

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF GOSHEN  
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**HAMPSHIRE: ss**

**Date: May 10, 2018**

**To: The Constable of the Town of Goshen in said County**

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Goshen, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet in the John James Memorial Hall on **Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m** to act on the following articles:

- ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary officers to serve for the ensuing year, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to act on the reports of the town officers, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to permit the Select Board to set the compensation of Town employees and appointed officials, in accordance with the Town Employee Handbook as established in the Town's personnel policies, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and to vote to set all Town budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the chief elected officials to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Programs, or other Federal, or any State monies, and to expend any monies as received as set forth in the appropriate application, or take any other action relative thereto.
- ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Select board, to borrow a sum of \$250,000.00 for a period of up to Fifteen (15) years or less, in accordance with the capital plan, to fund the purchase of a Single Axle Secondary Plow/Dump fully outfitted for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

**Note: This is to replace a failing 2005 truck used for plowing, sanding and hauling.**

- ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$38,183.90 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mack Truck	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2014	\$37,435.20	\$748.70	\$38,183.90

**Note: A majority vote is required.**

- ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$38,183.90 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2014 Mack Dump Truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

**Note: 5th of 5 payments. This expenditure is a contractual payment for previously authorized and signed borrowing.**

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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,142.06 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Ford Expedition	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2013	\$7,928.00	\$214.06	\$8,142.06

**Note: A majority vote is required.**

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer to expend from the capital stabilization fund, the sum of \$8,142.06 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2013 Police Ford Expedition, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

**Note: This is the 5th of 5 payments. This expenditure is a contractual payment for previously authorized & signed borrowing.**

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$ 9,090.34 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

International Truck	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2008	\$8,234.00	\$856.34	\$9,090.34

**Note: A majority vote is required.**

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$9,090.34 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2008 International single axle secondary plow/ dump Truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

**Note: This is the 2nd of 5 payments. This expenditure is a contractual payment for previously authorized & signed borrowing.**

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$9,954.090 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2017 Police Ford Interceptor, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Ford Interceptor	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2017	\$9,000.00	\$954.00	\$9,954.00

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

**Note: This is the 2nd of 5 payments. This expenditure is a contractual payment for previously authorized signed borrowing.**

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ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues, in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for community preservation projects, and other expenses in fiscal year 2019, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

**Appropriations:**

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 5,000

**Reserves:**

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$16,000

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$16,000

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$16,000

From FY 2019 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$70,000

Or Take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: Total appropriation reflects 90% of the expected 100% state match.**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §54E½, as most recently amended, to set Fiscal Year 2019 spending limits for the Revolving Funds as follows. Or take any other action relative thereto.

<b>Program or Purpose</b>	<b>FY 2019 Spending Limit</b>
FRTA	\$20,000
Highland Ambulance Fuel Reimbursement Account	\$12,000
Animal Control Revolving Fund	\$2,500
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	\$6,000
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	\$5,000

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to employ themselves in the performance of their work and for such work to be paid from appropriations under budget line Assistant Assessor Salary, and therefore do not need to meet the requirements of Chapter 268A, Section 21A, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note:** Chapter 268A, Section 21A is the section of Mass General Law that deals with ethics for Municipal Employees. This warrant article indicates that the town is aware that the proposed arrangement is a violation of the Ethics Laws as the assistant assessor, who is also an assessor, would report to the Board of Assessors in violation of this law unless first approved at an Annual Town Meeting. This article, if passed, would provide that "the provisions of this section shall not apply to a member of a town commission or board." This article was last voted and approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 2015.

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ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from General Stabilization to Capital Stabilization and to authorize expenditure of such funds for the repair of the Landfill Cap or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note:** This note applies to this article and the next two articles concerning the landfill cap repair. The Board of Assessors, Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee, and Select Board support this article. This article is necessary to be in compliance with the MassDEP letter of April 2018 (310 CMR 19.142 & 19.143) which indicates that the Town, by June 15, 2018 must submit an engineering plan to the DEP for repair of erosion damage on the landfill cap. Additionally, by August 15, 2018, the repair on the cap shall commence, and shall be performed in accordance with MassDEP's approval of the engineering plan.

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$100,000.00 from Overlay Surplus to Capital Stabilization and to authorize the expenditure of such funds for the repair of the Landfill cap as required by MassDEP, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: A majority vote is required.**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow a sum of \$300,000.00 for a period of Fifteen (15) years or less and to authorize the expenditure of such funds to fund the landfill cap repair, so long as plans relating to the project have been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and provided that this borrowing shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot question, authorizing the Town to raise this additional amount outside limits imposed by Proposition 2 ½, all in accordance with G.L. c. 59, S21C(g) or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of \$11,000.00 from Free Cash to the West Street Resurfacing Project for construction, engineering and related costs, or take any action relative thereto.

**Note: This expenditure is a contractual obligation in support of the construction and roadway safety improvement of the West Street Resurfacing Project.**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Highway Salary account to the Highway Road Improvement account for road repair, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$85,000.00 from Free Cash to Capital Stabilization, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: To fund the Capital Stabilization account for FY2019 Capital Plan.**

**Note: Majority vote is required.**

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ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from General Stabilization to Capital Stabilization, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: To fund the Capital Stabilization account for FY2019 Capital Plan.**

**Note: 2/3's vote is required.**

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from Free Cash to the Emergency Management Expense account, for the procurement of emergency management and safety equipment and signage, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Note: This is part of an overall estimated \$5,400 expenditure to populate the emergency management trailer with equipment and signage. The remaining approximately \$2,500 will be funded by an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG).**

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**Note pertaining to all Citizen petitions below: Citizen petitions, after certification, are required to be placed on the warrant exactly as they are provided. If the petition is illegal, nonsensical or poorly worded they still must appear on the warrant as received. Citizen petitions do not override the legal or statutory authority that is granted to the various municipal bodies.**

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ARTICLE 25: This is a citizen's petition submitted and certified by three Registrars of voters of the Town of Goshen.

To see if the Town Goshen will vote to adopt the following resolution:  
We call on the United States to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
- Ending the President's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack
- Taking US nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert
- Cancelling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons
- Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals

The Town Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution to the two Massachusetts U.S. Senators and the U.S. Representative for this district, and to the President and Secretary of State of the United States. Or to do or act anything in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 26: This is a citizen's petition submitted and certified by three Registrars of voters of the Town of Goshen.

All town of Goshen, MA employees, members of town boards and committees, shall assume these obligations and commitments.

- Be well informed concerning the local and state duties of a board/committee member whenever applicable
- Remember that they represents the Town of Goshen at all times
- Accept their position as a means of unselfish public service , not to benefit personally, professionally or financially from his/her board/committee position
- Treat all members of the board/committee and other persons present with respect despite differences of opinion; keeping in mind that professional respect does not preclude honest differences of opinion but requires respect within those differences
- Recognize that the chief function of local government at all times is to serve the best interests of all of the people
- Honor confidential information, seek no favor and believe that personal aggrandizement or profit secured by holding these positions is dishonest
- Conduct themselves so as to maintain public confidence in their local government and in their performance of the public trust

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- Conduct official business in such a manner as to give the clear impression that they cannot be improperly influenced in the performance of their official duties
- Unless specifically exempted (e.g. Executive Session), conduct the business of the public in a manner that promotes open and transparent government and maintain full compliance with the Open Meeting Law (MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B)

Upon voter approval of this policy, text of this code of conduct will be posted on the town website and the Town Office building, distributed to all current and future employees, members of town boards and committees.

ARTICLE 27: This is a citizen's petition submitted and certified by three Registrars of voters of the Town of Goshen.

To see if the Town will vote to continue providing winter road maintenance, limited to plowing and sanding, on all passable roads within the Hammond Acres Association, consistent with the town's practice since 1959, or take any other action thereto.

**Note: A vote to accept the provisions of Section 6C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which authorizes the Town to appropriate money for the removal of snow and ice from any private ways therein open to the public use, was passed at the Annual Town Meeting on February 21, 1959 by a vote of Yes 84, No 17 and Blanks 12. (Book 5, Town Records, Page 192)"**


Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

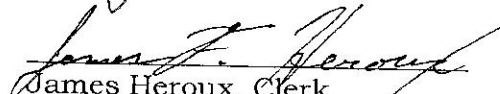
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof publicly Seven days, at least, before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of May 2018.

SELECT BOARD OF GOSHEN:

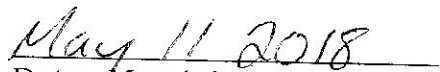
  
Angela Otis, Chair

  
Wayne Glaser, Vice Chair


  
James Heroux, Clerk

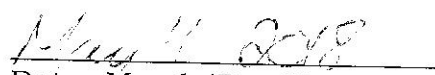
I have posted attested copies as directed.

  
Constable

  
Date: Month/Day/Year

Return of Service:

  
Constable

  
Date: Month/Day/Year