GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM

Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

1. Call to Order: Rebecca Prause called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

2. Attendance:
   Present: Rebecca Prause, Marianne Arancio Stilson, Anne Green, Dawna Beausoleil and Henrietta Horvay also present was First Selectman Seth Breakell and Library Director Philip Armentrout
   Absent & Excused : Kristen D'Urso

3. Acceptance of Minutes: September 16, 2026 – Minutes should reflect under item 9. Old Business the following correction: 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 ***with the 1992 town vote language*** 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 accept the minutes with the above amendment was made by Henrietta Horvay and seconded by Marianne Arancio Stilson.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes: None

5. Library Director's Report : Refer to attached reports for October 21st and November 18th. Philip reports that Courtney is back. Discussion of money in some line items that will show overbudget. Philip says that in the end it will all be okay. Discussion about what constitutes membership dues for Connecticut libraries and that these dues have gone up. Discussion of the next budget report ensued, and we will discuss the budget at the December and January meetings. Philip says the budget will be done and does not foresee any problems. One correction on his report of November 18th was that the October Other Program Numbers category for the John Adams Presentation should be 31 and not 310. Scribner error. Motion to accept the Library Director's reports of October and November was made by Marianne Arancio Stilson and seconded by Anne Green.

   Harmon Fund Request November Reports: Motion made by Henrietta Horvay and seconded by Marianne Arancio Stilson after discussion to approve Philip's request for removal of money for books, for total of $448.77 for the purchase of 37 Nutmeg Book Award Nominees.

6. Treasurer's Report: Refer to attached report for October and November. Motion to receive both the October and November treasurer's report made by Marianne Arancio Stilson and seconded by Anne Green.

7. President's Report: Rebecca thanked the members who worked at the library booth for the Goshen Fall Festival, Philip, Marianne, Kristen and Dawna for a job well done. Discussion about the festival ensued.

8. Correspondence: Town Clerk Letter for Calendar 2027 (see #10 below) & Selectman Letter regarding Zoom instructions was in everyone's packet and not discussed.

9. Old Business: Library Fund Town Meeting Result (11/16/26): The board discussed the overwhelming majority vote in favor of the Library Fund question (see attached agenda and minutes of the November 16, 2026, Town Meeting).

10. New Business: Accept Calendar for 2027: Marianne handed out the calendar for 2027 meeting dates. Marianne Arancio Stilson made a motion to accept the dates listed and seconded by Anne Green. Marianne discusses that if early voting is in town hall next year then the October 20th meeting will need to be cancelled and a special meeting the week before scheduled.

11. Public Comment: None

12. All Other Business Rightly Before the Board: Marianne discusses that the December meeting will be election of officers and that is important that all members attend this meeting.

13. Adjournment: Marianne Arancio Stilson made a motion to adjourn at 4:25 PM and seconded by Anne Green.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Arancio Stilson

Marianne Arancio Stilson
Clerk, pro-tem

Received Jan 20, 2026 9:44 AM
Attest Michelle J Ramsdell
Goshen Town Clerk

Attachments:

1) 2027 Library Board Meeting Dates
2) Director's Report for November 18, 2026 Meeting (3 Pages)
3) Director's Report for October 21, 2026 Meeting (3 Pages)
4) Treasurer's Report November 18, 2026
5) Treasurer's Report October 21, 2026
6) "Resolved Library Fund Town Meeting Question
7) Warning Annual and Special Town Meeting Town of Goshen November 16, 2026
8) Annual and Special Town Meeting November 16, 2026, Minutes (3 Pages)

2027 Library Board Meeting Dates

3rd Wednesday of Every Month at 4 PM

Meeting in Town Hall Conference Room

January 20, 2027

February 17, 2027

March 17, 2027

April 21, 2027

May 19, 2027

June 16, 2027

July 21, 2027

August 18, 2027

September 15, 2027

October 20, 2027

November 17, 2027

December 15, 2027

Received Nov 20, 2026 9:44 am

Attest Michelle Bannister
Asst Goshen Town Clerk

Goshen Public Library

Director's Report for November 18, 2026 Meeting

Budget v. Actual Report

- Currently I am dealing with 2 budget issues. For some reason the meetings and dues budget line doesn't cover enough of what is actually owed for meetings and dues. This leaves me with the dilemma of over drafting the correct line or using an incorrect line.

I went ahead and filed this under the correct heading, resulting in the meetings and dues line being overdrawn. The good news is that there should be nothing more under that heading and we can change that line total when we approve the next budget.

- Also, we need more library cards and no closely applicable budget line has nearly enough money for this expense. The "office supplies" line has enough money but using this will assure that that budget line is way over drafted by the end of the fiscal year.

The cards were ordered and have yet to be paid for. I want to consider them "supplies" but that will completely spend that whole budget line and much more.

As mentioned before, Town Hall gave me the packet to get next year's budget ready. My plan is to bring it up today, provide whatever documents anyone needs over the course of the next month, and submit the budget to the board at next month's meeting.

Past Programs

- I am confident that Courtney's return will result in larger numbers for story times and children's programs in general.

- We are still struggling to bring in numbers that are as large as we'd like. We will continue to tweak the kind of programs we have as well as where and when they are held.

Upcoming Programs

- I am currently "shopping" for Christmas programs, ideally one for adults and one for children.

October Program Numbers:

Monday, October 5 – History Lecture Group (Mark Albertson) – 12 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, October 8 – Babies and Board Books – 7 patrons – 3 patrons

Monday, October 12 – History Discussion – 5 patrons (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 13 – Goshen Bookworms – 5

Monday, October 19 – History Discussion – 6 patrons (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 20 – Intergenerational Book Club – 4 patrons

Thursday, October 22 – Babies and Board Books – 5 patrons

Friday, October 23 – Coffee and Chapters Book Club – 5 patrons

Monday, October 26 – History Discussion Group – 6 patrons (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 28 – Ghost of the Revolutionary War – 310 patrons

Thursday, October 29 – Babies & Board Books – 3 patrons

Thursday, October 29 – Magic with Dan Bowen – 15 patrons

Saturday, October 31 – Coloring Contest Participants– 5 patrons

Saturday, October 31 – Coloring Contest Votes – 7 patrons

Saturday, October 31 – Find Cider – 14 patrons

Hoopla:

Audio	50
eBook & Comics	25
Music, Movie, & TV	15

OverDrive:

eBooks	138 holds	63 check outs
Audio	211 holds	163 check outs
Magazines		226 check outs

More statistics e.g patron visits or yearly circulation statistics available upon request.

Goshen Public Library

Director's Report for October 21, 2026 Meeting

- Weeding the children's room continues. Books will be donated to the Friends. Once the major weeding is done we will do inventory in this room as well, followed by the teen room.

- The Puzzle Room is ready to go. We will promote it in the newsletter and on social media, as well as putting flyers up once we figure out the best way for the public to participate, e.g. specifying age groups and figuring out times to offer it.

- I have emailed the Teen Advisory Board in an attempt to set up a meeting time. We will discuss possibly adding steps to the puzzle room, ideas for social media and outreach, and general ideas to improve library services for teens and young adults. Finding a time to meet has proven to be a struggle.

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- Also, we need more library cards and no closely applicable budget line has nearly enough money for this expense. The "office supplies" line has enough money but using this will assure that that budget line is way over drafted by the end of the fiscal year.

- I am aware that there isn't really anything I can do at this point, but I wanted to bring it up before it happened as opposed to have it seen after the fact.

Past Programs

- Nothing specific to report.

Upcoming Programs

- October 28 a paranormal investigator is coming to give a presentation called "Ghosts of the Revolutionary War" to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the US, Halloween, and hopefully contain some local legends.

- October 29 magician Dan Bowen about doing a children's program at the library.

- November 11 John Adams impersonator George Baker is coming to give a talk in character about Abigail Adams.

- I am currently "shopping" for Christmas programs, ideally one for adults and one for children.

September Program Numbers:

Tuesday, September 8 – Goshen Bookworms – 5 patrons

Thursday, September 10 – Babies and Board Books – 7 patrons

Friday, September 11 – Page Turning Talks – 7 patrons

Monday, September 14 – History Discussion (Mark Albertson) – 12 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, September 17 – Babies & Board Books – 4 patrons

Monday, September 21 – History Discussion Group – 6 patrons (Zoom)

Thursday, September 24 – Babies and Board Books – 5 patrons

Friday, September 25 – Coffee and Chapters Book Club – 6 patrons

Monday, September 28 – History Discussion Group – 7 patrons (Zoom)

Wednesday, September 30 – Coloring Contest – 4 entries, 8 votes

Hoopla:

Audio	44
eBook & Comics	14
Music, Movie, & TV	18

OverDrive:

eBooks	139 holds	70 check outs
Audio	245 holds	145 check outs
Magazines		125 check outs

More statistics e.g patron visits or yearly circulation statistics available upon request.

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TREASURER'S REPORT
Wednesday NOVEMBER 18, 2026

Funds held by the Town of Goshen for Goshen Public Library purposes only:

1. Harmon Fund:

The Harmon Fund is held in a Certificate of Deposit and a Money Market account, both at Torrington Savings Bank (TSB).
The CD principal is $35,000. 00

Money Market Account:

Beginning Balance:	$ 7,061.33
Deposit Interest SEPTEMBER 30	101.88
Credit Interest SEPTEMBER 30	.58
Credit Interest OCTOBER 30	.59
Ending Balance OCTOBER 30	$ 7164.38

No withdrawals were made from the Money Market account in October.

2. The Library Fund:

The balance of the due/to fund remains at $8,928.87 as per the last report.

3.
GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY
MONIES RECEIVED:

	Replaced/books	Fines	Copy	Printer	Fax	TOTAL
APRIL 2026	-0-	13.50	50.90	46.30	16.00	$ 126.70
MAY 2026	10.00	8.00	23.00	43.00	5.00	$ 79.00
JUNE 2026	-0-	15.75	26.40	28.30	-0-	$ 70.45
JULY 2026	-0-	1.50	-0-	5.40	5.00	$ 11.90
AUGUST 2026	-0-	3.75	1.00	3.50	-0-	$ 8.25
SEPTEMBER 2026	20.00	7.00	22.20	20.70	14.00	$ 83.90
OCTOBER 2026	40.00	6.25	6.00	21.25	1.00	$ 84.50

Henrietta C. Horvay, Treasurer

GOSHEN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TREASURER'S REPORT
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Ending Balance September 30	$ 7163.79

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JULY 2026	-0-	1.50	-0-	5.40	5.00	$ 11.90
AUGUST 2026	-0-	3.75	1.00	3.50	-0-	$ 8.25
SEPTEMBER 2026	20.00	7.00	22.20	20.70	14.00	$ 83.90

Henrietta C. Horvay, Treasurer

"RESOLVED" Shall the vote of the Town Meeting of 5/29/91, which restricted the use of insurance proceeds in the amount of $102,868.40 solely to acquire and catalogue books, be rescinded; and that the remaining balance of the funds shall be expended for any library purposes?

WARNING
ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF GOSHEN

We, the Selectmen of the Town of Goshen, hereby give warning to persons legally entitled to vote thereat, the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting will be held in the Gymnasium *of Goshen Center School* in said Town of Goshen on Monday, November 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the acceptance of the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

2. To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the acceptance of the Town Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

3. To take such action as the voters deem best with respect to the following Resolution:

   "RESOLVED: To authorize and instruct the Board of Selectmen to execute Town Aid agreements with the State of Connecticut pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 240, Part IIa for the expenditure of all funds available to the Town of Goshen under said Chapter 240, Part IIa for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027".

4. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and receive any state or federal grants for the benefit of the Town, provided that any appropriation of municipal funds shall be approved in advance by the Board of Finance, and if the amount exceeds $20,000, a town meeting.

5. "RESOLVED" Shall the vote of the Town Meeting of 5/29/91, which restricted the use of insurance proceeds in the amount of $102,868.40 solely to acquire and catalogue books, be rescinded; and that the remaining balance of the funds shall be expended for any library purposes?

6. To amend the Fee Ordinance for Goshen Planning and Zoning Commission, Inland Wetlands Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals adopted on May 25, 2016.

7. To elect two members of the Recreation Commission for a term of three years ending at the Annual Town Meeting of 2029.

8. To elect two members of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission for a term of three years ending at the Annual Town Meeting of 2029.

9. To elect one member of the Economic Development Commission for three years ending at the Annual Town Meeting of 2029.

10. To elect one member of the Economic Development Commission to fill a one year vacancy ending at the Annual Town Meeting of 2027.

11. To elect one Alternate member of the Economic Development Commission for a three year term ending at the Annual Town Meeting of 2029.

Dated at Goshen, Connecticut, this 2nd day of November, 2026.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Seth Breakell

Scott Olson

Dexter S. Kinsella

Received November 3, 2026 @ 11:01 A.M.
Attest: Barbara L. Bull
Goshen Town Clerk

Annual and Special Town Meeting
November 16, 2026

First Selectman Seth Breakell called the meeting to order at 07:02 P.M. in the Goshen Center Gymnasium.

Seth Breakell opened the floor for nominations of a moderator. Henrietta Horvay nominated Patrick Reilly seconded by Audrey Blondin. Motion carries. Audrey Blondin moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Matthew Blondin.

Patrick Reilly, moderator asked Barbara L. Breor, the clerk, to read the call to the meeting.

ITEM #1 Acceptance of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026.

Audrey Blondin moved to accept the Annual Report, seconded by Henrietta Horvay.

Motion carries.

ITEM #2 Acceptance of the Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026.

Marianne Arancio-Stilson moved to accept the Auditor's Report, seconded by Audrey Blondin.

Motion carries.

ITEM #3 Adopt a Resolution for Town Aid Road with the State of Connecticut, Dept. of Transportation beginning July 1, 2027.

Audrey Blondin moved to accept the Resolution. Patricia Kral seconded.

Motion carries.

ITEM #4 Authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply and receive State or Federal grants.

Audrey Blondin moved to accept the item as per the call. Devin Stilson seconded.

Motion carries.

ITEM #5 Rescind Town Meeting vote of May 29,1991, restricting insurance money for acquiring and cataloguing books for the library.

Dexter Kinsella moved to accept the call. Audrey Blondin seconded.

Seth Breakell limited use of funds account currently holds $8,929.87.

Henrietta Horvay, who was a Selectman in 1991, noted that the Library is adequately funded. Library Board needs to ask to use this money and they have not done so. Does not feel it is necessary to turn the funds over if they have not exhausted their funds.

Motion carries with Henrietta Horvay objecting.

ITEM #6 Amend Fee Ordinance for Planning & Zoning, Inland Wetlands Commission And Zoning Board of Appeals.

Audrey Blondin moved to amend the Fee Ordinance for Planning and Zoning, Inland Wetlands and Zoning Board of Appeals. Henrietta Horvay seconded.

Seth Breakell clarified that the Land Use fees for Inland Wetlands Post Event fee is being raised from $225 to $300 and the P&Z/I/W/ZBA fees permit processing fee from $10 to $12.

Motion carries.

ITEM #7 Elect Two Members of the Recreation Commission for a term ending 2029.

Sarah Leonard nominated Anne Craig, seconded by Nanci Howard.

Sarah Leonard nominated Susan Breakell, seconded by Nanci Howard.

Marianne Arancio-Stilson moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Henrietta Horvay.

Motion carries.

The Moderator asked the clerk to cast one ballot for each.

ITEM #8 Elect Two Members of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission for three years ending 2029.

Thomas Stansfield nominated Lorraine Lucas, seconded by Devin Stilson.

Lorraine Lucas nominated Devin Stilson, seconded by Thomas Stansfield.

Marianne Arancio-Stilson closed nominations, seconded by Victoria Sansing.

ITEM #9 Elect One Member to the Economic Development Commission for a term of three years ending 2029.

Jeffrey Damiano nominated Michael Esposito, seconded by Susan Wheeler.

Devin Stilson moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Henrietta Horvay.

Motion carries.

The Moderator asked that the clerk cast one ballot.

ITEM #10 Elect One Member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of one year ending 2027.

Paul Collins nominated MacKenzey Melk Pannullo, seconded by Michelle Pannullo.

Henrietta Horvay moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Audrey Blondin.

Motion carries.

The Moderator asked that the clerk cast one ballot.

ITEM #11 Elect One Alternate Member of the Economic Development Commission for a term of three years ending 2029.

Audrey Blondin nominated Henrietta Horvay, seconded by Matthew Blondin.

Audrey Blondin moved that nominations be closed. Seconded by Matthew Blondin.

Motion carries.

The Moderator asked that the clerk cast one ballot.

Audrey Blondin made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 pm. Seconded by Henrietta Horvay.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara L. Breor, Clerk