

*Town of Goshen
New Hampshire
2019 Annual Town Meeting Minutes*

*THE POLLS WERE OPEN FROM 10:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
ON TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019*

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

Polls opened at 10:00 a.m. Officials attending were Mary Walter: Moderator, Cindy Williams: Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Lisa Giannotti, Jane Galpin, Carolyn Handley, Patricia Proctor: Ballot Clerks, Elaine Bevilacqua, Andrea Willett: Supervisor's of the Checklist, Doug O'Clair, Robert Bell, Bruce Nadeau: Selectmen.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Selectperson, 3 Years – Dianne Craig
Town Treasurer, 3 Years – Heather Peckham
Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 Years – Trisha LaBossiere
Cemetery Trustee, 3 Years – Dennis Giannotti
Library Trustee, 3 Years – Sue Carpenter
Planning Board Member, 1 Year – Stephen Bursey
Planning Board Member, 3 Years – Alicea Bursey
Zoning Board Member, 3 Years – Ray Porter
Zoning Board Member, 3 Years – Michael Sullivan
Supervisor of the Checklist, 2 Years – Kathy Hanson
Supervisor of the Checklist, 5 Years – Andrea Willett
Budget Committee Member, 3 Years – Ronald A. Kempton
Budget Committee Member, 3 Years – Sherri Moen
Budget Committee Member, 3 Years – Alicia Baker
Budget Committee Member, 2 Years – Bea Jillette

**The town discovered a procedural defect with the election. The Board of
Selectmen will hold a Special Town Meeting pursuant to RSA 31:5-b
for voters to ratify the results of Article 1**

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:

Date: March 16, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Goshen Town Hall

Details:

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

Moderator Mary Walter calls meeting at 6:31 p.m. The Moderator spoke about the recent town election that took place on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. She briefly explained there was an issue with the election time. She introduced Christine Fillmore, an attorney working as the town's legal counsel to explain the situation and what could be done with it.

Christine Fillmore explained that the warrant stated that we would have an election to choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year but did not however state when the polls would be open or when the polls would be closed. There was a mistake in the warrant . There is a method in the law to address the problem when there is an issue like this. The selectmen can vote to hold a Special Town Meeting , with a hearing the week before that explains what the Special Town Meeting is for. They will post a warrant for the Special Town Meeting , there will be 1 question , “to ratify the results of Article 1.” If it passes, the people who were elected can be sworn in. If it does not pass then we will go to the Attorney Generals office to figure out what to do. Her explanation was followed by much discussion.

Moderator Mary Walter proceeded to receive the reports of the Town Officers of Goshen and take any necessary action thereon.

Article 03A: General Government

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$309,261 for general municipal operations.
(Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4130..Executive	50,961.....	50,961
4140..Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	30,959.....	30,959
4150..Financial Administration	46,912.....	46,912
4152..Revaluation of Property.....	4,500.....	4,500
4153..Legal Expense.....	12,500.....	12,500
5155..Personnel Administration	41,700.....	41,700
4191..Planning & Zoning	3,500.....	3,500
4191..General Government Building.....	24,621.....	24,621
4194..Cemeteries	11,900.....	11,900
4196..Insurance.....	80,596.....	80,596
4197..Advertising & Regional Assoc.	<u>1,112</u>	<u>1,112</u>
Total..	309,261.....	309,261

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03B: Public Safety

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$166,568 for Public Safety operations. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4210..Police	61,436.....	61,436
4215..Ambulance	41,930.....	41,930
4220..Fire	58,000.....	58,000
4240..Building Inspection	800.....	800
4290..Emergency Management	<u>4,402</u>	<u>4,402</u>
.....Total	166,568.....	166,568

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03C: Highway and Streets

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,220 Highway operations. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4311..Highway Administration.....	89,720	89,720
4312..Highway & Streets.....	95,000	95,000
4316..Street Lighting	500	500
.....Total	185,220	185,220

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03D: Sanitation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$83,625 for Transfer Station Operations. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4321..Solid Waste Administration	23,405	23,405
4324..Solid Waste Disposal	59,005	59,005
4326..Sewage Disposal	1,215	1,215
.....Total	83,625	83,625

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03E: Health

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,769 for Health. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
4411..Health Administration.....	800	800
4415..Pest Control	515	515
4145..Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice	2,249	2,249
4415..Newport Senior Center	300	300
4415..West Central Services	1,252	1,252
4415..SWCS	840	840
4415..Sullivan County Nutrition.....	350	350
4415..Turning Point Network	350	350
4415..Newport Food Pantry	1,000	1,000
4415..Pathways	613	613
4415..CASA	500	500
Total..	8,769	8,769

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03F: Welfare

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for Welfare. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee Recommend</u>
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4415..Welfare	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
.....Total	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03G: Cultural Recreation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,486 for Cultural, Recreation. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4450..Library	36,136.....	36,136
4583..Patriotic Purposes	<u>350</u>	<u>350</u>
.....Total	36,486.....	36,486

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03H: Conservation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 for Conservation. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4619..Conservation	<u>750</u>	<u>750</u>
.....Total	750.....	750

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 03I: Debt Service

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for Debt Service. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account No</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
4321..TAN	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
.....Total	100.....	100

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 04: CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500, to be added to the following CRF's previously established. Recommend by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

<u>Account</u>	<u>Selectmen</u> <u>Recommend</u>	<u>Budget Committee</u> <u>Recommend</u>
Personal Firefighters Equipment	12,500.....	12,500
Property Revaluation	5,000.....	5,000
Town Building Maintenance	8,000.....	8,000
Town Technology	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
.....Total	30,500.....	30,500

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 05 Backhoe Lease

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,445 for the 2017 Backhoe Loader lease payment. Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 06 Gravel

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,066 to be added to the Gravel CRF previously established. This sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance (this represents funds from FEMA). Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 07 Grange

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,394 to be added to the Grange Restoration CRF previously established. The sum to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance (this represents a Grant). Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 08 Transfer Station Offset

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

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 09 Exhaust System

To see if the town will vote to establish a Exhaust System Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for a Exhaust System for the Fire Station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 10 Grange Grant

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$38,720 to be added to the Grange CRF previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article 11 Dump Truck

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 7 year lease agreement in the amount of \$170,000 for the purpose of leasing a Plow Truck, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,400 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

On a motion by Patricia Proctor and seconded by Christopher Moen

MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 7 year lease agreement in the amount of \$170,000 for the purpose of leasing an **AT LEAST, 30,000 GVW Dump/Plow Truck**, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,400 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority vote required.)

AMENDMENT PASSES

AMENDED ARTICLE PASSES

Article 12 Change Name of CRF's

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing: Fire Truck, Fire Support Vehicle, and Forestry Vehicle CRF's to the Fire Department Vehicle CRF. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee (2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Article 13 Fire Department Vehicles

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for Vehicles for the Fire Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required.)

ARTICLE PASSES

Article. 14:

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

Allen Howe, chairman of the Goshen School Board recognized Bonnie Belden for volunteering in the pre-school program.

Selectmen Robert Bell and Bruce Nadeau acknowledged that they have received a letter of resignation from Doug O'Clair.

There was additional discussion about the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

VOTED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$ 980,804.00

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy L. Williams

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