

***Town of Goshen
New Hampshire
2022 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 08, 2022. ***THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.***

BUSINESS SESSION: You are hereby notified to meet at the on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the Goshen Town Hall, 54 Mill Village Road North, Goshen, NH Articles 2-14, ***THE BUSINESS SESSION WILL START AT 6:30 PM.***

THE BUSINESS PORTION WAS POSTPONED BECAUSE OF A SNOW STORM TO SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2022.

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 William; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Christine Smith; Dep. Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Jane Galpin, Bonnie Belden, Steve Belden, Sandra Sonnichsen; Ballot Clerk, Kathryn Hanson, Andrea Willett, Alicea Burse; Supervisor of the Checklist, Dianne Craig, Steven Smith, Derek Tremblay; Selectmen.

1 Selectperson 3 Years – Dianne Craig
1 Town Treasurer 3 Years – Heather Peckham
1 Moderator 2 Years – Mary Walter
1 Trustee of Trust Funds 3 Years – Alan Greenhalgh
1 Cemetery Trustee 3 Years – Carolyn Stiles
1 Planning Board Member 3 Years – Alicea Burse
1 Zoning Board Member 3 Years – Bruce Nadeau
1 Zoning Board Member 3 Years – Raymond Porter
1 Library Trustee 3 Years – Eryc Courmac
1 Library Trustee 2 Years – Kim McInnis
1 Library Trustee 1 Year – Carolyn Stiles
1 Supervisor of the Checklist 6 Years – Michelle Roy
1 Budget Committee 3 years - Sherri Moen

1 Budget Committee 3 years – Barbara Paronto
1 Budget Committee 3 years - Alicia Baker

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

Article 02 To receive the reports of the Town Officers of Goshen and take any necessary action thereon.

Moderator reads Article 2, accepts minutes from last year.

ARTICLE PASSES

The Moderator explains that she received a request to move Article 9 forward.

Article 09 Closure of the Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to close the Goshen Transfer Station as of May 1, 2022, and replace it with the use by Goshen citizens of the Casella Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Facility located at 264 John Stark Highway, Town of Newport NH on a pay-as-you-throw basis; and to conduct all closure and monitoring activities at the Goshen Transfer Station as required by NH DES; and to reduce the operating budget for the Goshen Transfer Station (Article 3D plus Article 7) from \$86,000 to \$33,250 to cover operations from January 1, 2022 to the closure date and to conduct required closure activities through December 31, 2022. Recommended by the Select Board. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.

Moderator read the article.

Motion to move the article by Linda Janicke, seconded by Steve Smith. Selectman Derek Tremblay explained the purpose of the article was to discuss staffing problems and operating on a week by week basis trying to find people to fill in. Linda Janicke asked what it costs in taxes each year per household. Steve Smith said it costs the town \$67,040. Steve Smith explained that as an alternative the people of Goshen can take their garbage to Casella's in Newport. He explained their prices and hours. Discussion took place about needing people to apply to work at the transfer station and what would be needed for certification. The people voiced their opinions about how it should be a service to the town whether it was profitable or not. Recycling and tipping fees were discussed and those costs have increased. James Carrick called the question. Alicea Bursey seconded it.
By ballot vote,

101 NO 8 YES

ARTICLE DEFEATED

Article 03A General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$332,634 for the general municipal operations: (Majority vote required.)

<u>Recommendations</u>	Select Board	Budget Committee
Executive	\$56,869	\$56,000
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	\$33,652	\$33,652
Financial Administration	\$49,816	\$49,816
Revaluation of Property.....	\$6,000	\$6,000
Legal Expense.....	\$8,000	\$5,000
Personnel Administration	\$45,399	\$45,399
Planning & Zoning	\$6,960	\$7,460
General Government Building	\$30,471	\$30,471
Cemeteries	\$8,500	\$8,500
Insurance.....	\$89,193	\$89,193
Advertising & Regional Assoc.....	<u>\$1,143</u>	<u>\$1,143</u>
Total.....	\$336,003	\$332,634

Motion to move article Trisha LaBossiere, seconded by Jim Walter.

Barbara Paronto made a Motion to Amend the article to add \$800.00 for a recording secretary for the Budget Committee, bringing the total to \$ 333,434.00. Sherri Moen seconded the amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$333,434 for the general municipal operations: (Majority vote required.)

<u>Recommendations</u>	Select Board	Budget Committee
Executive	\$56,869	\$56,800
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	\$33,652	\$33,652
Financial Administration	\$49,816	\$49,816
Revaluation of Property.....	\$6,000	\$6,000
Legal Expense.....	\$8,000	\$5,000
Personnel Administration	\$45,399	\$45,399
Planning & Zoning	\$6,960	\$7,460
General Government Building	\$30,471	\$30,471
Cemeteries	\$8,500	\$8,500
Insurance.....	\$89,193	\$89,193
Advertising & Regional Assoc.....	<u>\$1,143</u>	<u>\$1,143</u>
Total.....	\$336,003	\$333,434

AMENDMENT PASSES

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03B Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,152 for Public Safety. Recommended by Select Board and Budget committee. (Majority vote required)

Police	\$66,058
Ambulance	\$47,194
Fire	\$61,000
Building Inspection	\$3,000
Emergency Management	\$3,400
Forestry	<u>\$1,500</u>
Total	\$182,152

Motion to move the article Alicea Burse, seconded by Eryc Courmac

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03C Highway

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$206,340 for Highways and Streets. (Majority vote required)

Recommendations **Select Board** **Budget Committee**

Highway Administration	\$99,440	\$99,440
Highway & Streets	\$116,400	\$106,400
Street Lighting	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$216,340	\$206,340

Motion to move article Sherri Moen, seconded by Charles Lewis.

Dan Peterson made a motion to amend the article and add \$10,000.00 to Highways and Streets. Steve Smith seconded the amendment.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$216,340 for Highways and Streets. (Majority vote required)

Recommendations **Select Board** **Budget Committee**

Highway Administration	\$99,440	\$99,440
Highway & Streets	\$116,400	\$116,400
Street Lighting	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
Total	\$216,340	\$216,340

AMENDMENT PASSES

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03D Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$52,204 for Sanitation operations.
(Majority Vote Required)

<u>Recommendations</u>	Select Board	Budget Committee
Solid Waste Administration.....	\$32,739	\$32,739
Solid Waste Disposal.....	\$33,250	\$18,250
Sewage Disposal.....	<u>\$1,215</u>	<u>\$1,215</u>
Total	\$67,0204	\$52,204

Motion to move article Eryc Courmac, seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03E Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,685 for Health. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee (Majority vote required.)

Health Administration.....	\$2,000
Pest Control	\$335
Health Agencies	\$8,350

Motion to move article Kelly Gobin, seconded Steve Bursey.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03F Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 of for Welfare.

<u>Recommendations</u>	<u>Select Board</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
	\$5,000	\$4,000

Motion to move article Sherri Moen, seconded by Alicea Bursey.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03G Cultural Recreational

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,509 for Cultural and Recreation. Recommended by Select Board and Budget committee. (Majority Vote Required)

Library	42,259
Patriotic Purposes	<u>250</u>
Total	42,509

Motion to move article Eryc Courmac, seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03H: Conservation

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

Motion to move article Sherri Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03I: TAN

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

Motion to move article Eryc Courmac, seconded by Dan Peterson.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04 Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to Capital Reserve Funds previously established:

Fire Fighter Equipment	\$20,000
Highway Truck	\$20,000
Police Cruiser	\$15,000
Gravel	\$25,000

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

Motion to move article Sherri Moen, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 05 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 article Jim Walter, seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 06 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 Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move article Jim Walter, seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 07 Offset Transfer Station

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$35,000 to offset the cost to operate the Transfer Station with said funds to come from the Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. This amount is in addition to the amount contained in Article 3D. (Majority vote required)

Recommendations

<u>Select Board</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u>
\$20,000	\$35,000

Motion to move article Ed Blais, seconded by Alicea Bursey.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 08 Highway Transfer in

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500, to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the

unassigned fund balance (this represents the sale of a highway truck. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion to move article Eryc Courmac, seconded by Sherri Moen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 10 Lempster Coach Bridge

To see if the town will vote to establish a Lempster Coach Bridge Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for repairs to the Lempster Coach Bridge and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$157,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget committee. (Majority Vote Required)

**Motion to move article Sherri Moen, seconded by Alicea Bursey.
The question of which bridge was answered, the Class 5 Trow Brook Bridge not the Class 6 bridge.**

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 11 Electronic Radar/Sign Board

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of purchasing an Electronic Radar/Sign Board; \$7,500 of said funds to be raised as the town's portion of a 50/50 match for the NH Highway Safety Grant, and the remainder to come from said grant. If the grant is not received, this article will not take effect. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required)

**Motion to move article Eryc Courmac, seconded by Alicea Bursey.
Ed Anderson explained that if the grant went through the sign can be used by all departments.**

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 12 Discontinue Town Hall Restoration CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the existing Town Hall Restoration CRF created in 1986. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, (approximately

\$9,984) are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move article Peter Hanson, seconded by Kathy Hanson.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 13 Discontinue Town Building Maintenance CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Town Building Maintenance CRF created in 2012. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately \$9,864), are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move article Eryc Courmac, seconded by Kathy Hanson.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 14 Town Building Maintenance CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for Town Buildings Maintenance and Improvements, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,848 (the total of the two discontinued capital reserve funds estimated at approximately \$19,848) to be placed in this fund from the unexpended General Fund balance. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required)

Motion to move article Eryc Courmac, seconded by Kathy Hanson.

ARTICLE PASSES

The moderator asked if anyone had any other business to take up.

Dianne Craig thanked Sandy Sonnichsen for all her hard work at the grange and Alicea Bursey for her hard work bringing the Broadband Internet Installation to Goshen.

Alicea Bursey announced that Mike Cannon from Fidium was here and available to answer questions about the new broadband internet.

Bonnie Belden updated the library's community trail and recreation area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Cindy L. Williams
Goshen Town Clerk**