

Town of Goshen
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 22, 2026

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

Attendance: Ned Bixler, Chairman, Robert Valentine, Vice Chairman, Scott Tillmann, James Korner, Paul Collins, Lorraine Lucas, Robert Layer, Alternate, Patrick Reilly, Alternate.

Others: First Selectman, Seth Breakell, Jim Oleary.

Seating of an Alternate: None

Review of Minutes: **Motioned made by** Scott Tillmann, seconded by James Korner to approve the minutes of March 25, 2026. The board members reviewed the minutes; with no further comments hearing none, all in favor. Motion carries.

Financial Reports – The board reviewed and received.

Tax Collector Report – The board reviewed and received.

Selectman Report:

- To clarify the Budget vs Actual report FY 25-26 *Property Tax Revenue actual Lien Fees expense and the \$35,000 Budgeted amount* entered; it was discussed that the \$35,000 should be shown budgeted on the Interest Charges Tax Collector other line item. Seth will have Debbie Franklin, Accounting Consultant review and make necessary changes.
- Budget Revenue Projections – Based on budget vs Year to date actual, (approximate shortages are as follows):

Investment Income- \$325,000 FY 2025-2026; \$280,000 proposed 2026-2027; approximate \$50,000 shortage

Building Official – \$ 169,878 FY 2025-2026: \$150,000 proposed 2026-2027; approximate \$16,000 shortage

Land Use Budget – Land use Enforcement salary will be over approximately \$4000 based on current hours and addition hours needed with current issues on Bare Hill Road and 225 North Goshen Road

- Waste Removal Budget – Seth would like to keep the proposed Mira Fees line item cost to \$205,000 the same, he kept the fees and reduced the tonnage. USA Hauling & Recycling proposed a few dollars in savings over the 5-year period, the transfer station has a lot of moving parts and it all depends on the State Legislative if we get it. Met with Rista Malanca of Northwest Hill Council of Government (NWCOG), Joe Rocco (Rocco Carting Service) and Rich of (Enviro Express Transfer Station), Northwest Recovery Authority (NRRA) Board meeting and Dan Jerram (chairman), they are not sure what will happen, there is some potential savings if NRRA is allowed to operate the Torrington transfer station. It all depends on if the State of Connecticut approves the space. We will wait and see.

- Employee Benefits & Salary increases. Seth recommendation is a flat 3.5% salary increase and figures supporting an adjustment to the Health Insurance contribution from 5% to 6%. Other towns health insurance contributions are 10% over what Goshen employee's contribution are, the employees' salaries are comparable to other towns.
- It was brought to Seth attention a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an Equestrian Center at Region #20. In researching, there was a \$622,00 State Grant for Wamogo Agricultural Program. This will not impact Region #20 budget proposal.

New Business - Budget Projections

Civil Preparedness

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$8,361

Proposed 2026-2027 \$9,200

Jim O'leary was present to discuss the submitted proposed budget. Additional line items were discussed: Cert Team Training, Emergency Director stipend, employee training and zoom expenses that are booked to the Miscellaneous line item, Seth will review these expenses and make necessary changes. Emergency Management Grant (EMPG) that are applied for offset expenses in the budget. Emergency notifications system was discussed; a 2 yrs. Agreement with finals site is \$3,500/yr. Shilo Garceau, Emergency Director is looking into Everbridge Notification System through the State of CT, the only downfall is that it can only be use for Emergency purpose, Finals site Emergency Notification System can be used for town road closures, etc.

Motioned made by Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner to receive. Motion carries.

Employee Benefits

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$541,462

Proposed 2026-2027 \$602,428

Further discussion regarding flat rate salary increases and merit budget/evaluated employees.

All members of the Board of Finance discussed the 3.5% evaluated merit budget salary increase. Seth will make adjustments to salaries based on 3.5 % evaluated merit budget.

Motioned made by Robert Valentine, seconded by James Korner to approve a 3.5% evaluated merit budget salary increase. Motion carries

Motioned made by Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner to increase the employee Health Insurance contribution percent by 1% to make a 6% contribution. Motion carries

Motioned made by Ned Bixler, seconded by Paul Collins to receive the Employee Benefit budget. Motion Carries

Insurance

Current 2025-2026 \$120,652

Proposed 2026-2027 \$126,745

Motioned made by Scott Tillmann seconded by James Korner to receive. Motion carries

Old Business: Auditor Service RFP – The deadline for the RFP will be April 30, 2026.

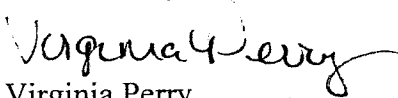
Robert Valentine discussed a year- end estimate report (budget vs actual report reviewed/discussed with departments on projections of where their department will be at year-end), the Net Income is showing a -\$251,922; this is money's that will come from fund balance if all expenses and revenue we anticipate with in the estimates. Experience shows that this is a very conservative year-end estimate. The revenue shortfalls discussed earlier are included. A Proposed mill rate of 16.7 which includes estimated expenses/revenue, Region 20 expenses pension and the town's capital expenses, a \$206,944 use of fund balance is anticipated.

Correspondence: Collector's Certification Letter- Reviewed by the Finance board members and signed by Chairman, Ned Bixler, this letter will be filed in the suspense and Tax book.

Motioned made by Robert Valentine, seconded Scott Tillmann to move to except the Tax Collector recommendation on tax book. Motion carries

Adjourn: Motion made by James Korner to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Virginia Perry
Clerk Pro-Tem

Received April 27, 2026 @ 9:53 AM

Attest Barbara Z. Beer
Goshen Town Clerk

**TO BE RECORDED IN THE SUSPENSE BOOK
IN THE TOWN CLERKS OFFICE & THE BOF MINUTES**

**1. COLLECTOR'S CERTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE RECOMMENDING
TRANSFER OF UNCOLLECTIBLE UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY TAXES TO THE
SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.**

To the Board of Finance:

The following attached lists of uncollected Personal Property & Motor Vehicle taxes that have been deemed uncollectable for transfer to the suspense tax book. They will remain with the collection agency until the 15 year collection period expires. They are respectfully submitted for your examination and approval.

Number of Accounts #: 5

Total Suspense \$932.56

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief each tax listed in this statement has not been paid, is not collectible and should be transferred to the suspense tax book.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, the 7 day of April, 2026.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca M Juchert-Derungs
Rebecca M Juchert-Derungs, Tax Collector, CCMC

2. ACTION TAKEN BY BOARD OF FINANCE

To Rebecca M Juchert-Derungs, Tax Collector of the Town of Goshen

A detailed examination has been made of the statement, dated at Goshen, Connecticut, the April 7, 2026, recommending the transfer of certain uncollected taxes to the suspense tax book. The taxes listed in such statement are believed to be uncollectible and pursuant to section 395c of the 1935 cumulative supplement authority is hereby given you to transfer such taxes, in accord with law, to the suspense tax book.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, the 22 day of April, 2026.

Board of Finance of the Town of Goshen,

By [Signature]
Chairperson, Board of Finance – Digital Signature is acceptable

Bill #	Name	Prop Loc	AMT DUE	Year	Reason
2019-03-0050037	KENNEDY SHERYL N	187 LOVERS LANE # 57	269.7	2026	DE - DECEASED
2019-03-0050043	KENNEDY SHERYL N	222 MAYPOP DRIVE	196.59	2026	DE - DECEASED
2020-03-0050044	KENNEDY SHERYL	222 MAYPOP DRIVE	281.19	2026	DE - DECEASED
2020-03-0050045	KENNEDY SHERYL	222 MAYPOP DRIVE	159.03	2026	DE - DECEASED
2024-03-0051728	JACQUETTE PETER	59 TORRINGTON RD APT 8	26.05	2026	DE - DECEASED
TOTAL - 5			932.56		