

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF FINANCE - SPECIAL MEETING**  
Wednesday May 10, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Allan Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** William Lane, James Korner, Scott Tillmann, Allan Walker Robert Valentine, Ned Bixler, Russell Murdock (alternate), Pat Reilly (alternate) and Todd Carusillo, First Selectman.

Others: William Gelormino President of the Goshen Fire Company, Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator and Cindy Barret via Zoom

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:**

Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$13,000.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Animal Control Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$2,739.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Board of Assessment Appeals. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Bill Lane, to appropriate \$93,007.00 in FY 2023-2024 for the Board of Assessors. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lane' made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$16,812.00 in FY 2023-2024 for the Board of Finance. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Korner made a motion that was seconded by Scott Tillmann, to appropriate \$81,101.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Building Official. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Tillmann made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$4,072.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Cemeteries. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$7,675.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Civil Preparedness. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$1,364.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Conservation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Bill Lane, to appropriate \$75,246.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Conservation of Health. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lane made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$40,000.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Contingency Account. It was noted that early voting as approved by the legislators will take effect in 2025 and does not impact this budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Korner made a motion that was seconded by Scott Tillmann, to appropriate \$- in FY 2023-2024 for Debt Service. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Tillmann made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$569.00 in FY 2023-2024 for the Economic Development Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$26,421.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Elections. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$385,249.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Employee Benefits. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$1,995.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Fire Commissioners. The motion passed unanimously with Bill Lane abstaining.

Bill Lane made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$15,716.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Fire Marshal. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Korner made a motion that was seconded by Scott Tillmann, to appropriate \$109,691.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Fire Protection. The motion passed unanimously with Bill Lane, Scott Tillmann, Jim Korner abstaining.

Scott Tillmann made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$66,024.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Fiscal Office. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$5,447.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Inland Wetlands Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$119,630.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Insurance, the motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Bill Lane, to appropriate \$22,384.72 in FY 2023-2024 for Land Use Enforcement. The motion passed unanimously. Bob Valentine made a motion to reduce the budget request by seventy-two cents making this line \$22,384.00 even. Jim Korner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lane made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$164,804.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Library. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Korner made a motion that was seconded by Scott Tillmann, to appropriate \$10,118.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Miscellaneous. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Tillmann made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$23,810.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Newsletter. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$3,323.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$24,850.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Professional Services. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion, seconded by Bill Lane, to appropriate \$1,130,370.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Public Works. Bob Valentine noted a mowing tractor was purchased this year to eliminate renting a mower. Todd Carusillo agreed that the Road Mowing line item can be reduced by \$7000 from last year and reported that Garret Harlow, Director of Public Works, said the \$7800 remaining was needed for a spare set of blades for the new mower and alternative weed control. Bob Valentine questioned if Mechanic Services at \$17,000 could be reduced as it has been underspent in the last few years. Todd Carusillo reported that Garret Harlow said this account was needed for major equipment repairs. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lane made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$212,285.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Recreation. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Korner made a motion that was seconded by Scott Tillmann, to appropriate \$35,368.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Rescue. The motion passed unanimously, with Bill Lane, Scott Tillmann, Jim Korner abstaining.

Scott Tillmann made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$155,435.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Selectmen. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$15,147.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Street Lights. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$47,788.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Tax Collector. Bob Valentine reported that the Tax Collector said the Assistant Tax collector was doing more of the work. It was therefore agreed that the Tax Collector Wages line can be reduced by \$7000. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Bill Lane, to appropriate \$98,079.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Town Clerk. Bob Valentine noted there is \$ 7000 for new equipment and software included in the Land Record Duplication line that should be in the capital budget. It was agreed the \$7000 will be moved to the capital budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Bill Lane, to appropriate \$79,592.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Town Office Building. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Lane made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$10,965.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Korner made a motion that was seconded by Scott Tillmann, to appropriate \$271,941.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Waste Removal. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Tillmann made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$353.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Water Pollution Control Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$7,342.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Welfare. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$1,646.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Capital Requests**

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$10,850.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Assessor. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$291,000.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Fire Company. Bill Lane mentioned that the Fire Company has reduced their budget by \$50,000 from the original budget proposal, recognizing the impact on the town. The motion passed unanimously with Bill Lane, Scott Tillmann, Jim Korner, and Bob Valentine abstaining.

Bill Lane made a motion that was seconded by Jim Korner, to appropriate \$45,000.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Lake Weed. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Korner made a motion that was seconded by Scott Tillmann, to appropriate \$2,650.00 in FY 2023-2024 for the Library. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Tillmann made a motion that was seconded by Allan Walker, to appropriate \$496,000.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Public Works. The motion passed unanimously.

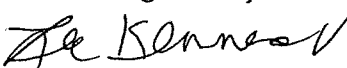
Allan Walker made a motion that was seconded by Bob Valentine, to appropriate \$19,500.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Recreation. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Valentine made a motion that was seconded by Ned Bixler, to appropriate \$38,500.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Selectman. The Town Cemetery repairs were reduced by \$7000 for 2023 2024 due to the amount currently available in Capital nonrecurring for that line item. The motion passed unanimously.

Ned Bixler made a motion that was seconded by Bill Lane, to appropriate \$9,000.00 in FY 2023-2024 for Town Clerk. This Includes the \$7000 for the computer/programming new system reassigned from operating budget Land Record Duplication. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Bob Valentine made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Jim Korner. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m

  
Lee M. Kennedy - Board of Finance Clerk

Received May 12, 2023 11:50AM  
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