

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, April 8, 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: Renee Kujawski; Audrey Blondin; Susan Wheeler

- 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 1, 2025.** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of April 1, 2025. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 10, 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 \$51,011.39. The warrant is in the amount of \$24,349.06; payroll is \$26,662.33 Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: Dime Oil - \$2,669.76; DuPont Storage - \$3,000.00; Pittsfield Commercial - \$4,160.00; Torrington Probate Court - \$22,477.07.
- 4. First Selectman's Report:**
This coming Thursday, April 10, 2025 First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, **will be available** to conduct his "Meet with the residents" segment, (4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.).

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, had the opportunity to visit *USA Waste* facility located in New Britain, CT. He expressed total amazement at processes that take place to breakdown and process the trash. "Unbelievable" he stated.

Resident, Paula Gregoire reported citing a black bear in her yard trying very hard to open her "bear-proof" recyclable container. The bear did not succeed. (Residents can call *Joe Rocco* or *USA Waste* for a Bear-Proof Container.)

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo spoke at length with CT Attorney General, William Tong, regarding the problems in Region 6 school district – unpaid liabilities, monies earmarked for pensions did not go to the pension fund, along with other unanswered monetary handlings that cannot be explained. Todd further explained how he needed a letter from Mr. Tong to call a District Meeting to address the expenses that must be paid dating from 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 - *monies were submitted from the towns to make said payments* - in addition a letter advising Trustees of the Pension Fund to call a meeting *for these answers*. We need definitive answers from Region 6 BOE members along with the Trustees.

A meeting of the **Code of Ethics Drafting Committee** has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. (Town Conference Room).

Kate Malanca, from our Library, has submitted her letter of retirement. Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella stated she was considered a “fixture” here and will greatly missed. Selectman Scott Olson also complemented Ms. Malanca as having made the town of Goshen a better place. Open House at the Library will take place Saturday, April 26, 2025 – from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

5. **Correspondence:** Robin Christopher – Region 20 BOE budget report to Goshen Goshen residents. Asked for all four (4) towns to support. *The First Selectman cannot support a budget that was not presented to the town.*

Renee Kujawski – the Town Council has not replied. Waiting

6. **Old Business:**

6a. **Appointments:** None

6b. **Budgets:** None

In a **motion** made by Selectman Scott Olson, seconded by Selectman Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda item 7a. Report the recommendation for the Chip Seal Bid. Voted unanimous.

7. **New Business:**

7a. **Report Recommendation for the Chip Seal Bid:**

The square yardage has been changed from Comer Contracting – therefore Comer’s total bid price is \$233,330.60 and will be awarded accordingly. In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella this bid will be **awarded** to Comer Contracting, Newington, CT. Voted unanimous.

8. **Other Business:**

Due to the lack of costs for the upcoming Region 20 budget, budgets for the town of Goshen are unable to be determined. This includes the plan for the town roads, etc.

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

Renee Kujawski reiterated her claim that the published BOS agenda lacks transparency. She asked that additional information was needed.

Susan Wheeler stated that the report on recycling was exciting. She added that a meeting of Region 20 BOS will be held Thursday @7:00 p.m. with the new Superintendent in attendance. If anyone wishes to e-mail Ms. Wheeler, susan@susanvwheeler.com.

Audrey Blondin felt that the agendas that are posted/published are clearly informational. The BOS agenda is consistent from week to week and helpful to the residents.

10. **Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide