

Town of Goshen
Public Hearing
Minutes of Meeting
April 19, 2019

Present: Bob Bell, Bruce Nadeau, Cindy Williams, Cindy Rouillard.

Also Present: Christine Fillmore, Ann O'Clair, Doug O'Clair, Bea Jillette, Peta Brennan, Janny Kowyna, Samantha Bond, Diane Craig, Dennis Giannotti.

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm and Bob opened the public hearing regarding the special town meeting scheduled for April 27, 2019.

- Bob explained to the audience the mistake that was made on the annual town meeting warrant and that this mistake caused the Selectmen to schedule the special town meeting on April 27th under the terms of RSA 31:5-b. The warrant for the special meeting includes only one article asking whether voters want to ratify the March 12th election or not to ratify. In response to a question about how voters may request the vote at the special meeting occur by secret ballot, Bob explained the procedure.
- Members of the public asked questions about the mistake in the election portion of the annual meeting warrant, the procedure for the special town meeting, the consequences of ratifying and not ratifying the original election, and the cost of holding a new election if the voters do not ratify. Answers were provided by Bob, Bruce, and Christine. Members of the public also voiced their opinions regarding whether to ratify the election.
- Bob informed everyone present that the selectmen voted at their April 8th Selectmen's meeting to change voting hours for town elections from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm to 8:00 am – 7:00 pm. The new hours will apply to town elections going forward, but the question also will be placed on the 2020 warrant to see if the voters choose to keep that change.

The public hearing was closed and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.