

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, February 4, 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; Seth Breakell; Lori Clinton; Susan Wheeler; Cindy Barrett; Lynette Miller; Judy Armstrong;

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, January 28, 2025.** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 28, 2025 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
3. **Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – February 6, 2025:**
In a **motion** made by Scott Olson, seconded by Todd Carusillo, it was **voted** to approve the **total** warrant in the amount of \$66,040.92. Warrant is in the amount of \$49,598.92, Payroll 16,442.00. Voted unanimous – Dexter S. Kinsella abstained. Included in the Warrant were: Cranes - \$7,000.00; Dime Oil \$4,700.48; Morton Salt - \$9,989.78 and \$8,055.66; Sepples Tree Service- \$7,850.00.
4. **First Selectman's Report:**
Thursday, **January 30th** was a great success here at the Town Hall. The office of First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, was open for public participation, i.e., any concerns, positive feedback. Five (5) residents came to chat about things here in Goshen. (This gathering will take place again Feb. 5th – weather permitting.

Michael Leonard, Marissa Wright and Robyn Christopher questioned the use of excavator on 190 Sharon Turnpike. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo explained that the activity was to remove left-over cement and other trashed materials.
5. **Correspondence:**
Joe Rocco Rubbish Removal has "bear-resistant- containers". The **cost** to purchase for residents is **\$395. or \$10. Per month to rent.**

Todd received a calculation sheet regarding the collection of taxes. Our tax collector is doing a great job.

6. **Old Business:** None

6a. **Appointments:** None

6b. Budgets:

Animal Control	Civil Preparedness
Library	Board of Finance
Town Clerk	Professional Services
Capital Expend. Town Clerk	Fiscal Office

*Shilo Gargeau director of our *Emergency Management Department* may need to have an increase in her stipend.

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

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, upon finding that the monies from the State for the grant for the operation of the “Senior Bus” (\$35,000) has not arrived, spoke with Senator Steve Harding and Representative Maria Horn. Senator Harding was immediately able to correct this issue and a check for the full amount is in the process of being sent to Goshen.

7. New Business:

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment (Two (2) Minutes)

Janet Hooper commented on the Fischer Cat (stuffed) photo in the *Republican American*. This will be displayed here at Goshen Town Hall.

An article in the *Republican American* newspaper stated that Region 20 asked Senator Stephen Harding to put into action the process of having a check for \$1.5 from the State sent to Region 20 for start-up cost of a newly formed “Region 20” school district. Harding put a bill on the floor of the Senate to give to the newly formed Region 20 School District.

Cindy Barrett gave thanks to Goshen’s Public Works Dept. for the fine job they did in plowing the roads the other day when she was venturing out early 5:45 a.m.

Lori Clinton representing initiatives for *Code of Conduct* continued with progress being made. The Chairperson of Boards, Committees, etc. has the responsibility of how members handle sensitive issues; maintain the control of the issues.

Lynette Miller stated that under “Roberts Rules of Order” of which all the Boards, Commissions, Committees, conduct business here in Goshen, give order to the asking of questions. The Chairmen hold the responsibility of keeping the meeting in order. Asking questions – an *opinion* is not necessarily a viable “question”.

Judy Armstrong gave thanks to Lori Clinton for her efforts to publish “Code of Conduct”

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Seth Breakell stated \$1.5 million dollars Region 20 Budget – the BOE is not allowed to reduce the budget? No, because the amount must be the starting point for the new budget. First Selectman, Todd Carusillo stated that \$41,000,000 1.9 debt – **11% increase of next year, it's going to then be a \$4.5 million budget.** Capital Cost? –1 million? Operational cost? - \$500,000. State Statutes state that a regressive amount is not allowed. Dexter Kinsella countered the Region 20 BOE is asking for another = \$ 1.5 million? 4.25% is the amount of the teachers increase.

Susan Wheeler with this bailout from the State, are strings attached? We need to talk to Region 20 Board of Ed to obtain transparency. The initial amount was spent irresponsibly. Need an open forum.

There should be an *Ethics Committee*: Someone should be looking into this! *Todd Carusillo stated, they are spending money they do not have!* Who is taking the responsibility?

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

Received Feb. 6, 2025 11:21 A.M.

Attest 
9584, Goschen Town Clerk

JOE ROCCO RUBBISH REMOVAL LLC
PO Box 417
Goshen, CT 06756

Dear Goshen Resident,

Joe Rocco Carting Inc. is offering Goshen customers the opportunity to purchase bear-resistant bins at cost. They may also be rented at \$10/month. We will offer these bins to new and current residential trash customers.

We are also offering new full-time customers 4 months of free service.

For existing customers who currently have a bear resistant bin, you can keep renting or have the option to purchase at the special price.

Please join the hundreds of customers that have made the switch to Joe Rocco Carting.

The current price is \$395 plus tax.

Joe and Joanne Rocco
Joe Rocco Carting Inc
860-480-4896