

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, January 28, 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; Susan Wheeler; Dawn Wilkes; Lori Clinton

- 1. Call to order:** Todd M. Carusillo called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, January 21, 2025.** In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to approve the minutes of January 21, 2025 as submitted. Voted unanimous.
- 3. Approval of the Payroll and Warrant – January 30, 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 \$60,131.69 Payroll is \$20,623.31 and Warrant is in the amount of \$39,508.38. Voted unanimous. Included in the Warrant were: BCBS - \$19,396.75; Dime Oil -\$2,279.26; King & King - \$2,374.25; Mountain Top Trucking - \$2,341.73.
- 4. First Selectman's Report:**
This coming Thursday, - **January 30th** – the Town Hall – office of First Selectman – Todd Carusillo will be open for public participation, i.e., any concerns, positive feedback. **Time 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo will be out of the office, tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29th until approximately 3:00 p.m. He will be attending a meeting of COST in the town of Southington (with other area Selectmen, Mayors).
- 5. Correspondence:** A letter has been received from Krista Rizzo who expressed interest in serving on the *Code of Ethics Committee*.
Another letter, from resident David Bonaguide expressed interest in serving on the *Code of Ethics Committee*.
Letter- *DCR Plumbing* regarding the traps at our Public Works Dept. that were found to be clogged, other work in the bathrooms, etc. The letter suggested their recommendations that future plumbing work for the town of “Goshen” be done at no charge showing their support for the town of Goshen.
- 6. Old Business:**
 - 6a. Removing the Building from P&Z Plan:**
A letter was sent to the Land Use Office to remove the stand alone building from the Site Plan at this time.

6b. Appointments: None

7. New Business:

7a. Haying of Town Owned Property on East St. South:

Selectman Scott Olson stated that a bid packet went out; he feels this should not be put out to bid. After talking to Clint Thorn, the harvested hay should go out to farmers *here in town*. Continue process of fertilizer – 5 year bids. Public Works Dept. historically receives 50 bales of hay. The Agriculture Council should be the group to decide who the recipient local farmer will be in the 5 year contract. Selectmen Dexter S. Kinsella suggested bids for this hay should be open to anyone *in town* who is interested.

7.b Budget Freeze:

First Selectman, Todd Carusillo announced a formal ***SPENDING FREEZE*** will be in place for town of Goshen financial expenditures henceforth until it is rescinded by the Board of Selectmen i.e., in effect today, all credit cards, other purchases must be approved by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo. Typically, those expenditures are non-essential for this year 2025. We have debt up to \$890,000 from Region 20 and Region 6. Selectman, Dexter Kinsella pointed out that the fiscal year end is June 30, 2025. First Selectman Todd Carusillo pointed out *essentials/monies necessary for day to day operations*. These requests go first to the members of the Board of Selectmen and then onto the members of the Board of Finance.

8. Other Business: None

9. Public Comment (Two (2) Minutes)

Janet Hooper in speaking to Selectman Scott Olson presented him with a “paper cutter” in order to make his job of opening envelopes much easier.

Seth Breakell in reference to the *Spending Freeze*, asked if fees for Fire Marshall School would be OK? Todd Carusillo answered yes. All requests go across First Selectman Todd Carusillo’s desk first.

Susan Wheeler feels Hay decision is great. Ethics Committee – no brainer. There should be no *town employees* or anyone who benefits from it via on a committee, etc. Those who work under the “Code of Ethics” - bring new people in if necessary.

Lori Clinton representing initiatives for *Code of Conduct* feels there seems to be some confusion in that there has been no discussions, no debates. She will review sections of the *Code of Conduct* during Public Comments part of the BOS meetings. These updates are about the atmosphere that currently exists and can be addressed by thoughtful guidance and change.

Susan Wheeler encouraged everyone to watch the BOF meeting.

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Dawn Wilkes registrar of voters. She encourages Lori Clinton to keep up the good work. She has been witness to confrontations. Town can provide Freedom of Information coaching. Code of Conduct and Management style regarding offices, personnel, Board, committees members. Perhaps the town can provide a refresher course in these areas.

10. Adjournment:

In a **motion** made by Dexter S. Kinsella, seconded by Scott Olson, it was **voted** to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Voted unanimous.

Lucille A. Paige, First Selectman's Aide