the POCD. First Selectman Todd Carusillo instructed Garrett to do a "needs assessment" for a stand-alone building where the existing sand/spreader structure is.

For the "Call" for the Town Meeting in June, we need to vote in a Representative from the new Region 20 School District. Todd Carusillo stated also on the call will be, either sell or retain the property at 190 Sharon Turnpike plus move the property at 190 Sharon Turnpike plus move the grant monies to 38 Torrington Road.

The Woodridge Lake "Bear Lecture"; Tuesday, May 21, 2024 registration is online; Registration is needed to attend this seminar – *Living with Bears*. Posting is on the Goshen Town website. Deadline for registration to attend is this Friday for next Tuesday's, May 21, 2024 meeting.

There is a vacancy for an Alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission. If anyone is interested in serving in this capacity, contact the Board of Selectmen.

6. Correspondence:

Vera Lee asked why the “Bear Lecture” is not being held at Town Hall. Marissa Wright and Marianne Arancio Stilson also submitted letters.

7. Old Business: None

7b. Appointments: None

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to add to the Agenda “Withdrawal Vote” under New Business. Vote unanimous.

8. New Business:

8a. Withdrawal Vote

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to withdraw the application currently before Planning & Zoning Board – *site plan application for 190 Sharon Turnpike* . Voted unanimous.

9. Other Business: Scott Olson announced we are looking for a new commission member for the Inland-Wetlands. There are also (2) openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development Commission and Transportation.

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

Audrey Blondin (with reference to the \$500,000 STEAP GRANT) if we gave up property, are the grant monies lost? Public Works using the monies to build on their location. First Selectman Todd Carusillo advised the STEAP grant monies will not be lost. A new building there will enable the new equipment we have to be placed under cover. We can move those grant monies from 190 Sharon Turnpike over to 38 Torrington Road.

Marianne Stilson stated that she attended the Senior Luncheon today and many people made it a point to come up to her to express what a “**terrific**” job you are doing, **Todd**. They also expressed they are happy to see the property at 190 Sharon Turnpike go to a public vote. This will put the issue behind us.

11. Executive Session: Withdrawn from the agenda (cancelled).

12. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Respectively submitted:

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide