

*Town of Goshen
New Hampshire
2024 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 12, 2024. **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 16, 2024 to discuss Articles 2-8. **THE BUSINESS SESSION WILL START AT 6:30 PM.**

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

1	Selectperson	3 year term – Derek Tremblay
1	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 year term – Cindy Williams
1	Town Moderator	2 year term – William Canning
1	Trustee of Trust Funds	3 year term – Ashley Cleary
1	Cemetery Trustee	3 year term – To Be Appointed
2	Planning Board Member	3 year term – Kayla Frink
		3 year term – Jonathan Tremblay
2	Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 year term – Judy Martz
		3 year term – To Be Appointed
2	Library Trustee	3 year term – Kimberly McInnis
		3 year term – Bonnie Belden
1	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 year term – Mary K. Hudson
3	Budget Committee Members	3 year term – Ashley Cleary
		3 year term – Douglas Frost
		3 year term – Renee Frost
1	Budget Committee Member	1 year term – Trisha LaBossiere

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

Selectperson Dianne Craig presented Norman A. Dion the Town of Goshen Cane which is based on the Boston Cane concept. The cane is passed from eldest Goshen resident to eldest Goshen resident. Norman will be celebrating his 100th birthday soon.

Selectperson Dianne Craig wanted to thank a resident for bringing to the Select Board a serious and valid concern that happened during the January 8, 2024 Selectmen meeting. There were 2 meetings posted for January 8, 2024. The first meeting posted was a Public Hearing posted to start at 6:00 pm and the second meeting was a Selectmen meeting posted to start at 6:30 pm. The Public Hearing meeting ended at 6:06 pm and they continued right into the Selectmen meeting that started 24 minutes prior to the posted time. To correct this error required the Select Board to hold an Emergency Meeting which was held last night, March 15, 2024, to rectify the error. The Select Board will now be conducting an audit for the last 5 years to ensure that no meetings started prior to the posted time. If any are found they will be discussing the process to rectify those minutes. Next steps will be discussed with the full Board and any actions or steps necessary will be taken to protect the town.

Selectperson Dianne Craig announced that the Town of Goshen has been awarded the Granite State Clean Fleet Grant to purchase a new 2025 diesel plow truck.

Dianne thanked Sandy Sonnichsen, Shae Simino our Road Agent and Melissa Salinardi our Administrative Assistant for all the work they did to get the information together and submit all the required documents.

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 Jessica Dennis, seconded by Steve Belden.

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03A

General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$428,057 for General Operations.
(Majority vote required.)

	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Executive	\$68,250	\$67,750
Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	\$42,106	\$42,106
Financial Administration	\$61,984	\$61,984
Revaluation of Property	\$12,200	\$12,200
Legal Expense	\$8,000	\$8,000
Personnel Administration	\$54,002	\$54,002
Planning & Zoning	\$8,320	\$8,320
General Government Building	\$33,950	\$33,950
Cemeteries	\$8,500	\$8,500
Insurance	\$129,961	\$129,961
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	\$1,284	\$1,284
Total	\$428,557	\$428,057

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03B Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$208,405 for Public Safety Operations.
(Majority vote required.)

	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Police	\$71,437	\$71,437
Ambulance	\$50,068	\$50,068
Fire	\$62,500	\$62,500
Building Inspector	\$20,000	\$20,000
Emergency Mgt	\$1,000	\$1,000
Forestry	\$3,400	\$3,400
Total	\$208,405	\$208,405

Motion to move article Doug Frost, seconded by Jim Walter

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03C Highway

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$266,535 for General Highway Operations. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by	Select Board	Budget Committee
Administration	\$129,400	\$129,400
Highways and Streets	\$136,385	\$136,385
Street Lighting	\$750	\$750
Total	\$266,535	\$266,535

Motion to move article Bonnie Belden, seconded by Jim Walter

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03D Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,715 for Transfer Station Operations. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by	Select Board	Budget Committee
Solid Waste Administration	\$23,000	\$23,000
Solid Waste Disposal	\$57,550	\$22,500
Sewage Disposal	\$1,215	\$1,215
Total	\$81,715	\$46,715

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jim Walter

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03E Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,272 for Health Services. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by	Select Board	Budget Committee
Administration	\$2,250	\$2,250
Pest Control	\$335	\$335
Health Agencies	\$8,687	\$8,687
Total	\$11,272	\$11,272

Motion to move 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 \$4,530 Welfare. (Majority vote required.)

Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
\$8,530	\$4,530

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jessica Dennis

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03G Cultural Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,967 for Cultural Recreation. Recommended by Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Historical Society	\$300
Library	\$48,867
Patriotic Purposes	\$800
Total	\$49,967

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Bonnie 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 Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Jim Walter, 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 Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jessica Dennis

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04 CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$182,600 to be added to Capital Reserve Funds previously established:

Personal Fire Fighter Equipment	\$20,000
Fire Department Vehicle	\$15,000
Highway Truck and Heavy Equipment	\$20,000
Paving	\$15,000
Gravel	\$15,000
Reconstruction of Roads	\$25,000
Bridge Maintenance	\$25,000
Police Cruiser	\$10,000
Town Buildings Maint. & Imp.	\$15,000
Revaluation	\$14,000
Master Plan	\$3,600
Legal	\$5,000

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

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jessica Dennis

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

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Jonathan Tremblay

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 06 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 Jessica Dennis

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 07 New Solar-Powered Signs

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purchase of two solar-powered electronic speed radar signs that are moveable around the Town. Recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Sandy Sonnichsen

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 08 Granite State Clean Fleets Grant

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$210,000 for the purchase of a 2025 similar model diesel plow truck to replace the existing MY 2002 International Model 2573 plow truck, with \$168,000 to come from the Granite State Clean Fleets Grant, and \$42,000 to come from the Highway truck and Heavy Equipment CRF. If the grant is not received, this article will be null and void. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Select Board and the Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

Motion to move article Sandy Sonnichsen, seconded by Mary Hudson

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

Dan Peterson thanked Mary Walter for her many years of being the Town Moderator.

Motion to adjourn Kevin Bevilacqua, seconded by Barbara Paronto.

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,



**Cindy L. Williams
Goshen Town Clerk**