

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 29, 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 - (zoom)

Others: Garrett Harlow, Supervisor Public Works; Janet Hooper

- 1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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- 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, July 22, 2025:** In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman, Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 22, 2025. Voted unanimous.

- 3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 07-31-2025**

In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the **total** warrant in the amount of \$61,971.01. The warrant is in the amount of \$36,327.51 and Payroll is in the amount of \$25,733.50. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: CT Precast - \$3,670.00; Diamondback Mfg. - \$6,000.00; NWCOG - \$5,783.08; Quality Tax Services - \$3,152.99; Dime Oil - \$3,709.53.

- 4. First Selectman's Report:**

Bear phone calls keep coming in. Please continue to be vigilant.

Paving of Route 63 – the first coat is down.

Reminder - Tomorrow the date of the DOT Presentation – 6:30 p.m.

The "heat advisory" is still in effect; During business hours, the Library is the public's emergency heat shelter.

- 5. Correspondence:** A letter was received from Sara Krhla regarding her driveway was received and has been taken care of for her.

- 6. Old Business: Aggregate Materials:** Letter of recommendation. Stone Construction Co. and Mountain Top Trucking. 1st and 2nd. Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, stated both vendors were best for the Town. He cited both for the quality of their product and their ability to deliver the quantities needed on time consistently. In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson, it was moved to **purchase the materials** from Stone Construction and Mountain Top Trucking accordingly. Voted unanimous.

- 6a. **Backhoe** – Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works. -

He explained this purchase which rendered significant savings. As such, in a motion made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson, to place this item on next week's agenda, - August 5, 2025. We are purchasing a backhoe 2 models larger, \$210,000, model 440 for the price of a 420, for \$142,000.

7a AC System for Goshen Fire Company:

A bid was received from *Action Air Systems, LLC*; 131 Adams Street, Manchester, CT 06042.

In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, it was moved to **not open** the single bid from Action Air Systems, LLC, formally ask Action Air Systems, LLC to **resubmit** their bid. New deadline for the Air Conditioning System bid for the Goshen Fire Department is August 19, 2025. Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman, Scott Olson, it was moved to place on the Agenda, **Podunk Festival, to be held on August 7th, 8th and 9th, 2025** at the Goshen Fair Grounds. Voted unanimous.

7b. Podunk Festival – August 7, 8, and 9th 2025:

In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman, Scott Olson, it was moved to add to this agenda, **acceptance** of the request from Podunk Festival to hold their festival on August 7th, 8th and 9th, 2025 at the Goshen Fair Grounds. Voted unanimous.

8. Other Business: - None

9. Public Comment (Two (2) minutes):

Garret Harlow – Supervisor of Public Works, told his audience that he attended a seminar for Northwest Soil Concentration Control Environments – Roadside Invasive Management Workshop, held at the Winchester Department of Public Works. Along the Housatonic corridor is where the invasive Japanese knotweed is spreading, Mag wart as well. The endeavor of the DOT is to stop the spread of the Japanese knotweed, keep it out of the Housatonic. They proposit that taking care of “storage” yards, areas, spot control. Towns need to budget for some of these efforts (Milton Rd.) All this information will be printed and distributed by UCONN for public presentation.

Janet Hooper - Spoke of the Region 20 Budget and its effect on the transportation for the students to school. Kids have no way to be picked up for school. (\$600,000). The Goshen BOF feels this can be accomplished on one year, First Selectman, Todd Carusillo interjected. They are just waiting for the State to come back with an answer. Then, when this funding can be had, a **District Meeting** can be held accordingly.

10. Adjournment: In a **motion** made by Selectman, Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. Voted unanimous.