

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting Wednesday September 16, 2026 4:00 PM
Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

1. Call to Order- Rebecca Prause 4:03 pm.
2. Attendance:
Present: Kristen D'Urso, Henrietta Horvay, Rebecca Prause, Marianne Arancio Stilson, Philip Armentrout, Anne Green
Absent: Dawna Beausoleil
3. Acceptance of Minutes: August 19th, 2026 - Minutes should reflect that Anne Green was present for the meeting, and clarification was made that Philip Armentrout would only present the survey to the board if necessary. Motion made by Marianne Arancio Stilson to accept the minutes. Anne Green seconded. The motion passed.
4. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None
5. Library Director's Report: refer to the attached report.
 - a. Update on Libby (overdrive)- Unlimited access is not an option. The cost is expensive to get patrons to the front of the line. The cost is \$90 for two years. Philip Armentrout will continue to explore options.
 - b. Regarding increased engagement, Marianne Arancio Stilson will continue to pass out program fliers that are provided by the Library Director. Kristen D'Urso will check with the elementary school to confirm if program information is being provided to the parents in their weekly updates.

Motion made by Marianne Arancio Stilson to accept the Director's Report. Anne Green seconded. The motion passed.

6. Treasurer's Report- Refer to the attached report.
Marianne Arancio Stilson made a motion to receive the treasurer's report. Anne Green seconded. The motion passed.

7. President's Report: none

8. Correspondence

- a. The letter to participate in the Goshen Fall Festival was distributed to the Library Board and will be discussed under new business. See attached.
- b. Library fund correspondence was updated by Marianne Arancio Stilson and will be discussed under old business. See attached.

9. Old Business

- a. Library fund terms of use, request town meeting vote: The language of the question provided by Marianne Arancio Stilson was discussed. This question will go to the First selectman who will send it to the Attorney for his review. The attorney will decide the final wording. The Attorney has 15 minutes to make any changes.

Motion to provide the updated wording to the attorney was made by Marianne Arancio Stilson and seconded by Anne Green. Henrietta Horvay voted no. The motion passed.

10. New Business: Goshen Fall Festival. Motion was made by Marianne Arancio Stilson for the board to participate at the Goshen Fall Festival. Henrietta Horvay seconded. The motion passed. The Library Board will plan to share a table with the library and confirm that this is acceptable with Shilo Garceau. The library will provide the decorated tree.
11. Public Comment- Lynette Miller, a former Library Board member, expressed support for revising the terms of use of the Library fund. The Library Fund should be a discretionary fund and the library has not been able to use the fund as necessary.
12. All Other Business Rightly Before the Board -The Library Director confirmed the procedure for requesting books out of the Harmon Fund.
13. Adjournment -Marianne Arancio Stilson made a motion to adjourn at 4:37 pm. Anne Green seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristen D'Urso
Clerk, pro-tem

Received Sept 18, 2026 @ 11:16 A.M.
Attest Brian ZBren
Goshen Town Clerk

Town Meeting - November 2026, Library Fund Question
submitted by the

Board of Library Directors

QUESTION FOR TOWN VOTE:

Shall the \$8,928.87, or any portion thereof remaining from the 1992 insurance payment for fire-damaged books, currently held in the Library Fund regulated under Connecticut General Statutes § 11-27, be expended by the Library Board of Directors, from this day forward in accordance with the statutory language, with no further restriction requiring the funds to be used solely for the replacement of fire-damaged books, books and/or cataloging?

SUBMITTED BY THE

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS