

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.**

**42 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:** Marianne Stilton; Susan Wheeler; Audrey Blondin; Seth Breakell; Lori Clinton; Christa

**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 11, 2025.** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of March 11, 2025 corrected; Dexter S. Kinsella pointed out that where Renee Kujawski spoke of the *referendum*, that the correct word should have read *resolution*. Voted unanimous.

**3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – March 20, 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 \$65,208.49. The warrant is in the amount of \$52,688.83 payroll is \$12,519.66. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: CIRMA - \$17,583.00.; Haley Ward - \$3,298.64; Segalla Materials- \$6,870.171; USA Waste - \$9,821.95; Yucatech - \$2,270.27 and \$2,889.28.

**4. First Selectman's Report:**

Last week, Thursday, March 13th, another good session took place where six (6) residents came in. Same time – 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *All are welcome* to visit and chat with First Selectman, Todd Carusillo sharing their concerns and opinions.

A fruit basket was sent to the Walker family in memory of Allan Walker. In addition, at this meeting tonight, a moment of silence was held in memory of Sam Mazzarelli and Allan Walker, prominent members of the Board of Finance who have recently passed away.

The Resolution carried at last week's meeting regarding the Town Clerk's position, emanated from the State.

A letter of resignation from the Region 20 Board of Education was received from Jannelle Carroll of Goshen. (**Attached**)

**5. Correspondence:** An E-mail from Jane MacLaren from CHORE (a non-profit) requesting a donation increase. The BOF will be consulted.

**6. Old Business:** None

**6a. Appointments:** None

**6b. Budgets:** None

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In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted add to the agenda item 7. New Business: 7.c. Changes with Car Taxes, Property Taxes . Voted unanimous.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was voted to add to the agenda item 7. New Business: 7d. Hybrid Special Town Meeting. **(Attached)**. Voted unanimous.

**7. New Business:**

**7a. Agreement 190 Sharon Turnpike property: (Attached).** The town of Goshen will not be building on that property. *The legal settlement agreement/proposal was read aloud.* In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, this legal document was **agreed to via, signature of First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo.**

**7b. Mowing of Town-Owned Property**

Scott Olson asked that due to conversations he had with Clint Thorn, a few minor details need to be included (5 yr. lease), etc. The bid process must be followed. Therefore, this item will be added to next week's BOS agenda.

**7.c Changes with Property Taxes and Motor Vehicle Taxes: (Attached).** Lucy Hussman gave a brief report on Goshen's car taxes percentage being allowed to be applied over to the real estate. After some discussion, it was decided to remain with the current percentage per vehicle and per real estate. In conclusion, the finalization of option was for Goshen to remain the same and revisit this issue in the next tax cycle.

**7d. Hybrid Special Town Meeting, March 25, 2025: (Attached)**

First Selectman Todd M. Carusillo read aloud the *Special Town Meeting* will be held on March 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. to elect one member for the Board of Education Regional School District #20 from the town of Goshen.

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to approve the Special Town Meeting documentation as presented. Voted unanimously.

**8. Other Business: None**

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

Audrey Blondin Board of Assessment Appeals is in agreement with the information presented by Town Assessor, Lucy Hussman. The BOE seat goes out to June; no political affiliation is required.

Marianne Stilton – commented on the BOE Town Meeting; be sure the Moderator has no political affiliation. Be sure there is a registrar is there, be sure there are ample "checkers" there.

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Christa Rizzo announced the new Superintendent will be available to meet with the public at the Lakeview School, Thursday, March 20, at 7:00 p.m.

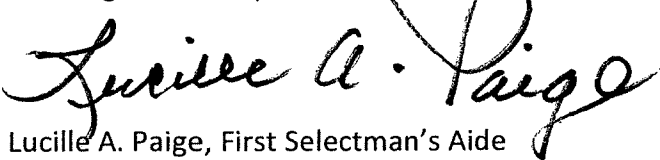
Lori Clinton continued on her endeavor of completing a "Draft" for a "Code of Conduct" for the town of Goshen. She brought forth the proper behavior/speech for members of a committee, board, etc. to use when talking members of the public.

Seth Breakell spoke on the Fire Company is the 2nd largest budget in Goshen. Website on line. The new fire truck has been paid in full. The Fire Company has reduced their projected budget amounts accordingly. The Fire Commissioners reduced the fire truck by \$100,000.

Scott Olson agreed with Marianne Stilson advice to get their early, obtain a ballot; the nominations and speeches will go smoothly.

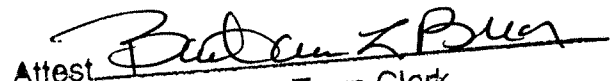
**10. Adjournment:**

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Dexter S. Kinsella, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. Voted unanimous.



Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

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Attest   
Goshen Town Clerk

March 13, 2025

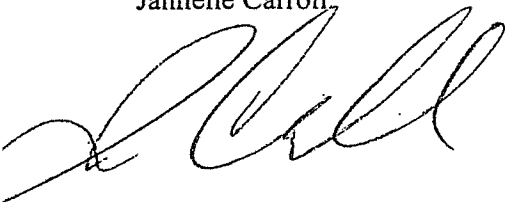
Dear Region 20 Community,

I would like to begin by saying it has been an honor and a privilege to represent the people of the Town of Goshen on the Region 20 Board of Education. Volunteering for this position has come at a great personal cost. On numerous occasions, I have been berated in public, have had uninvited residents come to my home and rebuke me, and the toll it has taken on my personal health has been substantial.

Therefore, effective immediately, I am compelled to resign my position from the Region 20 Board of Education; as I no longer feel it is in the best interest of my personal health.

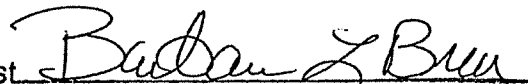
With Gratitude,

Jannelle Carroll



Received March 18, 2025 @ 9:32 AM

Attest



Goshen Town Clerk

7.8

**WARNING**  
**HYBRID SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**TOWN OF GOSHEN**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86281769846>

**Zoom is viewing only**  
**Voting will be held in person ONLY**

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Goshen, hereby give warning to persons legally entitled to vote thereat a Special Town Meeting will be held in the Goshen Center School Gymnasium in said Town of Goshen on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. Elect one member of the Board of Education of Regional School District #20 from the town of Goshen to fill a vacancy in a term which expires on June 30, 2025.

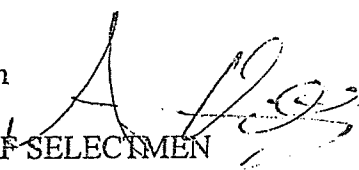
Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.



Todd M. Carusillo

Dexter S. Kinsella

Scott Olson



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## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT with MUTUAL RELEASES (together the “Agreement”) is entered into as of February \_\_, 2025, by and between **MARISSA WRIGHT**, an individual with an address at 226 Sharon Turnpike, Goshen, Connecticut (“Wright”), **MICHAEL LEONARD**, an individual with an address at 22 School Hill Road, Goshen, Connecticut 06756 (“Leonard”) (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), **THE TOWN OF GOSHEN INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**, with an address at 42A North Street, Goshen, Connecticut (the “Commission”), and the **TOWN OF GOSHEN**, a municipality with an address at 42 North Street, Goshen, Connecticut (the “Town”). Wright, Leonard, the Commission, and the Town shall hereinafter be collectively referred to as the “Parties” and each as a “Party.”

**WHEREAS**, the Plaintiffs initiated an administrative appeal in November, 2023 (the “Appeal”), challenging the Commission’s approval of an Application for Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit (the “Application”) sought by the Town, which approval resulted in a wetlands permit (the “Permit”) to conduct Regulated Activities, within the meaning of the Town of Goshen Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, at 190 Sharon Turnpike, Goshen, Connecticut (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to avoid further litigation of the Plaintiffs’ administrative appeal;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties acknowledge that this Agreement must be accepted by the Court pursuant to Connecticut Practice Book § 14-7B before it is effective; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, and in consideration for the mutual covenants and other good and valuable consideration set forth below, agree as follows:

1. Effective Date. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by all Parties (the “Effective Date”).
2. Agreement to forego Regulated Activities pursuant to the Permit.
  - a. The Town agrees that it, acting alone or through any board, commission, or agent, will not conduct Regulated Activities within the meaning of the Town of Goshen Inland Wetland and Watercourses Regulations at the Property pursuant to the Application and the Permit.
3. General Statutes § 8-8(n) Conference.
  - a. Within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, the Plaintiffs shall file a copy of this Agreement with the Court, Docket No. LLI-CV23-5015984-S.
  - b. Within ten (10) days of the Effective Date, the Plaintiffs shall file a caseflow request with the Court, Docket No. LLI-CV23-5015984-S, requesting that the Court schedule a hearing pursuant to General Statutes § 8-8(n) and Practice Book § 14-7B (the “8-8(n) Hearing”).

- c. If, following the 8-8(n) Hearing, the Court does not permit the Appeal to be withdrawn pursuant to this Agreement, Plaintiffs shall have the right to terminate this Agreement.

4. Withdrawal of Action

- a. Within ten (10) days of the 8-8(n) Hearing, the Plaintiffs shall file a Withdrawal of Action with the Court, Docket No. LLI-CV23-5015984-S, which withdrawal shall be without prejudice and without fees and costs to any party thereto;

5. Representation by Counsel. The Parties acknowledge that they have been represented by and/or had the opportunity to consult with an attorney in connection with this Agreement; that they understand the full import of all of the provisions of this Agreement; that they entered into this Agreement knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily, and that they fully accept and agree to all of the provisions of this Agreement.

6. Authority. Each of the Parties represents that such Party, or their legal representative, is legally competent, or has the legal authority, to enter into this Agreement, and that there is no impediment preventing such Party from entering into this Agreement. The Town represents that it has the legal authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Commission.

7. Successors and Assigns. Wherever in this instrument any Party shall be designated or referred to by name or general reference, such designation is intended to and shall have the same effect as if the words "heirs, executors, administrators, personal or legal representatives, agents, successors and assigns" had been inserted after each and every designation and all the terms, covenants and conditions herein contained shall be for and shall inure to the benefit of and shall bind the respective Parties hereto, and their heirs, executors, administrators, personal or legal representatives, successors and assigns, respectively.

8. Entire Agreement.

a. *Merger Clause.* This Agreement, together with its exhibits, constitutes the entire and exclusive agreement between and among the Parties on the matters set forth herein, and any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, promises, representations, warranties, and covenants, whether written or oral, and whether express, implied, or apparent, are hereby deemed to be merged into and made part of this Agreement.

b. *No Oral Modifications.* No modification of this Agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by each of the Parties hereto.

9. Severability. In the event that any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement are held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, then such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability will not affect any other provision hereof, and this Agreement will be construed by disregarding the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision or provisions.

10. No Presumption Against the Drafter. This Agreement has been drafted through a cooperative effort of the Parties, and none of the parties shall be considered the drafter of this Agreement so as to give rise to any presumption or convention regarding the construction of this document.
11. Choice of Law. The Parties consent and agree to the application of the laws of the State of Connecticut to govern, construe, and enforce all of the rights, duties, and obligations of the Parties arising from or relating in any manner to the subject matter of this Agreement, without regard to conflict of law or choice of law privileges. Venue of any action regarding this Agreement shall be in the State of Connecticut.
12. Attorney's Fees. The Parties agree that the prevailing Party in any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement shall be entitled to recover their attorney's fees and legal costs.

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**[Signature Page to Follow]**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered on the dates written below.

Signed:

MARISSA WRIGHT

MICHAEL LEONARD

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

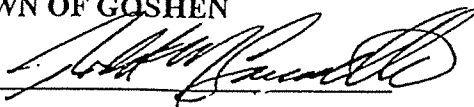
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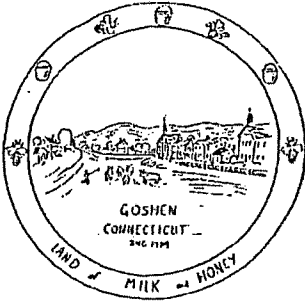
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TOWN OF GOSHEN

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

  
3/19/2025



## TOWN OF GOSHEN

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### ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

March 18, 2025

RE: OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7067

Emergency Certification

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP OF HOSPITALS THAT HAVE FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION, A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AND FUNDING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT.

#### SUMMARY

This bill implements several provisions... (2) Beginning with the 2024 assessment year (i.e., for tax bills sent out beginning July 1, 2025), the bill also allows municipalities to adopt a modified depreciation schedule for vehicles, generally increasing their values for property tax purposes, and establishes requirements for them to do so (§ 2)....

#### § 2 — OPTIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

Current law requires municipal assessors to value vehicles using their manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP), subject to a 20-year depreciation schedule. Beginning with the 2024 assessment year (i.e., for tax bills sent out beginning July 1, 2025), the bill allows municipalities to adopt a modified depreciation schedule for vehicles. The modified schedule generally increases, by five percentage points, the taxable portion of a vehicle's MSRP that is subject to property tax. By law, a vehicle's property tax assessment equals its depreciated MSRP value multiplied by 70%.

To adopt the modified schedule, the municipality's legislative body (or board of selectmen where the body is a town meeting) must vote in favor of it. The municipality must then provide certain notice to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

The bill also allows municipalities that published a grand list before the bill's passage to make certain adjustments to their 2024 grand lists and FY 26 budgets and tax levies, subject to certain conditions (see §§ 3 & 6)

## Modified Depreciation Schedule

As shown in the table below, the bill allows municipalities to adopt a modified schedule that values new vehicles (up to one year old) at 90% of their MSRPs, rather than 85%, and correspondingly increases the values for older vehicles by five percentage points. By law, unchanged by the bill, the minimum assessment amount is \$500.

Table: Valuations Under the Current Schedule and the Bill's Optional Modified Schedule

| Vehicle Age<br>(in years) | % of MSRP           |                      |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
|                           | Current<br>Schedule | Modified<br>Schedule |
| Up to 1                   | 85                  | 90                   |
| 2                         | 80                  | 85                   |
| 3                         | 75                  | 80                   |
| 4                         | 70                  | 75                   |
| 5                         | 65                  | 70                   |
| 6                         | 60                  | 65                   |
| 7                         | 55                  | 60                   |
| 8                         | 50                  | 55                   |
| 9                         | 45                  | 50                   |
| 10                        | 40                  | 45                   |
| 11                        | 35                  | 40                   |
| 12                        | 30                  | 35                   |
| 13                        | 25                  | 30                   |
| 14                        | 20                  | 25                   |
| 15-19                     | 15                  | 20                   |
| 20+                       | ≥ \$500             | ≥ \$500              |

## Notice to OPM

If a municipality adopts the bill's modified schedule, it must notify OPM within 14 days. The notice must specify the first assessment year the municipality will begin using the modified schedule and be provided in a form and way the OPM secretary sets.

At this time I do not recommend that the Town of Goshen adopt the Optional Motor Vehicle Depreciation Schedule for the October 1, 2024 Grand List. I would wait until the current legislative session is complete to determine if we should implement for the October 1, 2025 Grand List.

A few things to consider:

1. The Reprocessing Fee for QDS to implement the revised depreciation schedule is \$300.
2. We have already finalized, printed and recorded the 2024 Grand List. Any changes would require reprinting and binding at a cost of up to \$900.
3. While the motor vehicle values of registered motor vehicles can be updated electronically (at a cost) through our Quality Data System software, the unregistered motor vehicle values, like travel trailers in Hemlock Hill Camp Resort, would require manual revisions by the assessor. Then assessment notices would have to be reprinted and mailed out.
4. By changing the assessment this opens up the appeal process with the Board of Assessment Appeals.
5. The increase of motor vehicle values shifts the tax by 0.6% from Real Estate to Motor Vehicles. In a community like Goshen our Real Estate Grand List is primarily residential and every household has an average of 2.5 motor vehicles. You can either pay more for your real estate and less for your motor vehicle or vice versa.

|                   | 2024 Final GL | 2024 Modified GL |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Real Estate       | 92%           | 91.4%            |
| Motor Vehicle     | 5.5%          | 6.1%             |
| Personal Property | 2.5%          | 2.5%             |
| TOTAL             | 100%          | 100%             |