

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, August 12, 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,

Excused: Dexter S. Kinsella (his presence was unable to be heard due to Zoom speaker failure)

Others: Michael Leonard; Marissa Wright; Marianne Stilson; Susan Wheeler; Audrey Blondin; Lynette Miller; Selectman Scott Olson

1. Call to order: Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, August 5, 2025: In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of August 5, 2025. Voted unanimous.

Approval of the minutes of the Special meeting of Thursday, August 7, 2025: In a motion made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, it was voted to approve the minutes of Special Meeting, August 7, 2025. Voted unanimous.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 08-14-2025

In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the **total** warrant in the amount of \$160,956.35. The warrant is in the amount of \$120,420.74 and Payroll is in the amount of \$40,535.61. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: Firematic – \$4,622.52; Pension - \$6,076.86; Attorney Fee – \$6,000.00; St. of CT Waste Removal – \$16,333.08; St. of CT Grant Returned - \$42,701.77; USA Waste - \$10,418.08.

4. First Selectman's Report:

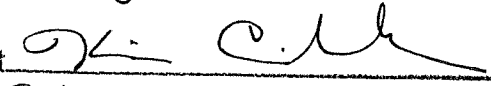
A report has been received of wounded/hurt Bear in the vicinity of Woodridge Lake is still roaming about. Please continue to be vigilant and be careful.

Governor Ned LaMont has continued the "extreme heat" protocol. Our Library is still available for relief.

First Selectman Todd Carusillo reported on his being invited to the "*Friendly Hands Food Bank's*" new facilities under construction at the north section of Torrington. Among the other guests were former congresswoman, Michelle Cook; Executive Director, Karen Thomas; Dan Harnett, Board President; *CT Governor Ned LaMonte*, and Mayor of Torrington Elinor C. Carbone.

5. Correspondence: Michael Leonard, Marissa Wright sent letter containing their concerns regarding the property on School Hill Road that is requesting permits to enhance/replace oil tanks that were their previously.

6. Old Business: Phone number for Sara Krhla was for the DOT, regarding her driveway and the road near her property. The phone number of the State Highway Dept. in Cornwall was given to her for assistance.

Received August 13, 2025 2:00 P M
Attest 
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk

7. New Business:

The Town Meeting for **Thursday, August 7, 2025 has been cancelled**. This meeting was to address the *Memorandum of Understanding* regarding the outstanding "debt" connected to Region 20 school district. A new call has been written.

The new "call for payment" is for a one-time payment. This will pay off Goshen's debt in one lump sum. In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, a Special Town Meeting was called for **Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** The official "call" was read aloud by Selectman Scott Olson and seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo. Motion carried. (Attached).

The Special Town Meeting initially called for **Thursday, August 7, 2025** to approve the call for said Special Town Meeting has been **cancelled** by Selectman Scott Olson, and seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo. Motion carried.

7. Other Business: None

8. Public Comment (Two (2) minutes)

Michael Leonard is concerned by the neighboring property on 35 School Hill Road. The owners of said property need permission from Wetlands to upgrade/expand the oil tanks location on said property. The concerns of School Hill Property neighbors is contamination of neighboring properties.

Marissa Wright echoes Mr. Leonard's concerns. This change/upgrade is not grandfathered in with Wetlands regulations. She does not want to have to sell her home. She is hoping for support from other community members.

Marianne Stilson wants assurances that the Region 20 debt paid by local towns - all money paid for this particular issue go vendors - not teachers salaries, pensions or other school staff. She wants to be sure that 100% goes to outstanding vendors debt.

Susan Wheeler stated that the Board of Finance wants the debt is paid in full; the money goes solely for the subject debt. She was assured Goshen's money will go pay the "debt" only.

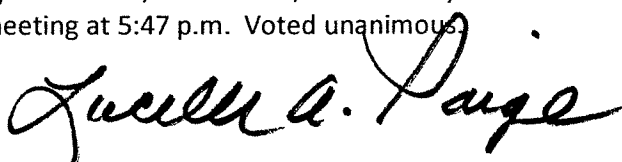
Audrey Blondin asked how many vendors are included in this "debt". First Selectman, Todd Carusillo offered that Allstar Transportation was owed - \$660,000; Food Services; CWD Computers - \$230,000. Etc.

Lynette Miller stated she was very glad that Goshen is stand-up town; glad these payments are being made. Dr. Villar is very responsible. First Selectman Scott Olson, Ned Bixler, Susan Wheeler and Ashley Hall Daddona are also be to thanked.

Selectman Scott Olson is in agreement in that this debt needs to be paid down. There are now better days ahead.

10. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Selectman, Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide



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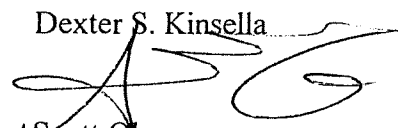
We, the Selectmen of the Town of Goshen, hereby give warning to persons legally entitled to vote thereat a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Goshen Center School Gymnasium in said Town of Goshen on Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1). To take such actions as the voters deem best with respect to the approval of a Budget Deficit Mitigation Agreement (the "Agreement") by and among Regional School District No. 20 and the Towns of Goshen, Litchfield, Morris and Warren regarding Regional School District No. 20 budgetary shortfalls for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the appropriation of the amounts not to exceed \$162,993.00 on or before the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, \$198,382.00 on or before the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and \$198,382.00 on or before the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027 as provided in the Agreement.

A copy of the proposed Agreement is available at the office of the Goshen Town Clerk, 42 North Street, Goshen, CT.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, this 12th day of August, 2025.


Todd M. Carusillo

Dexter S. Kinsella

Scott Olson
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

8.12.2025

Michael Leonard

22 School Hill Road

I'm here tonight to ask the selectman to please reconsider the mechanical permit that was approved for 35 School Hill Road.

Although I've been directed to speak to town officials regarding this matter, I have not received any call backs or emails from the building official or zoning enforcement officer. For weeks.

Todd, last week you said you would have him call me, I am still waiting for that call.

Due to my recent inland wetlands commission experience with my pond, trying to obtain a fountain for better aeration for irrigation, where I was forced to pull my application because of soil contamination that IS NOT MINE....

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It is my understanding that if an applicant is within 100 feet of a water course or wetlands area, they need a wetlands permit & approval. Regardless of a pre-existing, non-conforming use.

I would think that our town planner would be the one who would know all these things, and assist with the complexities, prior to approval of the mechanical permit.

The tanks, in my opinion, have been non maintained since I've owned my property on 22 School Hill Road.

How is it that a small farm on a rural road cannot obtain a pond maintenance permit going through all the proper town permits and protocols, but a 'tank farm' permitted by a big business can be approved by the same town, without oversight from anyone in Goshen? This doesn't make much sense. Please advise me on how to better serve my road and our community.