

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, August 26, 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: Todd M. Carusillo, Scott Olson, Dexter S. Kinsella

Others: Janet Hooper; Lynette Miller; Audrey Blondin; Mike Leonard; Toby Geiger; Josephine Jones; Marianne Stilson; Charlotte Jones; Susan Wheeler

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 Tuesday, August 19, 2025:** In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella; seconded by First Selectman, Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of August 19, 2025. Voted unanimous.
3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 08-28-2025**
In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the **total** warrant in the amount of \$1,437,882.97. The warrant is in the amount of \$1,411,093.90, and Payroll is in the amount of \$26,189.07. Motioned carried. Included in the Warrant were: East Coast Sign - \$1,285.00; Region 20 - \$1,401,151.00; Thomaston Comfort Control - \$1,914.30.
4. **First Selectman's Report:**
Complaint received from residents living on North Goshen Road: early hours on Saturday and Sunday exploding *Tannerite* – exploding targets, very loud. The State Police were called.

Recreation Director, Erin Reilly has requested hiring custodian(s) for Camp Coch.

Selectman Scott Olson added that North Goshen Road still resonates noise from *termerite*. Exploding targets – all “unlawful activity” . Residents urged to call CT State Police.
5. **Correspondence:** Ms. Shilo Garceau, (Emergency Mngt. Director) P & Z meeting to identify concerns. NWCOG brochure on housing. However, the P&Z meeting was cancelled; Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella this would give members more time to review the concerns for better feedback.
6. **Old Business:**
- 6a. **Approval of Special Application: Goshen Agriculture Fair:**
In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson it was voted to approve the Special Event Application for the Goshen Agriculture Fair, for August 30, 31, and September 01. Voted unanimous.
7. **New Business:**
Special Town Meeting – Memo of Understanding (MOU). Town had opportunity to vote – opportunity to vote to pay off the total at once or payoffs over three (3) year period. First Selectman Todd M. Carusillo read the CT State Statue – *it is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen*.

The Board of Finance will conduct a meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday, August 27, 2025). In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by First Selectman Todd Carusillo, a first payment will be made toward the MOU \$162,993.00. Voted unanimous. From this point, the town can make the decision if they would rather take advantage of the earned interest rather than pay the entire debt all at once.

7a. Discussion on Dirt Bike Ordinance:

First Selectman Todd Carusillo visited the site where the complaints came from. He saw where the dirt bikes were riding on the road, and also onto the homemade motorized track. State Police have visited the site twice where it was visible from out on the road then onto the private road. The “noise” created from the dirt bikes is one of the major complaints.

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment (Two (2) minutes)

Marianne Stilson – She would like to see perhaps the Public Works Department inspect the flags that have been hung around town; they seem to be in tattered/worn condition. 2. Goshen did not “cause” this problem with the outstanding debt. It does not have to be paid in full. 3. She agrees there is a problem with the dirt bikes, ATV’s, etc. None of these should be riding “town” roads.

Charlotte Jones – Inquired about the new road created on Lyman Lane; will there be some signage added on West Street?? Is it all on route 63? This has created more traffic.

Susan Wheeler – speaking as a taxpayer (not BOE member). She added that one of the newly planted trees has died; will it be replaced? First Selectman Todd Carusillo advised that indeed it would.

Toby Geiger - The call was 90% - 3 installments – this should have been clearer. Should be done in three installments.

Mike Leonard – I want my money back! He prefers that Goshen residents get paid back in full, one payment. Paid in full.

Janet Hooper – School starts this Thursday 8/28/25. It is important to support our kids.

Audrey Blondin – She agreed with Toby Geiger - earned the money. School Hill Road full tanks. She thought the oil tanks on that property had been abandoned in the last 10 years. She feels the old tanks are a fire hazard; they are a safety hazard; they are an environmental hazard. She feels they are wrong for the small town of Goshen.

Lynette Miller – Payments per the Board of Finance - unethical to use “money” to make “money”. Correspondence from Attorney Roraback dated 6/26 wasn’t received until August 26th. The Goshen Library Board was never notified; there was no meeting; no vote. The Library Director has 3 bosses. The First Selectman exceeded his authority. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo stated that he was well within his authority and that he had also contacted the State Attorney General.

10. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Selectman, Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide