

Town of Goshen
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 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 (Zoom), Paul Collins, Lorraine Lucas. Patrick Reilly, Alternate. Unexcused: Robert Layer, Alternate. Others: Jeffrey Villar, PHD, RSD 20 Superintendent of School, Chief Financial Officer, Julia Cardello, Seth Breakell, First Selectman.

Seating of an Alternate: None

Superintendent Villar and Financial Officer Cardello presented the Superintendent Budget for RSD20, the Board of Education hasn't voted on the budget; they are considering recommendations. To obtain the presentation that was reviewed go to: <https://www.rsd20.org>. The board expressed appreciation for the presentation given and the continuing transparency. For the Board of Education meeting schedule go to: www.rsd6.org/events.

Review of Minutes: Motioned made by Paul Collins, seconded by Bob Valentine to approve minutes of January 28, 2026. Motion carries.

Financial Reports – The board received and reviewed. Bob Valentine asked First Selectman Breakell for additional information regarding the following: Public Works salt inventory, capital line for truck replacement and truck replacement additional (*if the two-line item could be combined*) and the Woodridge Lake Storm Water Improvement capital line (*agreement to agree*). Tree Trimming Town Hall capital (*if the work is complete; possibly moved the money into unassigned*).

Tax Collector Report – The board received and reviewed.

Selectman Report – Board of Selectmen met with Lake Weed Committee regarding their capital request, the Board of Selectmen agreed to \$12,000.00 per lake with a total of \$36,000.00.

The Lake Weed capital will be resubmitted. Currently, Public Works has 100 tons of salt for 1 more storm, 300 tons has been ordered, it will soon to be delivered and that will cover 3 storms, this will expend our budget. Bob asked if we should review on sand/salt mix then all salt for the roads. The cost of salt has increase substantially.

To clarify the public works capital transfers: Facility Steap Project of \$7,230.00 was moved to Engineering Services under the Professional Services operating budget, The West Hyerdale Bridge Project (Trip Grant) of \$57,656.89 was moved to Major Road Projects. Seth revisited the pipe project and slip lining would be cost effective.

Met with CivicPlus regarding the website upgrade, there is a one-time increase of \$3,800. The total cost is \$10,618.00.

Town Hall Windows – Seth will be seeking assistance regarding the remaining window replacement.

Selectmen budget - Lake Weed Committee will have cost change and the Selectman Aide position will become a fulltime position with added responsibility.

Land Use Enforcement Independent Contract will have a change with hours and cost for the remaining fiscal year. The Contract will be revisited with additional hours and cost increase.

Animal Control

Current 2025-2026 \$12,500

Proposed 2026-2027 \$12,500

Motioned made by Paul Collins, seconded by Bob Valentine to receive. Motion carries.

Board of Finance

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$17,132

Proposed 2026-2027 \$17,743

The three-year Auditing Services agreement with Sinnamon Associates has ended, Bob has suggested to send out an RFP for Auditing Services. Sinnamon Associate is a fair price and has done a great job; to follow the towns purchasing policy we should send out an RFP.

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

Library

Current 2025-2026 \$157,813

Proposed 2026-2027 \$166,929

Library Capital

Current 2025-2026 \$0

Proposed 2026-2027 \$1,600

Motioned made by Bob Valentine, seconded by Paul Collins to receive. Motion carries.
Bob asked for the library to revisit cost for a replacement copier.

Miscellaneous Expenditures

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$10,670

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$10,846

Motioned made by Scott Tillmann, seconded by Paul Collins to receive. Motion carries.

Professional Services

Current Capital 2025-2026 \$35,005

Proposed Capital 2026-2027 \$40,005

Motioned made by Bob Valentine, seconded by Paul Collins to receive. Motion carries.

Town Clerk

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$115,456

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$119,874

Town Clerk Capital

Current 2025-2026 \$5,000

Proposed 2026-2027 \$7,000

Motioned made by Paul Collins, seconded by Scott Tillmann to receive. Motion carries

Welfare

Current Budget 2025-2026 \$ \$6,794

Proposed Budget 2026-2027 \$6,794

Motioned made by Bob Valentine, seconded by Paul Collins to receive. Motion carries

Adjourn - **Motion made by** Paul Collins to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Virginia Perry

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Clerk Pro-Tem

Received Feb. 27, 2026 at 9:51 AM

Attest Robert Z. Burr
Gooch's Town Clerk

