

Town of Goshen  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
Special Meeting  
**Wednesday May 31, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Allan Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Others:** Scott Olson

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Bob Valentine to accept the minutes of May 17, 2023. Allan Walker seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. A motion was made by Jim Korner to accept the minutes of April 26, 2023. A correction was made to note Bill Lane was present at that meeting. Scott Tillmann seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. A motion was made by Bob Valentine to accept the minutes of May 10, 2023. Ned Bixler seconded the motion, and it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

**Other Business:**

Bob Valentine spoke about the potential to lower the Mill Rate as the budget calculations for both revenue and expenses are conservative which historically leaves an average delta of about \$300,000.

There was no current Tax Collectors report to review.

**Selectman's Report**

Todd Carusillo said there is about \$3200 in expense for unbudgeted items such as training for the Deputy registrar and the new Payroll clerk and wages for the Assistant Town clerk. Bob Valentine commented that much of these costs will likely be absorbed by the departments through under expenses on other line items and recommends that these are handled as they arise.

**The meeting was recessed at 7:40pm to allow for the Town Meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 8:12 pm**

**Necessary action as result of town meeting**

The board discussed the Town meeting and approval of the budget. Ned Bixler recommended a 15.5 Mill Rate. Bob Valentine stated that the average grand list increase is 25% and a Mill Rate of 15.8 would create about the same tax obligation to residents as last year. Scott Tillmann noted that Capital Non-Recurring was not funded as much as would have been preferred and suggested a 15.6 Mill Rate to plan for any necessary expenses.

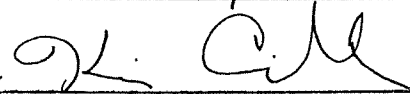
Bob Valentine made a motion to set the Mill Rate for fiscal year 2023/2024 at 15.6. It was seconded by Jim Korner and the motion was carried unanimously.

**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 8:16p.m



Lee M. Kennedy  
Board of Finance Clerk

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Attest   
asst. Goshen Town Clerk