

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

HAMPSHIRE: ss

Date: May 3, 2017

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, the fifteenth day of May at 7:00 p.m. 2017, 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 authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: 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, 2017 through June 30, 2018, and to vote to set all Town budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: 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 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$180.00 from free cash to the account known as "Bills of Prior Years" for the purpose of payment of a bill from the following account: Electrical Inspector Fees-FY-2016 \$180.00 or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: A vote of 4/5's is required because it is a bill of a prior year.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to the sum of \$38,932.61 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Mack Truck	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2014	\$37,435.20	\$1,497.40	\$38,932.61

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$38,932.61 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2014 MAC Dump Truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: 2/3's vote is required.

Note: 4th of 5 payments.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to the sum of \$8,356.12 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Police Cruiser	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2013	\$7,928.00	\$428.12	\$8,356.12

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer to expend from capital stabilization fund, the sum of \$8,356.12 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2013 Ford Police vehicle, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: 2/3's vote is required.

Note: This is the 4th of 5 payments

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to the sum of \$ 9,304.42 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: 2/3's vote is required.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$9,304.42 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.

International Truck	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2008	\$8,234.00	\$1,070.42	\$9,304.42

Note: 2/3's vote is required.

Note: This is the 1st of 5 payments

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Fund the sum of \$10,192.50 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2017 Police vehicle, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Interceptor	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2017	\$9,000.00	\$1,192.50	\$10,192.50

Note: 2/3's vote is required.

Note: This is the 1st of 5 payments.

ARTICLE 15: 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 2018, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 6,000

Reserves:

From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$15,000

From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$15,000

From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$15,000

From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$69,000

Or Take any other action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to enact a bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Revolving Funds

Section 1: There are hereby established in the Town of Goshen pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, Section 53E1/2, the following Revolving Funds:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
FRTA Van Account	Administrator of the Fund	Fees and Franklin Regional Transit Authority	Salary for Administrator, Dispatcher Driver Training, Fuel, Salary
Highland Ambulance Fuel Reimbursement Account	Highway Superintendent	Reimbursement from Highland Ambulance	To pay for the fuel used by the Highland Ambulance
Animal Control Revolving Fund	Animal Control Officer/ Town Clerk	Fees specific to dogs	Expense associated with licensing and controlling dogs.
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	Zoning Board Appeals, Chairman	Fees specific to applications	Pay expenses associated with processing of applications.
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	Building Inspector or Building Inspector Clerk	Inspection Fees required under the permit process	Electrical Inspector pay

Section 2: Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

And, further, to set FY2018 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

Program or Purpose	FY 2018 Spending Limit
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

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Sidewalks By-Law, or take any other action thereto. The tenant, occupant, and in the case there is no tenant, the owner or person having the care of any estate abutting upon any highway or town way within this town, where there is now or may hereafter be a sidewalk established or set apart as such, shall clear said sidewalk of ice and snow within 24 hours after the snow and ice cease to fall. Or should the sidewalk be covered with ice that cannot be readily removed, said abutter or resident will be required to place salt or sand or other material to make sidewalk safe for pedestrians, or be subject to a \$25.00 fine per day, per storm, for first offense and \$50 per day, per storm, for second offense, until it has been cleared.

The above provision shall be enforced by the Selectboard and may be enforced through the non-criminal method of disposition as provided in M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 21D.

Note: 2/3's vote is required; if not unanimous a count is also required.

ARTICLE 18 : To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, c.41,§ 2 and M.G.L.c. 39 §14, to establish a two year term for Moderator beginning with the 2018 Annual Town Election, or in any manner relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire the following land parcels and or rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This allows for the construction and roadway safety improvement of the West Street Resurfacing Project.

	Total # of Parcels	Area (Square Feet)
Permanent Easement	6	1895
Temporary Easement	42	37677

Further that the Select Board may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchases or eminent domain. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by Milone and MacBroom, Date March 15, 2017

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 3rd day of May 2017 A.D.

SELECT BOARD OF GOSHEN:

Angela Otis, Chair

Diane Bushee, Vice Chair

Wayne Glaser, Clerk

I have posted attested copies as directed.

Constable

Date: Month/Day/Year

Return of Service:

Constable

Date: Month/Day/Year