

TOWN OF GOSHEN

The State of New Hampshire

**THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
on Tuesday March 13, 2012**

**THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM
on Saturday March 17, 2012**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goshen in the County of Sullivan in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall in said Goshen on Tuesday, the 13th day of March between the hours of 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

Polls opened at 10:00 A.M. Officials attending were Mary Walter: Moderator, Cindy Williams: Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Christine Smith: Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Susan Carrick, Dottie Bennett, Herb Bennett, Peta Brennan and Jane Galpin: Ballot Clerks, Cynthia Phillips, Janet O'Brien and Elaine Bevilacqua: Supervisors of the Checklist, Bob Bell and Edward Andersen Sr.: Selectmen.

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Selectperson, 3 Years – Williams “Chip” Ball

Moderator, 2 Years – Mary Walter

Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3 Years – Cindy Williams

Cemetery Trustee, 3 Years – Robert Johnson

Library Trustee, 3 Years – Jonathan Purick

Library Trustee, 3 Years – Bonnie Belden

Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 Years – Jim Carroll

Budget Committee, 3 Years – Fredric Smith

Budget Committee, 3 Years – Trisha LaBossiere

Budget Committee, 3 Years – Barbara Paronto

Planning Board, 3 Years – Doug O'Clair

Planning Board, 3 Years – George Hebert

2. Zoning Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the Adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by petition for the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The effect of the amendment will be to allow "earth removal activities" (as newly defined) as a permitted use in the Light Commercial District, and to make such activities in that district, and on public highways, exempt from those portions of the Ordinance regulating noise, undue hazards and offensive business. Such activities are currently allowed only by special exception granted by the zoning board of adjustment. Such activities would no longer require a special exception in the Light Commercial District, but would continue to be subject to a permit from the Planning Board under RSA 155-E. In addition the amendment would expand the Light Commercial District to include the entire area of the following tax map parcels of land: Map 203, Lots 2, 3 and 8.2; Map 204, Lots 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20; and Map 403, Lots 4.1 and 4.2 (each of which is presently located within the Residential/Agricultural District) The actual text of the proposed amendment consists of the following four changes to the Zoning Ordinance:

- 1. Amend Section II of the Zoning Ordinance by amending and/or adding the following definitions:
 - *"EARTH MATERIALS" Soil, rock sand, gravel, stone construction aggregate or similar materials.*
 - *"EARTH REMOVAL" The removal of Earth Materials for commercial purposes.*
 - *"EARTH REMOVAL ACTIVITIES" All activities having to do with Earth Removal, including without limitation, all transportation activities related to or ancillary to same."*
- 2. Amend existing Paragraph A.3 (Location of Light Commercial District) of Section III of the Zoning Ordinance (Districting and General Provisions) by inserting the following sentence at the end of the existing Paragraph 3.A: *'In addition to the area described above, the Light Commercial District shall include all portions of the following tax parcels as presently shown on the Town of Goshen tax maps: Map 203, Lots 2, 3 and 8.2; Map 204, Lots 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20; and Map 403, Lots 4.1 and 4.2, to the extent that they are not otherwise presently located within the Light Commercial District.'*
- 3. Amend Paragraph F (Removal of Earth Materials) of Section V (Commercial Use) to read in its entirety as follows: *"Except as provided in Section V.H with respect to permitted Earth Removal Activities in the Light Commercial District, Earth Removal Activities will require a special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment as provided in Section V.I. Once any special exception is granted, a permit must be obtained from the Planning Board according to the provisions of N.H. state statute RSA 155-E. No crushing equipment shall be allowed except as provided by Section III.K."*
- 4. Amend Paragraph H (Summary of Commercial Use Provisions) of Section V (Commercial Use) to add the following permitted use in the Light Commercial District: *"H.4 Earth Removal Activities" Earth Removal Activities, as defined in Section II of this Ordinance, in the Light Commercial District; provided, however, a permit must be obtained from the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of RSA 155-E. No crushing equipment shall be allowed except as provided by Section III.K (Portable Rock Crushers) of this Ordinance. The provisions of Section III.R (Noise Regulation) of this Ordinance shall not pertain to Earth Removal Activities within the Light Commercial District or public highways used or useful for the transportation of Earth Materials in connection with Earth Removal Activities. Further, Earth Removal Activities permitted in the Light Commercial District shall not otherwise*

be deemed an undue hazard or offensive business under Paragraph A.1 (Undue hazards or Offensive Business) of Section V of this Ordinance."

Planning Board Does Not Recommend

Yes	No
197	120

On 04/02/2012 the selectmen posted a Notice of Decision:

“After completing an evaluation of the Zoning Change Protest Petition submitted to the Goshen, NH Selectmen on March 5th 2012, the board concluded that the Petition appears to meet the requirements of a valid Petition as defined in NH RSA 675:5 (Zoning Ordinance Protest Petition). Hence, a 2/3 vote of approval was required to pass Zoning Amendment Article 2. in the Goshen, NH ballot of March 13, 2012. The vote was 197 YES and 120 NO, a 2/3 vote was not achieved and Zoning Amendment Article 2 did not pass.

NH RSAs 677:2 and 677:3 allow 30 days following the date of this decision for any party to the action or proceedings, or any person directly affected thereby to apply for a rehearing on this matter. Any request for rehearing must be submitted in accordance to the requirements of RSAs 677:2 and 677:3.”

You are further notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall in said Goshen on Saturday, the 17th day of March, 2012, at 6:30 of the o’clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

To receive the reports of the Town Officers of Goshen and take any necessary action thereon.

Moderator Mary Walter calls the meeting at 6:30 P.M. to receive the reports of the Town Officers of Goshen and take any necessary action thereon.

Motion to pass last years minutes was made and seconded.

MOTION PASSED

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of

Money for the general municipal operations: (Majority vote required).

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4130	Executive.....	43,690.....43,690
4140	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	29,284.....29,284
4150	Financial Administration.....	40,239.....40,239
4152	Revaluation of Property	5,980.....5,980
4153	Legal Expense	15,000.....15,000
5155	Personnel Administration.....	28,542.....28,542
4191	Planning & Zoning	7,700.....7,700
4194	General Government Building	32,136.....32,136
4195	Cemeteries.....	5,000.....5,000
4196	Insurance	69,428.....69,428
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.....	997.....997
4723	Interest on TAN’s.....	3,000.....3,000
Total	280,996.....280,996

ARTICLE PASSES

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Public Safety: (Majority vote required)

<u>Account No</u>		<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4210	Police	74,936	74,936
4215	Ambulance	7,700	7,700
4220	Fire	30,760	30,760
4240	Building Inspection	1,200	1,200
4290	Emergency Management.....	3,800	3,800
4299	Hepatitis B Shots.....	500	500
	Total.....	118,896	118,896

ARTICLE PASSES

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Highways and Streets: (Majority vote required)

<u>Account No</u>		<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4311	Highway Administration.....	73,800	73,800
4312	Highway & Streets	85,430	85,430
4316	Street Lighting	400	400
	Total.....	159,630	159,630

ARTICLE PASSES

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Sanitation: (Majority vote required)

<u>Account No</u>		<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4321	Solid Waste Administration.....	21,560	21,560
4234	Solid Waste Disposal	1	1
4326	Sewage Disposal	1,112	1,112
	Total.....	22,673	22,673

ARTICLE PASSES

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Health and Welfare: (Majority vote required)

<u>Account No</u>		<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4411	Health Administration.....	975	975
4414	Pest Control.....	250	250
4415	Sullivan County Hospice	250	250
4145	Lake Sunapee Home Health.....	2,236	2,236
4415	Newport Senior Center.....	300	300
4415	West Central Services	908	908
4415	Community Alliance	100	100
4415	SWCS.....	600	600

4415	Sullivan County Nutrition	225	225
4415	Turning Point Network	350	350
4415	Newport Food Pantry	1,000	1,000
4415	Pathways	613	613
4442	Direct Assistance.....	<u>22,205</u>	<u>22,205</u>
	Total.....	30,012	30,012

ARTICLE PASSES

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Cultural, Recreation and Conservation: (Majority vote required)

<u>Account No</u>		<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4550	Library	22,931	22,931
4583	Patriotic Purposes.....	350	350
4619	Conservation	900	900
	Total.....	24,181	24,181

ARTICLE PASSES

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the follow sums of money to be placed in established Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required).

<u>Account No</u>		<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommended</u>
	Highway Heavy Equipment (1994)	500	500
	Construction & Reconstruction of Bridges (1992)	2,500	500
	New Highway Truck (1990)	5,000	5,000
	Police Cruiser (1978)	5,000	5,000
	Personal Firefighters Equipment (1994)	500	500
	Property Revaluation (2002).....	10,000	10,000
	Town Technology (2005)	2,500	2,500
	Town Printing Equipment (2005)	500	500
	Fire Truck (1994).....	10,000	10,000
	Town Buildings, Painting (2006).....	500	500
	Paving Repair Existing Paved Roads (2007)	500	500
	Fire Department Sport Utility Truck (2008)	2,500	2,500
	Water Supply (2009).....	2,000	2,000
	Welfare (2008).....	5,207	5,207
	Legal (2011)	5,000	0
	Town Building Maintenance (2011)	7,500	7,500
	Forestry Vehicle (2011)	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	Total.....	69,707	62,707

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

Vote to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the follow sums of money to be placed in established Capital Reserve Funds. (Majority vote required).

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommended</u>
Highway Heavy Equipment (1994)	500	500
Construction & Reconstruction of Bridges (1992)	2,500	500
New Highway Truck (1990)	5,000	5,000
Police Cruiser (1978)	5,000	5,000
Personal Firefighters Equipment (1994)	500	500
Property Revaluation (2002)	10,000	10,000
Town Technology (2005)	2,500	2,500
Town Printing Equipment (2005)	500	500
Fire Truck (1994)	10,000	10,000
Town Buildings, Painting (2006)	500	500
Paving Repair Existing Paved Roads (2007)	500	500
Fire Department Sport Utility Truck (2008)	2,500	2,500
Water Supply (2009)	2,000	2,000
Welfare (2008)	5,207	5,207
Legal (2011)	5,000	5,000
Town Building Maintenance (2011)	7,500	7,500
Forestry Vehicle (2011)	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total	69,707	67,707

AMENDMENT PASSES

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

10. (Petitioned) To see if the Town will vote to change the Zoning Board of Adjustment from an appointed to an elected Board in accordance with chapter 673:3 of the New Hampshire revised statutes annotated.

Upon Passage of the foregoing warrant article to see if the town will vote to hold a special meeting of the Town on the first Tuesday of May 2012 to elect members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, in accordance with chapter 669 of the New Hampshire revised statutes annotated, to replace all appointed members of the board whose term is scheduled to expire prior to the next regularly scheduled annual meeting of the Town.

ARTICLE PASSES

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,700 (Forty two thousand seven hundred and no/100) to operate the transfer station and said funds to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE PASSES

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for the purpose of insulating the town garage. Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE PASSES

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of obtaining and installing an automatic back-up generator for the Town Hall and Offices. (Majority Vote Required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE PASSES

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of obtaining an Emergency Communications Back-up Radio for use by the Town during communications infrastructure failures. (Majority Vote Required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE PASSES

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,600.00 for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser for the Police Department, to withdraw the sum of \$17,300.00 from the Police Cruiser Capital Fund and to raise the balance of \$17,300.00 by taxes. (Majority Vote Required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,600.00 for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser for the Police Department, to withdraw the sum of \$17,300.00 from the Police Cruiser Capital Fund and to raise the balance of \$13,300.00 by taxes. (Majority Vote Required). Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee

AMENDMENT PASSES

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

16. To take up any other business as may legally come before this meeting.

There was no other business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$804,895.00

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Williams