

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, July 1, 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; Janet Hooper; Michael Leonard; Lucille A. Paige

- 1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, June 24, 2025:** In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman, Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of June 24, 2025. Voted unanimous. Selectman Scott Olson added that the minutes of June 17<sup>th</sup> in error had been "voted unanimous", when in fact Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella abstained those minutes.
- 3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – 07-03-2025**  
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 \$42,856.49. The warrant is in the amount of \$23,556.15; payroll is \$19,300.34. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: J.W. Tractor - \$2,850.26 and \$654.57, \$500.00; Mountain Top Trucking - \$3,656.00; Sepples Tree Service - \$4,000.00.
- 4. First Selectman's Report:**  
This coming Thursday, July 3, 2025 First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, will CANCEL his open door chat time. "Chat Time" will resume on Thursday, July 10th.

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo is very proud to announce Goshen received grant from the State of CT in the amount of \$1.5 million for work to be done at the West Hyerdale Bridge; also, with the support from Garrett Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works and John Battista.

Another grant from the State of Connecticut in the amount \$70,000 was received – \$35,000 from last year and another \$35,000 for this year for the bus. Again, very grateful to Senator Steve Harding and Representative Maria Horn for their support.

The State of Connecticut *Postal* division will be holding **Job Fair** here in Goshen at Town Hall, Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are in need of postal workers.

The grass on the grounds of Town Hall, the Town Library and grounds around the school were getting out of control. A "thank you" to Mathew Wheeler and Chris Hurlburt for their work in taking care of it.

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

Wednesday, July 30, 2025, informational meeting regarding the work done by State DOT on the Goshen rotary.

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The *Town Meeting* on Monday night was held to elect a Region 20 Board member. The meeting went very smoothly. Susan Wheeler was re-elected. Congratulations.

**5. Correspondence:**

First Selectman Todd Carusillo received correspondence from Eileen Cooper, Sherbrook Drive, here in Goshen wherein she wanted to state that the "new library director" is doing excellent.

Clarification of the job description for the Library Director has been clarified by the law office of Roraback, & Roraback, in Torrington. A copy will be attached to these minutes of the Board of Selectmen.

**6. Old Business: None**

**7. New Business:**

In a **motion** made by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson, it was **voted** to add to this agenda **Falcon Ridge Music Festival**. Voted unanimous.

**7a.** Falcon Ridge Music Festival has applied for a special event permit to hold their music festival. The required permits will be requested accordingly.

**7b. Bid – All Season Dump Boday, Central Hydraulics and Plow Package;**

**Town of Goshen  
All-Season Dump Body, Central Hydraulics, and Plow Package  
July 1, 2025**

|                                                                                                     | <u>Total Price for one (1)<br/>9.5' S.S Side Dump Body</u> | <u>Plow 10-11'</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Truck Parts &amp; Sales at CT, Inc.</b><br>591 Main Street<br>Plymouth, CT 06782<br>860-584-1174 | \$119,460.00                                               | \$13,840.00        |
| <b>Viking Cives USA</b><br>500 Captain Neville Drive<br>Waterbury, CT 06705<br>203-575-9000         | \$106,845.00                                               | \$6,694.00         |
| <b>Equipment Specialists</b><br>180 Roberts Street<br>East Hartford, CT 06108<br>860-296-7000       | \$89,986.10                                                | \$10,795.00        |

In a **motion** by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsell, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson, it was moved to **receive** said bid, then to Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, for his review and recommendation. Voted unanimous.

**8. Other Business: None**

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

**Michael Leonard** – Suggested the “the information on the availability” of Goshen’s Land Use Officer seemed vague and perhaps not clearly stated. His work hours need to be stated more clearly; the website needs to be corrected. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo stated corrections have been made posted to the website and posted on the entry door at Town Hall.

**Janet Hooper** – Town Hall Field - Region 20 responsible for plowing vs. mowing? Yes, there is an agreement/understanding for the care of this hayfield. Ms. Hooper attended a celebration in Bantam featuring a mural with a rooster tail. She had a question regarding the rooster’s tail.

**Audrey Blondin** - asked what, if any progress has been made to connect with Attorney Chip Roraback; First Selectman, Todd Carusillo advised he received an answer, wherein Audrey Blondin asked that the answer/letter he received be posted to these minutes. Selectman Scott Olson read Attorney Roraback’s written response out loud. Audrey Blondin respectfully disagreed with the response and feels the Library Board needs to address this issue in writing for clarification.

**Lucille A. Paige** – announced that tomorrow, July 2, 2025 is First Selectman Todd Carusillo’s birthday. Everyone at this meeting joined in a vocal “Happy Birthday” and good wishes.

**First Selectman, Todd Carusillo** – announced that the town of Litchfield is celebrating their 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If anyone wants to join in to represent good wishes from the town of Goshen are welcome to call Goshen town hall for directions to do so.

- 10. Adjournment:** In a motion made by Selectman, Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Selectman Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Voted unanimous.

  
Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide

## Todd Carusillo

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**From:** Chip Roraback <cer@rorabacklaw.com> on behalf of Chip Roraback  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 26, 2025 2:36 PM  
**To:** Todd Carusillo  
**Subject:** Library

The library statutes state only that the library board is responsible for library governance and may adopt bylaws in furtherance of that duty.

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June 16, 2025

Library Board of Directors

42B North Street

Goshen, CT 06756

Dear Henrietta Horvay, Josephine Jones, Johanna Kimball, Patty Sanders, Lynette Miller, Anne Green

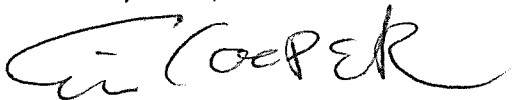
and First Selectman Todd Carusillo,

I use the Goshen Public Library. Not only for books, DVDs, audiobooks and to Xerox copies, but as a valued resource provided by Linda Senkus Benedict, Library Director.

Since Linda arrived, I can be assured that her extensive knowledge and experience can address my technical and research questions. In conversations with her, I've found a forward-looking person capable of solving the problems that our small, two-level library presents, especially to the elderly. I feel assured that the Goshen Public Library is being well served by someone who creatively generates multiple ideas on how to best organize its space to provide the materials people are looking for in the library. Innovation seems to be Linda's strong suit.

Additionally, the head librarian needs to be inviting. In each encounter, I find our new director warm, courteous, and respectful of my needs. She listens thoughtfully and takes the time to provide direction. A public library is often a key hub of a community. Linda provides the right measure of experience and civic respect to our patrons. Thank you for placing your continuing trust in her multiple talents.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Cooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "E" and "C".

Eileen E. Cooper, PhD

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