

GOSHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – MINUTES

August 26, 2024 6:00PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Henrietta Horvay called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

PRESENT: Henrietta Horvay, George Motel, Jon Carroll, Mackenzey Melk (A), Marie Bate (Board Commission Clerk).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Koenig, Peter Kujawski, Daniel Belmonte (A)

SEAT ALTERNATE: Mackenzey Melk. Henrietta Horvay asked George Motel to make the motion and Jon Carroll seconded. Motion carried by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by George Motel and seconded by Jon Carroll to approve April 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes. It was voted to accept the motion. Motion carries. Mackenzey abstained from vote.

DISCUSSION OF HOLDING MONTHLY MEETINGS: To be discussed at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS: 1. **Farm Ordinance at May 29, 2024 Town Meeting Ordinance #75:** The BOS approved the farm machinery tax exemption ordinance. The Town now provides an additional exemption from property tax for all farm machinery. George Motel was very helpful in getting this ordinance passed. 2. **Town of Goshen Plan of Conservation and Development dated 8/23/2016.** Discussion regarding reviewing and updating the plan. Jon suggested having individual commissions review, make recommendations and give feedback to P & Z and First Selectman. Goal is to provide recommendations and promote all businesses. New plan is to be finalized in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS: **Annual Town Meeting November 18, 2024/Election of members EDC Commission:** Henrietta reminded all that members of the EDC commission are elected (by ordinances) at the annual town meeting. Reviewed what terms are up.

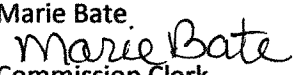
Henrietta mentioned that many board members accepted the invitation from the GBC to attend their May 2nd meeting and the show by The Goshen Players - 9 to 5.

Henrietta also mentioned that the EDC now has \$1,000 in the budget. This money can be used to help promote local business. George suggested the EDC help with some of the challenges businesses face, like hiring help, utility and insurance costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None (No one in attendance)

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM in a motion by Jon Carroll and seconded by George Motel.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Bate

Commission Clerk

Next meeting December 16, 2024 @ 6PM

Received August 27, 2024 10:43 AM

Attest 
Cassie, Goshen Town Clerk

Title 77

FARM MACHINERY TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the legal voters of the Town of Goshen in lawful meeting assembled:

1.

The Town of Goshen hereby provides an additional exemption from property tax for all farm machinery, except motor vehicles as defined in Connecticut General Statutes §14-1, in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Connecticut General Statutes §12-91, as the same may be amended from time to time.

This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Goshen.

Adopted: May 29, 2024

Published: June 1, 2024

Effective: June 16, 2024

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