

***Town of Goshen
New Hampshire
2021 Annual
Town Meeting
Minutes***

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:

BALLOT VOTING DAY: You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall, 54 Mill Village Road North Goshen, NH, on Tuesday, March 09, 2021. ***THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.***

BUSINESS SESSION: You are hereby notified to meet at the Lempster School, 29 School Road, Lempster, NH, on Saturday, March 13, 2021.
Articles 2-11, ***THE BUSINESS SESSION WILL START AT 6:30 PM.***

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
Polls opened at 8:00 a.m. Officials attending were Mary Walter; Moderator, Cindy Williams; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Christine Smith; Dep. Town Clerk/Dep. Tax Collector, Jane Galpin, Alicea Bursey, Steve Belden; Ballot Clerk, Kathryn Hanson, Andrea Willett, Michelle Roy; Supervisors of the Checklist, Bruce Nadeau, Dianne Craig, Steven Smith; Selectmen.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

1 Selectperson 3 Years – Derek Tremblay
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector 3 Years – Cindy Williams
1 Trustee of Trust Funds 3 Years – Christine P. Smith
1 Planning Board Member 3 Years – Kayla Frink
1 Planning Board Member 3 Years – George Hebert
1 Zoning Board Member 3 Years – Alicea Bursey
1 Zoning Board Member 3 Years – Judy Dunn
1 Library Trustee 3 Years – Bonnie Belden
1 Library Trustee 3 Years – Michelle Roy
1 Supervisor of the Checklist 5 Years – Kathryn Hanson
1 Supervisor of the Checklist 1 Year – Michelle Roy
1 Cemetery Trustee 3 Years – Jan Parmalee
1 Budget Committee Member 3 Years – Ashley Cleary
1 Budget Committee Member 3 Years – Alexander Lorenz
1 Budget Committee Member 3 Years – Trisha LaBossiere
1 Budget Committee Member 2 Years – Samantha Bond
1 Budget Committee Member 1 Year – Barbara Paronto
1 Budget Committee Member 1 Year – Lauri Wilkinson

Moderator, Mary Walter calls meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Article 02 Broadband Internet Bond

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$1,190,283) for the purpose of furnishing, constructing, and installing facilities and equipment to make a Fiber Optic Broadband Network available in the Town; Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$780,125) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; with Four Hundred Ten Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$410,158) of such sum as a donation from the broadband provider; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, gifts and donations, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget committee. (3/5 ballot vote required).

Moderator read the article. Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden. There were no questions or discussion.

64 YES

4 NO

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03 To receive the reports of the Town Officers of Goshen and take any necessary action thereon.

Article 04A General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,480 for the general municipal operations: (Majority vote required.)

Recommendations	Selectboard	Budget Committee
Executive	\$55,387	\$55,387
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics.....	\$31,677	\$31,677
Financial Administration	\$49,366	\$49,366
Revaluation of Property.....	\$7,000	\$7,000
Legal Expense	\$15,000	\$8,000
Personnel Administration	\$41,098	\$41,098
Planning & Zoning	\$5,060	\$5,060
General Government Building	\$25,931	\$25,931
Cemeteries	\$8,000	\$8,000
Insurance	\$92,826	\$92,826
Advertising & Regional Assoc.....	\$1,135	\$1,135
Total	\$332,480	\$325,480

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04B Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$176,277 for Public Safety.
Recommended by Selectboard and Budget committee. (Majority vote required)

Police.....	\$66,058
Ambulance	\$45,819
Fire	\$58,000
Building Inspection	\$3,000
Emergency Management.....	<u>\$3,400</u>
Total	176,277

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04C Highway

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,600 for Highways and Streets.
Recommended by Selectboard and Budget committee. (Majority vote required.)

Highway Administration	\$93,200
Highway & Streets	\$108,900
Street Lighting.....	<u>\$ 500</u>
Total	\$202,600

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04D Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 67,000 for Sanitation operations.
Recommended by Selectboard and Budget committee. (Majority vote required)

Solid Waste Administration	\$30,035
Solid Waste Disposal.....	\$35,750
Sewage Disposal.....	<u>\$1,215</u>
Total	\$67,000

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04E Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,987 for Health. (Majority vote required.)

Recommendations

	<u>Selectboard</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
Health Administration	\$2,000	\$2,000
Pest Control	\$515	\$335
Health Agencies	<u>\$7,652</u>	<u>\$7,652</u>
Total	\$10,167	\$9,987

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04F Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 of for Welfare.

Recommendations

Selectboard

Budget Committee

\$7,000

\$5,000

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04G Cultural Recreational

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,603 for Cultural and Recreation. Recommended by Selectboard and Budget committee. (Majority vote required)

Library.....	\$39,353
Patriotic Purposes.....	<u>\$250</u>
Total	\$39,603

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04H: Conservation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 for Conservation operations. Recommended by Selectboard and Budget committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04I: TAN

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for Tax Anticipation Note - Interest. Recommended by Selectboard and Budget committee. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 05 Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be added to Capital Reserve Funds previously established:

Personal Fire Fighter Equipment	\$20,0
Property Revaluation	\$10 0
Fire Dept Vehicles	\$15 0
Police Cruiser	\$10 0
Paving	\$15,0

Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 06 Plow/Dump Truck Lease

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,060 for the 2019 Plow/Dump Truck lease payment; the annual payment required by the lease which was authorized at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 07 Backhoe Lease Payment

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,445 for the 2017 Backhoe Loader lease payment; the annual payment required by the lease which was authorized at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 08 Offset Transfer Station

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the purpose of operating the Transfer Station with said funds to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 09 Grange Grant Transfer

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,912, to be added to the Grange Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance (this represents \$9,912 received from the (2) Moose Plate Grant and \$45,000 from the LCHIP Grant). No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 10 Lempster Coach Bridge (Continue)

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,651 for the purpose of repairs for the Lempster Coach Road Bridge and authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Bridge Reconstruction capital reserve fund and the balance of \$52,651 to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 11 Defibrillators

(PETITION) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$6,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PURCHASING SIX AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED'S) FOR THE GOSHEN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Christopher Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 12

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

Sandy Sonnichsen was thanked for all the work she has done at the grange, she in turn thanked Gary Dennis and David Dumas.

Police Chief Edward Andersen was thanked for getting groceries to people during the covid pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cindy L. Williams
Goshen Town Clerk**

