

Town of Goshen
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 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. Patrick Reilly, Alternate. Unexcused: Robert Layer, Alternate. Seth Breakell, First Selectman and Eric Fredericksen USA Hauling & Recycling Representative.

Seating of an Alternate: None

Eric Fredericksen of USA Hauling & Recycling attended to discussed the towns proposal for the recycling and trash.

Review of Minutes: **Motioned made by** Scott Tillmann, seconded by James Korner to approve the minutes of February 25, 2026 with the change from Bob Valentine on the following:

- Tree Trimming Town Hall capital (if the work is complete; possibly moved the money into unassigned), should read: *(if the work is complete; possibly moved the money into unassigned Capital Non-Recurring)*.
- Town Hall Windows- Seth will be seeking assistance regarding the remaining window replacement, should read: *(Seth will be seeking information regarding the remaining window replacement)*. Motion carries.

Financial Reports – The board received and reviewed. Bob Valentine, First Selectman complemented Erin Reilly, Recreation Director on Recreation sponsorship/donations received.

Bob Valentine asked First Selectman, Seth Breakell for an explanation on the following:

- Budget vs Actual (ALL) Report- under budgeted the Property Tax Revenue line item 4008-98 Lien Fees
- Budget vs Actual (ALL) Report - over budgeted the Revenue line item 4342-98 Miscellaneous

Tax Collector Report – The board received and reviewed.

Selectman Report:

- Town Contract with USA Hauling & Recycling will be ending in 2027, myself and Paul Collins met with USA Hauling & Recycling and discussed a 5-year fixed cost based on three (3) years tonnage. The Mira fee line on the Waste Removal budget should be adjusted to \$205,000 with a savings of \$71,760.
- To clarify the Truck Replacement vs Truck Replacement other line item in the Capital Non-Recurring Report is plow trucks vs small trucks (550 dump truck and Public Works supervisor pick-up truck).
- Employee benefits will have a 10.5 % increase in cost for Health Insurance. At some point, the employee contribution should be reviewed.

Selectmen (continued)

- Reviewing the Public Works Budget for reductions, I have identified a few cuts for the operational budget; most of the cost is in the Capital Non-Recurring Report. Removing the excavator and public works supervisor pick-up truck.
- The Board of Selectmen voted to increase Lake Weed request to \$12,000 per lake (Dog Pond, Tyler Lake and Westside Pond). Total Capital request is \$36,000.
- I have received a Town Hall windows replacement proposal; the labor cost is estimated. Town Hall Capital line has \$10,000 currently the 2026-2027 request is \$18,000. My thoughts are to re-assign \$12,000 from Selectman Trim Trimming and \$8,875 from Town Clerk Roller Shelves. Total Available \$48,875.00.
- Website upgrade- received a proposal \$16,000 one-time charge and then after \$11,000 per year. Currently Capital Non-Recurring report shows \$15,000, request for \$5,000 for 2026-2027, total of \$20,000.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Current 2025-2026 \$2,226

Proposed 2026-2027 \$2,695

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

Board of Assessors

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$100,932

Proposed 2026-2027 \$102,183

Board of Assessors Capital

Capital 2025-2026 \$10,850

Capital 2026-2027 \$15,000

Motioned made by Paul Collins, seconded by James Korner to send out an RFP for Auditing Services Motion carries.

Building Official

Current 2025-2026 \$92,103

Proposed 2026-2027 \$107,776

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

Cemeteries

Current 2025-2026 \$5,545

Proposed 2026-2027 \$4,385

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

Conservation Commission

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$1,364

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$1,364

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

Tax Collector

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$42,655 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$44,385

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

Conservation of Health

Current Capital 2025-2026 \$79,663 Proposed Capital 2026-2027 \$81,154

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

Economics Development Commission

Current 2025-2026 \$613 Proposed 2026-2027 \$480

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

Election

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$52,067 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$58,249

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

Fire Commissioners

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$2,148 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$3,304

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

Fire Marshal

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$17,436 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$17,486

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

Inland Wetlands Commissions

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$5,792 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$8,016

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

Newsletter

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$28,005 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$22,616

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

Planning & Zoning

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$3,443 Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$4,362

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

Street Lights

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$14,000

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$14,000

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

Treasurer

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$11,408

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$11,608

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

Water Pollution Control Authority

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$357

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$580

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

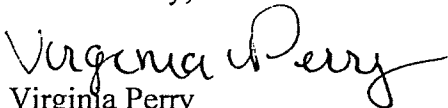
Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$1,717

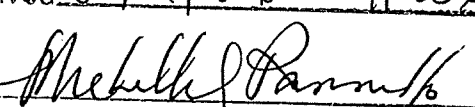
Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$3,298

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

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

Submitted by,


Virginia Perry
Clerk Pro-Tem

Received 03/26/2026 11:53 AM
Attest: 
Michelle J. Parnell
Goshen Town Clerk
ASST