

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, April 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: Renee Kujawski; Marianne Stilson; Audrey Blondin

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, March 25, 2025.** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 25, 2025 with "corrections". Agriculture **Society** should have read correctly as COUNCIL; Fire truck capital request was reduced from \$150K to \$50K.
3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – April 3, 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 \$47,641.65. The warrant is in the amount of \$32,460.68; payroll is \$15,180.967. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: BCBS - \$19,396.75; Dime Oil - \$1,921.02; Eversource - \$1,369.21; Morton Salt - \$4,962.74.
4. **First Selectman's Report:**
This coming Thursday, April 3, 2025 First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, will be **unable** to conduct his "Meet with the residents" segment, (4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). He has another commitment. (Meeting with Region 20 BOE.) His "Thursday Meet with the residents" will resume Thursday, April 10th.

The Town Attorney is preparing documents for the town/church conveyance of Scoville Park over to the town of Goshen. Thanks to First Selectman, Todd Carusillo for working with the church on the town's behalf.

5. Correspondence:

Renee Kujawski sent correspondence to Goshen Town Clerk, Barbara Breor regarding the election of Board of Education members. Ms. Kujawski suggested an ordinance change enclosed within the State Statues.

Michael Edison, President of the Lake Property Owner's Association, Inc., submitted a request for temporary placement of radar speed signs at two locations: On East Hyerdale Drive adjacent to East Beach and on Ashley Drive, in the wooded area between #34 and #44.

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Andrew Savage asks for clarification: when a property owner tracks mud onto the public highway, is that person responsible for cleaning the area that has tracked the mud? If someone gets hurt due to the negligence of the property owner (where the mud is located), is the town liable? The BOS will meet with Garret Harlow, Supervisor of Public Works, and respond to this issue.

6. Old Business:

6a. Appointments: None

6b. Budgets: The following budgets were reviewed by the Board of Selectmen:

Board of Assessment Appeals	Insurance
Building Official	Land Use Enforcement
Conservation of Health	Treasurer
Fire Commissioners	Water Pollution Control Authority
Fire Marshal	Welfare
Inland Wetlands Commission	

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to receive budgets 2025-2026 and forward to the Board of Finance for their review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

7. New Business: See below

7a. Chip Seal Bid:

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Chip Seal Bid
April 1, 2025**

	<u>Est. Quan. (1 yr)</u>	<u>Bid Unit Price</u>	<u>Total Bid Price Yr. 1</u>
Comer Contracting, Inc. 15 Holmes Road Newington, CT 06111 860-677-0603	\$95,545	\$2.62 per sq. yd.	\$250,327.90
New England Asphalt Services LLC, II 508 Forest Road Northfield, CT 06472 203-208-3178	\$95,545	\$2.95 per sq. yd.	\$281,857.75

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to receive the bids and forward to Garrett Harlow, Supervisor of Goshen Public Works, for his review and consideration. Voted unanimous.

7b. Mowing of Town-Owned Property

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, had all the bidders names in a hat; Jeanette and Jon Carroll were chosen by this method by Clint Thorn. The Carrolls acknowledge the liability policy, plus 50 bales to the town of Goshen. This bid is in effect for six (6) years.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to add to the agenda item 7c. Comments from Renee Kujawski. Voted unanimous.

7c. Renee Kujawski – Ms. Kujawski

With regards to the meeting held to appoint a member to the Region 20 Board of Education, Ms. Kujawski felt there wasn't enough of an opportunity to get to know the candidates to be voted on. Perhaps a Town Meeting would help to close this gap; learn more about the candidates.

8. Other Business:

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo joined everyone in giving a "congratulations" to Susan Wheeler (in attendance) for winning the election of member to the Region 20 Board of Education. Todd Carusillo wished her luck with the Region 20 BOE budget.

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

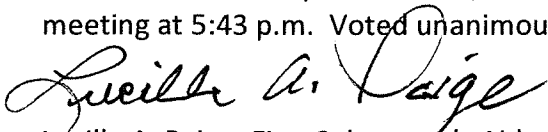
Marianne Stilson – Asked for the response to Renee Kujawski's statements regarding the process of election for Region 20 Board of Education members be made public. (Attached) She stated Mrs. Breor's responses when available, also should be made known to the public.

Renee Kujawski reiterated her request to have Barbara Breor's response to her question of whether a change is needed regarding the process of election of members to the Region 20 Board of Education.

Audrey Blondin stated she agreed with Renee Kujawski's request regarding election of Board of Education (Region 20) members. Perhaps a public meeting. Hear something from the candidates; more information from the candidates before voting.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. Voted unanimous.



Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Todd Carusillo

From: Todd Carusillo
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 1:31 PM
To: Barb Breor
Subject: FW: Election of BOE Board Members - Call for a Process Change

From: Renee Kujawski <reneekujawski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2025 11:03 AM
To: 1stselectman@goshenct.gov; solsen@goshenct.gov; dkinsella@goshenct.gov
Subject: Election of BOE Board Members - Call for a Process Change

Board of Selectmen,

Now that we have gone through three Board of Education Board member elections, 2 within a short time period, I would like to suggest an ordinance change with this procedure.

Please bear in mind that I could not find an ordinance for Region 20 in our town records, only those pertaining to Region 6

Here are the ordinances that I have found on record re: the Board of Education:

TITLE 2 ELECTIONS Sec 2.3. METHOD TO ELECT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

To elect three members to the Regional Board of Education of Regional School District No. 6 from the Town of Goshen in accordance with the provisions of P.A. No. 64 of the General Assembly of 1953. (4281953)

Sec. 35.1 ESTABLISHMENT. To join with the following named towns, Morris and Warren, in the establishment of a regional

school district with the school located in the town of Litchfield, for the purpose of providing the necessary facilities and administering

grades 7 to 12 of the public schools. Adopted in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 64 of the General Assembly of 1953. (2141953)

Sec. 352. BOARD OF EDUCATION

To elect three members to the Regional Board of Education of Regional School District

No. 6 from the Town of Goshen in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 64 of the General Assembly of 1953. (428 1953)

Sec. 353. ELECTION BOARD OF EDUCATION. To continue to elect members to the Board of Education for Regional High School District #6 from the Town of Goshen by town meeting.

CT Public Acts: Found in the PA 23-208—sHB 5003 Education Committee Office of Legislative Research Public Act Summary Memo

8 — BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS FOR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 20 (Page 4 of 8 O L R PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY) Revises the elections for, and terms of, the Regional School District 20 board of education members The act revises the elections for, and terms of, the regional board of education members for Regional School District 20. Under the act, each member town elects one member in June of 2024, another in June of 2025, and a third in June of 2026. All members serve four-year terms. Region 20 includes the towns of Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, and Warren. The act specifically supersedes the

statutes related to the formation of a regional school district, including the requirement that the regional school study committee's plan determines the number of regional board of education members. (The school study committee is a required part of how school districts take steps to form a regional district.)
EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

Background:

The last two elections had over 300 people attend to vote and to meet candidates - all within the same evening. There was some contention on the first one, which caused legal challenges and hateful speech in the town. The most recent election was better run, and I appreciate that, but the candidates were not well known before the night of the town meeting, and many people did not want to wait for hours to have their votes counted. Perhaps it is time to change the way we elect these officials.

I want to propose that this process of nominating and voting in one evening be changed for the next upcoming Board of Education election where the Town of Goshen will have 1 open seat for a 4-year term.

I would suggest something along the lines of the following so that the Voters of Goshen are well-informed before casting their ballots.

1. Nominees are nominated at the Town meeting in May
2. Voting occurs at a separate town meeting in June

Nominees should be able to be vetted and be able to talk about their experience and what they bring to the table as part of our Board of Education. Constituents should be able to ask questions and learn more about the candidates and to have the time to make a thoughtful decision for the best candidate to maximize our tax dollars along with the quality of the education system available. We are being short sighted if for the sake of convenience alone we allow for nomination and voting in the same town meeting.

I would ask that you please consider this for the good of our children and our community.

Renee Kujawski
6 Bentley Circle
Goshen, CT 06756