

GOSHEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

42 North Street, Goshen, CT 06756

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

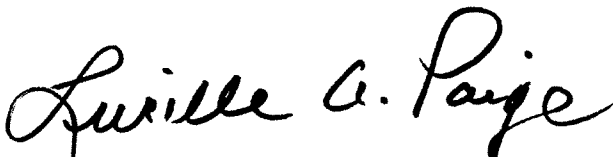
5:00 p.m.

Zoom Conference Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81910499211>

Meeting ID #: 819 1049 9211

Option 2: Dial-in number: + 1-646-931-3860

1. Call to order:
2. Approve minutes of February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting:
3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant, February 27, 2025:
4. First Selectman's Report:
5. Correspondence:
6. Old Business:
 - 6a. Appointments
 - 6b. Budgets
7. New Business:
8. Other Business:
9. Public Comment (Two (2) Minutes)
10. Executive Session regarding Pending Litigation and Code of Ethics members
11. Adjournment:


Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide

Received Feb 20, 2025 @ 2:39 P.M.
Attest Baba L. Brun
Goshen Town Clerk

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, February 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: Janet Hooper; Cindy Barrett; Audrey Blondin; Shilo Gargeau; Lori Clinton; Marianne Stilson

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, February 11, 2025. In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of February 11, 2025 with corrections; \$45,000,000 page 3. Voted unanimous. \$1,040,000 is directly owed.

3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 20, 2025:

In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd M. Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the **total** warrant in the amount of \$46,963.35. The warrant is in the amount of \$28,578.58 Payroll is \$18,384.77. Motion carried, with Dexter S. Kinsella abstaining. Included in the Warrant were: Friends of Dog Pond - \$9,500.00; USA Waste- \$9,821.95; Dime Oil - \$2,182.99.

4. First Selectman's Report:

First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo gave a sincere call-out to all the members of Goshen's Public Works Department for their outstanding job in clearing the snow and ice from the storm, on our roads throughout Goshen. In addition, a shout-out of thanks to Shilo Garceau (EMD) for manning the phones to ensure all of our residents were safe.

Thanks to Governor LaMont for issuing cold-weather/storm protocol to all Connecticut residents who may have needed help or other assistance during the storm.

Again, this Thursday, February 20th, another session of "meet with the First Selectman" will be held at his office at Town Hall. 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.

EOC grant monies (Homeland Security) – \$15,000. Capital for EOC send in receipts. Grant monies received; OK to purchase.

Shilo Gargeau cautioned that residents who see downed tree limbs, or other issues that may present a danger to anyone, call in to *Eversource* 1-800-286-2000.

Selectman Scott Olson suggested executive session is not required on agenda.

5. Correspondence:

First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo, announced there is a severe weather protocol from Govt. Lamont.

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Code of Ethics Committee: John Krukar, Jane Lefebvre, Scott Fellows, David Bonaguide, Bill Lane. Mr. John Savora, (Atty. from New York) volunteered to serve as consultant

6. Old Business: None

6a. Appointments: None

6b. Budgets:

Capital Expenditures Request – Library

Conservation Commission

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

7. New Business:

8. Other Business:

8a. Sarah Leonard – Battery Pack:

Sarah Leonard and Shilo Gargeau demonstrated a type easy-to-carry power station enclosed for a portable power source. This unit will be housed at Goshen Town Hall (a written agreement is enclosed with the unit.) Shilo Gargeau added supportive information regarding this piece of equipment. "Thank You" from 1st Selectman Todd Carusillo.

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

Shilo Gargeau announced that EMT is in need of more volunteers. The training session is from March 18th thru July 7th. The training is free, *if one can serve in this capacity for one (1) year*. Registrations for this program will be taken through the Goshen Recreation Commission.

Audrey Blondin – There are three (3) reasons to go into Executive Session- negotiations; personnel; – employee. Anyone in attendance can call "Point of Order". The FOIA Manual has complete instructions therein.

In addition, she cautioned that the vote on the Region 20 school budget NOT be through the "school budget". This action must be done at a *TOWN MEETING* – votes from the each of the four (4) towns. No mechanism for a "regional" vote - it must be via petition. Goshen does not have school budget. The "individual" Board of each town should vote.

Janet Hooper – She asked will there be a "formal" acknowledgement of the passing for Allan Walker, former Chairman of the Goshen Board of Finance. First Selectman Todd Carusillo advised that the Goshen Board of Finance will issue a *formal* statement/acknowledgement. In addition, she questioned if everyone in Goshen has knowledge of Danielle Mastrocola being the "Agent for the Elderly". "Not every one in Goshen is a "senior".

Marianne Stilson – Happy to go to a referendum in each individual town; very happy. Social Services - we cannot afford hiring personnel with our budget crisis. No money for new personnel.

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Lori Clinton – Code of Ethics – concerns decisions; Code of conduct – concerns actions. Our boards and associations (at Town Hall) follow *Robert's Rules of Order*. In private conversations written/typed, public communications, parking lot conversations – always show respect and consideration.

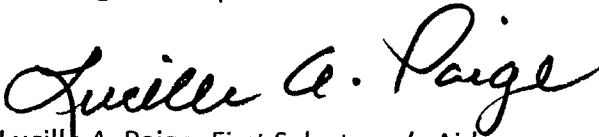
Cynthia Barrett – Sincere “thank you” to our Dept. of Public Works for the great job they did on the roads during the storm. She agrees with Dexter Kinsella regarding the Code of Ethics.

Scott Olson – referred to Audrey Blondin’s comment - “act in good faith”. Russell Blair’s (FOIA) e-mail was read out loud. “Rules are what they are.” When going into Executive Session, review, then followed by discussion - then move to public session. Dexter Kinsella prefers to have it (executive session) printed on the agenda hence next week’s agenda. Candidates invited into Executive Session. Scott Olson feels best interest of the town should be carried out.

It was agreed to postpone Executive Session to 02-25-25 BOS meeting; Candidates to serve on Code of Ethics Committee and Pending litigation.

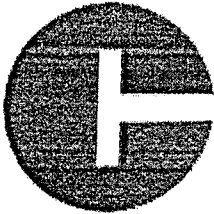
10. Adjournment:

In a motion made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Voted unanimous.



Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman’s Aide

Received Feb 21, 2025 @ 2:33 P.M.
Attest Barbara L. Brun
Goshen Town Clerk



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From: Scott Olson <solson@goshenct.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 6:22 AM

To: FOI <FOI@ct.gov>

Subject: Executive Session

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Good Day.

I am a selectman in Goshen, CT and I serve on a board of three. I am seeking clarification on the rules that dictate when a municipal board may go into executive session. Specifically, next month we will be appointing a committee to draft a proposed "Code of Ethics" from a pool of applicants who have expressed a desire to be selected to the committee.

We would like to discuss these appointments in executive session and then we would come out of executive and make the actual appointments before the town. It would only be the discussions of the appointments that would be in executive.

I continue to read that "appointments" is an appropriate reason to go into executive session but I want to make absolutely certain that we are correct before doing so.

Could you please advise?

Regards,

Todd Carusillo

From: Scott Olson <solson@goshenct.gov> on behalf of Scott Olson
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 3:07 PM
To: Todd Carusillo; Dexter Kinsella; Dexter Kinsella
Subject: Fwd: Executive Session

Hi Todd.

Please be sure these make it in with the minutes of last night's meeting.

Regards,

Scott

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Blair, Russell <Russell.Blair@ct.gov>
Date: Wed, Jan 15, 2025 at 2:46 PM
Subject: RE: Executive Session
To: solson@goshenct.gov <solson@goshenct.gov>

Hi Scott,

As we discussed, you can have an executive session to review and discuss applicants for this new committee. Just make sure that you cast any votes to appoint the individuals once you return to public session.

Best,

Russell Blair

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Freedom of Information Commission
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From: FOI <FOI@ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 10:03 AM
To: Blair, Russell <Russell.Blair@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Executive Session

 Call "Point of Order" can be

Submitted by,

Lucille A. Paige

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Did you mean: Call "Point of Order" can be called by anyone in the audience of a Board of **Selectmen** meeting.

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Yes, according to parliamentary procedure, including Robert's Rules of Order, anyone in the audience of a Board of Selectman meeting can "call a point of order" if they believe a procedural rule is being violated; this means that members of the public attending the meeting can raise a point of order if needed. 

Key points about calling a point of order:

Purpose:

A point of order is used to draw attention to a potential violation of the meeting rules and ask the presiding officer to rule on it. 

Who can call it:

Any participant in the meeting, including audience members, can raise a point of order. 

How to call it:

Simply say "Point of Order" to interrupt the current speaker and gain the chair's attention. 

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