

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 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: Susan Wheeler; Audrey Blondin; Janet Hooper;

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, April 22, 2025. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025. Voted unanimous.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – May 1, 2025

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the **total** warrant in the amount of \$77,212.26. The warrant is in the amount of \$63,990.00, payroll is \$13,222.17. Motion carried with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in the Warrant were: Anthem BCBS - \$19,396.75; Haley Wald - \$8,536.25 and \$467.50; Pittsfield Communications - \$10,566.83; Protective Systems - \$4,400.00.

4. First Selectman's Report:

This coming Thursday, May 1, 2025 First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, will conduct his "Meet with the residents" segment, (4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). All are welcome.

On April 23rd, Wednesday, multiple vehicles have been broken into (suspicious men driving a white BMW). State Police are out on patrol. Be sure to lock your cars if parked outside, Sheds and Barns.

Special "thanks" to Maddie and Pat Flynn and Goshen Garden Club and all the volunteers, Region 20 Vo-Ag students, town residents for raising funds for planting of trees in front of Goshen Town Hall. Funds will be matched by Sustainable CT.

State police are running radar on Route 63, Beach St., Lyman Lane, East St. North. Patrolling/ looking for violators running the stop signs on Shelbourne. Be alert.

Saturday, May 3rd a pasta dinner fund raiser for the Glenn Keith family who have been displaced by fire, will be held at the Church of Christ – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

5. Correspondence: None

6. Old Business:

6a. Appointments: None

6b. Budgets: None

7. New Business:

The First Selectman office was notified, that Region 20 has sent out and “illegal” warning with reference to the special “District” meeting of Monday, May 5th followed by a vote on Tuesday, May 6. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo will review with the Town Clerk for its accuracy.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, to add to the **agenda the informational flyer**, the flyer is for residents to calculate their assessment plus proposed mill rate **increases in taxes that will affect the residents property taxes**. There will be a meeting at Camp Coch from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Town of Goshen property taxes budget is a good budget.

In a **motion** by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson a flyer with no editorializing - just factual information and funding of said flyers. Voted unanimous. If the Region 20 vote is rejected, a motion to adjourn to a referendum should be made.

Dexter S. Kinsella made a **motion** to have the town budget meeting go to referendum, seconded by Scott Olson for **discussion only**. First Selectman Todd Carusillo stated the referendum is not in the budget that it’s a big waste of tax payers dollars. He suggested residents should pay more attention to the Region20 referendum which Goshen will be paying for because Region 20 doesn’t have any money. Selectmen Dexter S. Kinsella was in favor of the referendum, First Selectman Todd Carusillo and Selectmen Scott Olson voted opposed to the referendum.

8. Other Business:

8a. Town Road Maintenance – Supervisor of Public Works:

This report will be given by Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works at next week’s meeting, Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

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

Janet Hooper gave a “thank you” to all who participated, including Goshen Recreation in the SMK Run this past Saturday. Rain did not render the numbers we would have liked, but are grateful for all those who participated.

Audrey Blondin - thank you to Dexter Kinsella, for his motion. Procedures for petitions needs at least 200 signatures. It is a bi-partisan issue; participation in democracy. Go to referendum. The flag ordinance that some surrounding towns participated in – not Goshen – are going to face a lawsuit. The towns involved New Britain, Torrington, Bridgeport including others. These towns chose to fly a “Christian-type” flag during the Easter Season.

Susan Wheeler stated due to a fire at the Warren School, resulted in students from Warren will be transported to Goshen Center School for a brief period of time. If the vote on May 6th does not pass, another referendum will have to be scheduled. However, the best date for a meeting regarding this cannot be held at May 12th at 5:00 p.m. A forensic audit may be necessary; perhaps the four (4) towns can pitch in to lessen the financial burden. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo stated that there is no money in Goshen for another referendum.

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10. **Adjournment:** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide