

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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

2. **Attendance:** Chairman Ned Bixler, Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine (Zoom), Scott Tillmann, James Korner, Carl Contadini, Patrick Reilly. **Excused:** Russell Murdock.

Others: First Selectman, Todd Carusillo

3. **Seating of an Alternate:** Motioned by Chairman Ned Bixler, Seconded by Scott Tillmann to seat Carl Contadini (Alternate) as a regular member for this meeting. Vote Unanimous.

4. **Title 67 Land Acquisition Fund:** The Title 67 Land Acquisition Fund was adopted 2006 from conveyance fees and 490 penalties. Currently there are 1 million dollars in the fund. Robert Valentine suggested to roll over into the General fund. A recommendation needs to come from the town attorney to rescind the orders. Then the Board of Selectmen will need to add to the May Town Meeting for Townspeople vote.

Motioned by Paul Collins, seconded by Carl Contadini, the Board of Finance would like the Selectmen to consider proposing for the town meeting the rescinding of Land Acquisition fund Title 67, but suggest prior to that be a town information meeting or public hearing to receive input from townspeople's on other perspective and allow open discussion so when at the town meeting we will all be informed. Vote Unanimous.

Motioned to accept the Employee Benefit. Vote unanimous.

Robert Valentine made a motion to suggest to the Board of Selectmen giving the increase cost on insurance and that the taxpayers are paying greater, that we ask the Board of Selectmen to increase for next fiscal year the employee contribution by 2%, we can share the average sheet with the Board of Finance and base it on an average employee.

Motioned made by Ned Bixler to recommend to the selectmen, we move from 5% to 7% increase in employee contribution, is there a second, hearing none we will move on.

The Board reviewed the capital expenditures request. Motioned by Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner to approve the capital expenditures request. Voted unanimous.

7. Budget Review and Approval:

Animal Control - Dept. 18

James Korner motioned to approve for \$12,500.00, seconded by Scott Tillman. Voted unanimous.

Board of Assessment Appeals - Dept. 32

Scott Tillmann motioned to approve for \$2,260.00, seconded by Ned Bixler. Voted unanimous

Board of Assessors – Dept. 31

Ned Bixler motioned to approve for \$100,377.00, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Board of Finance – Dept. 10

Robert Valentine motioned to approve for \$17,132.00, seconded by Carl Contadini. Voted unanimous

Building Official – Dept. 05

Carl Contadini motioned to approve for \$92,103.00, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Cemeteries – Dept. 56

Paul Collins motioned to approve for \$5,545.00, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Civil Preparedness – Dept. 29

James Korner motioned to approve for \$8,361.00, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Voted unanimous

Conservation Commission – Dept. 44

Scott Tillmann motioned to approve for \$1,364.00, seconded by Ned Bixler. Motioned carried with Paul Collins abstaining.

Conservation of Health – Dept. 51

Ned Bixler motioned to approve for \$79,663.00, seconded by Carl Contadini. Voted unanimous

Contingency – Dept. 59

Robert Valentine motioned to approve for \$40,000.00, seconded by Carl Contadini. Voted unanimous

Economics Development – Dept. 06

Carl Contadini motioned to approve for \$613.00, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Election – Dept. 14

Paul Collins motioned to approve for \$52,067.00, seconded by James Korner. Motioned carried with Ned Bixler abstaining.

Employee Benefit – Dept. 71

James Korner motioned to approve for \$541,462.00, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Voted unanimous

Fire Commissioners – Dept. 27

Scott Tillmann motioned to approve for \$2,148.00, seconded by Ned Bixler. Voted unanimous

Fire Marshal – Dept. 25

Ned Bixler motioned to approve for \$17,436.00, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Fire Protection – Dept. 26

Robert Valentine motioned to approve for \$109,103.00, seconded by Carl Contadini. Voted unanimous

Fiscal Office – Dept. 04

Carl Contadini motioned to approve for \$74,258.00, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Inland Wetlands Commissions – Dept. 45

Paul Collins motioned to approve for \$5,792.00, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Insurance

James Korner motioned to approve for \$120,652.00, seconded by Scott Ned Bixler. Voted unanimous

Land Use Enforcement - Dept. 43

Scott Tillmann motioned to approve for \$19,250.00, seconded by Ned Bixler. Voted unanimous

Library – Dept. 21

Ned Bixler motioned to approve for \$158,013.00, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Miscellaneous – Dept. 55

Robert Valentine motioned to approve \$10,670.00, seconded by Carl Contadini. Voted unanimous

Newsletter – Dept. 55

Carl Contadini motioned to approve for \$28,005.00, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Planning & Zoning – Dept. 41

Paul Collins motioned to approve for \$3,443.00, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Professional Services – Dept. 07

James Korner motioned to approve for \$35,005.00, seconded by Scott Tillman. Voted unanimous

Public Works – Dept. 02

Scott Tillmann motioned to approve \$1,225,587.00, seconded by Ned Bixler. Voted unanimous

Recreation – Dept. 22

Ned Bixler motioned to approve for \$234,024.00, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Rescue – Dept. 28

Robert Valentine motioned to approve for \$35,458.00, seconded by Carl Contadini. Voted unanimous

Selectmen – Dept. 01

Carl Contadini motioned to approve for \$167,262.00, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Street Lights – Dept. 55

Paul Collins motioned to approve for \$14,000.00, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Tax Collector – Dept. 12

James Korner motioned to approve for \$42,655.00, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Voted unanimous

Town Clerk – Dept. 11

Scott Tillmann motioned to approve for \$115,456.00, seconded by Ned Bixler. Voted unanimous

Town Office Building – Dept. 61

Ned Bixler motioned to approve for \$95,725.00, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Treasurer

Robert Valentine motioned to approve for \$11,908.00, seconded by Carl Contadini. Voted unanimous

Waste Removal – Dept. 03

Carl Contadini motioned to approve for \$389,510.00, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Water Pollution Control Authority – Dept. 46

Paul Collins motioned to approve for \$357.00, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Welfare – Dept. 58

James Korner motioned to approve for \$6,794.00, seconded by Scott Tillman. Voted unanimous

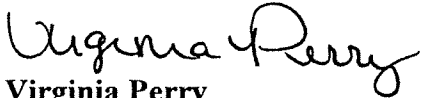
Zoning Board of Appeals - Dept. 42

Scott Tillmann motioned to approve for \$1,717.00, seconded by Ned Bixler. Voted unanimous

5. **Schedule additional meetings:** The board has a public hearing meeting scheduled on 5/14/25. James Korner Motioned to schedule a special meeting on 5/21/25 if needed, Seconded by Paul Collins. Vote unanimous.

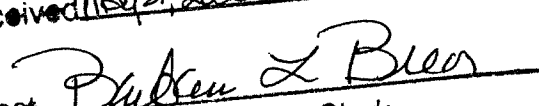
6. **Adjourn:** Motion made by James Korner to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by,



Virginia Perry

Board of Finance Commission Clerk

Received May 2, 2025 9:19 P.M.
Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk