

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF GOSHEN
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

HAMPSHIRE: ss

Date: May10, 2022

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 outside on the field behind the Town Offices at 40 Main Street, adjacent to the playground, on **Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 9:30 a.m** to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Account the sum of \$6,768.65 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2019 Ford Super Duty F350 ¾ ton pickup truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Ford Super Duty F350 pickup truck	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2019	\$6,278.90	\$489.75	\$6,768.65

Note: 2/3rds vote is required.

Note: This is the 3rd of 5 payments. This expenditure is a contractual payment for previously authorized & signed borrowing.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Account the sum of \$22,674.00 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2019 Mack single axle primary plow/dump truck, or take any other action relative thereto.

Mack Primary Plow/Dump Truck	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2019	\$22,000.00	\$674.00	\$22,674.00

Note: 2/3rds vote is required.

Note: This is the 3rd of 10 payments. This expenditure is a contractual payment for previously authorized & signed borrowing.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Account the sum of \$11,525.01 for the payment of the principal and interest on the 2019 Police Ford K8A Interceptor Utility AWD, or take any other action relative thereto.

Police Ford K8A Interceptor Utility AWD	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2019	\$10,691.10	\$833.91	\$11,525.01

Note: 2/3rds vote is required.

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ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to expend from the Capital Stabilization Account the sum of \$9,853.60 for the payment of the principal and interest on the Yanmar YT235 tractor, or take any other action relative thereto.

Yanmar YT235 Tractor	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2021	\$8,720.00	\$1,133.60	\$9,853.60

Note: 2/3rds vote is required.

Note: This is the 1st of 5 payments. This expenditure is a contractual payment for previously authorized signed borrowing.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$332,223.13 to the Capital Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Note: To fund the Capital Stabilization Account in accordance with the parameters in the bylaw passed at the Annual Town Meeting of July 2020.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, a fee simple interest in a portion of property as shown on a plan entitled "approval not required plan of land" prepared by Holmberg & Howe, Inc, dated May 2022 and located at assessor's map 5, lot 97 and described in a deed recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in book 5514, page 50, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, with the care, custody and control of said property to be held by the Select Board for general municipal purposes including for Highway Department Building purposes. And, as funding for said acquisition, to transfer from free cash, a sum of \$15,000 to acquire the property described herein. And further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate said acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: 2/3rds vote is required.

Note: This is a one time expense to purchase land for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$12,000.00, for the purpose of tree removal. And, to authorize the Select Board to expend such monies for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Note: This is to proactively remove trees to alleviate the frequency of utility & internet service interruptions. The work would be planned, overseen, and executed by the Tree Warden.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of \$5,000.00, to the OPEB Liability Trust fund for the purpose of covering Other Post Employment Benefits. And, to authorize the Treasurer (The OPEB trustee) to expend such monies for this purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Note: Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) are benefits other than pension distributions, that employees may begin to receive from their employer once they retire. Other post-employment benefits can include life insurance, health insurance, and deferred compensation. This is a standard governmental accounting best practice for recording unfunded future liabilities. No funds will be expended until it is fully funded. The OPEB Liability Trust Fund was approved by vote at the Annual Town Meeting of June 12, 2021, article 23.

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ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$734.87 from Free Cash to the account known as "Bills of Prior Years" for the purpose of payment of FY2021 bills from the following accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

Purpose	Amount
Community Eco Power for the disposal of Municipal Solid Waste from the Transfer Station	\$644.00
Ingram books 4 invoices	\$90.87

Note: A 4/5ths vote is required for a bill of a prior year at an ATM.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the debt authorizations for the dates and unissued amounts below, or take any other action relative thereto.

Original Article & Authority Date	Project or Purpose	Unissued Amount
STM 09/17/2018, Article 1	To fund the landfill cap repair	\$39,664.00
ATM 5/20/2019, Article 16	2019 Ford Super Duty F350 pickup truck	\$6.00
ATM 6/03/2021, Article 6	2021 Highway Department Yanmar Tractor	\$6,400.00

Note: A majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the charges from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 for the maintenance and operation of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F½ to establish the Goshen MLP High Speed Internet Operations as an enterprise fund for fiscal year 2023, effective July 1, 2022, or take other any action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Note: Enterprise Fund is the recommended accounting methodology for Municipal Light Plants (MLPs) by the Massachusetts Department of revenue and the Massachusetts Division of Local Services.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Goshen MLP High Speed Internet Operations Fund budget for fiscal year 2023, or take any action relative thereto. The MLP budget is to be funded from MLP subscriber fees and \$26,100 from CAFII federal grant funds.

Note: Majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to permit the Select Board to set the compensation of Town employees and appointed officials as established in the Town's personnel policies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

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ARTICLE 15 To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and hourly rates of all compensated elected officers of the Town for fiscal year 2023 as indicated by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, or take any other action relative thereto.

ELECTED POSITION	COMPENSATION
Board of Assessors	\$2,438.67
Moderator	\$182.00
Select Board, Chair	\$5,150.00
Select Board, Vice Chair	\$4,120.00
Select Board, Clerk	\$3,090.00
Town Clerk	\$17,680.00

Note: Majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 16: 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 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$8,500.00

Reserves:

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$17,000.00

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$17,000.00

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$17,000.00

From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$110,000.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Note: These figures are based on the estimated FY2023 real estate tax Community Preservation Act surcharge commitments plus a 100% match from the state, allocated by a prescribed formula of 5% to Administrative expenses, 10% percent to Historic Resources, 10% to Open Space, 10% to Community Housing, and 65% to Budgeted Reserve.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to set Fiscal Year 2023 spending limits for the Revolving Funds as follows. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Program or Purpose	FY 2023 Spending Limit
Highland Ambulance Fuel Reimbursement Account	\$12,000
Animal Control Revolving Fund	\$7,500
Board of Appeals Revolving Fund	\$6,000
Electrical Inspector Revolving Fund	\$5,000

Note: Majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.268A, §21A to authorize the Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Finance Committee, Planning Board, Select Board and the Tilton Town Supervisors to appoint their own members to positions under their respective jurisdictions and supervision as shall be established by Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Note: Due to the continuing need to find and fill roles with qualified and available individuals in small towns, this article allows these elected Boards or Committees to appoint their own members to subordinate positions.

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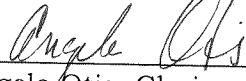
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Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

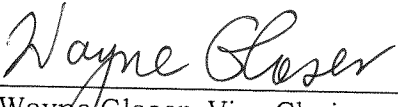
You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof publicly seven days, at least, before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of May 2022.

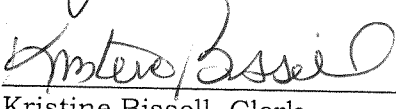
SELECT BOARD OF GOSHEN:



Angela Otis, Chair

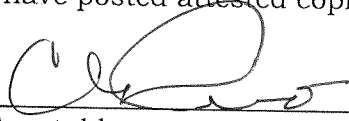


Wayne Glaser, Vice Chair



Kristine Bissell, Clerk

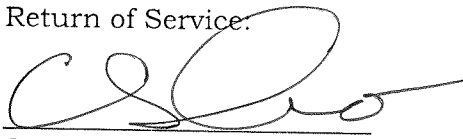
I have posted attested copies as directed.



Constable

5/12/2022
Date: Month/Day/Year

Return of Service:



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