

***Town of Goshen
New Hampshire
2023 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 14, 2023. **THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.**

BUSINESS SESSION: You are hereby notified to meet at the Goshen Town Hall, 54 Mill Village Road North, Goshen, NH, on Saturday, March 18, 2023 to discuss Articles 2-16. **THE BUSINESS SESSION WILL START AT 6:30 PM.**

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

1	Selectperson - 3 Years	Alicea Bursey
1	Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Years	Jessica Dennis
1	Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years	Christopher Moen
1	Planning Board Member - 3 Years	Phillip Stasulli
1	Planning Board Member - 2 Years	Sebastian Zyzdorf
1	Zoning Board of Member - 3 Year	Bob Bell
1	Library Trustees - 3 Year	Carolyn Styles
1	Library Trustee - 3 Year	Trisha LaBossiere
1	Library Trustee - 2 Year	Rachel Ratay
1	Supervisor of the Checklist - 5 Year	Kim McInnis
1	Budget Committee Member - 3 Year	Steve Belden
1	Budget Committee Member - 3 Year	Ernie Dennis
1	Budget Committee Member - 3 Year	Robin Brigham
1	Budget Committee Member - 1 Year	Renee Frost

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 and accepts minutes from last year. Motion to move article Steve Belden, seconded by Kevin Bevilacqua.

ARTICLE PASSES

Moderator explains Articles 8, 9, 10 and 11 were mixed up and now appear out of sequence on the Warrant. The intent is to combine the Highway Truck and Highway Heavy Equipment capital reserve accounts into one account. In order to do so, the Town needs to discontinue each of the two existing capital reserve accounts, place the funds (momentarily) in the General Fund, create the new capital reserve account (combining the two previous accounts), and then transfer said funds from the General Fund to that new account.

Once that has been accomplished, it would be possible to transfer the proceeds from the sale of the highway truck which had been placed in the General Fund to the newly created capital reserve fund.

The correct order following Article 7 should be:

- Article 9 Discontinue Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**
- Article 11 Discontinue Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**
- Article 10 Highway Truck and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**
- Article 8 Highway Transfer In**

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Article 03A General Government

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,939 for General Operations.
(Majority vote required)

Recommends.....Select Board.....Budget Committee

Executive.....	\$61,710.....	\$61,710
Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics.....	\$35,047.....	\$34,047
Financial Administration.....	\$57,459.....	\$57,459
Revaluation of Property.....	\$17,000.....	\$17,000
Legal Expense.....	\$5,000.....	\$5,000
Personnel Administration.....	\$45,598.....	\$45,598
Planning & Zoning.....	\$5,420.....	\$5,420
General Government Building.....	\$33,706.....	\$33,706
Cemeteries.....	\$8,500.....	\$8,500
Insurance.....	\$108,276.....	\$108,276
Advertising & Regional Assoc.....	\$1,223.....	\$1,223
Total.....	\$378,939.....	\$378,939

Moderator explains that the amount for the Budget Committee for Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics should be the same as the Select Board, \$35,047 and that the Total is still the same.

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03B Public Safety

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,951 for public safety operations.
(Majority vote required)

Recommends.....Select Board.....Budget Committee

Police.....	\$68,941.....	\$68,941
Ambulance.....	\$48,610.....	\$48,610
Fire.....	\$61,000.....	\$61,000
Building Inspector.....	\$3,000.....	\$3,000
Emergency Mgt.....	\$1,000.....	\$1,000
Forestry.....	\$3,400.....	\$3,400
Total.....	\$185,951.....	\$185,951

Motion to move article William Canning, seconded by Sandra Sonnichsen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Highway

Article 03C

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$257,940 for general highway operations. (Majority vote required)

Recommends.....Select Board.....Budget Committee

Administration.....	\$128,640.....	\$128,640
Highways and Streets.....	\$128,550.....	\$128,550
Street Lighting.....	\$750.....	\$750
Total.....	\$257,940.....	\$257,940

Motion to move the article Jessica Dennis, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03D

Sanitation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54,753 for Transfer Station Operations. (Majority vote required.)

Recommends.....Select Board.....Budget Committee

Solid Waste Administration.....	\$32,388.....	\$32,388
Solid Waste Disposal.....	\$21,150.....	\$21,150
Sewage Disposal.....	\$1,215.....	\$1,215
Total	\$54,753.....	\$54,753

Motion to move the article Sandra Sonnichsen, seconded by Bonnie Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03E

Health

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,969 for health services. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Administration.....	\$2,000
Pest Control.....	\$335
Health Agencies.....	\$9,634

Motion to move the article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jessica Dennis.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03F Welfare

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 Welfare. (Majority vote required)

Recommendations

Select Board

Budget Committee

\$4,000

\$4,000

Motion to move the article Linda Janicke, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03G Cultural Recreation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,676 for Cultural Recreation. Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Historical Society.....\$300

Library.....\$46,576

Patriotic Purposes.....\$800

Motion to move the article Jessica Dennis, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03H Conservation

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

Motion to move the article Jessica Dennis, seconded by Kevin Bevilacqua.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03I Debt Service

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for general Debt Service. Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move the article Jessica Dennis, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04 CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$129,000 to be added to Capital Reserve Funds previously established:

Personal Fire Fighter Equipment	\$20,000
Fire Department Vehicle	\$15,000
Highway Truck	\$20,000
Paving	\$15,000
Gravel	\$15,000
Police Cruiser	\$10,000
Town Buildings Maint. & Imp.	\$15,000
Revaluation	\$14,000

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

**Moderator states that Highway Truck should be 25,000 and that the total is still \$129,000.
Motion to move the article Kevin Bevilacqua, 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 Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Linda Janicke.

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 (Art. 14). Recommended by Selectboard and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

**The question was asked and it was stated this was the last year of payment.
Motion to move the article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Steve Belden.**

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 for the purpose 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 03D Solid Waste Disposal. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by William Canning.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 09 Discontinue Highway Truck CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created in 1990. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, [approximately \$8,001.97] 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 Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by William Canning.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 11 Discontinue Highway Heavy Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the existing Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, [approximately \$6,050.15.] 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 William Canning, seconded by Kevin Bevilacqua.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 10 Highway Truck and Heavy Equipment CRF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Highway Trucks and Heavy Equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,052.12 [the total of the two discontinued capital reserve funds estimated at approximately \$14,052.12] to be placed in this fund from the unexpended General Fund balance. The Selectmen to

be agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jessica Dennis.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 08 Highway Transfer In

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,100 to be added to the newly created Highway Truck and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the unassigned General Fund balance (this amount represents the amount received from the sale of a highway truck) and place the funds in the newly created Highway Truck and Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required)

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jane Galpin.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 12 New Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,000 to purchase a new police cruiser; \$26,600 of which would be taken out of the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and \$17,400 to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Alicea Bursey, seconded by Kevin Bevilacqua.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 13 Library Building Projects

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,550 for the purpose of replacing Library building beam supports and piers, level soil, repair floor and pipe drain, add vapor barrier, and spray concrete mix onto stone foundation to bind stones, seal leaks and prevent rodent infiltration to place a concrete slab of approximately 400 sq. ft. with French drain around the perimeter of the Library building. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Alicea Bursey, seconded by Bonnie Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 14 Adding Funds to CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$39,461 to be placed in the Bridge Construction and Repair Capital Reserve Account with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance, which represents unanticipated revenues awarded to the Town under Senate Bill 401 . No amount to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Alicea Bursey, seconded by Sandra Sonnichsen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 15 Adding Funds to CRF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,250 to be placed in the Reconstruction of Roads Capital Reserve Account, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance, which represents unanticipated revenues awarded to the Town under Senate Bill 401. No amount to be raised by taxation. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required).

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Sandra Sonnichsen.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 16 Re-adopt Optional Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the town re-adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required).

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Sandra Sonnichsen.

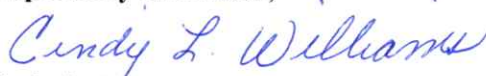
ARTICLE PASSES

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

Bonnie Belden, Library Trustee Chairperson, updated everyone on the progress of Goshen Discovery Park and the engraved brick fundraiser and quilt raffle. She explained that they need people to volunteer to clear brush.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cindy L. Williams
Goshen Town Clerk

