

Town of Goshen
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Call to Order: Chairman Ned Bixler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance: Chairman Ned Bixler, Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine, Scott Tillmann, James Korner, Paul Collins, Carl Contadini, Patrick Reilly. **Excused Absence:** Russell Murdock.

Others: First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Villar, Chief Financial Officer, Julia Cardillo, Attorney Chip Roraback, Goshen Fire Company, Fire Chief, Robert Hall and Commissioner, John Miller, RSD #20 Board of Education, Sue Wheeler.

Seating of an Alternate: Motion made by Paul Collins, seconded by Scott Tillmann to seat Patrick Reilly (Alternate) as a regular member for this meeting. Vote unanimous.

Chairman, Ned Bixler introduced Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Villar, Chief Financial Officer, Julia Cardillo and Attorney Chip Roraback to discussed the Memorandum of Understanding. Dr. Villar spoke about the MOU that this is the only way that this wouldn't affect the MBR (Minimal Budget Requirement). Dr. Villar stated, he had an informative conversation with Vice Chairman, Valentine about SS 10-51, that it was clear that we need to follow SS 10-51 when it comes to allocations of school funds. At this point, Dr. Villar is looking for guidance from the Goshen Board of Finance on how to proceed. Chairman, Bixler and all Commission members agreed to follow SS 10-51 and the Superintendent Villar should call a district meeting. Commission members agreed that if the superintendent receives a positive vote from residents at the district meeting, that Goshen is ready to have the Treasurer mail a check in for the total amount. Goshen will then be free/clear of any debit.

Board of Education member Sue Wheeler asked for clarity regarding the schedule of payment from the Town.

Public Works Supervisor, Garret Harlow and Working Road Forman, William Gelormino were present to discuss the urgency to purchase a new rubber tire backhoe. In their discussion Vice Chairman Valentine asked on the condition of the current excavator, which was on the list for replacement. It was made clear from Mr. Harlow that the purchase of a rubber tire backhoe will elevate the overlapping of moving equipment back and forth between jobs and would be more efficient. The excavator is in excellent running condition at this time. There is capital money's available for equipment replacement for the purchase of the rubber tire backhoe, the board approved the purchase.

Goshen Fire Company, Fire Chief, Robert Hall and Commissioner, John Miller spoke about the report on the airboat from the vendor regarding the condition of the hull. The hull is unsafe to use and in poor condition and at life expectancy. The vendor gave a quote of \$18,900 for a new hull that will meet specs. The Board of Finance will appropriate \$6,000 out of unassigned general fund balance to capital non-recurring for the deposit on the new airboat hull.

Motioned made by Vice Chair Robert Valentine, seconded by James Korner to approved the \$6000 allocation from unassigned capital. Voted unanimous.

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Review of Minutes: under the report of the First Selectmen, James Korner stated a correction to be made for the amount to be moved from Goshen/Cornwall Transit bus of \$1,626.17. The amount should be \$1,620.17 to be moved into capital unassigned.

A correction under correspondence to the sentence Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine spoke to say the Board of Selectmen can't approve the agreement, only the district #20 Voters of Goshen, Litchfield, Morris and *Warrant* can. *The word warrant should read as Warren.*

Motion made by Robert Valentine, seconded by Paul Collins voted to approve the minutes of June 25, 2025 as amended. Voted unanimous.

Financial Report – The board reviewed and received. **Motion made by** Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner to receive the financial report.

Tax Collector's Report – The board reviewed and received. **Motion made by** Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner to receive the Tax Collector report.

First Selectman Report:

First Selectmen Carusillo stated the State of CT changed the policy on the bus grants, if there is any monies remaining; we would need to send the balance back at the end of the fiscal year.

Vice Chair, Robert Valentine inquired that the Fire Protection Radio Repairs & Maintenance should be booked to Capital not the operational budget. First Selectman asked Todd Carusillo to confirm it was completed.

Correspondence – None

New Business - None

Old Business – None

Adjourn - Motion made by James Korner to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by,



Virginia Perry
Board of Finance Commission Clerk

Received July 28, 2025 12:00 P.M.

Attest 
asst. Goshen Town Clerk