

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, February 11, 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; Susan Wheeler; Cindy Barrett; 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, February 4, 2025.** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of February 4, 2025 with corrections; \$41,000,000 page 3. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 13, 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 \$102,216.95. The warrant is in the amount of \$71,287.68; Payroll is \$30,929.27. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: Cives Snow Plow- \$9,012.00; Innovative Liquid Salt - \$7,294.04; MIRA - \$13,832.29; Nationwide Pension \$5,757.94; - Segalla Sand - \$ 5,873.16.
- 4. First Selectman's Report:**
Good job by Recreation Director, Erin Reilly, for putting on a Craft Fair with proceeds - \$1,695.00 going to the SMK Fund. Again, thank you, Erin Reilly.

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo met with Tom Weik, First Selectman of Morris, Greg LaCava, First Selectman of Warren, and an Auditor, Dave Capeleta. This will be added under new business.

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo received call reporting that a window cleaning company was soliciting homes in the vicinity of East Hyerdale Drive for their services – without a legal permit. Call First Selectman if you hear of further activity by solicitors.

Goshen Chatter reported that two (2) cars were broken into on North Street.

Selectman Scott Olson has received calls wherein seven (7) people have shown interest in serving on the committee to review the “draft” of the “Code of Ethics”. More information on the subject will be dispensed accordingly.
- 5. Correspondence:**
First Selectman, Todd M. Carusillo, received a call from Sarah Leonard to be placed on next week's agenda. She has a **Battery Pack** for the *Emergency Management* Team.

6. Old Business: None

6a. Appointments: None

6b. Budgets:

Town Clerk (2nd review)

Town Clerk – Capital Expenditure

Newsletter

Cemeteries (out to bid)

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.

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** add to the agenda under New Business – Agent for the Elderly. Voted unanimous.

7. New Business:

Ms. Danielle Mastrocola, *Agent for the Elderly*, outlined her responsibilities/services to the residents of Goshen. She receives referrals through phone calls, through information sharing, i.e. for needs of senior members of families, for those who are in need of private care, While the needs may not be huge, they are important needs. Anything from A to Z for her assistance. First Selectman Todd Carusillo added that her phone contact number is listed in Town Topics. Ms. Mastrocola also serves on the *Board of Goshen Community Care*.

In a **motion** made by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to add under *Other Business* a. Region 6, Region 20, Auditors Report. Voted unanimous.

8. Other Business:

8a. Region 6, Region 20 Audit Report:

First Selectman. Todd Carusillo met with Thomas Weik, First Selectman, Morris, Greg LaCava, First Selectman, Warren met with Dave Cappeteta, Auditor, to review the debts outstanding in Region 6, Region 20 and Litchfield. Total \$1.4 million is directly owed. \$386,882.000 equals 47.24%. Of that, \$180,401.05 is owed to vendors! In addition – *no payments were made to the pension debt!* Bottom line, Goshen plus Region 20, 7-1-2025 owes \$493,940.25. Goshen's Grand List is \$672,986,913. The mil rate .00073401 would be recommended to the Board of Finance – Use special assessments \$493,979.12 – **First Selectmen, Todd Carusillo does not want to raise the mil rate.** Special Assessment of the average home in Goshen is \$180,225.00 – approximately \$200. Selectman, Dexter S. Kinsella was OK with the special assessment.

9. Public Comment (Two (2) Minutes)

Janet Hooper – Reported there were 27 vendors at the Craft Fair for the SMK Fund. April 26, 2025 is the date for the Walk/Run for the SMK Fund. Thank you to the elderly residents.

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Susan Wheeler – With the referendum to the town with a onetime tax bill, what will be the cost? Should we look into a referendum for the BOE? No payments to the pension fund? Where did the money go, somewhere else? Mismanagement? We must get to the bottom of this. For all 4 towns – where did the money go?

Audrey Blondin – Thank you to Dexter Kinsella, and Todd Carusillo for attending her class. Shows working together for our town.

Add the expenses/debt to the mill rate? Ms. Blondin opposes all increases. She finds it inconceivable that no one knows where the money went.

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo is willing to do what needs to be done. A Town vote? Or each town holds it own vote?

Cindy Barrett - The SMK Craft Fair was great. Good show of support.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide