

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, July 22, 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: Audrey Blondin; Garrett Harlow, Supervisor Public Works; Marianne Stilson

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, July 15, 2025:** In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman, Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of July 15, 2025. Voted unanimous.
3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 07-24-2025**
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 \$134,275.90. The warrant is in the amount of \$94,598.54 and Payroll is in the amount of \$39,677.36. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were:
BC/BS - \$25,200.79 N.E. Geo. Systems - \$3,795.00
Autographics - \$4,915.90 Safety First - \$3,872.50
CT Precast - \$4,180.00 United Concrete - \$3,410.00
McNeil Insurance - \$9,670.00
4. **First Selectman's Report:**
Bear phone calls keep coming in. Please continue to be vigilant.

Paving of Route 63 with Rumble Strip for safety will be complete by the end of the month.

DON'T FORGET THE DOT ROTARY PRESENTATION , WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.
5. **Correspondence:** Jon Carroll – Insurance Certificate was incomplete.
6. **Old Business: None**

In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by Selectman, Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add *Falcon Ridge Festival* approval to this agenda. Voted unanimous.
7. **New Business:**
 - 7a. **Approval Falcon Ridge Folk Festival:** July 25, 26, 27, 2025.
In a **motion** made by Selectman, Scott Olson, seconded by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the Special Event Permit Application, inasmuch as all permit requirements have been met. Voted unanimous.

7b. Employee Sick Leave:

In reviewing the "Employee Handbook" here at Town Hall, it was apparent that this is in need of updating. Changes/updates go back to 7/1/2004, with some of the changes/updates not having been properly recorded. Some of the changes limit "sick time" to having to remain bedridden, while other changes show a visit to a doctor is required. Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, spoke of how the current updated "Connecticut Paid Sick-Leave Law" has made changes to take effect January 1, 2026. The Board of Selectmen here in Goshen will be reviewing these updates and revising our current sick-leave policies and laws accordingly.

8. Other Business: - None

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

Marianne Stilson asked about the meeting held in Hartford, attended by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, and Region 20 towns' First Selectmen seeking guidance regarding the \$2.7 million shortfall in the Region 20's school budget. He is hopeful that this help will be forthcoming. At this time, First Selectman Todd Carusillo has not received a response from Hartford. He will report back to the people in Goshen as soon as he receives word.

Audrey Blondin reported that she and her husband can offer legal guidance regarding employees "sick leave" if need be. Their law firm holds certification as Health Consultants and are able to advise municipalities 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 5:31 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide