

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, April 15, 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, (Zoom); Dexter S. Kinsella (Zoom)

Others: Lynette Miller; Susan Wheeler; Audrey Blondin; Krista Rizzo; 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 8, 2025.** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 8, 2025 with "corrections". Under item 8, Other Business, this item will be struck from the minutes. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 17, 2025:**
In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the **total** warrant in the amount of \$59,003.29. The warrant is in the amount of \$45,377.76; payroll is \$13,625.53. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: *Computer Obsession - \$1,499.99 – this invoice needs clarification; MIRA (trash) - \$13,570.29; Nationwide (pensions) - \$4,866.42; USA Waste - \$9,821.95.
- 4. First Selectman's Report:**
This coming Thursday, April 17, 2025 First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, will conduct his "Meet with the residents" segment, (4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.).

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo has spoken directly with Connecticut State Attorney General, William Tong, Senator Stephen Harding, State Representative, Maria Horn, Goshen Town Council about having Senator Stephen Harding and State Rep. Maria Horn call for a *Special Act* for the Governor to sign a Resolution for the three First Selectmen from Goshen, Morris and Warren to call a special District meeting for Region 6 to review debt and talk to the pension trustees on the reallocation pension funds. (Region 6 is dissolved.) Inasmuch as Region 6 pensions were not paid, notwithstanding, the Region 6 Pension Fund still exists

Todd stated he, Tom Weik and Greg LaCava have a meeting with Union Savings Bank to review the Region 6 Pension funds to take place on Monday, April 21, 2025 – 9:30 a.m. The Town Attorney stated we must follow state statute on filing (vacancy) on Region 20 BOE needed to be filled within 30 days.

Recreation Director, Erin Reilly, has posted on the wall at Town Hall, many new programs to be offered by the Goshen Recreation Department. Please stop by to see these great offerings.

The "Trees" are going to be delivered this week. (Ref. *TREES FOR GOSHEN* presentation from last week's BOS meeting). These particular trees are to be planted on the land marked out for the Town Hall, and the Goshen Center School. (Other sites chosen will follow.)

5. Correspondence: None

6. Old Business:

6a. Appointments: None

6b. Budgets: None

7. New Business:

7a. GOSHEN STAMPEDE – June 6th, 7th, 8th 2025:

All Special Application requirements have been met with the exception of Fire Dept. In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, pending approval from the Fire Dept., **will accept** this Special Application for the Goshen Stampede per the dates requested. Voted unanimous.

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, April 22, 2025.

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

Susan Wheeler, newly elected Board of Education member – Region 20, reported a budget vote is scheduled for Monday, May 5th; this budget has a 4.97% increase. The Superintendent will present this budget to Goshen on April 21, 2025 at the Goshen Center School Cafeteria.

Krista Rizzo confirmed that the Superintendent will come to Goshen to present the Region 20 Budget. She stated that there is a lot of misinformation with the budget, or perhaps the residents are confused. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo clarified that if the budget is a total of \$43 million, with a possible increase of 2.5 – 3.5 mill increase to cover increases in school budget and Region 6 debt, from current 14.2 mills may go up to 17.5 mills!

Janet Hooper thanked the BOE for their work on the budget. The Board of Selectmen in planning their meeting of the *Code of Ethics Drafting Committee*, (Wednesday, April 16, 2025) Possibly can their agenda be attached to the minutes of this BOS meeting? She was advised "no" inasmuch as their agenda has a different "zoom" link.

Audrey Blondin thanked First Selectman, Todd Carusillo for showing leadership in working with Region 20 trying to keep Goshen taxes low. She wished everyone a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter.

Lynette Miller stated that CT Statute – 10-46 identifies regulations on Board of Ed elections. Candidates can be put forward from the floor – only Bonafide electors can be considered.

Krista Rizzo stated that the Superintendent of Region 20 will come to Goshen, Monday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo emphasized that each town's Board of *Finance* should have the Superintendent present the budget to each town.

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10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide