

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
42A North Street, Goshen, CT 06756

Present: Seth Breakell, Dexter Kinsella, and Scott Olson.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Seth Breakell called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES : The minutes of February 10, 2026 regular meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

MOTION by Dexter Kinsella and seconded by Scott Olson it was VOTED to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 10, 2026 as written. Motion carries.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PAYROLL AND WARRANT - February 19, 2026:

MOTION by Scott Olson and seconded by Dexter Kinsella, it was VOTED to approve the Payroll and Warrant dated February 19, 2026 in the amount of \$45,894.35. The Warrant was in the amount of \$30,007.23 and Payroll was in the amount of \$15,887.12. Included in the Warrant were: Dennison: \$1,404.67; Eversource: \$1,967.35; Frontier: \$1,457.03; Nodines (tax return refund): \$3,036.48; Town of Canaan: \$5,153.52; USA Waste \$10,418.08. Motion carries.

4. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Seth Breakell noted that we will have the following positions filled at the end of next week: Town Clerk Assistant, 1st Selectman's Aide, ZEO and Assistant Tax Collector. The grants that the students and teachers of the ag department received that was mentioned last week was actually a total of \$622,000 and not \$301,000 and again, congratulations.

5. BUDGET REVIEW: Quick review was done on the following budgets: Fiscal Office (increased due to Accounts fees increasing), Professional Services (increased attorneys fees due to prior budget to low) and Town Clerk (election printing cost increased, Town Clerk Assistant slight increase).

MOTION by Dexter Kinsella and seconded by Scott Olson, it was VOTED to receive and forward the 2026-2027 budgets for Fiscal Office, Professional Services and Town Clerk to the Board of Finance. Motion carries.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

7. OLD BUSINESS: Lake Weed budget was discussed and decided to compromise and resubmit to the Board of Finance \$12,000 instead of the \$10,000 that was originally submitted.

MOTION by Dexter Kinsella and seconded by Scott Olson, it was VOTED to revise the budget for Lake Weed to \$12,000 per Town Lake for a total of \$36,000, which does not include Woodridge Lake, to be forwarded to the Board of Finance. Motion carries.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Commission Clerk Pay Scale:** Seth Breakell discussed the difficulty in filling the Commission Clerk positions and is recommending that we go to a flat rate system. For each meeting the Commission Clerks will be paid a flat rate of \$80

to cover meeting preparation, taking minutes and getting them approved and posted online.

MOTION by Dexter Kinsella and seconded by Scott Olson it was VOTED to pay Commission Clerks at flat rate of \$80 for prepping, attending meetings, typing minutes, approving minutes and posting minutes online. Motion carries.

B. Appointments:

MOTION by Seth Breakell and seconded by Dexter Kinsella it was VOTED to appoint Paul Collins to RSD6 Pension Trustees. Motion carries.

MOTION by Dexter Kinsella and seconded by Scott Olson it was VOTED to appoint Bob Valentine to RSD20 Ad Hoc Fiscal Advisory Committee. Motion carries.

9. OTHER BUSINESS: None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (Two (2) Minutes Only): Simon Ellis, 300 West Side Road: Thanked BOS for reconsidering Lakewood Grant. Asked BOS to consider the budget has been flat for years before cuts last year and future considerations. Patrick Flynn, 25 Tyler Lake Heights Ext: Thanked the Board of Selectman for their support and how important it is to have their support.

11. ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION by Dexter Kinsella and seconded by Scott Olson to adjourn the meeting at 5:18PM. Motion carries.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Clinton, Clerk Pro-tem

Received Feb 18, 2026 @ 10:23 AM
Attest Brian Z. Brey
Goshen Town Clerk