

Town of Goshen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

5:00 p.m.

42A North Street, Goshen, CT 06756

This meeting held in-person and recorded via Zoom.us and is available as a recording

PRESENT: Seth Breakell, Scott Olson, Dexter M. Kinsella-(zoom)

OTHERS: Audrey Blondin; Cindy Barrett; Joyce Mowrey

1. **Call to order:** First Selectman, Seth Breakell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Monday, November 11, 2025:** A **motion** was made by Selectman, Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman, Scott Olson to approve the **Meeting minutes of November 11, 2025** as submitted. Voted unanimous. *In addition*, the awaited correction to the minutes of September 30, 2025 – contained in the BOS minutes of 10/7/2025, per Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, the sentence contained therein a comment regarding Ms. Lynette Miller saying “some of the attendees” “were rude and unruly”. *Selectman Dexter M. Kinsella feels that Ms. Miller had the right to make that statement.*

The minutes of September 23, 2025 are to be shown as having made that acceptance. In a **motion** by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson the statement made by Ms. Lynette Miller will be shown as legal and accepted as part of the minutes of September 30, 2025. Voted unanimous.

3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – November 20, 2025:**

In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to approve the Payroll and Warrant dated 11/20/2025 in the amount of \$37,273.55. The Warrant was in the amount of \$19,671.10 and the Payroll was in the amount of \$17,602.45. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: Independent Material Testing - \$1,302.34; Pension Consultants - \$2,220.00 ; USA Waste - \$10,418.08.

4. **First Selectman’s Report:**

Thank you to everyone who voted for me to the job of First Selectman of the town of Goshen. It will be great going forward. In addition, I am looking forward to working with Dexter and Scott.

Goshen Fire Company had EMT Training Course in which 6-7 people completed. Don Sage presented Goshen with a check for \$4860 on behalf of the Litchfield American Legion Post #46 to reimburse the town.

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is offering a free seminar for newly elected officials on January 10, 2026. If interested, contact the First Selectman’s Office.

First Selectman Seth Breakell, “Public Comment” will be limited to 2 minutes as previously done; however, I will allow some leeway for people to finish/summarize their points. I will entertain people yielding time to speakers as well.

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Old Business:** None

7. **New Business:**

7a. Appointments: Tax Collector – Appt. Rebecca DeRungs – Appt. for 1 year by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

Dawn Wilkes – Board of Assessors Appt. by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

Theodore Panasci – Building Board of Appeals – Appt. Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

Annette Lott – Conservation Commission – Appt. Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

Jason Masi – Conservation Commission – Appt. Scott Olsons, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella. Voted unanimous.

Garret Harlow – Tree Warden - Motion by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, Voted unanimous.

Russell Hurley – WPCA – Motion by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson. Voted unanimous.

Shane Moorehouse Kinsella Fund – Sara Krhla - Motion by Scott Olson, seconded by Seth Breakell. Voted unanimous. **Janet Hooper** – motion by Scott Olson, seconded by Seth Breakell – Voted unanimous. **Dexter S. Kinsella** – motion by Scott Olson, seconded by Seth Breakell. Voted unanimous.

Sexual Harassment Support - Seth Breakell – motion by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella. Vote unanimous.

8. **Other Business:** None

9. **Public Comment: (Two 2 Minutes):**

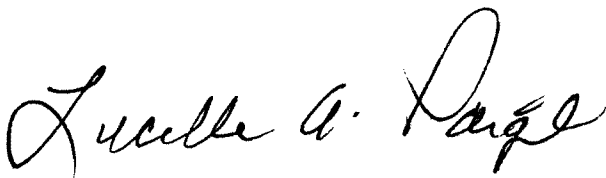
Audrey Blondin

Joyce Mowrey

Cindy Barrett

10. **Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m. Voted unanimously.

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

Please attach to 11/18/25
BOS minutes



Goshen Board of Selectmen
Goshen Town Hall
42A North Street
Goshen, CT 06756

November 16, 2025

Dear Selectmen,

We are Goshen Together, a non-partisan organization of residents who care about our town. *Our mission is to provide a forum to educate ourselves and promote openness, respect, and accountability in the government and town of Goshen.*

Our group met for the first time in July 2024 and we have spent the last year working to educate ourselves on how our government works and being more engaged in our town and its government. We strive to be positive, respectful; and to make Goshen a welcoming and happy place to live. We started as a small group of friends and then, by word of mouth, have expanded to a mailing list of over 70 residents. On Monday, November 10th, during the first snow of the year (didn't amount to much, but still...) about thirty Goshenites came together to learn about the Roberts Rules of Order and to discuss this question:

What do you think are the important topics for the Goshen Board of Selectmen to work on in 2026?

Attached are our answers to that question. We understand you have a lot to do, not the least of which is to determine how you, as a board, will work as a governing entity. We thank you for taking on this difficult task of leadership and we support you. We hope you will review the list and see it as it is intended. It is a list of the things a group of your constituents took the time to let you know they care about and hope to see positive solutions.

If you would like to be kept in the loop of our work, please make sure we have your personal email. We would welcome your input to make Goshen the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Goshen Together

If you would like to contact us, email Joyce at joyce.mowrey@gmail.com or call 860-459-7289 OR you can reach out to any of the founding members: Janet Hooper, Josephine Jones, Cindy Barrett, Judi Armstrong, Lynn Steinmayer, and Joyce Mowrey

Goshen Together response to:

What do you think are the important topics for the Goshen Board of Selectmen to work on in 2026?

Communication

- Train new members of boards/commissions/committees to include civility, budgets, FOI, and Roberts' Rules of Order. Committees and boards should be functional and members should want to accomplish their mission/mandate.
- Hold town staff meetings to improve communications between town employees in order to coordinate town business, build a sense of community, and improve the morale of town workers.
- Work to ensure that every interaction between town hall employees' and residents is respectful and positive.
- Work to adopt and implement the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics.
- Focus on agendas and minutes for boards and committee meetings to find meeting consistency.
 - Ex: If Public Comments has a 2 minute and no dialog rule then there should be no partiality that creates someone getting more than 2 minutes with a dialog between board member and resident. Create and maintain a structure for fairness and the First Amendment.
 - Work for accuracy in minutes. Although we understand that minutes need to only report motions, if a resident works up the courage to speak at a meeting it feels disrespectful if they are misquoted or their name is misspelled.
 - Be aware that folks at home on Zoom cannot hear anyone who is sitting in the audience and talking towards the table. Please have them go to the podium near the microphone or repeat their question/comment for the folks at home.
- Improve our town website to make it more user friendly with current information easy to find. PLEASE!
- Bring back or review the work of the Communications Task Force. There were several ideas regarding promoting our town via social media, using a combination of digital and hard copy mailings, and increasing mailings to a monthly calendar to improve resident awareness, and hopefully, participation in town government.

Quality of Life

- Bring back the Human Services Task Force and work to provide our town with professional human services support.
- Seniors need affordable housing and a meeting center that is available every day to provide consistent socialization and services.
- Explore the town getting a Community Center that could provide programs, supports, and a place to build relationships.
- Improve the entrances to Camp Coch to make it safer for those with limited mobility.
- Explore the possibility for a State Trooper to be assigned to Goshen.
- Devote resources to a grant writer who could pursue grants that become available via state or private agencies. For example, EV Charging Stations, Human Services Support, Town Social Media Coordinator
- Protect our lakes and waterways! Support weed control and protecting marshland.
- A Town Beach! We have so many lakes, but only one (rather sad and weedy) beach for most residents to access.
- Support the Library to bring it stability and consider expanding it.
- Support Region 20 to ensure the success of our students, teachers, and Board of Education. Promote collegiality between the towns of Region 20.

- Support local farmers: Help advertise the Farmers' Market through town communications and by asking them (Goshen Agriculture Committee and Farmers' Market) what they need.
- Consider a noise ordinance.

Plan of Conservation and Development

- Provide opportunities for all residents to have input in this important document. The residents own the POCD and should have a voice in its content.
- Include in the POCD a reasonable Affordable/Workforce Housing plan that supports seniors who want to stay in Goshen and young people who want to be a part of our town.
- Work with the Goshen Housing Trust. They are the experts on affordable/workforce housing in our town.
- Identify liaisons for the Goshen Land Trust from the P&Z, Conservation Commission, and BOS. Coordinating conservation of town land increases opportunities for protection of our lands and maintaining Goshen's character.
- Make Goshen attractive to diverse families. This is the most important way for a town to build resiliency and sustainability. Towns that do not promote welcoming practices do not survive. We want Goshen not just to survive, but to be the best it can be.

YEARLY MEETINGS MEMO

DATE: October 13, 2025
TO: All Boards and Commission Members
FROM: Barbara L. Breor, Town Clerk
SUBJECT: 2026 Meeting Dates

It is that time of year again. Attached you will find a 2026 calendar with the State holidays per §1-4 crossed out. The circled dates are that of the Town Meetings and the election. This year the State did vote on a new State Holiday and it passed.

As per §1-225 "each public agency shall file not later than January 31st a schedule of the regular meetings for the ensuing year.... **No such meeting of any such public agency shall be held sooner than thirty days after the filing of such schedule**".

If January 2026 was on your 2025 schedule that will allow you to file your notice in January. If not make sure that your calendar is filed with the December agenda. Otherwise you will be holding a Special meeting in January.

Also please remember any member who wishes to resign needs to hand in an original resignation to the Town Clerk.

Aug. 11, 2026 - Primary
Nov. 3, 2026 - Election
Conference room will be
used for SDR.

JANUARY

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Town meeting

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Oct 19-31 Early Voting

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3rd election day
14th Town meeting

2026