

Town of Goshen
The State of New Hampshire
THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 10:00AM TO 7:00PM
On Tuesday March 13, 2018

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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, Jane Galpin, Carolyn Handley, Dianne Craig: Ballot Clerks, Janet O'Brien, Elaine Bevilacqua, Joanne Chilson: Supervisor's of the Checklist, Doug O'Clair, Robert Bell: Selectmen.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Selectperson, 3 Years – Bruce Nadeau
Moderator, 2 Years – Mary Walter
Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3 Years – Cindy Williams
Trustee of the Trust Funds, 1 Year – Trisha LaBossiere
Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 Years – Christine Smith
Cemetery Trustee, 3 Years – Jan Parmalee
Planning Board, 3 Years – George Hebert
Planning Board, 3 Years – Fredric Smith
Budget Committee, 3 Years – Barbara Paronto
Budget Committee, 3 Years – Jan Parmalee
Budget Committee, 3 Years – Peta Brennan
Library Trustee, 3 Years – Bonnie Belden
Library Trustee, 3 Years – Janelle Dawson
Zoning Board, 3 Years – Alicea Bursey
Zoning Board, 3 Years – Judith Dunn

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 are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 17, 2018
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Goshen Town Hall
Details:

Subdivision Regulation Amendment
Add Definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit to Subdivision Regulations
Section II (page 2) as item 2.16

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Subdivision Regulations? Amendment No. 1 proposes to add the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit to the Subdivision Regulations as follows: Accessory dwelling unit per RSA 674:21 means a second dwelling unit, attached or detached, which is permitted by a land use control regulation to be located on the same lot, plat, site, or other division of land as the permitted principal dwelling unit.

YES 72 NO 26

Zoning and Building Ordinances Amendment No. 2
Add Definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit to Zoning and Building Ordinances
Section II (page 1) in alphabetical order

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Zoning and Building Ordinances? Amendment No. 2 proposes to add the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit to the Zoning and Building Ordinances as

follows: Accessory dwelling unit per RSA 674:21 means a second dwelling unit, attached or detached, which is permitted by a land use control regulation to be located on the same lot, plat, site, or other division of land as the permitted principal dwelling unit.

YES 75 NO 22

**Zoning and Building Ordinances Amendment No. 3
Amend Buildings Per Lot in the Zoning and Building Ordinances
Section B.3 (page 5)**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Zoning and Building Ordinances? Amendment No. 3 proposes to amend the existing wording of the Zoning and Building Ordinances to be in line with the NH State RSA as follows: There shall only be one building allowed for residential purposes on a lot; provided however that the Zoning Board of Adjustment may grant a special exception authorizing a second detached dwelling unit. In order to grant such a special exception, the board must find, in addition to the other standards contained in this ordinance, that a finding that the following conditions are met. As per RSA 674:71: (1) Accessory Dwelling Unit is allowed per Lot.

YES 71 NO 25

**Zoning and Building Ordinances Amendment No. 4
Amend Conditions for Buildings Per Lot in the Zoning and Building Ordinances
Section B.3 (page 6)**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Zoning and Building Ordinances? Amendment No. 4 proposes to amend the existing wording of the Zoning and Building Ordinances to be in line with the NH State RSA by amending the conditions under which an Accessory Dwelling exception maybe granted as follows:

1. The living space in the second dwelling unit shall not exceed 750 sq. ft. |
2. The existing or proposed home is and will remain a single-family structure.
3. The existing or proposed home is currently conforming to zoning.
4. The existing or proposed home is currently or planned to be owner occupied.
5. The property shall have only one curb cut and driveway.
6. The accessory unit shares utilities in common with the primary structure.
7. Evidence of adequate septic capacity.
8. Adequate vehicle parking and turnaround on site.

YES 65 NO 31

**Zoning and Building Ordinances Amendment No. 5
Amend Dwelling Units per Building in the Zoning and Building Ordinances
Section B.4 (page 6)**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Zoning and Building Ordinances? Amendment No. 5 proposes to amend the existing wording of the Zoning and Building Ordinances as follows: Three apartments or units for permanent or temporary residents shall be the maximum allowed for any one building except when a special exception has been granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

YES 62 NO 35

**Zoning and Building Ordinances Amendment No. 6
Amend Recreation District - Uses Permitted (subject to site plan review approval by the Planning Board) in the Zoning and Building Ordinances
Section A.4.b (page 4)**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Goshen Planning Board for the Zoning and Building Ordinances? Amendment No. 6 proposes to add to the existing wording of the Recreation District in the Zoning and Building Ordinances as follows: A.4.b.19 Anything not specifically listed above needs approval from the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board.

YES 77 NO 23

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

Moderator Mary Walter calls 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 year's minutes was made and seconded.

MOTION PASSES

Selectman Robert Bell introduced Christine Fillmore, an attorney working as the town's legal council.

The Moderator received a request for a ballot vote for Petition Warrant Article 13 and moved that article to the beginning.

Article 13: Petition Warrant

(PETITION) To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector \$11,310 and increase her hours from 30 to 35, making the position eligible for full time benefits and retirement. This change would eliminate the current (2) part-time positions and create (1) full-time and (1) part-time position (with no benefits), resulting in an overall savings of \$8,879.00 to the Town of Goshen. Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

After much discussion, town council, Christine Fillmore explained that the biggest issue is raising and appropriating the money because it doesn't say that. The cost of retirement and full time benefits that it would cost the town would also need to be raised and appropriated. The easiest way to do that is to add those items and increase the operating budget rather than approving this article.

MOTION TO TABLE THIS ARTICLE

PASSED

Article 03A: General Government

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$282,493, for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required).

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4130 Executive.....	50,595.....	47,865
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	26,840.....	26,840
4150 Financial Administration	40,772.....	40,772
4152 Revaluation of Property.....	4,500.....	4,500
4153 Legal Expense	15,000.....	15,000
5155 Personnel Administration	35,910.....	35,390
4191 Planning & Zoning.....	6,960.....	4,500
4191 General Government Building	22,140.....	22,140
4194 Cemeteries	5,800.....	5,800
4196 Insurance	78,585.....	78,585
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.....	1,101.....	1,101
Total	288,203.....	282,493

Motion to bring this Article on the floor so that it could be amended

MOTION PASSED

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

Motion to amend article \$18,732.00 for a bottom line of \$301,225.00

After much discussion about the wording of the amendment and advice from legal council explaining, the number that you increase to the bottom line is the number that gets spent for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector as long as the motion includes the wording to increase this article X number of dollars for the compensation of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

New wording was added to the amendment to read:

The Amendment is to add \$18,732 to the budget bringing the new budget to \$301,255.00 to include a raise in pay, health benefits and retirement for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's position.

AMENDMENT PASSED

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

Amendment to increase budget \$2,730.00 for Admin. Assistant

**AMENDMENT FAILED
Request for paper ballot**

ARTICLE 3A PASSED

39 YES 16 NO

Article 03B: Public Safety

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,016, for Public Safety operations. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4210 Police.....	73,784.....	73,784
4215 Ambulance.....	41,930.....	41,930
4220 Fire.....	49,300.....	49,300
4240 Building Inspection.....	1,200.....	1,200
4290 Emergency Management.....	7,802.....	7,802
Total.....	174,016.....	174,016

ARTICLES PASSED

Article 03C: Highway and Streets

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184,720, Highway operations. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4311 Highway Administration.....	89,720.....	89,720

4312 Highway & Streets.....	94,500.....	94,500
4316 Street Lighting.....	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total.....	184,720.....	184,720

ARTICLE PASSED

Article 03D: Sanitation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,075, for Transfer Station Operations. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4321 Solid Waste Administration	25,160.....	25,160
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	52,700.....	52,700
4326 Sewage Disposal.....	<u>1,215</u>	<u>1,215</u>
Total.....	79,075.....	79,075

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

Motion to amend article and increase the amount \$8,000.00 to \$87,075.00 to take care of a bill that has already been paid for analysis of the well

**AMENDMENT PASSES
AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES**

Article 03E: Health

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,646 for Health. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4411 Health Administration.....	800.....	800
4415 Pest Control.....	505.....	505
4145 Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice	2,249.....	2,249
4415 Newport Senior Center.....	300.....	300
4415 West Central Services	979.....	979
4415 SWCS	1,000.....	1,000
4415 Sullivan County Nutrition.....	350.....	350
4415 Turning Point Network	350.....	350
4415 Newport Food Pantry.....	1,000.....	1,000
4415 Pathways.....	613.....	613
4415 CASA.....	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Total	\$8,646.....	\$8,646

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03F: Welfare

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000, for Welfare. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4441 Administration and Direct Payments	\$7,000.....	\$7,000

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03G: Cultural Recreation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,385, for Cultural, Recreation. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4450 Library	36,135.....	36,135
4583 Patriotic Purposes.....	1,250.....	1,250
Total.....	37,385.....	37,385

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03H: Conservation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750, for Conservation. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4619 Conservation	750.....	750
Total.....	750.....	750

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03I: Debt Service

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100, for Debt Service. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4731 Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest.....	\$100.....	\$100

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04: CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,000, to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follow:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
Highway Truck	20,000	20,000
Personal Firefighters Equipment	7,000	7,000
Property Revaluation	8,000	8,000
Fire Truck	20,000	20,000
Fire Dept. Utility Vehicle	8,000	8,000
Gravel	10,000	10,000
Forestry Vehicle	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	83,000	83,000

ARTICLE PASSES

(Majority Vote Required.)

Article 05: Elderly Exempt.

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Goshen , based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years,\$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$60,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 not less than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,000 not less than \$20,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000 not less than \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

Motion to amend article and take out the words : not less than \$13,400
not less than \$20,400
not less than \$35,000

AMENDMENT PASSES

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

Article 06: Backhoe Lease

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,445, for the 2017 Backhoe Loader lease payment. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 07: Old Province Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000, for the purpose of repairing Old Province Road, and withdraw \$30,000, from the Roads CRF and \$70,000, with Unassigned Fund Balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 08: Keno

To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 28:41 through 51. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote Required.)

MOTION TO TABLE ARTICLE

YES 22 NO 25

MOTION FAILED

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

Motion to Amend Article to correct RSA

To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of KENO within the town pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 284:41 through 51. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote Required.)

AMENDMENT PASSES

ARTICLE PASSES

YES 41 NO 13

Article 09: Discontinue Health Benefits Part time

To see if the town will vote to discontinue Health Benefits for any new part time employee's as of January 1st 2018. Full time help is 35 plus hours per week. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority Vote.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 10: Roofs

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000, for the purpose of building roofs over the canisters at the transfer station with said funds to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 11: Grange

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,990, to be added to the Grange Restoration CRF previously established. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance (this represents \$7,500, received from The Friends of the Grange and \$8,490, received from the Moose Plate Grant). No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 12: Transfer Station Offset

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000, for Transfer Station operations with said funds to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

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

Chief Andersen presented the Citizenship Award to Elaine Bevilacqua.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$ 1,042,352.00

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Williams
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