

Town of Goshen
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, April 23, 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, Scott Tillmann, James Korner, Russell Murdock, Carl Contadini, Patrick Reilly.

Others: First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Villar, Acting Superintendent, Kristen Della Volpe and Chief Financial Officer, Julia Cardillo Lake Weed Committee members Mark Harris, Pat Flynn (Tyler Lake), Felix Sambucco, Chris Sanders (Westside Pond) and Philip Olivetti (Dog Pond).

3. **Seating of an Alternate:** None

Chairman, Ned Bixler announced a change in the agenda with Region 20 presentation and Lake Weed Committee speaking on behalf of FY Budget 25-26.

2025–2026 Region 20 Budget Hearing Presentation dated April 21, 2025. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Villar, Acting Superintendent, Kristen Della Volpe and Chief Financial Officer, Julia Cardillo reviewed the Budget Hearing Presentation and discussed various points of interest within that budget.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** Vice Chairman, Robert Valentine Move to accept the minutes, seconded by James Korner. Motioned carried with Robert Valentine making a modification on page 1 last paragraph to the *Motioned made by Robert Valentine, seconded by Paul Collins to re-allocate \$4000 from Blackout shade to Computer Replacement within the Capital Non- Recurring*. Vote unanimous.

Second modification to Page 2 third paragraph Capital budget reviewed with Recreation Commission, request to re-allocate *within the Capital Non- Recurring*, \$3000 from Archery Range and \$2,572 from Shed and move to Benthick Barrier, which total \$5,572 to purchase semi-permanent mats to replace current mats that get remove every year. Semi-permanent mats are cost effective. Remove request Benthick Barrier and half the of Playground request for FY 25-26. Recreation has \$51,000 in Playground capital to start projects . Vote unanimous.

Third modification to page 3 above item 9. Vice Chairman Robert Valentine motioned to a 3.5% merit budget increase based on employee's evaluation and included all elected officials, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Vote unanimous.

Lake Weed Committee Mark Harris, Pat Flynn (Tyler Lake), Felix Sambucco, Chris Sanders (Westside Pond) and Philip Olivetti (Dog Pond), spoke on behalf of concerns with keeping up with maintaining our town lakes and would be grateful for any appropriation from town.

5. **Financial Reports Review:** The board reviewed and received the financial reports.

6. **Tax Collector's Report Review:** The board received the Tax Collector's report.

7. **Budget Projection Review:**

Board of Assessment Appeals - Dept. 32

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$2,832

Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$2,226

Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Voted unanimous

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$17,057 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$17,132
James Korner motioned to receive, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Voted unanimous

Building Official – Dept. 05

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$73,159 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$92,103
James Korner motioned to receive, seconded by Russell Murdock. Voted unanimous

Cemeteries – Dept. 56

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$2,672 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$5,545
Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Civil Preparedness – Dept. 29

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$7,678 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$8,361
Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Conservation Commission – Dept. 44

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$1,364 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$1,364
Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Conservation of Health – Dept. 51

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$74,529 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$79,663
Scott Tillmann motioned to receive, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Economic Development Commission – Dept. 29

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$1,592 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$613
James Korner motioned to receive, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Voted unanimous

Fire Protection - Dept. 26

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$109,120 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$109,103
Capital 2024-2025 \$ 318,000 Capital 2025-2026 \$275,000
Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Fiscal Office – Dept. 04

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$72,335 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$74,258
Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Insurance

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$118,728 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$120,652
Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Library – Dept. 21

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$156,709 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$154,854
Capital 2024-2025 \$1,800 Capital 2025-2025 \$0
Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Newsletter - Dept. 55

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$24,493 Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$28,005
Scott Tillmann motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Planning & Zoning – Dept. 41

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$3,392	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$3,443
Capital 2024-2025 \$0	Capital 2025-2026 \$10,000

Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Professional Services – Dept. 07

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$35,423	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$35,423
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James Korner motioned to receive, seconded by Russell Murdock. Voted unanimous

Public Works - Dept. 02

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$1,168,537	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$1,225,587
Capital 2024-2025 \$574,000	Capital 2025-2026 \$275,000

Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Recreation – Dept. 22

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$235,114	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$234,024
Capital 2024-2025 \$23,700	Capital 2025-2026 \$14,500

James Korner motioned to receive, seconded by Scott Tillmann. Voted unanimous

Rescue – Dept. 28

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$35,415	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$35,458
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Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Selectmen – Dept. 01

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$161,910	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$167,262
Capital 2024-2025 \$35,500	Capital 2025-2026 \$ 22,500

Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Russell Murdock. Voted unanimous

Street Lights – Dept. 55

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$14,000	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$14,000
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Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Tax Collector – Dept. 12

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$47,405	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$42,655
Capital 2024-2025 \$0	Capital 2025-2026 \$2,500

Scott Tillmann motioned to receive, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Town Clerk – Dept. 11

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$111,541	Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$115,456
Capital 2024-2025 \$7,500	Capital 2025-2026 \$5,000

Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Town Office Building – Dept. 61

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$93,202

Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$95,725

Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

Waste Removal – Dept. 03

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$354,300

Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$389,510

Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Paul Collins. Voted unanimous

Water Pollution Control Authority – Dept. 46

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$353

Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$357

Robert Valentine motioned to receive, seconded by Russell Murdock. Voted unanimous

Welfare – Dept. 58

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$6,675

Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$6,794

Scott Tillmann motioned to receive, seconded by James Korner. Voted unanimous

Zoning Board of Appeals - Dept. 42

Current Budget 2024-2025 \$1,649

Proposed Budget 2025-2026 \$1,717

Paul Collins motioned to receive, seconded by Robert Valentine. Voted unanimous

8. Selectman's Report:

Goshen debt for Region 6 pension- The First Selectmen from Warren, Morris, Goshen along with Third Party Administrator of Union Savings Bank discussed Pensions liabilities. The three towns owe four years of pension payments, we agreed on allocating \$300,000 per year. Goshen's percentage of 47.24%, totaling \$141,720 for the next 25 to 30 years until the last pensioner expires. Region 6 and Region 20 has not made pension payments since May 31, 2022.

Health Insurance responsibilities per year for Warren, Morris and Goshen is \$74,000. Goshen is responsible for 47.24% totaling \$34,957.60.

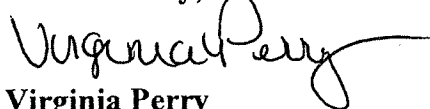
Need district vote between the four towns under shared services agreement. Region 6 responsibilities for all three town \$228,843.32, Goshen percentage 47.24% is \$108,105.58 minus credit of \$10,555.66 invoiced for #97,549.92.00

7. **Correspondence:** Email dated 4/21/12 from Lynette Miller on Library Funds and Employee Health Insurance contributions increase letter dated 4/21/25.

8. **New Business:** None

9. **Adjourn:** Motion made by James Korner to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

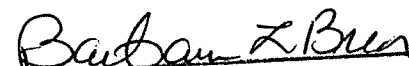
Submitted by,



Virginia Perry

Board of Finance Commission Clerk

Received April 25, 2025 @ 12:49 P.M.

Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk

