

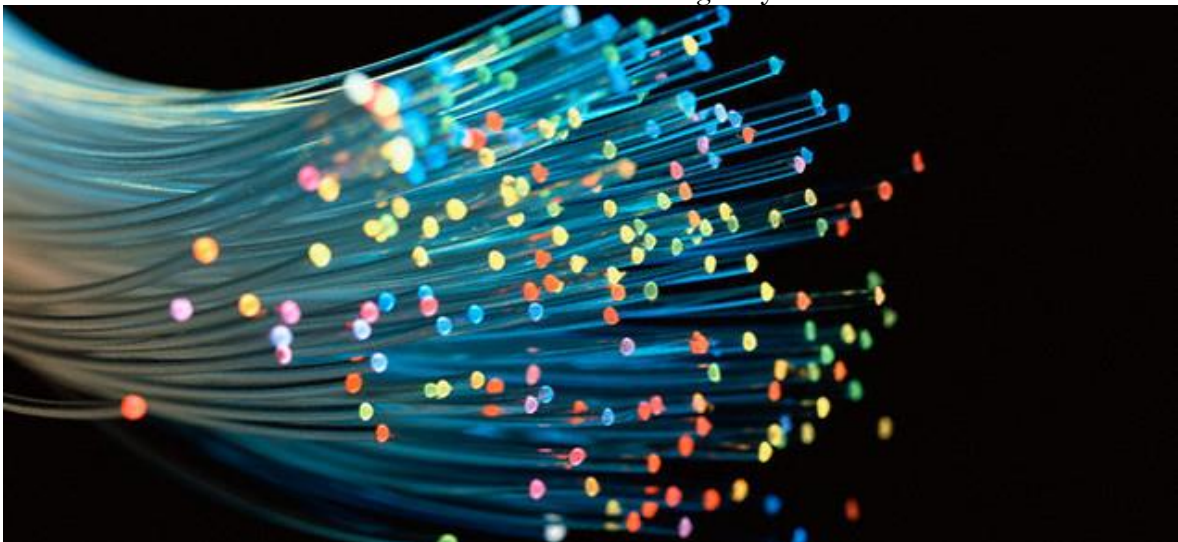
Town of Goshen

Massachusetts

2022 Annual Town Report



Internet Information Highway



Fiber Optic Cables

Reports through December 2022
Financials based on Fiscal Year 2022
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Our 2022 annual report is dedicated to all those employees, volunteers, boards, and committees that have given of themselves over the years to make high speed internet a reality in the Town of Goshen in 2022. It really has taken a village.

The desire from residents is several decades old and the effort began about 17 years ago with the first broadband committee, chaired by Bob Labrie. These pioneers began by looking for what to do within the boundaries of the Town of Goshen. Bob and members of the Committee spent hundreds of volunteer hours mapping households, identifying technical issues, creating mailing lists and communicating with residents. This led to a more regional proposal that became Wired West in 2011. Bob was Goshen's long-time representative on the Wired West Board and still serves on that board. Wired West was a compelling advocate that raised attention regarding last mile issues with our State legislators and the Massachusetts Broadband Institute. Wired West serves many Towns currently as an Internet Service Provider (ISP).

In 2015, the Town voted to approve a \$1.4M debt exclusion needed to finance the build-out of the Fiber Optic Network. The Implementation phase of the project began in October of 2016 and culminated with subscriber installations from September of 2021 through September of 2022. The day-to-day heavy lifting was done by the MLP Manager, Wayne Glaser, who reported to the Select Board/ MLP Board. Wayne also served on the Select Board for 6 of those years. No small feat. There were many components to the implementation phase, including town readiness project analysis and state reporting, fiber route design, many months of work with the utility companies regarding pole assessments and replacements, licensing, fiber network procurement and construction, financial oversight of the construction, grant applications, Inter-governmental agreements, selecting an ISP (Westfield Gas & Electric / Whip City Fiber) fielding resident questions. Much of this implementation work was done at the height of the Pandemic with the attendant labor and supply chain issues.

The MLP Board, led by Angela Otis with Wayne Glaser and Kristine Bissell, and recently , Peri Hall, dealt with the numerous policy issues involved in bringing this project to fruition. The Finance Committee, led by Dawn Scaparotti and Gina Papineau was heavily involved in the critical financial analysis and pricing policy. There were numerous previous Select Board members such as Joe Roberts, Scott Bisbee, Diane Bushee, Nina Pinger, James Heroux, and others before them, who participated in discussions at various early stages. Additionally, there were many who contributed in important ways, including the Highway Department, led by Todd Dewkett, who facilitated preparation for the hut that contains the essential high speed internet equipment; the Police Department, led by Chief Jeffery Hewes and Acting Chief Bill Bissell, who ensured the safety of all the crews by coordinating and supplying police road detail; Bob Goss, our tree warden, who has worked closely with the MLP manager to ensure the fiber lines are protected from falling branches and trees.; our Treasurer, Allan Kidston, who works closely with the MLP manager to arrange the financing and other details.

We hope you will join us in celebrating this milestone and thanking all those who made it happen, including those who have subscribed and are supporting the network. We owe a debt of gratitude to all those involved over the years and offer a heartfelt thank you for the years of commitment, dedicated service, thousands of hours spent in meetings and hard work that has led to high-speed fiber optic internet service in Goshen.

With Gratitude, The Select Board

Angela Otis , Chair

Peri Hall, Vice-Chair

Kristine Bissell, Clerk

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Facts of Interest about Goshen

www.goshen-ma.us

History

Goshen was first settled in 1761 as a part of the Town of Chesterfield. It was officially incorporated as the Town of Goshen on May 14, 1781.

1761 Original settlement

1781 Incorporated

Points of Interest

D.A.R. State Forest

Camp Howe Summer Camp

Home of Goshen building stone (schist)

Goshen Historical Museum

Goshen Town Hall is on the National Register of Historic Places

Location

Located in Hampshire County, centrally 13 miles west of the Connecticut River in the Berkshire foothills.

Latitude and Longitude of Town Hall

42.44°N 72.81°W

Elevation

1450 ft (442 m) above sea level

Area

17.7 square miles 11,328 acres

Local Form of Government and Voting

Open Town Meeting / Select Board

Annual Town Caucus - 2nd Monday in April

Annual Town Meeting - 3rd Saturday in May

Annual Election - 1st Saturday in June

Goshen residents at least 18 years old with US

Citizenship may register to vote at Town Clerk's Office, motor vehicle registration renewal, or the State election website.

Population/Demographics

2022 Local Census 962

Federal Census 2020 960

Federal Census 2010 1,054

Federal Census 2000 921

Labor Force 2020 615

Labor Force 2019 680

Unemployment Rate: 3.7%

2020 Income per Capita \$16,413

Road Miles (not including DAR State Forest) 38.23

Town Roads - 24.44 miles

State Roads - 7.37 miles

Private Roads - 6.42 miles

Property Tax Information

FY 2021: \$16.13

FY 2021 Average Single-Family Tax Bill: \$4,238

FY 2021 Average Property Valuation: \$262,753

FY 2021 Total Town Valuation: 2.5MM

National, State, and County Officials

Governor & Lt. Governor

Maura Healey, Governor

Kim Driscoll Lt. Governor

Office of the Governor

State House, Room 280 Boston, MA 02133

617-725-4005 www.mass.gov/gov

Secretary of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin

One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108

617-727-7030 www.sec.state.ma.us

Attorney General

Andrea Campbell

One Ashburton Place Boston, MA 02108

617-727-8400 www.mass.gov/ago

United States Senators

Edward J. Markey

1500 Main St, 4th Floor

Springfield, MA 01103

413-785-4610 www.markey.senate.gov/

Elizabeth Warren

1550 Main St, Suite 406

Springfield, MA 01103

413-788-2690 www.warren.senate.gov/

Representative in Congress 1st Congressional District

Richard E. Neal

300 State St, Suite 200 Springfield, MA 01105

413-747-0604 www.neal.house.gov/

State Senator Berkshire/Hampshire/Franklin/Hampden

Paul Mark

State House, Room 70 Boston, MA 02133

617-772-1625 Paul.Mark@masenate.gov

District Office Phone

413-464-5635

State Representative 1st Hampshire District

Lindsay Sabadosa

State House, Room 160 Boston, MA 02133

(617) 722-2304

District Office: 76 Gothic St. Northampton, MA 01060

(413) 270-1166

Representative in General Court 1st Franklin District

Natalie Blais

State House, Room 446 Boston, MA 02133

617-722-2460 natalieblais@mahouse.gov

District Office Phone

413-362-9453

District Attorney

David E. Sullivan - Hampshire/Franklin District

1 Gleason Plaza Northampton, MA 01060

413-586-9225

Town of Goshen Elected Officials

Almoners (3-year term)

Kristine Bissell (Chair)	(2024)
Henrietta Munroe	(2025)
Michael Rock	(2023)

Board of Assessors (3-year term)

Diane Bushee	(2025)
Gina Papineau	(2024)
Cassandra Morrey	(Resigned 07/2022)

Board of Health (3-year term)

Tiffany Marcinek (Chair)	(2024)
Laura Barrus	(2025)
Joshua Lafond	(2023)

Board of Library Trustees (3-year term)

Andrew B Watt (Chair)	(2024)
Rosemary Bienz	(2023)
Kathy Boisvert	(2023)
Steve Daiber	(2025)
Melanie Dana	(2025)
Ruby Hutt	(Resigned 02/2023)

Finance Committee (3-year term)

Dawn Scaparotti -Chair	(2023)
Kristine Bissell	(2025)
Mary Packard	(2023)
Gina Papineau	(2025)
Angela Otis	(2024)

Moderator (2-year term)

Keith Wright	(2024)
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Planning Board (5-year term)

James Barrett -Chair	(2027)
Roger Culver	(2023)
Julie Hooks	(2025)
Corey Carvalho	(Resigned 06/2022)
Joseph Frye	(Resigned 08/2022)
Keith Wright	(Resigned 03/2022)

School Committee -Hampshire Regional (3-year term)

Paul Marcinek	(2023)
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School Committee - New Hingham Regional Elementary School (3 year term)

Heather Crocker Aulenback	(2023)
Barton Gage	(2024)
Carla Raymond	(2025)

Select Board (3-year term)

Angela Otis- Chair	(2024)
Kristine Bissell	(2023)
Peri Hall	(2025)

Town Clerk (3-year term)

Kristen Estelle	(2024)
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Tilton Town Farm Supervisors (1-year term)

Richard K. Polwrek (Chair)	(2025)
Roger Culver	(2025)
Robert O. Goss	(2025)

Goshen Appointed Officials, Committees, and Employees FY 2022

Animal Control Officer (1-year term)

Kelli Wainscott	(2022)
Kate Nevins	(Resigned 07/2022)

Animal Control Officer Back-Up (1-year term)

Warren Kirkpatrick	(2022)
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Animal Inspector (1-year term)

Nick Cockoros	(2022)
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Assistant Assessor (indefinite appointed by Board of Assessors)

Gina Papineau	(2023)
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Assessor's Clerk (1-year term)

Pat Morey	(2022)
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Assistant Town Clerk (1-year term)

Gina Papineau	(2022)
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Board of Health - Special Public Health Pandemic Liaison

Michael Kurland

Board of Health – Special Projects Liaison for Environmental, Health & Safety Issues

Alex Kessler

Board of Registrars (3-year term)

John Bienz	(2024)
Rose-Marie Carr	(2022)
Connie Schwaiger	(2023)

Capital Planning Committee (3-year term)

Gina Papineau	(2024)
Todd Dewkett	(2024)
Dawn Scaparotti	(2025)
Vacant	
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Goshen Appointed Officials, Committees and Employees, - FY 2022 - cont.

Cemetery Superintendent (1-year term) Roger Culver		Curt Golec	(2023)
Certified Public Weighers (1-year term) Vacant		Emergency Management Director (1-year term) Larry Holmberg	(2023)
Community Compact Program (1-year term) Vacant		Emergency Response Coordinator (1-year term) Larry Holmberg	(2023)
Community Preservation Committee (1-year term) Sandra Papush –Chair, Conservation	(2023)	Fence Viewers (1-year term) Vacant	
James Barrett—Planning Board	(2023)	Vacant	
Joan Griswold – Recreation	(2023)	Field Driver (1-year term) Vacant	
Pat Morey – Open Space	(2023)	Fire Chief (1-year term) Cameron Lacey	(2023)
John Otis- At Large	(2023)	Fire Warden (1-year term) Cameron Lacey	(2022)
Joe Roberts – Historical	(2023)	Flood Plan Administrator Larry Holmberg	(2022)
Vacant – Community Housing		Health Agent (appointed by Board of Health) Mark Bushee	
Conservation Commission (3-year term) Charles Amo - Chair	(2025)	Historical Commission (3-year term) Joe Roberts- Chair	(2024)
Tom Cairns	(2023)	Sandra Greenwood	(2024)
Michael Duquette	(2024)	Ed Greenwood	(2023)
Sandra Papush	(2024)	Vacant	
Vacant		Vacant	
Constable (2-year term) Charlie Amo	(2024)	Highway Department Superintendent (1-year term) Todd Dewkett	(2022)
Nick Cockoros	(2023)	Highway Department Personnel Philp Culver	
Council on Aging (3-year term) Kathryn Boisvert	(2024)	Christopher Rooney	
Lorraine Brisson	(2023)	HRMC Director (1-year term) Linda Cernik	
Henrietta Munroe	(2025)	HRMC Representative (1-year term) Laura Barrus	
Kerry Normandin	(2023)	Vacant	
Nancy Wood	(2023)	Inspector of Buildings (1-year term) Phil Harris	
Patrice Woodward	(2025)	Inspector of Buildings Clerk (1-year term) Patricia Morey	
Cultural Council (3-year term) Nancy Wood- Chair	(2025)	Legal Counsel (1-year term) KP Law	
Jane O’Riordan	(2023)		
Marya Zilberberg	(2025)		
Rose Marie Carr	(2023)		
Carla Raymond	(2024)		
Custodian for Town Properties (3-year term) Allan Kidston	(2024)		
Custodian Ronald Loven, Jr.			
Election Warden (1-year term) Evelyn Kellogg-Culver	(2023)		
Shannon Wade	(2023)		
Electrical Inspector (1-year term)			

Goshen Appointed Officials, Committees and Employees, FY 2022 cont.

Library Director (Acting)

Julie Cavacco

Route 112 Advisory Representative (1-year term)

Vacant

Library Aide (appointed by Library Trustees)

Vacant

Special Projects Assistant

Rose Marques

Minute Taker (Interim)

Linda Clapp

Town Accountant (1-year term)

Eric Kinsharf (2023)

Municipal Light Plant Manager

Wayne Glaser

Town Administrator (interim)

Dawn Scaparotti

Municipal Coordinator for the Enhanced 911 System

Cameron Lacey

Town Collector (1-year term)

Eric Moulton (2023)

Open Space Committee (1-year term)

Lorraine Brisson

Melanie Dana

Jane Hillman

Patricia Morey

Sandra Papush

Assistant Town Collector (1-year term)

Maya Bachman

Town Treasurer (3-year term)

Allan Kidston (2024)

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Rep (1-year term)

Vacant

Vacant

Assistant Treasurer (1-year term)

Maya Bachman

Plumbing and Gas Inspector (1-year term)

Donald Lawton

Transfer Station Technician (1-year term)

Timothy Hogan

Police Chief (Acting, 1-year term)

William Bissell

Assistant Transfer Station Technician (1-year term)

Dustin Mollison

Police Sargent (1-year term)

Fred Bezio

Tree Warden (1-year term)

Robert Goss

Police Department Administrative Assistant (1-year term)

Vacant

Trench Permit Issuing Authority (1-year term)

Todd Dewkett

Police Officers (1-year term)

Beth Bezio

Jeff Fish

Eric Haiberman

Veteran's Agent (1-year term)

Vacant

Recreation Commission (1-year term)

Talon Zdaniewicz—Chair (2023)

Roger Culver (2023)

Joan Griswold (2023)

Kelly Loven (2023)

Kimberly Rida (2023)

Vacant

Vacant

Zoning Board of Appeals (3-year term)

William O'Riordan—Chair (2024)

Roger Culver, Alternate (2025)

Steve Estelle (2022)

Vacant

Town Contacts and Office Hours

Meeting/Office Hours Subject to Change -Check website for latest information

Animal Control Officer/Animal Inspector

24/7 Dispatch: 413-586-1508

Board of Assessors

413-268-8236 ext. 302

Office Hours – Tuesday 8 AM – 2 PM

Meetings Wednesday 6:30 PM

Board of Health

413-268-8236 ext. 110

Meetings 1st Monday 6 PM

Building Department

Inspector of Buildings 413-268-8236 ext. 116

Electrical Inspector 413-320-1156

Plumbing/Gas Inspector 413-268-7487

Office Hours –

Mon 5 PM – 7 PM, Weds 1:30-5:30 PM

Conservation Commission

413-268-8236 est. 451

Meetings – 1st & 3rd Monday 6 PM

Council on Aging

413- 268-8236 ext. 118

Luncheon – 2nd Tuesday Noon in Town Hall

Meetings – Last Tuesday 1 PM

Finance Committee

Meetings 2nd Tuesday 6 PM

Fire Department

56 Main Street

Emergency 911

Business 413-268-7161

Hampshire Regional School District

19 Stage Road

Westhampton, MA 01027

Superintendent 413-527-7200

Hampshire Regional High School

19 Stage Road

Westhampton, MA 01027

413-527-7680

School Committee Meetings 1st Monday 7 PM

New Hingham Elementary School

30 Smith Road

Chesterfield, MA 01012

413-296-0000

School Committee Meetings 1st Wed. 5:30 PM

Highland Ambulance

12 Williams Drive

Emergency 911

Business 413-268-7272

Highway Department

8 Highland Road

413-268-7062

Historical Museum

48 Main Street

413-268-7562

Library Board of Trustees

413-268-8236 ex 111

Library Hours –

Tues 10 AM –1 PM, Wed 3– 6 PM, Sat 11 AM – 3 PM

Meetings – 3rd Wednesday 5 PM

Planning Board

413-268-8236

Meetings – 1st Monday 6 PM

Police Department

40 Main Street

Emergency 911

Business 568-3116

Dispatch 586-1508

Recreation Department

413-923-8084

Meetings – Last Tuesday 7:00 PM

Select Board/Town Administrator

413-268-8236 ext. 301

Meetings – 2nd & 4th Mondays 5:30 PM

Tax Collector

413-268-8236 ext. 106

Office Hours – Wednesday 5 – 7PM

Town Clerk

413-268-8236 ext. 107

Office Hours – Monday 8:30 AM– 2:30 PM, 6– 8 PM

Town Treasurer

413-268-8236 ext. 108

Office Hours – Monday 5 – 7 PM

Transfer Station

18 Wing Hill Road

(413) 268 8236 ext. 110

Open Saturday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Veterans Agent

413-587-1299

Voter Registration

413-268-8236 ext. 107

Town Clerk's Office

Monday 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 6 – 8 PM

Registration deadline 10 days before election

Animal Control & Inspection

2022 CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACO / ANIMAL INSPECTOR INITIATED ACTIVITY:

Alleged Neglect Reports	3	Licensing Enforcement	0
Animal Bites & Quarantines	0	Loose Livestock	4
Assist Other Agency Calls	6	Missing Domestic	7
Kennel Inspections	0	Sick/Injured Wildlife	0
Court Hearings/Trials	0	Stray Domestic	2
Dog Complaints/Leash Law	7	Hit & Runs	0
Domestic Animal Intakes	0	Wildlife Complaints	0
Follow-up Invests	12	Wildlife Intakes/Transfers	0
Livestock tag Confirmation	0	TOTAL:41	

KENNEL LICENSES:

Beginning in 2020, anyone with 5 or more dogs is required to obtain a kennel license in town (even if it is for private/personal use). Prior to obtaining a kennel license from the Town Clerk, a kennel inspection must be conducted by the Animal Control Officer. Anyone needing to schedule a kennel inspection should contact the ACO at animalcontrol@goshen-ma.us to schedule an appointment or to have any questions or concerns answered prior to licenses expiring this spring.

DISEASE/RABIES CONTROL:

All quarantines were successfully completed. More information on rabies can be found at www.mass.gov/rabies. No other reports of diseases.

BARN INSPECTIONS:

Barn Inspections are completed annually each fall as part of the Animal Inspector's duties. The main goal of Barn Inspections is to get an approximate number of livestock in town and to confirm that all animals appear healthy and show no signs of disease. Subsequently, the animal inspector and the Department of Agriculture then have a list of animal owners in town and know who they need to contact and provide resources to in the event of a disease outbreak in our area. Barn Inspection information is confidential and kept between the Animal Inspector, the Department of Agricultural Resources and the resident, and is not shared with anyone else. If you are new to owning livestock or have been inspected by previously employed Animal Inspectors but not by the new ACO/Inspector, please contact ACO Wainscott at animalcontrol@goshen-ma.us to make sure you are added to the database.

CONTACTING ANIMAL CONTROL:

In the event of an emergency, residents should dial 9-1-1. For urgent situations requiring immediate attention or assistance, residents are asked to call Mass State Police Dispatch (Northampton Control) who will page out the ACO and/or Police Department. Routine inquiries can be e-mailed to the ACO at animalcontrol@goshen-ma.us. Animal Control can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WMassAnimalControl where lost & found pets are frequently posted along with helpful tips for residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

ACO Kelli Wainscott

Animal Control Officer

Animal Inspector

The Select Board nominates an Animal Inspector annually and the State Division of Animal Health appoints the Animal Inspector, as it does for every city and town in the Commonwealth. The primary duty of the Animal Inspector is rabies control in the domestic animal population.

The Animal Inspector works closely with the Animal Control Officer when there is a rabies concern, especially because of an animal bite. In such cases, the Animal Control Officer will contact the Animal Inspector. Any domestic mammal, which bites a human or animal, must be quarantined to determine the risk of rabies transmission. The Animal Inspector initiates and releases the quarantine. The Animal Inspector has the authority and responsibility to quarantine any animal.

The Animal Inspector is also responsible for barn inspections and may be called to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines in the event of an outbreak. The barn inspections are typically done in the late summer/early fall and must be completed by January 1. The purpose of inspections, in addition to getting a good count of the domestic animal population, is to ensure the health and welfare of the animals.

For 2022, I observed 373 healthy animals within 28 farms in the Town of Goshen. They were apportioned in the following categories:

• 223 Chickens	• 13 Waterfowl
• 1 Turkey	• 5 Peacocks
• 2 Llamas/alpacas	• 5 Oxen
• 38 Horses	• 35 Cattle (22 Beef, 9 Dairy, 4 Steers)
• 22 Goats	• 17 Swine (8 Piglets, 6 Feeders, 3 Breeders)
• 12 Sheep	TOTAL Animals: 373

These observations were reported to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources in December within the 2022 Farm Inspection Booklet for the Town of Goshen.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Cockoros, Animal Inspector

Board of Assessors

This year the Assessors' Office brings change to the Town of Goshen and FY 2022 was a good year for our inspections. The Assessor's field work moved along with 109 inspections completed. The Board appreciates the warmth, understanding and hospitality that was and is continued to be extended to us by our neighbors when we arrive to measure, list or inspect their homes and other buildings. These state mandated inspections help us to correct any errors or omissions that may exist on the property record cards and maintain a consistency within the town. We strive to maintain our records in the most correct and complete form possible.

Summary of 2020, 2021 and 2022:

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
<u>Local Expenditures:</u>			
Appropriations	\$2,467,144.21	\$2,728,677.80	\$2,856,877.89
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$2,357.00	\$2,374.00	\$3,173.00
Debt & Interest Charges	\$0.00	\$2,976.00	\$0.00
State & Cherry Sheet Charges	\$2,017.00	\$1,968.00	\$2,308.00
Assessors' Overlay	\$19,838.67	\$19,764.69	\$28,098.76
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$2,491,356.88	\$2,755,760.49	\$2,890,457.65
<u>Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:</u>			
Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$243,575.00	\$251,556.00	\$263,076.00
Local Estimated Receipts	\$212,700.00	\$212,700.00	\$217,700.00
Free Cash	\$249,514.54	\$225,675.00	\$199,050.22
Other Available Funds	\$490,715.50	\$55,163.10	\$130,815.37
Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds:	\$1,196,505.04	\$745,094.10	\$810,641.59
Gross Amount to be Raised	\$3,864,395.25	\$3,615,281.48	\$3,615,281.48
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Total Estimated Receipts & Available Funds	\$1,196,505.04	-\$745,094.10	-\$745,094.10
Net Amount to be Raised	\$2,667,890.21	\$2,870,187.38	\$2,870,187.38
Real Property Values	\$2,393,987.03	\$2,651,719.38	\$2,651,719.38
Personal Property Values	\$73,157.18	\$76,958.00	\$76,958.00
Total Tax Levy	\$2,467,144.21	\$2,728,677.38	\$2,728,677.38
Tax Rate	\$15.11	\$16.61	\$16.13
Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rate is \$14.79 per thousand.			

The Board of Assessors is not only responsible for all the real property in town; it is also responsible to assess the personal property in the town as well. As always the Board of Assessors must abide by the rules issued by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Each year, just before the tax rate is set, the Selectboard must hold a Classification Hearing that is advertised and open to the public, during which the assessors make a presentation recommending either a split rate or a single rate. Each year we have recommended a single rate. All property in Goshen that is assessed uses the same tax rate whether it is residential, commercial, industrial or personal.

The Board continues to meet each Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 PM. You are always welcome to stop in at our meeting or contact us at (413) 268-8236, extension 302; voicemail is available or feel free to email us at assessors@goshen-ma.us. During the summer months of June, July, August and part of September, the Board is usually out inspecting on the first, second and third Wednesday of each month.

Respectfully submitted:

Gina M. Papineau, MAA
Diane E. Bushee
Cassandra L. Morrey

Board of Health

Membership: Tiffany Marcinek served as the Chair of the Board of Health. Laura Barrus and Joshua Lafond were members of the BOH. Michael Kurland continued in his role as Incident Commander for the COVID-19 pandemic and Advisor to the Board of Health. The Board has been very active this past year related to a number of issues. Our biggest challenge continued to be the volume of work which needed to be accomplished due to the myriad of activities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Transfer station: Staffed by two employees and open on Saturdays, the transfer station has operated successfully with few problems. We passed our required annual inspection. We fulfilled all of the requirements of our RDP grant, attended all HRMC meetings and fulfilled all data submission requirements. Longtime HRMC administrator Kathleen Casey retired and was replaced by Linda Cernik who has been doing a wonderful job. We continue to participate in the State's RDP program which provides thousands of dollars of funds for the Town in return for promoting excellent recycling protocols and practices. We continue to explore new ways of reducing compacted waste disposal but some methods require capital expenses.

Budget: BOH has spent many hours reviewing all aspects of the budget with Dawn Scaparotti and assuring that our funding can cover all aspects of accomplishing our many responsibilities in an effective and efficient manner. This continues to be a challenge as the expectations of a local BOH continue to increase and identified needs still include clerical support. The cost of transfer station items such as hauling, solid waste removal and recycling has stabilized and decreased slightly.

Health Agent: (See separate report provided by Health Agent Mark Bushee). The services of the Health Agent are provided under contract through the Foothills Health District (Goshen, Williamsburg, Westhampton and Whately). Mark is responsible for inspections of septic systems, wells, housing, camps, restaurants, etc and all are up to date. He is also responsible for coordinating the public health response to COVID-19 and performed a magnificent job this past year. The FHD has been receiving a Public Health Excellence Grant and as a result has expanded the number of staff and menu of services and has been able at the same time keep the Town's assessments at last year's level.

Public Health Preparedness: Goshen BOH members attended meetings of the HPHPC and the Goshen Emergency Planning Committee and have participated in readiness drills.

Landfill: We worked with the Select board, Tighe and Bond (Engineers), DEP and the Conservation Committee to assure that the landfill project is being monitored and maintained.

COVID-19 Pandemic response: Our biggest challenge this past year was continuing to perform multiple public health functions related to outbreak management and containment as necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Working each week following the frequent updated guidance provided by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, we joined with many partners in responding to this public health emergency. Through the end of calendar year 2022, the State Changed the way COVID-19 cases were tracked and reported and eventually phased out contact tracing completely by the end of the year. We remained in contact with many Towns and MADPH even when contact tracing was no longer in effect. We continued to procure necessary PPE, supplies and resources and provided professional guidance in all aspects of outbreak management and control as well as enabling our Town government to remain functioning in a safe manner. We worked closely with the Board of the Foothills Health District to obtain grant funding for our initiatives and to procure many of the necessary resources and share much expertise in our endeavor. We maintained our close partnerships with the Hampshire Regional School District and New Hingham School in order to help protect our children and staff. At the end of the calendar year our focus included continuing to make at home COVID-19 test kits available to the residents of our Town.

Lessons learned: It takes a full team effort to assure the public health of our citizens, particularly during a pandemic. We discovered that fully meeting our statutory obligations requires additional collaborative agreements, funding by the State, additional staffing to assure resiliency and a robust and diverse Board. Additional qualified residents must join the BOH to assure its effectiveness and ability to respond. Additionally we learned that the Massachusetts DPH does NOT have the personnel or resources to assist us in an emergency. The BOH is legally responsible for carrying out the directives of the Commonwealth. They provide the guidance- we implement the directives. We must assure that our BOH is poised to provide that level of service.

Submitted by: Tiffany Marcinek & Michael Kurland

Board of Health - Foothills Health Agent

During 2022, the Department issued 3 Beach Permits, 3 Campgrounds for Children permits, 14 Septic System Permits, 12 Septic Installers, 10 Food Permits, 2 Refuse Haulers, 1 Tobacco Permit, 9 Septic Pumpers and 5 Wells. We also witnessed 4 Perc Tests and 13 Septic System Inspections.

A total of \$16,300 was collected in fees.

Our department expanded from one to four staff members. Janet Scully is our Office Manager. Niki Vaughan as the Health Inspector, Michael Archbald is the Public Health Nurse and Mark R. Bushee as the Health Director.

The following is a general breakdown of the many responsibilities handled on a regular basis by your Board of Health and the Foothills Health District:

- Witnessing percolation tests for all new and replacement septic systems
- Permit review and on-site inspections for all septic repairs and installations
- Housing code inspections and enforcement
- Infectious disease investigation and reporting
- Tobacco regulation enforcement
- On-site inspections for all beaver conflict permits
- Handling the numerous public health-related questions and complaints
- Camp inspections
- Bathing Beach test review
- Food establishment permitting and inspections

We be reached at 413-268-8404. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 AM to 3 PM. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at P.O. Box 447 Haydenville, MA 01039, or via email at Foothills@Burgy.org. I look forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Bushee

Health Director

Foothills Health District

Building Inspection Department

In fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022), the Building Department issued 70 permits including 3 inspections of places of assembly.

Breakdown of permits issued:

- New construction = 4
- Windows/siding/doors = 9
- Roofs = 10
- Solar = 9
- Wood stove installation = 11
- Insulation = 9
- Decks/porches = 1
- Additions/remodels = 4
- Miscellaneous (demos, foundation, pools etc.) = 6
- Garage/barns/storage = 4
- Periodic Inspections = 3

Total fees collected:
\$17,508

Total construction costs:
\$2,854,343

The Building Department was staffed by Phil Harris, Building Commissioner and Pat Morey, Administrative Assistant. The Building Department maintained office hours on Monday evening from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm. Despite the pandemic, the Building Department continued to review and issue building permits and to conduct inspections by appointment.

The Building Department can be reached via office phone, 413-268-8236, X 116, or by email, inspector@goshen-ma.us. Our current office hours are **Mondays 5 pm – 7 pm** and **Wednesdays 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**. Inspections are by appointment and are usually conducted on Monday evening and/or Friday during the day.

Other information may be found on the Town of Goshen website: <http://www.goshen-ma.us/home/departments/building-inspector>, including downloadable permit application forms and fee schedules. Applications are also available in the Town Hall Offices.

Respectfully submitted,



Phil Harris, Building Commissioner

Capital Planning

The Town's formal Capital Plan was developed in 2016. Capital is defined as equipment, vehicles, technology, or improvements that cost \$5,000 or more. The Capital Plan is a living document that is intended to be updated as new information is available but at least annually. It should be reviewed as part of the annual budgeting and appropriations process. The first five years are typically considered most relevant in a capital plan. For long range planning purposes and to make it easier for the Town going forward, we have extended the information to span a 20+ year period.

Capital Stabilization Fund

A capital stabilization fund was established and has been aggressively funded by free cash and consolidation of other stabilization fund balances. This has been an important step forward in planning for our Town's capital needs. Best practice guidelines include funding the capitalization stabilization contribution line code in our budget annually with an amount equal to 3% – 5% of our operating budget or tax levy. We have met this milestone for the past two years since the passage of the Proposition 2 ½ override, and contributed \$92K and this year \$94.3K.

No funds can be spent from the capital stabilization account without it being approved at the Annual Town Meeting. The 5-year capital plan is presented at the Annual Town Meeting and focuses primarily on the items submitted for approval for the upcoming year, on the ATM Warrant. It also includes those capital requests submitted but not yet approved for the remaining 4 years of a 5 years period.

Progress & Concerns

We are delighted that the heavy lifting is behind us in terms of capturing the data and creating the model. There are more refinements to make to ensure efficiency and ease of use, but this work has strengthened our Town's financial infrastructure. It has created a tool for capturing essential information and for evaluating the financial impact of our capital decisions. The tool facilitates having all financial matters, both operating and capital, presented at the May Annual Town Meeting. Over time it should aid in making clear the trade-offs of limited resources so they can more comprehensively and transparently be discussed and considered.

With the passage of the Proposition 2 ½ Override in Sept of 2020 our ongoing concern that we were not able to include critical contributions to our capital stabilization fund as part of the annual budget appropriated by the town has been addressed. Contributions will still need to be supplemented each year with Free Cash to ensure the fund is growing at a rate sufficient to meet capital requirements. We were able to do that this year with a contribution of \$332.2K. Taking advantage of the opportunities to fund our capital stabilization account with free cash will help us significantly.

Reconstituted Capital Planning Committee

At the July 25, 2020 Town Meeting the Town voted to amend its General By-Laws pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §106B, to establish a Capital Planning Committee, that will replace any previous Capital Planning Committee. This change created a Capital Planning Committee that would conform to the current M.G.L. requirements with respect to a structure for the Capital Planning Committee and the Committee needs to be reappointed.

The following is the language that outlines the membership as well as purpose and role of the Capital Planning Committee.

The Capital Planning Committee shall be made up of five members, each appointed for 3-year staggered terms. All members shall be appointed by the Select Board, and initially, one member shall be appointed for (1) one year, two members for (2) two years and two members shall be appointed for (3) three years. Two members are to be appointed from amongst the Finance Committee by the Select Board. The remaining three committee members are appointed by the Select Board based upon the best available candidates with an appropriate background and knowledge to fulfill the needs and duties of the Committee. All appointments shall be based upon the beginning and ending of the fiscal year for the terms described above. Any vacancy for an unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner so as to complete the term of the original appointment.

The fundamental purpose of the Capital Planning Committee shall be to enhance the Town's capacity to identify, prioritize, and understand the financial implications of capital projects with a useful life of at least five (5) years, and an aggregate cost of at least \$5,000. And, to develop a capital plan relative to the aforementioned purpose. Further, the Capital Planning Committee will work with the Finance Committee to develop policies consistent with best practices.

- The Capital Planning Committee should solicit requests from each municipal department that would have a capital request meeting the above criteria. The departmental requests should include a brief statement of justification of the request including why it is needed; what is the useful life of the item, what is the estimated cost of the item and why it is necessary in the year for which it is being requested.

- The Capital Planning Committee shall gather information, review and prioritize recommendations regarding capital project needs and expenditures that will be funded by annual appropriations in accordance with the financial constraints of the Town.

- Develop and present a capital plan budget and multi-year capital program to the Finance Committee and Select Board with the recommendations of the Capital Planning Committee for what should and should not be included in any given year.

- In conjunction with the Finance Committee analyze the municipality's ability to afford major expenditures by examining recent and anticipated trends in revenues, expenditures and debt burden and propose a method of payment that will be supported by the ability of the Town to pay for it with current revenue; available reserves; debt or debt excluded and debt overrides from the limits of Proposition 2 ½.

- The funding strategy for the Capital Stabilization account should be consistent with best practices such as targeting 3% - 5% of the levy limit or 3% - 5% of the annual budget, prior to debt exclusions.

- The Capital Planning Committee, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, should recommend a method for financing each project.

WE have several open positions on this committee. If you are interested in serving in one of the open positions on the Capital Planning Committee, please contact the Angela Otis, the Chair of the Select Board, as they are the appointing authority or Dawn Scaparotti, the current chair, who can provide additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Scaparotti,
Capital Planning Committee Chair

Community Preservation Committee

Goshen voters approved the Community Preservation Act (CPA) at the May 2007 Town Election with a 3% surcharge on real estate taxes and an exemption for those who qualify for low-income housing or low- or moderate-income senior housing. Every year after approving CPA, Goshen has received a 100% state match from the Community Preservation Fund, an independent state trust fund.

The duties of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) are to study the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation. The CPC reviews applications and makes recommendations to Town Meeting for project funding. There have been no applications received this year.

The CPC is a seven member committee, with one opening, made up of one member from each of the following boards and commissions:

Pat Morey	Open Space Committee
Joe Roberts	Historical Commission
Jim Barrett	Planning Board
Sandra Papush	Conservation Commission
Joan Griswold	Recreation Committee
John Otis	Member at Large (appointed by SB)
Open Position	Community Housing

Although CPC did not meet during the pandemic, plans are to begin meeting again in 2023. CPC meets at Town Offices (check the town website for day and time). The public is always welcome. We are expecting several funding applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Papush, Chair

Conservation Commission

The Goshen Conservation Commission administers the regulations for wetland resource areas covered under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. The Conservation Commission signs off on all building/demolition permit applications to make sure that there are no wetland issues.

All projects that might involve wetlands need to submit a RDA, (Request for Determination) to schedule a site visit prior to signing the application, so it is important to allow time for this. If wetlands are involved in a project, a filing NOI, (Notice of Intent) may be required. A public meeting/hearing is held for both Applications.

RDA:

This most simple permit application is suitable for many situations, including requesting a determination if a planned project is near or has potential to impact wetland resources. Formally it is known as a WPA (Wetlands Protection Act) Form 1-Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA). There is no application fee for an RDA. However, once your application has formally been submitted and a meeting date provided by the Commission, a notice of the application hearing must be placed at the applicant's expense in a local newspaper at least 5 Business days before the meeting.

NOI:

One other commonly used wetland permit is the WPA (Wetlands Protection Act) Form 3 – Notice of Intent (NOI), which addresses any work proposed within, or adjacent to, wetland or river resource areas.

There are application fees for an NOI. Once your application has formally been submitted and a meeting date provided by the Commission, a notice of the application hearing must be placed at the applicant's expense in a local newspaper at least 5 Business days before the meeting.

Some of the projects worked on this year were several septic upgrades, Solar Arrays, New home construction.

The Conservation Commission meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Town Offices. Site visits are usually scheduled at these meetings. We encourage prospective applicants to allow adequate time to complete the necessary paperwork, schedule a site visit and have their project reviewed at a regularly scheduled meeting. If there are any questions about wetland resource areas or any information is needed, please contact us or come to a meeting.

Conservation Commission is a five-member board. We currently have four members and are looking for new members. Pls. call Charles Amo, Chair, if you are interested or have any questions, or attend a meeting. Members are:

Charles Amo 413-695-3500

Tom Cairns

Mike Duquette

Sandra Papush

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Amo, Chair

Cemetery Report

The winter was a mild one so there was not much damage to the headstones and an easy clean up in the spring for a May 1st opening.

Two head stone foundations were put in.

There were three funerals during the summer, all were cremations.

This year we sold eight lots.

The Morrey family still does a great job of cleaning up the fall leaves and mowing during the summer.

Respectfully,

Roger Culver

Council on Aging

The year 2022 brought about some changes for the Goshen Council on Aging. In March, the knowledgeable and dedicated COA Coordinator Evelyn Kellogg- Culver retired from her position. At the end of April, Kerry Normandin was hired as the new coordinator. Evelyn has remained a vital part of the COA and serves as a mentor to Kerry. Additionally, Sandy Papush retired and Patti Woodward joined us as our newest member.

The seniors in town participated in many different activities throughout the year. Our luncheons continue to be a favorite! Covid-19 remains a presence in the world, so we needed to balance senior safety with the need for socialization. Our luncheons have shifted from strictly curbside pick up, to outdoor events, to a hybrid type model inviting those who wished to eat together as a group again as well as having a take home option. Our December event was attended by 50 seniors from town, including Santa and Mrs. Claus!

The COA initiated a major project in the Fall. We created a Critical Information Binder for each senior in town and delivered them. These binders serve as a location to store important information and are meant to be added to and revised. We preloaded some important pages and we will put tips on what to add to the binder in our monthly newsletter.

Joan Griswold continues her muscle strength classes on Zoom and she did a survey showing that most people enjoy this convenient format. We initiated playing croquet at our outside coffee hour in the park across from the town hall, and Pat Wheeler restarted her monthly knitting and crochet group in November. We had classes on technology, and Piper Sagan hosted foot clinics throughout the year. We had a block printing multigenerational art class in September. We also had State Representative Lindsay Sabadosa and State Senator of Hampshire District Paul Mark join us at our coffee hour in November to chat and make a holiday ornament. It was great to welcome them to our beautiful Town Hall Dining Room. In December, we added another monthly meal program sponsored by Highland Valley Elder Services, and 25 seniors now receive hot meals on a monthly basis through this program. The Age Friendly group continues to provide seniors in town with needed medical equipment and information about important services.

The traditions of a June Ice Cream Social and an August Appreciation Lunch continue. Our June ice cream social ended up on a very cold day so we all wore hats and mittens while listening to the story teller. In August, on a much hotter day, we honored nine seniors over 90, and six of them were able to attend in person. Esther Korowski remains our oldest townspeople, with Pearl Woodward just 42 days behind! Our retired Constable Norman Hathaway also joined us. A brief biography of these seniors was read aloud and Norene Roberts read one of Pat Perrault's poems. It was a wonderful day.

The Goshen COA enjoys working together with other Town boards, committees, and departments, as well as town businesses, for the needs of our seniors. We appreciate our alliances with the Library, the Cultural Council, the Fire Department, the Recreation Committee, and the Police Department. We are grateful for the meals from Spruce Corner Restaurant and desserts from Red's Bakery.

We mourn the loss of ten Goshen seniors in 2022: Dianne Mimitz, Larry Packard, Gary Constanilos, David Pesuit, Richard Durant, Dana Smith, Norene Roberts, Richard Malinowski, Virginia Otis, and Lois Bacon.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who serve on the Council on Aging. They donate their time and talents with compassion and caring attitudes. The current board includes Henrietta Munroe (chair), Kathy Boisvert, Lorraine Brisson, Nancy Wood, and Patti Woodward. Roxanne Cunningham, Evelyn Kellogg-Culver, and Sandy Papush serve as Associate members. Together they have volunteered over 430 hours this year to serve the seniors of Goshen! For this we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Normandin

Cultural Council

The Massachusetts Cultural Council awarded \$5,000 to the Goshen Cultural Council for 2022. The Massachusetts Cultural Council receives its funding from the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The mission of the Goshen Cultural Council is to offer the Goshen community an opportunity to enjoy, learn and grow through talented performers and workshops with a view towards diversity in program planning and inter-generational activities. The Goshen Cultural Council appreciates and considers all projects but prioritizes applications that support Goshen town artists and presenters, local schools and organizations, community involvement, and new programs.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council introduced a new online reporting system in 2021. Due to the ongoing pandemic and issues related to the new system, the state council extended deadlines for applications for the 2022 grant year and filing reports for 2021. The Goshen Cultural Council met in December 2021 to review applications. The Council received thirty applications for funding during 2022. At the meeting, the Council approved grants to twenty of the applicants, including the following town-affiliated groups: Council on Aging (Sarah the Fiddler), New Hingham PTO (Tanglewood Marionettes), Hampshire Regional High School (Spring Musical and Life in a Changing Climate), Goshen Free Public Library (harp performance and Mother-Daughter Duo) and the Goshen Women's Club Celebrating 100 Years. The Council also approved applications for performances in town: The Grail Knight at Three Sisters Sanctuary and Timothy Von Egmond folk songs and stories. The Council accepted grant applications for the following programs and activities in nearby towns: Chesterfield Fourth of July Celebration, Hilltown CDC Fun with Food, Double Edge Theater Summer Spectacle in Ashfield, Hilltown Families Suggests online newsletter, Friday Night Café at Cummington Village Church, Concerts at 7 in Plainfield, KlezCummington, a Marionette Show at the Chesterfield Library, Child Music Classes for Hilltown families, the Living Presence of Our History sponsored by the Ohketeau Cultural Center in Ashfield, and the Charlemont Speaker Forum. Eighteen of the twenty approved applications were funded. One applicant withdrew its application and another did not submit a reimbursement request for its grant.

In June 2022, the Council met to elect officers. Nancy Wood was reelected Chair and Carla Raymond was reelected Secretary-Treasurer. The Council reviewed and approved its current priorities for the coming year.

In September 2022, the Council met and voted on the amount of the state allocation for 2023 to be used as administrative funds and approved using any available locally-raised funds for grants in 2023. The Council did use local funds in the amounts \$485.53 from the 2016 Meltdown and \$2.40 in interest earned through October 2022 to partially fund its grant for the 2022 Hampshire Regional Musical.

In November 2022, the Council met and reviewed applications for the 2023 grant cycle.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wood, Rose Carr, Jane O’Riordan, Carla Raymond, and Marya Zilberberg

Office of Emergency Management

2022 felt like it was the year of the grant, which is good but the paperwork is always towering.

The first and hopefully the last we see was the final submission of the reimbursement grant for the COVID expenditures to FEMA. For many reasons this was a herculean task with the brunt of the work falling to Dawn Scaparotti with assistance from Kristine Bissell, Larry Holmberg, and others.

The second was a Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation grant for \$45,500 to purchase two speed message board trailers. The main purpose is for emergency messaging (ex. road closure), informational messaging (ex. special town meeting), or speed information (ex. your speed is). Within a week of receiving them they were deployed on East Street to announce a paving project. Since receiving the trailers, I have been asked by many communities how we obtained them; I explained how I did it and then tell them the grant is currently closed.

Back in March, I applied for a hazard mitigation planning grant to update Goshen’s Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan which had expired two years earlier; another project that was delayed by the pandemic. Having a current plan makes the town eligible to apply for and receiving hazard mitigation construction grants. We used one such grant to replace the large culvert on East Street ten years ago. We were awarded the grant in November and will be selecting a consultant in early 2023 and reforming the planning team which includes the Emergency Planning Committee, and representatives from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, and others who might want to participate.

The final grant is called the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) which we receive annually. Awarded in December, the plan is to purchase a CONEX box to store emergency management equipment and other items. This grant will run through June 2023.

Fortunately, no major disaster hit the town or the area but it is important to remember that disasters may strike at any time and you should be prepared to take action when they do. In school, we teach children what to do if a fire strikes based on a plan that they make. Does your family have a plan? Do you practice it? Everyone should prepare for an emergency, large or small, by making a family emergency plan that includes a “Go-Kit”

containing items such as food, clothing, medications, copies of important documents, pet supplies, etc. Please contact me if you would like more information about creating a family emergency plan or a "Go-Kit".

Responding to a disaster is a team effort. A response to a major incident requires more than one department let alone one person. Emergency Management needs a trained group of people to staff the Emergency Operation Center, sometimes on a 24-hour basis. The work involves tracking of incidents, record keeping, monitoring the situation, public information and assisting in finding needed resources. The work is not hard or dangerous but it can be critical especially when federal funds become available. If you would be interested in helping the Town by becoming part of the EOC Team or want more information, please contact me at emd.goshen.ma@gmail.com or by calling 413-296-4247.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Holmberg
Emergency Management Director

Finance Committee

FY 2023 Budget, May 21, 2022, Annual Town Meeting

We have continued to work on behalf of our Town's residents and taxpayers to understand the financial issues facing the Town and our community partners. We are recommending funding strategies and an FY 2023 Budget that incorporate this information and positions us to move steadily toward our financial and operational goals.

This year's recommendations build on the progress we have made in the last several years. In addition to meeting the assessments by our community partners for next year, the primary focus for the municipally controlled expenses is to:

- Take the next step in a multi-year effort to align Town stipends, salaries, and wages to those of our neighboring communities. This will help to sustain employees and staff who perform these essential functions in our Town and make it easier to hire for these essential positions.
- Factor increases for inflation based on the significant increases in petroleum-based products.
- Continue the proactive funding of capital stabilization from the budget which positions us to meet future needs

Beyond funding the operating budget, we have made the following recommendations:

- Establish an enterprise fund an FY 2023 budget of \$375,466. This fund will capture all expenses and revenues associated with operating the MLP High Speed (Broadband) Internet Network .
- Allocate from Free Cash:
 - \$15K for the acquisition of land adjacent to the highway department for its eventual renovation.
 - \$12K to address some of the backlog of trees identified by the Tree Warden that need to be taken down to eliminate any potential danger and damage.
 - \$5K to continue funding the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust
 - \$332K to fund the capital stabilization fund to position us to meet our capital needs

Annually the Finance Committee produces a report (available in hard copy and on the Goshen website) that is part of the Annual Town Meeting. It is intended to provide information that:

- creates transparency about the Town's financial information
- informs voters about the potential impacts of their voting options
- explains many of the challenges and considerations that come with developing a balanced budget
- includes relevant statistics and analysis to add context to our spending

We have made recommendations that are aligned with best practices to maintain and strengthen the long-term operational and financial stability of the Town. We are making very good progress towards our goals and have a much stronger financial foundation from which to move forward.

The Approved FY 2023 budget is summarized below, by category and traditional departments:

Category	FY 2022 Approved Budget	
Community Partner Assessments, w school debt	\$ 2,067,893	60.4%
Municipal Department Expenses	\$ 1,199,358	35.1%
Municipal Capital Stabilization	\$ 115,000	3.3%
Municipal Debt	\$ 40,545	1.2%
Total FY 2022 Budget with Debt	\$ 3,422,796	100.0%

Traditional Departments	FY 2022
General Government	\$ 478,880
Public Safety	\$ 237,622
Public Works	\$ 482,778
Public Health & Sanitation	\$ 88,870
Community Services	\$ 100,321
Pensions and Insurance	\$ 191,231
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 115,000
Education	\$ 1,687,549
Municipal Debt /Debt Exclusion	\$ 40,545
School Debt / Debt Exclusion	\$ 16,966
Total Debt Exclusions	\$ 57,511
Total FY 2021 Budget with Debt	\$ 3,422,796

Capital Plan Funding & Best Practices

The Town's formal Capital Plan was developed by the Capital Planning Committee in 2016 and is updated annually. In 2022 there were no meetings. The Finance Committee, who has consistently had two members participating on the Capital Committee, has worked collaboratively to coordinate funding and understand budget implications. In the last several years we have been aggressively funding the plan through Free Cash and other stabilization fund balances. We have continued to fund to the threshold outlined in best practice guidelines. Those guidelines provide an amount equal to 3% – 5% of our operating budget or tax levy. For Goshen, this represents an annual figure of \$102K - \$171K. With our \$115K appropriation in this line code, we have reached a milestone and an important step forward in planning for our Town's future capital needs.

Broadband Funding and Policy Decisions

The Finance Committee participated in many discussions regarding the policies for the Fiber Optic High Speed / Broadband Network. We provided input to the MLP Manager and MLP Board regarding our perspective on the financial implications of policy decisions, based on the information available at the time. Many of the ongoing

Ofinancial implications are a function of the number of people who sign up for the internet (take-rate). Final costs and revenues will not be known until we know the actual numbers of homes that sign up for the service. There were around 460 subscribers towards the end of 2022 . The take rate was about 85% among full time residents and a much lower, 33% take rate among seasonal households. Some policy decisions may need to change, and some will evolve once there is sufficient subscriber experience to evaluate the policies and their impact on receipts.

Stabilization Accounts and Free Cash

Over the years, the Town has appropriated funds into stabilization accounts to assist in Goshen’s long-term financial management. A Town vote (two thirds majority) is required to move funds in or out of these accounts. The approximate stabilization fund balances prior to and after the May21,2022, Annual Town Meeting actions are:

	Before May 2022 ATM	After May 2022 ATM
1. General Stabilization	\$ 268,072	\$ 268,072
2. Capital Stabilization	\$ 916,446	\$ 1,315,939
3. Fire Vehicle Stabilization	\$ 2,696	\$ 2,397
4. Audit Stabilization	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
5. Assessor Property Revaluation	\$ 32,753	\$ 32,753
6. Town Building Stabilization	\$ 1,339	\$ 1,316
7. Free Cash**	<u>\$ 364,958</u>	<u>\$ 92,407</u>
Total Stabilization and Free Cash	\$1,336,743	\$ 1,634,992

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Scaparotti,

Finance Committee Chair

Committee Members: Kristine Bissell, Angela Otis, Mary Packard, Gina Papineau, Dawn Scaparotti

Goshen Fire Department

2022 has been yet another great year for the Goshen Fire Department. The consistent commitment and dedication of our members of the Goshen Fire Department played a huge role in the safety of the town and the department. As always, our volunteer members continually stepped up to the challenges that yet another difficult year brought.

The S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program entered its 26th year. We received a State S.A.F.E. Grant in the amount of \$3,065, which allowed Goshen Fire to teach 3 in-person fire and life safety lessons at New Hingham Regional Elementary School. This year we are happy to be able to step back into the school and

continue this program. With the continuation of this educational program to the children, we have raised a fire safe generation. The State has seen a drastic reduction in home fires and fire deaths since the program began. The Department also received a Senior S.A.F.E. Grant in the amount of \$2,055 to teach fire and life safety lessons to Goshen's Senior Citizens. This grant allowed the Department to purchase and install 10-year, sealed-battery smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors in Seniors' homes. If you are a Senior Citizen and would like a firefighter to change detector batteries or replace old battery-operated detectors with new 10-year sealed battery detectors, please call the Fire Department at 268-7161 and leave a message. The grant has also made available temporary lock-boxes for Seniors' homes. These allow secure Fire Department keyed access to a home for emergency calls where the occupant may be unable to unlock the door for first responders.

We've added three new firefighters, Sergio Madrigal, Joshua Gryszan, Vuk Whallon . We've had one of our Junior firefighters reach the age where they graduate from junior firefighter to adult firefighter status: The Department continually needs to add members to maintain coverage and we are always ready to welcome those willing and able to give it a try.

Our personnel meet weekly and devote hours to training and maintaining equipment in order to be ready for the next call. Training not only includes firefighting but also many types of rescue situations, extrication, medical calls, hazardous materials recognition, and traffic control.

The GFD was dispatched to a variety of situations in 2022, utilizing much of our training and equipment. In all, the Department responded to 155 emergency calls throughout the year, 29 more call than in 2021. The call breakdown was as follows:

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| • 90 Medical | • 1 Rescue |
| • 22 Detectors Sounding (Smoke and/or Carbon Monoxide) | • 9 Brush Fires /Illegal burns |
| • 14 Motor Vehicle Collisions | • 1 Chimney Fire |
| • 8 Hazardous Conditions(Including wires and/or trees down) | • 4 Structure Fires (One was mutual aid to other towns) |
| • 6 Other | • 1 Vehicle Fires |

In addition to our weekly in-house training, we continue to have monthly Tri-Town drills with Chesterfield and Williamsburg (our automatic mutual aid fire departments) as well as training with other surrounding towns building on our mutual aid system that has been in place for years. This provides us with the opportunity to train and become familiar with their equipment and personnel, allowing a seamless operation at mutual aid scenes. Department members also attend Hampshire County Fire Defense Firefighter training classes and Massachusetts Fire Academy training programs to strengthen their knowledge and skills.

The Volunteer Firefighter Incentive Program has been in effect for its 13th year. Active adult firefighters who attended at least 50% of our training sessions and responded to calls, earned a stipend commensurate to their level of participation. This was equivalent to \$4.70 per hour. In total, Department members dedicated more

than 2,500 hours to the Town in 2022. The Incentive Program is a great way for the community to acknowledge and thank the volunteer firefighters that gave so much of themselves.

When *someone* dials 911, we all assume *someone* will come to help.... Right?

That ***someone*** who responds to your call for help could be your neighbor, a family member, or a person who lives on the other side of Town. They could be a school teacher, student, electrician, office worker, truck driver, accountant, or nurse. The alarm bell continues to sound for new volunteers to join the Fire Department family. If you haven't joined because you weren't asked, **we are asking!** Our members all have busy schedules, but we still find the time to meet, train, and respond to calls for the sole purpose of helping others. The Department also has a Junior Firefighter Program for responsible individuals aged 16 - 17.

We meet each Tuesday evening at the Goshen Fire Station at 6:30 p.m. Please come join us or call the station to find out more and help make a difference!

Many thanks to the active Department members who answered the call in 2021:

Bill Connell	Mike Cunningham	Kim Dresser	Francis Dunham
Steve Estelle	Emily Godden	Sergio Madrigal	Joshua Lafond
Joshua Gryszan	Hannah Labrie	Cameron Lacey	Vuk Whallon
Jill Lacey	Jake Lulek	Adrien Neveu	Dillon Neveu*
Marianne Neveu	Mason Neveu*	Monica Neveu	Michaela Rock
Jonathan Schwaiger	River Williams	West Williams*	
Dylan Tanner	Kayla Jones		

* designates Junior Firefighter status

Respectfully submitted,

Cameron Lacey, Fire Chief

Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc.

Our call volume at Highland Ambulance has continued to increase at a fairly consistent rate. This is due in large part to our aging population as well as Covid, which continues to play a role in our numbers. Our new ambulance is performing well and we are in the process of ordering our next vehicle. By ordering now, we will

save both money and time as ambulances are back ordered and harder to come by. With the support of our town's capital assessment fund and the donations from our citizens, we have a lot of the money we will need to move forward with this purchase.

As with most things, prices continue to go up but with the community support, we are able to continue to provide the highest level of care that our communities need and deserve. When you call 911 we will be there to answer your call.

Operations: Highland Ambulance is the primary ambulance service provider for the towns of Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Plainfield and Williamsburg. Highland also provides primary back up in the town of Worthington in support of Hilltown Ambulance of Huntington. Paramedics are on duty at Highland's station in Goshen from 6AM until midnight seven days a week. During the hours of midnight to 6am, Highland is staffed with Basic EMTs and Paramedics are dispatched if required. Highland's active roster as of June 30, 2022 consisted of 21 members including 10 Paramedics and 11 EMT's. Our Service Director and Assistant Service Director are full-time paramedics and we are looking to hire one full time Paramedic to solidify our staffing pattern.

Highland's affiliate medical direction is provided by Cooley Dickinson Hospital, and Dr. Peter Morse is our current Medical Director.

Mission: The mission of Highland Ambulance EMS, Inc. is to provide the full range of emergency medical services to our member communities. These services include:

- Providing training and certification for first responders.
- Developing and practicing emergency response plans with the schools and camps in member towns.
- Conducting health and safety classes for the schools.
- Working with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Homeland Security to develop emergency response plans for member towns.
- Providing mutual aid and paramedic intercept services to the neighboring communities.
- Providing standby service for major emergencies such as structure fires.
- Providing standby service for major community events, such as the Chesterfield Parade, the Ashfield Fall Festival, and the Cummington Fair.
- Responding to all 911 calls that may require emergency medical services.
- Providing CPR programs to community members.

Emergency Responses: During FY 21/22, Highland responded to 1001 emergency calls. These calls are broken down by town as follows:

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| • Ashfield: 248 | • Goshen: 112 |
| • Chesterfield: 95 | • Williamsburg: 287 |
| • Cummington: 104 | • Other: Mutual Aid Requests: 74 |
| • Plainfield: 81 | |

Training: The following is a partial list of special training events held:

- Paramedic and Basic EMT recertification classes, CPR, First Responder classes
- Surgical Airway class, Domestic Violence training, Scene Roles and Responsibilities
- 12 lead ECG training, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Ambulance equip. training.

Here are some of the ways Highland participated in our communities in support of them: Ashfield Fall Festival, Chesterfield 4th of July Parade, School safety programs, Junior Olympics and Chesterfield Gorge Road Race.

Operating Expenses in FY 21/22: \$828,734.75

Cash on hand June 30 2022:

Operating Fund:	\$148,781.67
Ambulance Fund:	\$21,279.55
Memorial Fund:	\$45,620.57
Dresser Fund:	\$4,104.49
Donations:	\$272,288.36

Our 6 towns contributed \$430,021.88 of our total operations budget, based upon town assessments. The balance came from billings to insurance companies, Medicare, Medicaid, and generous contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Highland Ambulance Board of Directors:

Ashfield - Patricia Thayer
Chesterfield - Spencer Timm
Cummington - Amanda Savoie
Goshen- Cassandra Morrey
Plainfield - Edward Morann
Williamsburg - Denise Bannister

Cummington - At Large - Bernard Forgea
Goshen - At Large - Nathan Rosewarne
Ashfield - At Large - Douglas Mollison

Highway Department

Highway Department projects for the 2022 season were as follows, starting in the spring road improvement funds put a new top coat of blacktop on East Street starting at Highland Road and ending at Wing Hill road. Then chapter 90 funds were used on East Street along with Winter Recovery Assistance Grant funds to finish the new top coat of blacktop from Wing Hill Road to route nine. The Highway Department cut the shoulders, brush and waterways were cleaned out where it was necessary. The structures were raised and a new top coat of blacktop was applied by Warner Bros construction. East Street is two miles long and varies in width from nineteen feet out to twenty-five feet over the length of the road. Goshen only receives one hundred and five thousand dollars in chapter 90 money so we had to use additional funding sources.

This year has brought about some changes to the highway department. Phil Culver has moved on and we thank him for many years of service to the Town. Daniel Williams has joined the department and is doing a great job. Climate change is really affecting our Town and not all in a positive way. We have more intense storms that are showing us that a good number of our culverts are too small. The winter is bringing more rain mixed with snow that makes clearing the roads more difficult. The gravel roads have really been a challenge as most of the time

they are not frozen and when we are trying to plow them we are removing gravel. The best answer is plows with rubber cutting edges. But we only really have one that goes on the loader and we need the loader in the yard to load sand. We are trying to come up with additional plows set up to handle this issue but it's going to take time. On the other down side if you try to use the rubber cutting edge on blacktop it wears right off so the truck will need to stop and change plows. The other big problem is trees that have been getting loaded with snow and ice and are coming into the roads. We are working on a more comprehensive plan to get more cutting done. Hopefully we will find some funding and make good progress on this issue. I do appreciate your calls alerting us to problems that you see and would like to thank everyone for helping throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Todd R. Dewkett

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative

The Hilltown Resource Management Cooperative (HRMC) was created in 1989 by a group of dedicated volunteers who had the vision to seek a regional solution to help small towns attain sustainability and environmental objectives through solid waste and recycling programs.

The member-Towns that comprise the HRMC include: Ashfield, Chesterfield, Cummington, Goshen, Huntington, Middlefield, Plainfield, Westhampton, Williamsburg, and Worthington. Each Town appoints two representatives to serve on the HRMC Board. Board Officers for 2022 included: John Chandler, Chair (Chesterfield); Gordon Luce, Vice Chair (Williamsburg); and, Thomas Poissant, Treasurer (Ashfield). In 2022, HRMC services included:

- Conducting annual DEP transfer station inspections and work as a liaison between Towns & MADEP on transfer station compliance matters.
- Hired New Administrator, Linda Cernik.
- Established New Mattress Recycling "HUB".
- Introduced New Recycling opportunities within the Textile Services.
- Introduced "Green Team" Mass DEP Program
- Execution of an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.
- Program management of transfer station recyclables including collection, hauling and recycling of tires, electronic waste, universal waste (including free recycling of mercury thermostats and re-chargeable batteries), books, and Freon evacuation.
- Outreach on transfer station operations and recycling initiatives.
- Submittal of member-Town DEP annual surveys, grant applications, and reports.
- Financial administration of HRMC programs and services.

The day-to-day business and program operations of the HRMC are managed by a contracted Administrator, who also serves as a representative to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MFR) Municipal Advisory Board the

State Solid Waste Advisory Committee, the Western Mass Regional Recycling Coordinator group; and, interfaces with local, regional, and State officials, and Mass Recycle Board. Board meetings are held on alternate months.

The HRMC has an annual operation's assessment that is approved by each Town at their annual Town meeting. The annual Assessment Budget is based on tonnage and population. In FY22, the combined assessment for all ten towns was \$ 67,540. The Assessments offset base operating expenses. HRMC recycling program collection costs are pass-thru expenses from the HRMC to the Towns to best maximize economy of scale and to enable the HRMC administrator to have review and oversight of vendor relations and program operations.

In 2022, all HRMC member-towns were eligible for and received Recycling Dividend Program Grants (RDP) under the DEP Sustainable Materials Recovery Program. Applications were submitted for them through the HRMC. In total, the HRMC Towns received \$ 52,500.00 in grant funds to be used to further enhance recycling programs. Goshen was awarded \$5,250.

During the past year, the HRMC member-Towns collectively diverted 846 tons of recyclable materials to the MRF; the Town of Goshen recycled 54 tons in 2022. Eight of the ten member-Towns have adopted recycling goals of 50% with the intent of increasing quantity and improving the quality of materials being recycled at their transfer stations and to reduce waste being landfilled. In 2022, the Town of Goshen had a recycling rate of 33% compared with 27.8% in 2021.

Linda Cernik, HRMC Administrator

Historical Commission

Goshen Historical Commission held no routine meetings in calendar year 2022. It held one special meeting, at which it voted to recommend to the select board that Norene Roberts be appointed to represent the Historical Commission on the town's Community Preservation Committee. The Goshen History Museum remained closed, as a covid precaution, per agreement between the historical commission, the select board, and the board of health.

Commission activities in 2022 included inquiries handled by Norene Roberts, curator of the Goshen Museum, almost all of which were genealogy questions originating outside Goshen. The commission also negotiated with the select board to have the town maintain the museum physical plant and its equipment such as the alarm system, air handlers, heaters, dehumidifiers, and pest control. The historical commission maintains responsibility for the museum collections, the responses to inquiries about town history, and the historical inventory of town buildings 50 years old and older.

The membership of the commission changed, with the addition of Mr. Edwin Greenwood, and the death of Norene Roberts. At the end of calendar 2022, there were two vacancies on the commission.

Among its covid impairments, the commission made no progress in 2022 on the town's historical inventory, which is its primary reason to exist. Several years of effort by volunteers have produced not a single inventory

form which passes muster with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The town needs to raise money and hire professionals to conduct its historical inventory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Roberts, Chair

Library

2022 was a year of growth and change at Goshen Free Library. The Trustees researched and voted to join CWMARS (Central Western MA Resource Sharing) The director Martha Noblick brought Julie Cavacco on board as a consultant. Julie worked with CWMARS for over 20 years managing the children's collection at another local library. Working carefully together we mapped out a process to honor the history of Goshen Free Library and start growing the collection to offer the most up to date items that appeal to the residents of Goshen. CWMARS will expand our access to other collections in the region.

We had some wonderful programs in 2022. We were pleased with your attendance. Our summer program included a weekly story time, a Kitchen Science program, and What's the Buzz about Bees? Anna Dagmar and her daughter Eloise returned for a lovely afternoon of music. We saw the return of Piper Pichette in a Tea and Harp program. Local author Lynne Scott came and did a presentation on the local Sandhill Crane population and shared her recently published children's book. We want to acknowledge the generous grants received by the Goshen Cultural Council that made many of these events possible.

Did you know the library has passes for free or reduced admission to several local museums, including The Clark Museum, Hancock Shaker Village, Magic Wings and MassMoca? Visit the library for additional details regarding borrowing the library's passes.

It is with great sadness we include that Martha Noblick died in December of 2022. Martha was a dedicated librarian. She valued every minute she had in working for the Town of Goshen. Her memories of the regular patrons were generous and detailed.

Julie Cavacco has stepped in as Acting Director. She is thankful that Martha had the best interests of the Town of Goshen in mind to implement the improvements to circulation and will do her best to continue to share this incredible asset.

For official information on Goshen Free Library please visit the town's website <https://www.goshen-ma.us/>

For information regarding recent acquisitions, notices of upcoming programs, etc. consult the library's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Public-Library-of-Goshen-Massachusetts-109398403860024/>

If you would like to be on our mailing list for an occasional newsletter and email notifications of upcoming library programs/events, please send your request to goshenfreelibrary@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing each of you at the library soon.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Cavacco, Acting Director

Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Report



Summary: 2022 was the MLP's first full year of operation.

Network Operational Environment: The network was 100% operational during calendar year 2022. There have been several localized power outages with downed electrical wires and fiber optic lines that interrupted service until repairs could be completed. The response time for repairs has been very good from crews that are on call 365 days of the year. Preventative tree removal and trimming is a major, ongoing focus in order to strengthen network resilience. Damage repair is an expensive and continuing cost for the MLP. Erratic weather events due to the effects of climate change will mean more regular storm damage from freezing rain, wind storms, and a wetter environment.

Distribution Network Construction: A central geographic cluster of MLPs, to which Goshen belongs, has worked together with Whip City Fiber and Nokia to engineer, plan, and install a more resilient network environment which will have multiple fiber access points through various backhaul routes. When fully implemented, this will provide automatic failover switching if a single backhaul connection is damaged. It will also provide automatic traffic re-routing when this type of failure occurs. In addition, it will provide the towns in the cluster the ability to negotiate for a larger shared backhaul bandwidth pool, that will be load-shared amongst the towns, for less cost than the current environment, in which each town purchases bandwidth independently.

Network Hut: Engineering, technical architecture, and electronic components have been installed and updated to facilitate the implementation of a more resilient network environment outlined in the "**Network Operational Environment**" section above.

Customer Installations: Goshen's MLP project was considered completed by state authorities in July 2022 and all state paperwork and grant monies were received before the end of 2022. By the end of 2022, Goshen connected 456 active business and household subscribers.

There remains a small number of additional accounts that have not yet been connected due to following:

- Supply chain issues for some specialized equipment have pushed back dates for several customers
- Some applicants are waiting for building work to be finished
- Some locations have unresolved technical or analytical issues that need to be addressed
- A few applicants have not committed to an installation date

SOURCES OF FUNDING RECEIVED & IN USE BY THE END OF 2022	
Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development (EOHED) Grants	\$1,707,247.00
Debt Override Borrowing Approved by the Town	\$1,400,000.00
US American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds	\$316,542.00
Total:	\$3,423,789.00

Wayne Glaser

MLP Manager

Open Space Committee

Re-Imagine Goshen Center continued to be the major project focus for 2022. We continued planning and meeting with various town committees and boards, as well as individuals interested in participating or volunteering their time for this project.

Through planning meetings with the Select Board, the Open Space Committee developed detailed project plans and fundraising efforts in order to continue to gather data and estimates for the Reimagine Goshen Center project. As certain components and implementation of our plans move forward, the Open Space Committee will complete an application for funding to be submitted to CPC by early-mid 2023.

Members:

Sandra Papush

Melanie Dana

Pat Morey

Lorraine Brisson

Jane Hillman

The Open Space Committee meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the back office at Town Offices. We welcome and encourage new members and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Papush, Chair

Planning Board

During the course of the year the Planning Board considered a proposed flood plain overlay district bylaw. Comments were solicited from the State NFIP coordinator of DCR which were incorporated in the proposed law. The bylaw is to be presented in a Town Meeting in 2023. The proposed bylaw will need to be presented to Town Meeting and requires three hearings/ approvals in order to implement it. During the course of the year the Board approved four plans of land as Approval Not Required under Goshen subdivision regulations.

In the 2022 election, Julie Hooks joined the Board as a new member and was elected secretary. Corey Carvallo, Keith Wright, and Joseph Frye resigned. The board thanks all three gentleman for their service. We would like to especially acknowledge Joe Frye who has worked tirelessly for the Town for many, many years and was a mainstay on many boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Goshen Planning Board
Jim Barrett, Chairman
Roger Culver
Vacant
Vacant

Town of Goshen Police Department

I am very pleased to present to you the 2022 Goshen Police Department Annual Report. This report reflects the Department's police service through 2022. We here at the Goshen Police department are truly proud to serve our community.

This Department responds to calls for service within Goshen in addition to assisting other neighboring agencies as requested. Calls for service within this area are defined as requiring police action; this does not include mere directions or questions. Officers respond to fire and ambulance calls, where Officers assist at these scenes with traffic control and rendering medical aid. Between calls received by the Northampton Control Dispatch Center and department initiated calls including but are not limited to area checks, house checks, self-initiated, cruiser maintenance, and administration.

Your Officers patrol all areas of the Town of Goshen, watching for any unusual activity while keeping all residents, motorists and visitor's safety in mind. During patrols, Officers perform law enforcement activities such as, but not limited to, arresting violators of the law, checks of property and persons, security, and house checks, investigating traffic crashes, enforcement of traffic offenses. Officers on duty also conduct criminal investigations.

During the 2022 calendar year, your Goshen Officers were William Bissell who served as acting Chief, Sergeant Fred Bezio, Beth Bezio who is the Chief of Police for the town of Ashfield, is an administrative resource along with being an officer, Officer Eric Haberman, Officer Brian Tennyson who has since resigned, and Officer Jeffrey

Fish who is our court officer. Many of our officers play dual roles in the law enforcement community serving in multiple police departments and including the sheriff's office.

In 2021 the Commonwealth passed the Police Reform Act. The Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) now certifies all police officers in our State. William Bissell, Eric Haberman, Jeff Fish and Fred Bezio have completed the state-mandated Bridge Academy consisting of over 300 additional hours of classroom and hands-on-training. These officers attended week long Firearms training, Emergency Vehicle Operation Course Training (a.k.a. EVOC) and Defensive Tactics. Each officer was required to successfully complete each in person program and pass the practical skills courses in order to continue. Once all of the classroom and hands on training were completed, our officers were required to successfully pass four written exams in the following disciplines; Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Investigations and Patrol Procedures. Once the exams were successfully completed, officers were required to work conditionally to attain the 2,400 hours of paid patrol time prior to attaining the Massachusetts Police Training Committee (MPTC) full time waiver. William Bissell, Fred Bezio and Jeff Fish have attained their waiver with Eric Haberman working toward his waiver.

The Commonwealth also mandates that all officers receive forty (40) hours of in-service training annually. The training covers firearms, legal updates, first responder, CPR, AED, along with specialized subjects.

Grant Program:

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) Co-Responder Grant Program officially kicked off on August 1, 2022. The Ashfield Police Department is the grant manager and will oversee the program. This grant designates a specific patrol consisting of an officer and clinician, who are exclusively responding to crisis situations and other behavior health issues. The response can be to one of the any nine towns included in this grant (Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, **Goshen**, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe, and Shelburne). Through this grant, Clinical Support Options is contracted to provide a clinician for the patrols. The goal of this grant is to limit the number of arrests and incarceration of individuals with mental illness and provide a better mental health service to individuals that will bring them a better quality of life. The most effective way to do this is when people are in a moment of crisis and can be provided with a mental health assessment. Often members of our departments receive call for individuals in crisis and our options for assisting them are limited and usually ends up with us trying to get them to a hospital to speak with a professional that can address their needs. Many time, these individuals will refuse assistance, but remain upset and their crisis is never addressed appropriately.

Community Outreach:

The department was honored to be part of the Oliver's Farm Stand Festival. Sergeant Fred Bezio and Officer Beth Bezio. were on "scene" and enjoyed meeting and talking with vendors and patrons alike. The music was very lively. The officers were able to provide assistance with traffic in making sure the day was a complete success and those folks attending were safe. We look forward to the next festival.

Reminders:

Renewals for your License to Carry (LTC) should be started 30 days prior to your expiration date to allow sufficient processing time. The fee for licensing is \$100, and there is no charge for anyone 70 years or older. Call the office to schedule an appointment.

Emergencies should be reported to 911, and non-emergencies may be called in to 413-586-1508. The police station is located at 40 Main Street, at the rear of the building, and the office phone number is 413-268-3116, and the email address is goshenmapd@gmail.com. The mailing address is PO Box 23, Goshen, MA 01032.

In closing, I look forward to serving the Community with my utmost professionalism and dedication. The Chief's door is always open, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

The Goshen Police Department is dedicated to serve the Community, residents, and visitors of the Town of Goshen.

Fred Bezio
Chief of Police

Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission continues to maintain Tilton Town Field recreation area. General maintenance and ballfield preparation is attended to throughout the year by Roger Culver and Talon Zdaniewicz. The committee has concerns about continued efforts to maintain this area and have begun to seek out additional support. We continue to work on securing the field area from vandalism with installation of gates and fences. It should be noted that our budget lost significant funding this year, and we struggle to support our valuable recreation space and programming.

The Recreation Commission welcomed two new committee members, Kim Rida and Kelly Loven. We are always looking for new members willing to join in the efforts to promote recreational activities in the Town of Goshen. The Goshen Recreation Commission is still in need of new membership and would benefit greatly from support of our townspeople who have connections to the youth and youth related activities as well as other recreational desires.

With COVID 19 restrictions beginning to reduce, the town fields were utilized as they have been in the past. Women's softball and adult coed teams enjoyed being on the fields throughout the summer and fall. The 41st annual Hilltown Junior Olympics was held in September and the Recreation Committee provided support with fields and meals to 51 Goshen children and adult volunteers. This is an important event to our committee, Ashfield and Plainfield were the hosts of the event this year. The Council on Aging enjoyed a few luncheons and music events as the weather permitted. The Fire Department offered a holiday movie and Santa visit and the Recreation Commission donated snacks.

Goshen Recreation Commission Talon Zdaniewicz - Chair, Roger Culver, Joan Griswold, Kelly Loven, and Kim Rida

Schools – Hampshire Regional District – Superintendent Report

What a busy 2022 school year! I have been the Superintendent of Schools for a full school year and it truly is a privilege to lead this district. I made it a goal to visit every school every month in order to learn about our programming, staffing, teaching styles, and student needs. I continue to be impressed with the districts' sense of community, level of collaboration, strive for academic excellence, focus on students' mental well-being, and consistent flexibility. Since Covid matters were not the primary topic at every meeting, we were able to focus on teaching and learning and a return to normalcy.

The Hampshire Regional member school districts continue to work towards shared goals: strengthening an inclusive and safe learning environment that respects diversity, builds relationships, and responds effectively to the social-emotional experiences of students; streamlining business practices and district-wide policies; aligning K-8 ELA and K-12 math curricula; and strengthening teaching practices that address varied student needs in a consistent manner. Large strides have been made in getting all five districts to work collaboratively in an effort to have consistent policies and procedures, aligned curricula, and common expectations among all schools.

The Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award from the Grinspoon Foundation is a highly coveted award and recognizes the accomplishments and best teaching practices of our outstanding educators. The winners of the award for the 2022-23 school year were Shelley Seymour of Hampshire Regional High School and Brian Gilman of Anne T. Dunphy and Westhampton Elementary School. Congratulations to both of our winners!

While the details of the year are summarized by the school principals in their individual reports, I would like to provide a few highlights from Central Office, which is made up of a number of fairly small support departments that all serve an essential role in making Hampshire schools as exceptional as they are. Following are reports from each of these departments:

Business Office

The business office is responsible for all finance, operations, personnel, and contract functions for the five separate districts of Hampshire Regional Schools- this means five budgets, five different school contracts, and five different towns. The business office manages all five budgets to support nearly 1550 students and over 360 employees throughout the region. While much additional funding was provided in 2022 to help offset costs associated with Covid, most of the additional funding has been spent or encumbered. Since the government has not provided us with additional funds, we are trying to be strategic and focused in our spending and creative in our revenue sourcing.

Additionally, in an effort to improve communication pertaining to the budgeting process, the Central Office budget was presented to all school committees prior to any school budgets in order for school committees to view the Central Office budget before having to approve a budget in its entirety. Transparency and open communication will be an ongoing effort of the school business office. Thank you to the entire Business Office for their hard work and due diligence.

Technology

An outside agency, Suzor IT, has been hired to meet the District's technology needs for the 2022-2023 school year. Suzor IT conducted a technology audit in the Fall of 2022 and determined that a network infrastructure update for all schools was necessary since ours was outdated. We have started this process by submitting paperwork that would reduce our costs substantially. Suzor IT will be doing all of the labor (at no cost), further saving us additional monies. We continue to have 1:1 devices at all schools, and Suzor IT has developed a

comprehensive technology replacement plan which will help us maintain our devices and replace them as necessary.

Health Services

Although COVID is no longer monopolizing all of our time, there continues to be a need for an ongoing pandemic response from our health services team. This includes providing isolation guidance to staff and families, discussing best practices when school community members are living in a household with a positive individual, and educating the community on the benefits of staying up to date on COVID vaccinations/booster doses.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) worked in partnership with expert consultants to update the mandatory preschool through grade 12 vision screening protocols to reflect current evidence-based practices. Our school nurses have been working diligently to implement the new protocols since the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Our nursing team has also been working with Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC) to increase billing for reimbursable services. Historically, we have only had a few special education students with 1:1 nursing services in their IEP that we have billed for, however, the Medicaid expansion that happened years ago allows us to bill for annual health screenings in our general ed population as well. Our nursing team has started the process, and the biggest barrier thus far has been parents/guardians not returning consent to bill for services. We will continue to tweak our process to optimize reimbursements to the member Towns of HRSD.

Curriculum, Assessment, and Instruction/Grants

Hampshire Regional is one of four districts across the Commonwealth that was awarded the FY22 SOA Rural Innovation and Efficiencies Grant (FC 123), which supports the alignment of mathematics (PK-12) across all the district's schools. The \$208,000.00 award enabled the purchase of a new 6-8 math curriculum (*Into Math*), and also supported professional development for all math teachers. Throughout the year, two coaches from The Math Learning Center offered eight hours of online coaching as well as three days in the elementary schools supporting the work of the district's elementary math teachers. The high school has assembled a math committee that is meeting regularly to select a new high school math curriculum, which will be purchased with these grant monies. This work this year has been enthusiastically received by grade-level teachers and will be completed in early March.

This year, during the district-wide professional development day on November 8, 2022, many of the district's teachers took part in the Hampshire County professional development day organized by the Collaborative for Educational Services. This professional development work offered a choice of different sessions including those focused on social justice, math pedagogy, and social-emotional learning. On that same day, middle and high school staff continued their work on the gradual release model begun in 2018.

Pupil Services

Over the summer, in addition to providing Extended School Year programming and services to our eligible special education students across the districts, the director of pupil services worked with Principal Pluta to interview and hire staff for the William E. Norris Neurodiversity Continuum of Services. To launch this new initiative, the district provided professional development to the entire staff with Lisa Dieker, an inclusion specialist, and Jennifer Bogan, an autism specialist and the owner of the Field Center in Northampton. The professional development was very well received.

Over the course of the year, the director, building administration, and staff are meeting regularly to solidify processes and procedures. The intention is to have a written document that outlines the continuum of services entry criteria and the interventions, services, and teaching approaches employed to support and educate our neurodiverse learners.

The Pyramid Model is being implemented, which is a multitiered framework that organizes research-based teaching practices for the promotion of social/emotional health and well-being in young children through nurturing and responsive relationships and high-quality environments.

The Southampton Preschool classrooms began to implement the Pyramid model last year and this year they are focused on the school-wide promotion of kindness and responsibility.

Hampshire Regional School District received \$490,340 (Grant 240) to supplement the costs of special education programming and services for all of our schools. In addition, an Early Childhood entitlement grant (Grant 262) brought in \$15,303 to supplement our early childhood programs.

We are fortunate to have so much support from our communities and families, and we thank the towns for their collaboration throughout this year. Thank you for your support, advocacy, and commitment to the Hampshire Regional public schools.

Sincerely,
Diana Bonneville, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Schools – Hampshire Regional High School – Principal’s Report

2022 at Hampshire Regional High School brought back a sense of normalcy and community that had not been felt since the winter of 2020. While health and safety are still at the forefront of our work, and always will be, we were able to shift back to a focus on academics, extracurriculars, and athletics this past year. Our mask policy, in accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, was rescinded in late February, giving students and staff the option to continue to mask if they wished. We continued to provide in-school COVID testing on an as-needed basis, and we continue to distribute rapid tests before school vacations and when families request them.

We were so pleased to be able to offer our full range of middle school transition programming this past spring and summer after not being able to do these activities for the past couple of years. In order to help our incoming 7th graders and their families prepare for the transition to Hampshire Regional High School, we offered numerous events to get families and students into the building and to learn as much about the school as possible. In January, we hosted a 5th and 6th Grade Parent Information Night. In April, we hosted our annual Middle School Expo for incoming 7th graders and their families, transition meetings for 6th graders on IEPs or 504s, and administration and counseling visits to the 6th graders at their elementary schools. During the last week of school in June, all of the 6th graders came to Hampshire for a half day to eat lunch, meet 7th grade teachers, learn their way around the building, and participate in team building activities with their new peers from different elementary schools. Finally, in August, we provided a three-day Raider Camp for free to all incoming 7th graders, tours and locker practice throughout the month, and 7th grade orientation the day before school officially began.

We are so fortunate to have an active and dedicated Student Council (STUC) at Hampshire Regional. In 2022, STUC members demonstrated their leadership skills in many ways. STUC planned our first ever series of “Raider

Days,” which included a day of feedback and reflection from the student body, student-led workshops, and a team building day for the whole school. STUC planned and implemented all of these activities with great success with the guidance and support of advisors Kim Bush and Kelly Carpenter. These days had a positive impact on our school culture and we plan to continue a similar initiative moving forward. In addition, STUC planned our first ever Homecoming event to celebrate Hampshire’s 50th anniversary this fall. We held this event at HRHS in October and invited students, staff, families, and community members to join in the fun, including food trucks, vendors, activities for kids, live music, a 5k, and soccer and field hockey games. Finally, in December, STUC also brought back our first traditional spirit rally since 2019 with games and competitions for students in grades 7-12. Staff got in on the fun and successfully surprised students with a staff dance in the middle of the spirit rally!

133 seniors in the Class of 2022 graduated at our 50th Commencement ceremony in June. Commencement speakers included Class President Suzannah Buehler, Vice President William Delgado, Secretary Sarah Unger, Treasurer Benjamin MacFadzen, Salutatorian Madeleine Manganelli, Valedictorian Nora Mulvehill, and class advisors Amy Adamski and Trisha Keane. The Class of 1972, the first graduating class from HRHS, was invited to graduation, and we were pleased to have many of them in attendance at the ceremony. Chiqui Netto, President of the Class of 1972, gave a speech about her experience at Hampshire Regional when it first opened. As part of our 50th birthday celebration, all HRHS alumni in the audience at Commencement were given a rose when they arrived. It was a beautiful evening and we loved celebrating the Class of 2022 while also honoring the past 49 graduating classes.

There were certainly many academic accomplishments to celebrate in 2022. In May, 106 students took a total of 199 Advanced Placement (AP) exams, many of them earning college credits for their high scores. In October, Senior Samuel Unger from Southampton was named a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Sam is one of 34,000 students across the country to have received this honor for his outstanding performance on the PSATs. In November, 26 juniors and seniors were inducted into the Academic Society. These students have maintained a minimum of a 3.7 cumulative GPA, have completed their 30 hour community service requirement, and show a strong work ethic and commitment to Hampshire Regional. One student from Goshen, Dillon Neveu, was inducted into Academic Society this year.

In October, World Language Department Program Leader and French Teacher Greg Reynolds coordinated an exchange program with students from France. 14 French students, along with two chaperones, stayed with numerous Hampshire Regional families and participated in all academic and extracurricular activities with HRHS students. Our students will be going to France during the second part of this exchange program in the spring of 2023!

Extracurricular activities and events were back in full swing in 2022. In January, our As Schools Match Wits team won their competition against Ludlow. The match was aired on NEPM-TV and the performance by our team was incredibly impressive!

In April, 29 students performed in the spring musical, *Jane Eyre*, while 12 students worked behind the scenes as part of the crew. Grace Plumer of Williamsburg and Grace Martin of Westhampton both starred in the show in various roles, and shared the role of Jane Eyre herself throughout the four performances. In May, we were so pleased to have our first in-person choral and band concert in a long time. Choral Director Aidan Linden and

Band Director Allison Ingraham did a spectacular job helping our students showcase their many talents! Finally, our drama company, led by Mike Braidman, has been hard at work all year! In May, 18 students performed in *Lady Windermere's Fan* while eight students worked on the crew. This past fall, seniors Riley Smith of Southampton and Ozzie Frazier of Easthampton directed a witty and hilarious play called *Noses Off*, which included 35 students total.

In May, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), an organization led by advisors Sarah Jablonski and Bethany Rochon, held a Prom Safety Day for students in grades 10, 11, and 12. The day began with a mock accident in front of the school, in collaboration with our local police departments, fire department, EMS, and Mitchell's Funeral Home. Students then listened to guest speakers talk about substance use and the importance of making good choices; students reported being profoundly affected by the message our guest speakers shared.

2022 also brought about numerous athletic accomplishments. We started Hampshire's first girls lacrosse program and had over 50 girls participate between the JV and varsity levels. Our softball team won the Western Massachusetts Championship in June, and the boys track team won their league title in the spring. This past fall, our boys soccer team repeated as league champions, along with our boys and girls cross country teams who went unbeaten in their leagues. The gymnastics team won the Western Massachusetts Sectional Championship in November, and our golf team finished as co-champions in their league. There is a lot to celebrate, and we are extremely proud of our student-athletes. We are especially proud to share that over 50% of our student body participates in athletics at the JV or varsity level, which is a significant number of student-athletes across our school!

This was a busy summer for us at Hampshire with multiple summer programs running. In addition to the 7th grade Raider Camp that ran in August, we had two special education programs running over the summer. One is a program for incoming 7th graders with IEPs to support them in their transition from elementary school to middle school. The other is our life skills program, where students work in the community, host an art gallery, and continue to practice the skills that they learn throughout the year. We also held our typical credit recovery program for students who did not earn credit for one or two courses during the school year.

It was my absolute pleasure to give the Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award to Shelley Seymour, a high school science teacher who teaches Biology, Anatomy & Physiology, and Genetics. One of the teachers who nominated Shelley stated that "Shelley is the most organized and prepared educator I know at Hampshire. Her classes are engaging, differentiated, and personally relevant. I have heard very positive feedback from many students, and graduates regularly check back in with her to report their post-HRHS successes... Shelley really cares about preparing her students for success."

Five long-time staff members retired in June after a combined 90 years of dedication and service to Hampshire Regional. Lynn Hicks retired after 22 years as our school's speech-language pathologist. Bill Randolph retired after 13 years of teaching middle school special education. Gail Mailhott-Foster served as a reading specialist for both middle and high school students for 10 years. Maryellen Blais was a dedicated para educator, primarily in the high school, for 23 years. Tara O'Brien, who was named a 2022 Conservation Teacher of the Year by Mass Audubon, and is also an HRHS graduate, retired after teaching science at Hampshire for 25 years.

To account for our five retirees, staff members who moved out of state, and multiple staff members who returned to graduate school to obtain advanced degrees, we welcomed many new faces to Hampshire Regional in late August. Kara Sheridan is Hampshire's new assistant principal, primarily working with students in our middle school. New teachers to Hampshire include Rebecca Aubrey (environmental science), Emma Berman (special education), Keith Curbow (Spanish), Casey Moriarty (History and English), Kristen Picard (tier two intervention). We welcomed three new counselors to the counseling department this fall: Julia Low-Chappell and Matt Soycher work as the middle school counseling team, with Julia as the middle school counselor (formerly called guidance counselors) and Matt as the middle school adjustment counselor for targeted social-emotional support. Amanda Fortier-Gagnon joins the high school counseling team as an additional school adjustment counselor. Sarah Girouard joined our special education department as our new speech-language pathologist. To provide coverage and support when teachers and para educators are absent, Kim Oravec and Colin Bush were both hired as building substitutes. We also welcomed five new para educators to our special education team: Stephanie Galko, Christine Flores-Echeandía, Amy Hyde, Kaitlyn Hyde, and Neslihan Ibic. New to our food service staff are Tammy Grover, Jen Overton, and Ryan Rentas. Finally, our two new van drivers who drive students primarily to special education placements are George Shafer and Christine Blakesley.

Finally, it is noteworthy that 55 of our staff members currently have students in the district or have had students graduate from HRHS. In addition, 27 current staff members are graduates of Hampshire Regional High School. This speaks to the strong sense of community that we have within our school and our five towns. With so many staff shortages across the nation, we are so fortunate to not only be fully staffed, but to have such a deeply invested and passionate staff who truly have our students' best interests at heart.

I am so proud to work in a community that truly values education and supports the work that we are doing to make Hampshire Regional High School the best school it can be. Thank you to the tirelessly dedicated staff, committed and resilient students, supportive and communicative families, and collaborative community members and elected officials in each of our five towns. You all are what makes Hampshire Regional so special.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Hotz

Principal

Schools - New Hingham Regional Elementary School - Principal's Report
Chesterfield-Goshen Regional School District

I am thrilled to submit the 2022 annual report for New Hingham Regional Elementary School. My name is Amanda Faro and I am currently serving as the Interim Principal for NHRES for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. My career in education and leadership spans twelve years, serving most recently as the second grade classroom and Head Teacher for the nearby Westhampton Elementary School for a total of eight years. I hold a B.S. in Physical Education from Springfield College, a M.A.T. in Elementary education (K-6) from Smith College. I am currently working to complete my Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Administration at American

International College and I am a certified Elementary School Principal. Although only recently joining the New Hingham School community, have been incredibly impressed with the strong sense of collaboration, hard-work, and warm welcome from staff, students, and community members alike.

New Hingham Elementary School has continued to benefit this year from their strong and dedicated teaching staff, in addition to a close-knit community that work closely together to provide the best possible learning experience for our students. While the COVID-19 pandemic has finally reached levels of control that allow us to return to a more “typical” school schedule, the New Hingham staff has worked hard to improve academic instruction, identify, and implement programs to meet the emerging social/emotional needs of our students, and find opportunities to reengage families and community members in school events.

Last year, our staff developed a set of core values to be implemented in our efforts to maintain a school environment that is both positive and productive. The core values developed by staff are as follows:

1. Empathy: We will approach our work and each other with tenderness, kindness, and compassion.
2. Camaraderie: We will build a comfortable community developed by caring relationships, intentional communication, and collaboration.
3. Optimism: We will assume the best in each other and recognize that, through each of our interactions, we all have different perspectives.
4. Respect: We will foster a sense of belonging by showing support of each other, recognizing that our actions and choices have an impact on others.
5. Creativity: We will share ideas, take risks by trying new things, and evaluate/fine tune our personal and professional practice to foster continual growth.

Since their creation, staff and students have been working to uphold these values in the classroom and through professional development activities aligned with our School and District Improvement Plans. With a focus area of Social and Emotional Learning, classroom teachers have participated in weekly collaborative meetings that focus on SEL topics, resource sharing, and short-term/long-term planning of goals for our students. In addition, classroom teachers and our School Adjustment Counselor have been providing students at all levels with explicit instruction on skills to support their learning in this area through the use of the Second Step Curriculum.

An additional goal of our School Improvement Plan is to reengage the community and provide opportunities for families to participate in school events. We recognized the need for a gradual return to the cherished activities that defined our school and our connection with the towns of Chesterfield and Goshen. In October, we enjoyed an all-school field trip to Pine Hill Orchard and in November we hosted a school-wide Book Fair that lasted over several days. The NHRES PTO was a major contributor to helping us to begin undertaking this goal as well by hosting additional events including a presentation from NASA, the annual Holiday Bazaar, a performance from the Tanglewood Marionettes, and a Bingo Night. Just these few activities have helped to begin repaving the way for our return to the full implementation of NHRES events that we know our community holds so dear.

Executing these and other goals would not be possible without the hard work of all staff. The 2022-2023 school year brought with it a number of new staff members to New Hingham in a variety of roles. Each of these staff members seamlessly joined the school community and have positively attributed to our growth and achievement this year. This year’s new staff includes:

- **Danielle Baker**, BCBA
- **Robert Bonczek**, Cafeteria Manager
- **Jonas Cain**, Music Teacher
- **Skyler Chapin**, 5th/6th Grade Teacher
- **Lauren Cheek**, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
- **Joanna Kalucki**, Speech/Language Pathologist
- **Andrea LeClair**, Library/Media Teacher
- **Leslie Leff**, School Adjustment Counselor
- **Linda Mondschein**, Occupational Therapist
- **Daniel Weston**, Math Interventionist

In addition, some staff remained within our school but graciously shifted their roles to better meet the needs of our students. **Meaghan O'Donnell** moved from Math Intervention to become our 2nd grade Classroom Teacher. **Maura Carbery** shifted from teaching 2nd grade to 1st grade, and **Riley Greenwood** moved from teaching Kindergarten to Pre-Kindergarten. In addition, our 5th and 6th grade teachers, new hire **Skyler Chapin** and veteran staff member **Julie Brittain**, began the implementation of a new schedule to prepare our oldest students for their future in middle school. Beginning in the 2022 school year, 5th and 6th grade students started switching classrooms for subjects including Math, English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. We believe that doing so will help to give our students the experience, flexibility, and time management skills that will be required of them moving forward to middle school.

Fall 2022 Enrollment	
Pre-Kindergarten	25
Kindergarten	18
1st Grade	13
1st Grade	12
2nd Grade	11
3rd Grade	18
4th Grade	17
5th Grade	16
6th Grade	18
Total	148

Our Pre-Kindergarten program continues to thrive. Enrollment for this year has had a significant impact on the future of our kindergarten programs, with more than half of our Pre-K students expected to join our Kindergarten class in the 2023-2024 school year. In addition, our enrollment numbers in 2022 for the entirety of New Hingham Regional Elementary have remained consistent. Due to this, we have established two first grade classes in order to keep our class size manageable in providing students with an engaging and rigorous learning experience.

The addition of full time reading and math interventionists to address student academic need for those who require additional support outside of the classroom setting has made an incredible impact on the learning of our students. Our students demonstrated even more growth than the previous year on their state MCAS exams in areas of math, ELA, and science. While we will be continuing to provide student academic support and focused professional development for our upper elementary teachers on preparing students for the MCAS, we expect that we will continue to experience growth and an increase in our scores in the years to come.

In the spring, we were able continue the valued tradition of our 6th grade graduation. Once again, we were able to host the 6th grade families and graduates in an outdoor ceremony in the large field behind our school. This year's talented graduates included **Eliel Diaz**, **Rosemarie Estelle**, **Brody Frenier**, **Deana Frew**, **Jack Garcia**, **Mason Normandin**, **Raelyn Osetek**, **Ezra Phillips**, **Austin Pytko**, **Elise Rida**, **Taylor Shea**, **SophiaShears-Pennell**, **Katherine Sturtevant**, **Trevor Wallace**, and **Joseph Wright**. We wish these students all the best in middle-school and beyond!

We are always appreciative of our supportive community and elected officials who strengthen our school and help us to make it such an amazing place for our students to learn and grow. It has been an absolute privilege to have the opportunity to serve as the interim principal for the remainder of this school year and I am excited to be part of such a wonderful community. If you

have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at afaro@hr-k12.org or (413)296-0000. For more information about New Hingham and our current events, please feel free to visit our school website at www.newhingham.org.

Sincerely,
Amanda Faro

Select Board

The Board was actively engaged in topics and community projects important to our residents, worked to resolve issues and to promote the town with local, regional and state organizations with particular focus on the impact of climate events on our roads and the necessity of improving regional school and transportation funding.

This year, after town meeting approval, we completed the purchase of 2.4 acres of land abutting the town highway building property to provide additional acreage for a new highway garage and adequate salt/sand and equipment storage.

Most significantly, for the third year, we managed town government in the midst of continued Covid challenges. Our gratitude is extended to all departments, boards and essential workers whose teamwork continued throughout the year so as to address agenda items, hold elections, prepare for an outdoor annual town meeting, attend critical training, and process business. Appreciation goes to the Council on Aging's focus on senior well-being, providing exercise class remotely, healthy meals and solving the everyday needs that arose.

The Select Board, as Municipal Lighting Plant board, engaged Westfield Gas and Electric to build the network that provides high speed internet and telephone service to residents and businesses in town. The construction began in February 2021 and was completed in 2022. The Board along with Finance Committee and MLP manager worked to determine the projected annual expenses and service fee revenue and developed policy as part of this enormous effort. Wayne Glaser, the MLP manager oversaw the implementation of the project. He drove the scheduling, validation, resident communication, and invoice approval of the build out/connectivity. This was a full-time role in and of itself for which we are grateful. The town received \$2 million in funding and approved borrowing of \$1.4 million to complete this build out and connectivity, which is a game changer. See Municipal Lighting Plant report for the milestones.

Peri Hall was elected to the Select Board in June 2022 and Dawn Scaparotti, our interim town administrator for the past 3 years, was selected as town administrator. We are grateful for Dawn's dedication to the Board, town residents and committees. She has been instrumental in seeking out grants, increasing awareness with the state of the need for rural school funding, infrastructure support and beginning the process for the next phase of town hall rehabilitation. Dawn's efforts also resulted in the development of an internship program between the Highway Department and Smith Vocational and Agricultural Technical School leading to a partnership of education and hands-on skill advancement in a highway department role.

We close our report with tremendous appreciation for our Community Services, General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, and Public Health employees, committees/boards -all of whom work with limited resources.

We were saddened by our librarian, Martha Noblick's passing and recognize the challenge to the Library Trustees and thank them for continuing the momentum they began with Martha. We experienced a tremendous loss of knowledge when Norene Roberts passed away this year. She held multiple roles in town government throughout the years and was invaluable in guiding the John James Memorial town hall rehabilitation as well as advocating for the building to be placed in the National Register of Historic Places. Both dedicated women will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Otis, Chair

Peri Hall, Vice Chair

Kristine Bissell, Clerk

Tax Collector

	Outstanding as of 07/01/21	Committed	Collected	Abatements/ Exceptions/ Refunds/ Adjustments	Outstanding as of 6/30/2022	Collection Rate to Commitment
Real Estate Taxes						
Fiscal Year 2022		\$ 2,849,682	\$ 2,763,882	\$ 12,622	\$ 73,178	97%
Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 84,135		\$ 74,840		\$ 9,295	
Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 25,269		\$ 25,269		\$ -	
All Previous Years	\$ 12,265		\$ 12,265		\$ -	
Personal Property						
Fiscal Year 2022		\$ 76,958	\$ 76,188		\$ 770	99%
All Previous Years	\$ 95		\$ 95			
CPA Account						
Fiscal Year 2022		\$ 82,995	\$ 81,776		\$ 1,219	99%
Fiscal Year 2021	\$ (963)		\$ 1,285	\$ 398	\$ (2,647)	
All Previous Years	\$ 304				\$ 304	
Motor Vehicle Excise						
Fiscal Year 2022		\$ 153,106	\$ 132,786	\$ 502	\$ 19,817	87%
Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 23,581	\$ 15,271	\$ 31,285	\$ 2,895	\$ 4,672	88%
Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 2,145		\$ 1,384	\$ 5		
All Previous Years	\$ 3,996		\$ 746	\$ 32		

Notes:

Due to a known software error, THE CPA is not calculating properly. We are actively working with our accountant to rectify the issue.

All outstanding Excise taxes listed as outstanding are either paid or with our deputy collector. This means these individuals can't renew their license until the outstanding tax is paid.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Moulton
Tax Collector

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Committed – Amount of tax due

Collected – Amount of tax collected

Abatements – A reduction in the tax assessed on our property for the fiscal year.

Exemptions – A relief from taxation authorized by statute and granted by the Assessors to certain taxpayers, such as Veterans, the elderly, and the blind.

Tilton Town Farm Report

The Tilton Town Farm Supervisors would like to report on improvements made throughout the year to the farmhouse and land.

Tilton Trails:

- Our collaboration with The Open Space Committee continues to benefit all people who use the hiking trails on the Tilton Land.

Tilton Land:

- In the Spring of 2023, the Board will again be teaming up with Bay State Forestry to continue with our Forest Management Program. The goal of the program is to manage the Tilton land and forests for long term sustainability.

Farmhouse @ 27 Wing Hill Road:

- The Board would like to make improvements to the barn on the property in 2023. The pricing of the supplies needed to make those improvements to the barn had increased dramatically in 2021 & 2022. The prices and the availability of the supplies caused the Board to put improvements on hold. We are hopeful 2023 will be different.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Goss, Roger Culver, Rich Polwrek

Tilton Town Farm Supervisors

Town Accountant

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of Goshen, I submit to you the following Annual Financial Report.

Our mission is to ensure that the appropriate financial and auditing controls within the Town are maintained in an efficient, cost-effective and responsive manner. We oversee all departmental appropriations assuring that departments operate within their annual budget. In addition, we are responsible for maintaining all financial records and that they are in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eric A. Kinsherf".

Eric A. Kinsherf, CPA

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Town Accountant

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2022
(Unaudited)

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	1,623,811.63	2,564,553.78	556,684.00	238,098.22		4,983,147.63
Investments						0.00
Receivables:						
Personal property taxes	697.15					697.15
Real estate taxes (includes Rollback Taxes)	90,456.37	(4,770.86)				85,685.51
Deferred taxes						0.00
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(126,621.23)					(126,621.23)
Tax liens	74,941.00					74,941.00
Tax foreclosures	4,121.93					4,121.93
Motor vehicle excise	28,905.46					28,905.46
Other receivables	456.43					456.43
Due from other governments	28,634.00					28,634.00
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds					645,783.00	645,783.00
Total Assets	1,725,402.74	2,559,782.92	556,684.00	238,098.22	645,783.00	5,725,750.88
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Accrued payroll and withholdings	(3,014.02)					(3,014.02)
Undistributed Receipts	1,687.71	69.14				1,756.85
Agency Funds				27,976.20		27,976.20
Deferred revenue:						
Real and personal property taxes	(35,011.28)	(4,770.86)				(39,782.14)
Tax liens	74,941.00					74,941.00
Tax foreclosures	4,121.93					4,121.93
Motor vehicle excise	28,905.46					28,905.46
Other receivables						0.00
Due from other governments	28,634.00					28,634.00
Due to other governments						0.00
Bonds payable			1,568,500.00			1,568,500.00
Notes payable					645,783.00	645,783.00
Total Liabilities	100,264.80	(4,701.72)	1,568,500.00	27,976.20	645,783.00	2,337,822.28
Fund Equity:						
Reserved for encumbrances	5,081.28					5,081.28
Reserved for expenditures	364,223.13					364,223.13
Reserved for continuing appropriations	226,521.12					226,521.12
Reserved for debt service	6,347.00					6,347.00
Reserved for appropriation deficit						0.00
Undesignated fund balance	1,022,965.41	2,564,484.64	(1,011,816.00)	210,122.02		2,785,756.07
Total Fund Equity	1,625,137.94	2,564,484.64	(1,011,816.00)	210,122.02	0.00	3,387,928.60
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	1,725,402.74	2,559,782.92	556,684.00	238,098.22	645,783.00	5,725,750.88

**TOWN OF GOSHEN, MASSACHUSETTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES -
BUDGETARY BASIS - (NON-GAAP) -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Amounts	Variance with
	Carry Forward	Original Budget	Final Budget	Budgetary Basis	Carried Forward to Next Year	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ 2,828,779.13	\$ 2,828,779.13	\$ 2,857,006.40	\$ -	\$ 28,227.27
Sale of Tax Foreclosure	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,500.00	\$ -	\$ 120,500.00
Excise & Other Taxes	\$ -	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 173,460.38	\$ -	\$ 28,460.38
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	\$ -	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 23,097.22	\$ -	\$ 12,097.22
Charges for Services-Trash Disposal & Sewer	\$ -	\$ 15,671.00	\$ 15,671.00	\$ 40,782.63	\$ -	\$ 25,111.63
Licenses, Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 37,264.51	\$ -	\$ 10,764.51
Other	\$ -	\$ 17,329.00	\$ 17,329.00	\$ 76,894.95	\$ -	\$ 59,565.95
MLP Broadband User Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 187,437.28	\$ -	\$ 187,437.28
Fines & Forfeits	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,360.00	\$ -	\$ 1,360.00
Interest from Investments	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,504.34	\$ -	\$ 3,304.34
Intergovernmental-Comm. of Mass.	\$ -	\$ 259,903.00	\$ 259,903.00	\$ 283,723.00	\$ -	\$ 23,820.00
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 3,306,382.13	\$ 3,306,382.13	\$ 3,807,030.71	\$ -	\$ 500,648.58
Expenditures:						
Current Fiscal Year:						
General Government	\$ -	\$ 460,462.60	\$ 458,114.63	\$ 314,896.80	\$ 2,097.21	\$ 141,120.62
Protection of Persons & Property	\$ -	\$ 229,941.00	\$ 231,296.00	\$ 180,975.73	\$ 1,940.49	\$ 48,379.78
Education	\$ -	\$ 1,662,012.00	\$ 1,662,012.00	\$ 1,601,285.52	\$ -	\$ 60,726.48
Public Works	\$ -	\$ 572,798.74	\$ 572,990.74	\$ 510,936.39	\$ 161.98	\$ 61,892.37
Health & Human Services	\$ -	\$ 83,497.34	\$ 83,749.36	\$ 68,768.55	\$ -	\$ 14,980.81
Culture & Recreation	\$ -	\$ 16,745.45	\$ 16,768.25	\$ 16,048.66	\$ 178.38	\$ 541.21
State & Other Assessments	\$ -	\$ 2,483.00	\$ 2,491.15	\$ 2,351.15	\$ -	\$ 140.00
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 153,468.00	\$ 153,986.00	\$ 110,688.07	\$ -	\$ 43,297.93
General Insurance	\$ -	\$ 41,200.01	\$ 41,200.01	\$ 32,052.00	\$ -	\$ 9,148.01
Debt Service:						
Principal & Interest on LT Debt	\$ -	\$ 37,856.00	\$ 37,856.00	\$ 37,785.06	\$ -	\$ 70.94
Interest on ST Debt	\$ -	\$ 20,650.00	\$ 20,650.00	\$ 4,854.31	\$ -	\$ 15,795.69
Special Articles	\$ -	\$ 90,921.25	\$ 91,656.12	\$ 79,521.94	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 34.18
Total Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	\$ -	\$ 3,372,035.39	\$ 3,372,770.26	\$ 2,960,164.18	\$ 16,478.06	\$ 396,128.02
Other Expenditures:						
Prior Year Articles	\$ 255,787.03			\$ 3,100.00	\$ 214,421.12	\$ 38,265.91
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 6,021.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,818.60	\$ 703.22	\$ 500.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 261,808.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,918.60	\$ 215,124.34	\$ 38,765.91
Total Expenditures	\$ 261,808.85	\$ 3,372,035.39	\$ 3,372,770.26	\$ 2,968,082.78	\$ 231,602.40	\$ 434,893.93
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (261,808.85)	\$ (65,653.26)	\$ (66,388.13)	\$ 838,947.93	\$ (231,602.40)	\$ 935,542.51
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 67,473.16	\$ 67,473.16	\$ 67,473.16	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers (Out)	\$ -	\$ 237,532.80	\$ 237,532.80	\$ 237,532.80	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ -	\$ (170,059.64)	\$ (170,059.64)	\$ (170,059.64)	\$ -	\$ -
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ (261,808.85)	\$ (235,712.90)	\$ (236,447.77)	\$ 668,888.29	\$ (231,602.40)	\$ 935,542.51
Audit Adjustments				\$ (632.35)		
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year		\$ 956,882.00	\$ 956,882.00	\$ 956,882.00	\$ -	\$ -
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$ (261,808.85)	\$ 721,169.10	\$ 720,434.23	\$ 1,625,137.94	\$ (231,602.40)	\$ 935,542.51

GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Account Number		Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
01 114.5110		Moderator Salary	\$	176.00	\$	176.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 122.5110		Seaboard Stipend	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 122.5115		Minutes Recorder Salary	\$	5,783.00	\$	5,783.00	\$	3,242.45	\$	3,242.45
01 122.5119		Committee Longevity Program	\$	3,500.00	\$	3,500.00	\$	1,750.00	\$	1,750.00
01 122.5120		Seaboard Expenses	\$	9,333.00	\$	9,333.00	\$	1,129.72	\$	925.28
01 123.5110		Town Administrator Salary	\$	50,011.00	\$	50,011.00	\$	39,211.00	\$	204.44
01 122.5115.01		Administrative Clerk Salary	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	9,750.00	\$	9,750.00
01 122.51780		Project/Board/Committee Support	\$	15,000.00	\$	15,000.00	\$	1,125.00	\$	1,125.00
01 131.5580		Finance Committee Expense	\$	440.00	\$	440.00	\$	279.00	\$	279.00
01 132.5300		Finance Committee Reserve Fund	\$	37,200.00	\$	34,286.84	\$	34,286.84	\$	34,286.84
01 132.5380		Audit	\$	13,000.00	\$	13,000.00	\$	-	\$	13,000.00
01 135.5300		Accountant Assessment	\$	33,475.00	\$	33,475.00	\$	3,391.65	\$	3,391.65
01 135.5420		Accountant Expense	\$	3,800.00	\$	3,805.92	\$	-	\$	-
01 141.5110		Assessor's Salary	\$	7,102.00	\$	7,102.00	\$	0.01	\$	0.01
01 141.5115		Assistant Salary	\$	19,398.00	\$	19,398.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 141.5117		Assessors Clerk Salary	\$	3,078.00	\$	3,078.00	\$	1,158.61	\$	1,158.61
01 141.5300		Assessors Consultant	\$	4,500.00	\$	4,500.00	\$	1,300.00	\$	1,300.00
01 141.5420		Assessor Expense	\$	10,500.00	\$	10,500.00	\$	136.82	\$	124.92
01 145.5110		Treasurer Salary	\$	16,250.00	\$	16,250.00	\$	0.03	\$	0.03
01 145.5115		Assistant Salary	\$	3,536.00	\$	3,536.00	\$	2,139.06	\$	2,139.06
01 145.5420		Treasurer Expenses	\$	7,035.00	\$	7,035.00	\$	1,629.84	\$	1,629.84
01 145.5780		Treasurer Tax Possession Exp	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00	\$	426.20	\$	426.20
01 146.5110		Town Collector Salary	\$	13,000.00	\$	13,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 146.5115		Town Collector Asst Salary	\$	3,536.00	\$	3,536.00	\$	1,143.38	\$	1,143.38
01 146.5420		Tax Collector Expense	\$	11,100.00	\$	9,995.43	\$	8,682.05	\$	1,143.38
01 146.5580		Tax Title Expense	\$	1,200.00	\$	1,104.57	\$	-	\$	-
01 151.5300		Town Legal Expense	\$	13,000.00	\$	13,000.00	\$	2,257.00	\$	2,257.00
01 161.5110		Town Clerk Salary	\$	14,000.00	\$	14,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 161.5115		Town Clerk Asst Salary	\$	1,457.00	\$	1,457.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 161.5380		Register of Voters	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 161.5420		Town Clerk Election Expenses	\$	9,300.00	\$	9,300.00	\$	7,861.25	\$	7,861.25
01 171.5420		Conservation Expense	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,100.00	\$	88.51	\$	88.51
01 175.5420		Planning Board Expense	\$	700.00	\$	700.00	\$	700.00	\$	700.00
01 192.5110		Town Building Janitor Salary	\$	11,886.00	\$	11,886.00	\$	3,012.45	\$	3,012.45
01 192.5340		Town Office IT Expense	\$	38,000.00	\$	38,559.27	\$	-	\$	-
01 192.5430		Town Building Maint	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00	\$	9,000.39	\$	8,807.12
01 192.5460		Town Building Moving	\$	15,516.60	\$	15,516.60	\$	3,916.60	\$	2,229.10
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT			\$	460,462.60	\$	458,114.63	\$	143,217.83	\$	141,120.62
PUBLIC SAFETY										
01 210.5110		Police Chief Salary	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 210.5111		Police Officer Wages	\$	45,328.00	\$	45,328.00	\$	23,571.81	\$	23,571.81
01 210.5112		Constable Salary	\$	230.00	\$	230.00	\$	57.50	\$	57.50
01 210.5116		Police Secretary Salary	\$	3,085.00	\$	3,085.00	\$	3,007.16	\$	3,007.16
01 210.5190		Hampshire Sheriff's Assessment	\$	1,001.00	\$	1,001.00	\$	1,001.00	\$	1,001.00
01 210.5580		Police Expenses	\$	19,078.00	\$	19,078.00	\$	8,404.25	\$	8,125.78
01 210.5581		Police Mandated Training	\$	8,878.00	\$	8,878.00	\$	3,954.62	\$	3,954.62
01 220.5110		Fire Chief Salary	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
01 220.5190		Volunteer Fire Dept. Incentive	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	170.41	\$	170.41
01 220.5580		Fire Dept. Expenses	\$	39,315.00	\$	40,615.00	\$	1,888.79	\$	26.77
01 231.5380		Highland Ambulance Assessment	\$	57,751.00	\$	57,751.00	\$	4,025.29	\$	4,025.29
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY			\$	234,797.00	\$	234,797.00	\$	45,125.71	\$	45,125.71

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GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
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Account Number		Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
EDUCATION										
01-241-5110		Building Inspector Salary	\$	9,937.00		\$	9,937.00	\$	-	\$
01-241-5115		Assistant Salary	\$	4,969.00		\$	4,969.00	\$	4,670.09	298.91
01-241-5580		Building Inspector Expense	\$	450.00		\$	450.00	\$	306.37	143.63
01-242-5110		Plumbing & Gas Inspector Salary	\$	1,401.00		\$	1,401.00	\$	1,401.00	-
01-242-5580		Plumbing & Gas Inspector Expense	\$	100.00		\$	155.00	\$	155.00	-
01-292-5110		Animal Control Officer Salary	\$	2,914.00		\$	2,914.00	\$	1,821.23	1,092.77
01-292-5118		PH Animal Inspector Salary	\$	654.00		\$	654.00	\$	-	-
01-292-5580		Animal Control Officer Expense	\$	1,900.00		\$	1,900.00	\$	1,808.76	1,808.76
01-292-5581		PH Animal Inspector Expense	\$	150.00		\$	150.00	\$	150.00	-
01-298-5110		Emergency Mgrng Director & Dep	\$	3,000.00		\$	3,000.00	\$	-	-
01-299-5580		Emergency Management Expenses	\$	900.00		\$	900.00	\$	86.72	86.72
01-299-5581		Emergency Operations Ctr Expense	\$	900.00		\$	900.00	\$	858.65	858.65
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY			\$	229,941.00	\$	1,355.00	\$	231,296.00	\$	180,975.73
			\$	-		\$	231,296.00	\$	50,320.27	\$
EDUCATION										
01-301-5320		Chesterfield/Cosheen Regional	\$	834,238.00		\$	834,238.00	\$	-	\$
01-300-5700-01		New Hingham Roof Debt Exclusion	\$	17,466.00		\$	17,466.00	\$	-	\$
01-302-5320		Hampshire Regional	\$	557,824.00		\$	557,824.00	\$	763.84	763.84
01-304-5330		Smith Vocational	\$	211,719.00		\$	211,719.00	\$	59,492.34	59,492.34
01-304-5330		Smith Vocational Transportation	\$	40,765.00		\$	40,765.00	\$	40,294.70	470.30
TOTAL EDUCATION			\$	1,662,012.00	\$	-	\$	1,662,012.00	\$	1,601,265.52
			\$	-		\$	1,662,012.00	\$	60,726.48	\$
PUBLIC WORKS										
01-421-5110		Highway Salaries	\$	178,800.00		\$	178,800.00	\$	163,007.52	15,792.48
01-422-5430		Equipment Repair	\$	30,000.00		\$	30,000.00	\$	27,743.70	2,256.30
01-422-5480		Fuel Expense	\$	29,000.00		\$	29,000.00	\$	23,805.80	5,194.20
01-422-5530		Highway Rd Improvement	\$	30,000.00		\$	30,000.00	\$	-	-
01-422-5580		Town Garage Expense	\$	13,250.00		\$	13,250.00	\$	12,744.13	505.87
01-422-5581		General Highway Expense	\$	80,000.00		\$	80,000.00	\$	67,593.07	12,406.93
01-423-5110		Winter Hwy Sal & Expense	\$	53,000.00		\$	53,000.00	\$	48,898.57	4,311.43
01-424-5530		Street Lighting	\$	4,000.00		\$	4,000.00	\$	3,505.67	494.33
01-461-5580		Municipal Lighting Plant/Broadband	\$	85,410.00		\$	85,410.00	\$	83,880.65	1,529.35
01-429-5110		Tree Warden Expenses	\$	6,250.00		\$	6,250.00	\$	-	-
01-433-5110		Transfer Station Wages	\$	11,025.00		\$	11,025.00	\$	10,957.75	67.25
01-433-5300		Hilltown Res Mgt Waste PU	\$	1,576.00		\$	1,576.00	\$	-	-
01-433-5380		Hilltown Resource Mgt Corp	\$	4,190.00		\$	4,382.00	\$	4,382.00	-
01-439-5381		PH Waste Disposal Expenses	\$	45,000.00		\$	45,000.00	\$	27,379.81	17,620.19
01-0000-1451		Water Specialist	\$	300.00		\$	300.00	\$	300.00	300.00
01-491-5110		Supdt of Cemetery Wages	\$	997.74		\$	997.74	\$	997.72	0.02
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS			\$	572,798.74	\$	192.00	\$	572,990.74	\$	510,936.39
			\$	-		\$	572,990.74	\$	62,054.35	\$
HUMAN SERVICES										
01-512-5300		Public Health Agent	\$	15,048.34		\$	15,048.34	\$	-	\$
01-512-5580		Public Health Expense	\$	2,000.00		\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	2,000.00
01-541-5110		Council on Aging Salaries	\$	3,113.00		\$	3,365.02	\$	-	-
01-541-5580		Council on Aging Expenses	\$	4,070.00		\$	4,067.99	\$	2.01	2.01
01-543-5581		Veterans Services	\$	54,000.00		\$	54,000.00	\$	41,022.20	12,977.80
01-543-5580		Veterans Agent Assessment	\$	5,286.00		\$	5,286.00	\$	1.00	1.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES			\$	83,497.34	\$	252.02	\$	83,749.36	\$	68,788.55
			\$	-		\$	83,749.36	\$	14,960.81	\$
CULTURE & RECREATION										
01-610-5580		Library Expenses	\$	8,985.45		\$	9,018.25	\$	8,985.27	32.98
01-630-5580		Recreation Commission Expenses	\$	4,000.00		\$	4,000.00	\$	3,813.57	186.43
01-691-5580		Historical Commission Expenses	\$	3,800.00		\$	3,800.00	\$	3,133.82	466.18
01-699-5780		Open Space Comm Expense	\$	150.00		\$	150.00	\$	116.00	34.00
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION			\$	16,745.45	\$	22.80	\$	16,768.25	\$	719.59
			\$	-		\$	16,768.25	\$	16,046.66	\$
			\$	-		\$	16,768.25	\$	719.59	\$
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			\$	-		\$	16,768.25	\$	719.59	\$

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GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
DEBT										
	01.710.6910.01	Landfill Cap Repair Debt Exclusion	\$ 37,856.00			\$ 37,856.00	\$ 37,785.06	\$ 70.94	\$ 70.94	
	01.710.6910.06	Broadband Debt Exclusion	\$ 19,550.00			\$ 19,550.00	\$ 4,854.37	\$ 14,695.69	\$ 14,695.69	
	01.752.6925	Interest on Short Term Debt	\$ 1,100.00			\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00	
	TOTAL DEBT		\$ 58,506.00			\$ 58,506.00	\$ 42,639.37	\$ 15,866.63	\$ 15,866.63	\$ -
ASSESSMENTS										
	01.823.6630	Air Pollution	\$ 342.00			\$ 342.00	\$ 342.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.820.6630	R/W Non-Renewal Surcharge	\$ 1,060.00			\$ 1,060.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	
	01.842.6660	Regional Transit	\$ 906.00			\$ 906.00	\$ 906.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.841.6660	PV Regional Planning Agency Comm.	\$ 175.00			\$ 183.15	\$ 183.15	\$ -	\$ -	
	TOTAL ASSESSMENTS		\$ 2,483.00			\$ 2,491.15	\$ 2,351.15	\$ 140.00	\$ 140.00	\$ -
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS										
	01.911.6170	County Retirement	\$ 70,203.00			\$ 70,203.00	\$ 63,337.00	\$ 6,866.00	\$ 6,866.00	
	01.912.6170	Worker Comp Insurance	\$ 9,000.00			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 6,377.00	\$ 2,623.00	\$ 2,623.00	
	01.912.6170.01	Injured On Duty	\$ 8,975.00			\$ 9,493.00	\$ 9,493.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.913.6170	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,160.00			\$ 4,160.00	\$ 1,327.94	\$ 2,832.16	\$ 2,832.16	
	01.914.6170	Health Ins-Town Share	\$ 53,100.00			\$ 53,100.00	\$ 22,587.57	\$ 30,512.43	\$ 30,512.43	
	01.915.6170	Group Life Insurance-Town Share	\$ 490.00			\$ 490.00	\$ 39.05	\$ 450.95	\$ 450.95	
	01.916.6170	Medicare Expense - Town share	\$ 7,540.00			\$ 7,540.00	\$ 7,526.61	\$ 13.39	\$ 13.39	
	TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		\$ 153,468.00			\$ 153,966.00	\$ 110,888.07	\$ 43,297.93	\$ 43,297.93	\$ -
OTHER INSURANCE										
	01.122.5740	General Insurance	\$ 41,200.01			\$ 41,200.01	\$ 32,052.00	\$ 9,148.01	\$ 9,148.01	
	TOTAL OTHER INSURANCE		\$ 41,200.01			\$ 41,200.01	\$ 32,052.00	\$ 9,148.01	\$ 9,148.01	\$ -
	TOTAL BUDGET		\$ -	\$ 3,281,114.14	\$ -	\$ 3,281,114.14	\$ 2,880,642.24	\$ 400,471.90	\$ 396,093.84	\$ 4,378.06
FY2022 ARTICLES										
	01.710.6962	2017 Police Interceptor Ptn	\$ 9,000.00			\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.750.6962	2017 Police Interceptor Int	\$ 238.50			\$ 238.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.710.6963	2008 International Truck Ptn	\$ 8,234.00			\$ 8,234.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.750.6963	2008 International Truck Int	\$ 214.09			\$ 214.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.710.6910.02	2019 Mack Dump Truck Ptn	\$ 22,000.00			\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.751.6915.02	2019 Mack Dump Truck Int	\$ 1,899.78			\$ 1,899.78	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.710.6910.03	2019 Police Ford SUV Ptn Int	\$ 10,691.10			\$ 10,691.10	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.751.6915.03	2019 Police Ford SUV Int	\$ 1,111.87			\$ 1,111.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.710.6910.04	2019 Ford F350 Ptn	\$ 6,278.90			\$ 6,278.90	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.751.6915.04	2019 Ford F350 Int	\$ 653.01			\$ 653.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.192.6970.9001	Replace VOIP Phone System	\$ 7,000.00			\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00
	01.1220.6970.9002	Purchases Used Fire Rescue	\$ 8,600.00			\$ 8,600.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
	01.135.6300.9000	Chart of Accounts	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
	01.429.6240.9000	Tree Removal	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	01.122.5780.9001	Prior Year Bills	\$ 734.87			\$ 734.87	\$ 700.69	\$ 34.18	\$ 34.18	\$ 12,100.00
	TOTAL SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ 90,921.25			\$ 91,666.12	\$ 79,521.94	\$ 12,134.18	\$ 34.18	\$ -
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS										
	01.996.6965	Transfers to OPEB	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	
	01.000.6964	Transfers Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ 232,532.80			\$ 232,532.80	\$ 232,532.80	\$ -	\$ -	
	TOTAL TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS		\$ 237,532.80			\$ 237,532.80	\$ 237,532.80	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL ALL FY2021 BUDGET & ARTICLES		\$ -	\$ 3,609,568.19	\$ 734.87	\$ 3,610,303.06	\$ 3,197,696.98	\$ 412,605.08	\$ 396,128.02	\$ 16,478.06
PRIOR YEAR ARTICLES CARRIED FORWARD										
	01.1220.6940.9000	Fire Dept-New Well	\$ 33.11			\$ 33.11	\$ -	\$ 33.11	\$ 33.11	
	01.1220.6970.9000	Fire Brush Truck	\$ 3,135.18			\$ 3,135.18	\$ -	\$ 3,135.18	\$ -	\$ 3,135.18

**TOWN OF GOSHEN, MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

Account Number	Description	Balance Forward	Budget	Budget Revisions	Revised Budget	Expended	Balance	Closed	Carry Forward
01.122.5840.9000	149S Chesterfield Rd.Rmv Bld	\$ 38,232.80			\$ 38,232.80	\$ -	\$ 38,232.80	\$ 38,232.80	
01.192.5870.9000	Town Office Comp Svr & Hdw	\$ 13,709.68			\$ 13,709.68	\$ -	\$ 13,709.68	\$ -	\$ 13,709.68
01.210.5850.9000	Digital Port Radios	\$ 676.26			\$ 676.26	\$ -	\$ 676.26	\$ -	\$ 676.26
01.422.5300.9000	Highway/Public Safety Study	\$ 200,000.00			\$ 200,000.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 196,900.00	\$ -	\$ 196,900.00
TOTAL PRIOR YEAR SPECIAL ARTICLES		\$ 255,787.03	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255,787.03	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 252,687.03	\$ 38,265.91	\$ 214,421.12
PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES									
01.122.5420	Selectboard Expense	\$ 432.06			\$ 432.06	\$ 432.06	\$ -	\$ -	
01.122.5740	General Insurance	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
01.192.5430	Town Building Maint (2)	\$ 1,807.58			\$ 1,807.58	\$ 1,807.58	\$ -	\$ -	
01.220.5190	Volunteer FF Stipends	\$ 703.22			\$ 703.22	\$ -	\$ 703.22	\$ -	\$ 703.22
01.241.5580	Bldg Inspector Expense	\$ 70.25			\$ 70.25	\$ 70.25	\$ -	\$ -	
01.422.5580	Town Garage Expense	\$ 10.38			\$ 10.38	\$ 10.38	\$ -	\$ -	
01.422.5581	General Highway Expense	\$ 311.24			\$ 311.24	\$ 311.24	\$ -	\$ -	
01.429.5110	Tree Warden Expense	\$ 1,900.00			\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	
01.630.5580	Recreation Expense	\$ 102.60			\$ 102.60	\$ 102.60	\$ -	\$ -	
01.691.5580	Historical Comm Expense (2)	\$ 184.49			\$ 184.49	\$ 184.49	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 6,021.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,021.82	\$ 4,818.60	\$ 1,203.22	\$ 500.00	\$ 703.22
TOTAL BUDGET, ARTICLES & ENCUMBRANCES		\$ 261,808.85	\$ 3,609,568.19	\$ 734.87	\$ 3,872,111.91	\$ 3,205,615.58	\$ 666,496.33	\$ 434,893.93	\$ 231,602.40

Special Revenue:												
Federal Grants:												
Fire VFA	\$	1,191.10	\$	1,191.10	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,191.10
Fire VFA 2020	\$	(2,000.00)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(2,000.00)
Police Bullet Proof Vests	\$	4,030.81	\$	5,180.81	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,030.81
EMPP Grant	\$	(636.58)	\$	(2,063.42)	\$	2,063.42	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(636.58)
Police SAMHSA	\$	118.53	\$	118.53	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	118.53
ARPA	\$	74,120.93	\$	-	\$	158,271.17	\$	-	\$	-	\$	74,120.93
Covid 19	\$	(11,029.33)	\$	(16,135.12)	\$	10,185.00	\$	84,150.24	\$	74,120.93	\$	(11,029.33)
State Grants:												
Chapter 90	\$	-	\$	-	\$	130,422.26	\$	130,422.26	\$	-	\$	-
BOH Sustain Material Recovery	\$	6,105.06	\$	11,482.17	\$	4,900.00	\$	10,277.11	\$	6,105.06	\$	-
Solstice Mass	\$	339.09	\$	339.09	\$	-	\$	-	\$	339.09	\$	-
Fire Safety Equipment Grant	\$	-	\$	(2,240.00)	\$	8,309.08	\$	6,069.08	\$	-	\$	-
Caring Community Building	\$	361.50	\$	361.50	\$	-	\$	-	\$	361.50	\$	-
Community Septic Management Program	\$	8,885.16	\$	8,885.16	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,885.16	\$	-
Green Community	\$	327.01	\$	327.01	\$	-	\$	-	\$	327.01	\$	-
State Poling	\$	1,945.30	\$	1,945.30	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,945.30	\$	-
Municipal Vulnerability	\$	13.92	\$	13.92	\$	-	\$	-	\$	13.92	\$	-
Online Permitting	\$	-	\$	3,292.03	\$	(3,292.03)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Election State Grant	\$	319.17	\$	319.17	\$	-	\$	-	\$	319.17	\$	-
IT CCC Grant	\$	1,192.03	\$	-	\$	3,292.03	\$	2,100.00	\$	1,192.03	\$	-
Senior Safe Grant	\$	1,820.24	\$	2,007.26	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,987.02	\$	1,820.24	\$	-
FireSafe Grant	\$	7,167.55	\$	2,817.85	\$	6,230.00	\$	1,880.30	\$	7,167.55	\$	-
FireSafe Grant	\$	10,795.74	\$	10,795.74	\$	-	\$	-	\$	10,795.74	\$	-
Traffic Enforcement	\$	3,760.91	\$	3,760.91	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,760.91	\$	-
Police AED Grant	\$	1,882.00	\$	-	\$	1,882.00	\$	-	\$	1,882.00	\$	-
Complete Streets	\$	-	\$	(231,245.62)	\$	231,245.62	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Arts Council	\$	7,103.63	\$	9,059.31	\$	5,002.40	\$	6,958.08	\$	7,103.63	\$	-
COA Formula Grant	\$	271.88	\$	(21.97)	\$	6,000.00	\$	5,706.15	\$	271.88	\$	-
Library	\$	3,429.11	\$	2,677.95	\$	3,230.49	\$	2,479.33	\$	3,429.11	\$	-
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:												
Wetlands Protection Fund	\$	7,702.29	\$	7,702.29	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,702.29	\$	-
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$	14,619.84	\$	13,719.84	\$	900.00	\$	-	\$	14,619.84	\$	-
ANCE Conservation	\$	983.20	\$	983.20	\$	-	\$	-	\$	983.20	\$	-
Hist Comm Gnts	\$	7,786.59	\$	5,561.59	\$	2,225.00	\$	-	\$	7,786.59	\$	-
History Book Fund	\$	349.50	\$	349.50	\$	-	\$	-	\$	349.50	\$	-
Transportations Network	\$	6.50	\$	6.50	\$	0.20	\$	-	\$	6.50	\$	-

**TOWN OF GOSHEN, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**TOWN OF GOSHEN, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL REVENUE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2022	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Revolving Funds:					
Recreation	\$ 1,720.69	\$ 1,720.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,720.69
Ambulance	\$ 10,637.76	\$ 8,978.09	\$ 7,898.31	\$ 6,238.64	\$ 10,637.76
Zoning Board of Appeals	\$ 8,329.27	\$ 6,469.47	\$ 2,507.00	\$ 647.20	\$ 8,329.27
Animal Control	\$ 10,178.16	\$ 8,854.88	\$ 1,355.00	\$ 31.72	\$ 10,178.16
Electrical Inspectors	\$ 7,873.00	\$ 6,938.00	\$ 3,945.00	\$ 3,010.00	\$ 7,873.00
Assessors	\$ 4,397.50	\$ 4,397.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,397.50
Police Detail	\$ (14,323.44)	\$ (22,086.95)	\$ 33,125.26	\$ 25,361.75	\$ (14,323.44)
Other Special Revenue:					
CPA Fund	\$ 1,025,135.37	\$ 862,120.66	\$ 163,314.71	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,025,135.37
State Septic Grant	\$ 100,804.20	\$ 100,804.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,804.20
Septic Grant Interest	\$ 3,980.36	\$ 3,950.67	\$ 29.69	\$ -	\$ 3,980.36
COA Donations	\$ 8,469.88	\$ 6,791.38	\$ 4,424.00	\$ 2,745.50	\$ 8,469.88
Police Donation	\$ 1,955.00	\$ 1,955.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,955.00
Library Gifts	\$ 3,464.40	\$ 2,169.40	\$ 1,295.00	\$ -	\$ 3,464.40
Playground Donation	\$ 442.79	\$ 442.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 442.79
Goshen Kids Activities	\$ 2,348.80	\$ 913.80	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 2,348.80
Library Interest	\$ 109.41	\$ 109.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 109.41
Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.83
Police MED Program	\$ 3,174.41	\$ 3,174.41	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,174.41
Comm Forest Gr Tilton	\$ 1,481.75	\$ 1,481.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,481.75
Stabilization Accounts:					
General	\$ 268,165.53	\$ 267,789.63	\$ 375.90	\$ -	\$ 268,165.53
Assessors Property Reval	\$ 32,763.94	\$ 32,759.01	\$ 4.93	\$ -	\$ 32,763.94
Fire Dept Vehicle	\$ 2,747.69	\$ 11,140.85	\$ 206.84	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 2,747.69
Town Buildings	\$ 1,341.33	\$ 1,329.81	\$ 11.52	\$ -	\$ 1,341.33
Audit	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00
Capital	\$ 911,623.33	\$ 717,654.32	\$ 252,842.17	\$ 58,873.16	\$ 911,623.33
Total Special Revenues	\$ 2,564,484.64	\$ 1,885,751.00	\$ 1,045,761.97	\$ 367,028.33	\$ 2,564,484.64

**TOWN OF GOSHEN, MASSACHUSETTS
CAPITAL PROJECTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2022	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Capital Projects:					
NHRES Roof	\$ -	\$ 24,646.21	\$ -	\$ 24,646.21	\$ -
Town Hall Rehabilitation	\$ 37,349.29	\$ 37,349.29	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,349.29
Landfill	\$ 73,190.54	\$ 73,190.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 73,190.54
Police Cruiser	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,650.00
Police AWD SUV	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.31
Book Binding	\$ 1,066.74	\$ 1,066.74	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,066.74
Narrowband Replace Radio	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 430.00
West Street Reconstruction	\$ 4,110.49	\$ 4,110.49	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,110.49
East Street Culvert	\$ 2,601.85	\$ 2,601.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,601.85
Computer Technology	\$ 1,348.00	\$ 1,348.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,348.00
Transfer Containers	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,540.00
Highway Plow/Dump Truck	\$ (168,500.00)	\$ (190,500.00)	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -	\$ (168,500.00)
Highway Pickup Truck	\$ (6.00)	\$ (6.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6.00)
Broadband Borrowing+Last Mile Grant	\$ (966,597.22)	\$ (634,652.20)	\$ 404,910.00	\$ 736,855.02	\$ (966,597.22)
Total Capital Projects	\$ (1,011,816.00)	\$ (677,224.77)	\$ 426,910.00	\$ 761,501.23	\$ (1,011,816.00)

**TOWN OF GOSHEN, MASSACHUSETTS
SCHEDULE OF TRUST FUNDS AND AGENCY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Fund Balances June 30, 2022	Opening Balance	Rev	Exp	Balance/Entry
Trust Funds:					
<i>Non-Expendable:</i>					
Archibald McConnell	\$ 1,647.96	\$ 1,647.75	\$ 0.21	\$ -	\$ 1,647.96
Lib. Carmela Walsh St	\$ 26,504.14	\$ 25,051.74	\$ 1,452.40	\$ -	\$ 26,504.14
Wright Fund Almoners	\$ 13,097.39	\$ 13,097.39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,097.39
<i>Expendable Trust:</i>					
Cemetery Trust	\$ 9,175.26	\$ 9,172.25	\$ 3.01	\$ -	\$ 9,175.26
Cemetery Perpetual	\$ 17,081.86	\$ 17,052.09	\$ 29.77	\$ -	\$ 17,081.86
Consolidated Trust	\$ 3,116.54	\$ 3,114.44	\$ 2.10	\$ -	\$ 3,116.54
Library Trust	\$ 53,792.89	\$ 53,664.13	\$ 128.76	\$ -	\$ 53,792.89
Lib Durkan Bequest	\$ 2,349.28	\$ 2,349.28	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,349.28
John McCrae Firehouse	\$ 16,533.56	\$ 16,531.06	\$ 2.50	\$ -	\$ 16,533.56
Whiting St Poor Almoners	\$ 16,411.06	\$ 16,411.06	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,411.06
Town Clerk	\$ 339.81	\$ 339.77	\$ 0.04	\$ -	\$ 339.81
Tilton Tn Farm	\$ 45,823.94	\$ 35,459.13	\$ 15,137.49	\$ 4,772.68	\$ 45,823.94
OPEB Trust	\$ 4,248.33	\$ -	\$ 4,248.33	\$ -	\$ 4,248.33
Agency Funds:					
Police Firearms Licenses	\$ 8,792.10	\$ 8,042.10	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 8,792.10
Firearms Permits	\$ 1,037.50	\$ 887.50	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 1,037.50
Due to Deputy Collector	\$ 13,197.00	\$ 13,701.00	\$ 877.00	\$ 1,381.00	\$ 13,197.00
Dog Licenses	\$ 4,949.60	\$ 4,949.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,949.60
Total Trust Funds	\$ 238,098.22	\$ 221,470.29	\$ 24,881.61	\$ 8,253.68	\$ 238,098.22

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's Office is one of the oldest elected offices in the Town serving the residents of Goshen since 1781. The Town Clerk administers the Oath of Office to over 75 elected and appointed members of local committees and boards and provides a copy of the Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Law as required by law. The Clerk is also responsible for maintaining the Conflict of Interest exam certifications from all town employees and members of all boards and committees.

2022 Statistics

The Town Clerk is Registrar of Vital Statistics; registering all births, deaths and marriages that occur within Goshen and those events occurring elsewhere, to town residents. The Town Clerk is responsible for the examining and certification of all vital records by signing and affixing the town seal.

Births: Goshen happily welcomed eight newborns into the community in 2022: five males and three females.

Marriages: Two couples were joined in marriage, with the issuance and recording of their marriage in Goshen in 2022.

Deaths: Our deepest condolences to all families who lost a loved one this year. In 2022, Goshen recorded ten deaths.

Dogs:

Single Licenses Issued: 218

Kennel Licenses Issued: 3

Elections and Meetings

The Town Clerk is the Chief Election Official overseeing all aspects of elections whether they are town, state or federal and is responsible for the certification of all election results that are sent to the Secretary of State. She is Clerk, Ex-Officio of the Board of Registrars. The Town Clerk nominates appointment of approximately 20 Election Officials each year. The Clerk conducts the Annual Town Census (Street Listing); entering all town residents into the state database.

2022 Street Listing: 975 Residents

Registered Voters: 794

Town Meetings held in 2022: (See pages that follow for meeting minutes)

- ❖ April 11, 2022 Annual Town Caucus
- ❖ May 21, 2022 Annual Town Meeting

Elections held in 2022:

- ❖ June 4, 2022 Annual Town Election; 88 ballots cast
- ❖ September 6, 2022 State Primary; 255 ballots cast
- ❖ November 8, 2022 State Election; 519 ballots cast

Our town offices remained open during this third year of the Covid-19 pandemic, which allowed residents to do their transactions in person, or by mail, if preferred. Some meetings were held over Zoom, many returned to fully in-person, and other meetings used a combination of both. One positive of the pandemic has been the realization of a need for options, and this extended to voting.

The VOTES Act was signed into law in Massachusetts on June 22, 2022. This marked some of the most significant changes to elections in years, namely making vote by mail permanent, expanding early voting options as well as other shifts in the election process. Preparing for an election went from getting ready for just election day, which was already significant in itself, to setting up and staffing numerous in person early voting days, along with the mailing, receiving, inputting and filing of hundreds of vote by mail applications and ballots. The duties of the Town Clerk have increased dramatically as a result of the VOTES Act.

Our three elections in 2022 (Annual Town Election, State Primary and State Election) went off without a hitch thanks to our skilled and dedicated election staff. I'd like to thank Evelyn Kellogg-Culver and Shannon Wade, Election Wardens; and Kerry Normandin and Kit Rock, Election Clerks, as they once again handled the numerous vote by mail ballots with ease and made the days run smoothly.

Thank you, election workers and constables, for your hard work. Thank you, Ronnie Loven, for setting up and taking down all the election equipment. Last but not least, thank you, Gina Papineau, for your continued assistance and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen M. Estelle
Town Clerk of Goshen

Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Minutes

TOWN OF GOSHEN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

FIELD BEHIND TOWN OFFICES

Saturday, May 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m., a quorum being present and 38 voters signed in. The meeting was held under a tent in the field behind town offices, due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic precautions.

Moderator Keith Wright recognized the Goshen residents who passed away since the last annual town meeting:

Margaret Papineau

Margaret Waggoner

James Russell Sr.

John Somes

Chet Lulek

DiAnne Mimitz

Lawrence Packard

Gary Constantilos

Margaret Waggoner, Chet Lulek and Lawrence Packard collectively gave decades of service to our town.

The moderator asked for a moment of silence in memory of those we lost.

The moderator noted that the warrant was duly posted and returned and then dispensed with the formal reading of the warrant and moved to Article 1.

ARTICLE 1: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed by requisite 2/3rds vote.

ARTICLE 2: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

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

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: Motion made and seconded to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$332,223.13 to the Capital Stabilization Account.

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.

Passed by requisite majority.

ARTICLE 6: Motion made and seconded 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.

Note: 2/3rds vote is required.

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

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed by requisite majority.

ARTICLE 8: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed by requisite majority.

ARTICLE 9: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: Motion made and seconded to rescind the debt authorizations for the dates and unissued amounts below.

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.

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: Motion made and seconded 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.

Note: Majority vote is required.

General Government

The motion was made and seconded to raise \$478,880.00 for General Government

Passed unanimously.

Public Safety

The motion was made and seconded to raise \$237,622.00 for Public Safety.

Passed unanimously.

Public Works

The motion was made and seconded to raise \$482,778.00 for Public Works.

Passed unanimously.

Public Health & Sanitation

The motion was made and seconded to raise \$88,870.00 for Public Health & Sanitation.

Passed unanimously.

Community Services

The motion was made and seconded to raise \$100,321.00 for Community Services.

Passed unanimously.

Pensions and Insurance

The motion was made and seconded to raise \$191,231.00 for Pensions and Insurance

Passed unanimously.

Education

The motion was made and seconded to raise **\$1,670,583.00** for Education.

Passed by requisite majority.

Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund

The motion was made and seconded to raise **\$115,000.00** for the Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund.

Passed by requisite majority.

Total Debt Exclusion

The motion was made and seconded to raise **\$57,511.00** for Total Debt Exclusion.

Passed by requisite majority.

The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate **\$3,422,796.00** for sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, and to vote to set all Town budgets.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Passed by requisite majority.

ARTICLE 12: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed by requisite majority.

ARTICLE 13: Motion made and seconded to approve the Goshen MLP High Speed Internet Operations Fund budget for fiscal year 2023. The MLP budget is to be funded from MLP subscriber fees and \$26,100 from CAFII federal grant funds.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Discussion: Town Counsel provided additional wording for this motion and it was read and appended to the original article wording as follows: "I move to appropriate \$375,466 for the Goshen MLP High Speed Internet Operations Fund budget for fiscal year 2023 and to fund said enterprise appropriate \$26,100 from CAFII Federal Grant Funds and the remainder from MLP subscriber fees."

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: Motion made and seconded to permit the Select Board to set the compensation of Town employees and appointed officials as established in the Town's personnel policies.

Note: Majority vote is required.

Passed by requisite majority.

ARTICLE 15 Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16: Motion made and seconded 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:

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.

Appropriations:

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

Passed unanimously.

Reserves:

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

Passed unanimously.

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

Passed unanimously.

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

Passed unanimously.

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

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: Motion made and seconded that the Town 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.

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.

Passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: Motion made and seconded 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.

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.

Passed by requisite majority.

Annual Town Election candidates were invited to briefly introduce themselves and tell the assembled crowd a bit about who they are.

Lorraine Brisson from the Open Space Committee talked about the committee's "Reimagine Goshen Center" initiative, and invited everyone to a forum on July 20th at the town hall.

Evelyn Kellogg-Culver invited everyone to attend the 100^{year} celebration of the Women's Club on May 22nd.

There being no other business to come before the Town, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen M. Estelle

Town Clerk

Town Treasurer
Fiscal Year 2022: July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

<u>Receipts</u>		
July 2021		\$725,196.98
August		807,295.95
September		82,137.90
October		278,484.66
November		521,062.59
December		1,550,593.63
January 2022		528,012.97
February		513,382.62
March		414,509.35
April		637,469.94
May		257,635.73
June		1,777,351.18
TOTAL		\$8,093,133.50

The receipts listed above include all sources: real estate, personal property, and motor vehicle excise taxes, various local receipts (i.e. transfers station, various permits and fees etc.), all grants received and all borrowings initiated wherein new proceeds were realized. Simply put, the receipts represent all inflows of cash to the Town during the fiscal year.

Debt Outstanding				
	Outstanding Debt as of July 1, 2021	New Debt Issued during FY 2022	Retired during FY2022	Outstanding Debt as of June 30, 2022
Highway 2008 Int'l Plow Truck	\$8,234.00		\$8,234.00	\$0.00
Police 2017 Ford Explorer	9,000.00		9,000.00	0.00
Clean Water Trust (Landfill Cap)	590,445.00		39,172.00 *	551,273.00
Police Vehicle & Hwy Truck	67,880.00		16,970.00	50,910.00
Hwy Truck	190,500.00	168,500.00	190,500.00	168,500.00
Broadband Construction	1,100,000.00	1,400,000.00	1,100,000.00	1,400,000.00
Hwy Tractor		43,600.00		43,600.00
Totals	\$1,966,059.00	1,612,100.00	\$1,363,876.00	\$2,214,283.00

* Unused loan proceeds (\$13,740) applied to reduce principal plus scheduled principal reduction (\$25,432).

Debt Authorized and Unissued as of June 30, 2022				
	Vote Date	Amount Authorized	Issued Retired Rescinded	Amount Unissued
Total Authorized & Unissued		No outstanding Debt authorizations		

Tax Title Accounts Receivable

As of June 30, 2022

PARCEL	TAX TITLE AMOUNT Certified by Collector
Map 2, Lot 0 32-0	\$ 8,741.68
Map 10A, Lot 0 364-0	664.68
Map 7, Lot 0 38-0	2,667.76
Map 10A, Lot 0 369-0	303.65
Map 10A, Lot 0 33-0	1,237.63
Map 10, Lot 0 66-0	1,866.61
Map 10A, Lot 0 610-X	1,315.05
Map 10A, Lot 643-0	589.59
Map 10A, Lot 645-0	656.45
Map 10A, Lot 635-X	717.82
Map 10A, Lot 682-0	520.12
Map 10A, Lot 0 719-0	1,699.50
Map 10A, Lot 0 661-0	928.30
Map 4, Lot 0 4-0	515.07
Map 3, Lot 0 4-0	12,392.97
Map 3, Lot 0 2-0	9,165.36
Map 8, Lot 0 50-0	5,430.18
Map 10, Lot 0 61-0	8,611.51
Map 10A, Lot 0 276-X	1,030.58
Map 8, Lot 0 98-0	679.42
Map 10, Lot 0 10-0	9,048.99
Map 5, Lot 104-0	4,811.41
Map 10A, Lot 0 317-0	1,355.61
Map 10A, Lot 0 616-X30	950.50
TAX TITLE ACCOUNTS TOTALS:	\$ 76,256.80 *

* Tax Title Amounts are past due real estate taxes outstanding, Collector's fees, and interest as certified by the Tax Collector and turned over to the Treasurer for collection. All amounts subject to 16% interest and additional legal fees and redemption costs. Several properties are before the Massachusetts Land Court in foreclosure proceedings. The significant year to year increase of the Tax Title balance is the result of the new Town Collector's diligent processing of the past due accounts from the fiscal years 2019, 2020 & 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan L. Kidston, CMMT, Treasurer

Tree Warden

I survey the roadside trees on each town road on a regular basis. I mark trees with a red X that I consider to be a hazard and need to be removed as a priority. I mark trees with a red dot and include them on a list to be removed the following year. Hazard trees that are threatening the National grid lines are marked with a yellow X and then I send a list of those trees to the National Grid arborist. National Grid has been very helpful in removing many trees.

When trees are taken down, whether by a private contractor that I hire or by National Grid assigned crews, the brush is chipped and the wood is left near the stump.

The wood is left for the closest abutter for their use.

Please call me if you have questions at 413-32-3100

Submitted by,

Bob Goss, Tree Warden

Veterans Services

A new Veterans Service Officer, Robert Vigneault, has joined our team replacing Tom Geryk who has moved on. Robert is also an Air force veteran and is very connected with those who serve at Westover ARB. He will be participating in the SHINE training that will begin as the pandemic subsides, and he will become our new certified SHINE Representative. The federal government has made significant changes (Mission Act of 2018) to the VA Healthcare system nationally and in Western Massachusetts. The law mandated the creation of the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission, which would consider which of the VA's healthcare facilities to close, improve, repurpose, or consolidate. The secretary's list will include not only entire medical centers but also inpatient units, emergency rooms, and outpatient clinics. Critics of the AIR process, and I am one of them,

worry that commission members (who have yet to be announced) will ignore a wealth of studies demonstrating that the VA delivers better outcomes at a lower cost than the private sector. We will need to provide the best information possible as our older veterans are being compelled to use more and more health services in the community.

Our office collaborated with Baystate Health, Western Massachusetts veterans outreach project, and the VA medical center to design and implement a nine-week training program for mental health and medical staff addressing issues faced by our veteran population and their families. "The Military Veterans Healthcare Virtual Lunchtime Series" began in November 2021 and spanned through February 2022 covering issues ranging from community reintegration and veteran's suicide to the challenges facing those who suffered a traumatic brain injury and the benefits of service animals. We will continue to work with this group as we assist with the planning of a 2023 veteran conference, focused on military and veteran families.

We were able to participate at the Big E on Veteran and Military Appreciation Day, and we did connect with several veterans in our district to help them with their VA benefits and healthcare needs on site and back at our office over the following couple of months. The number of veterans receiving aid through our financial assistance program decreased again this year, and we recently learned at our statewide training sessions that the decline is statewide. It should be noted that although the demand for our financial benefits has lessened, our demand for the benefits from the federal government through the Department of Veterans Affairs and Social Security have increased during the pandemic. The Department's objective is ongoing, and efforts to find new and innovative methods of outreach will be important to ensure that all who need assistance receive it. We plan to develop a relationship with the Community Action Team (CAT) and the Community Action Board (CAB) from Westover ARB to expand awareness of our services, focusing on veterans who are currently serving and those who are coming back from conflicts in the Southwest Asia and the Middle East and residing in the Hilltown area.

The two biggest days of recognition for our veterans are Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. The Memorial Day ceremonies were provided by the Cumington American Legion and other veteran members of the Hilltown communities. They visited many of the various town cemeteries and provided a ceremony in honor and remembrance of our deceased veterans at each stop. The 2021 Chesterfield Fourth of July parade returned this past year, but, due to the pandemic and the lack of time to prepare, it became a unique event of antique cars and other unique vehicles being displayed along the parade route. We are looking forward to the Fourth of July 2022 and the return of the great festivities that occur in Chesterfield every year on the nation's birthday.

The Veterans' Day ceremony in Williamsburg was a spirited and well-attended event. Many members of the neighboring communities, such as Chesterfield, were also in attendance. Although held on a relatively cold day, it was heartwarming to see so many members of the community out to honor our veterans from yesterday and today. This year's guest speaker was MAGNUS, KAREN L CIV USAF AFRC 439 AW who spoke eloquently about what it means to serve an entire career in the Air Force and now to be a veteran. Great thanks go out to Dan Nye of the Veterans Memorial Committee, who spearheaded the effort to show appreciation for veterans by coordinating so much of our commemorative events.

Lastly, this year many veterans and some dependents of Goshen received VA compensation and pension benefits in the amount of \$15,195 on a **monthly basis**. In addition, the town was able to help several veterans and families by providing financial assistance in accordance with M.G.L. CH 115. In all, the town issued \$41,617 in benefits for FY 2021 and received 75% of that money as a reimbursement from the state.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals is a volunteer board appointed by the Select Board. It consists of 4 members (Chair, 2 members and 1 alternate).

The Board hears and decides on requests for special permits, variances and appeals on the decisions of the Building Inspector.

The Board reviews applications, conducts public hearings when applications are presented, receives input from abutters and the general public before deliberating and rendering decisions.

During the 2022 calendar year, 6 applications for Special Permits were filed and 6 of those applications were allowed. There were no filings for variances or appeals of the Building Inspector's decisions.

Applications for hearings may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk.

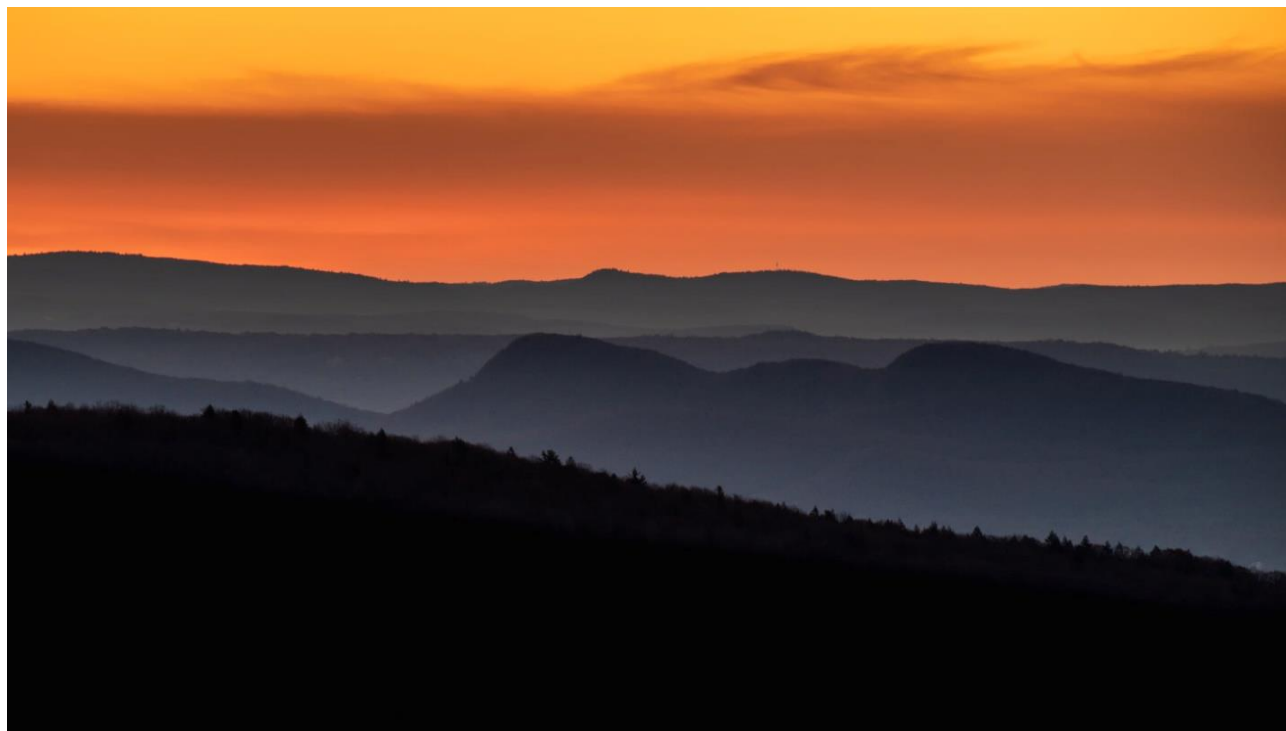
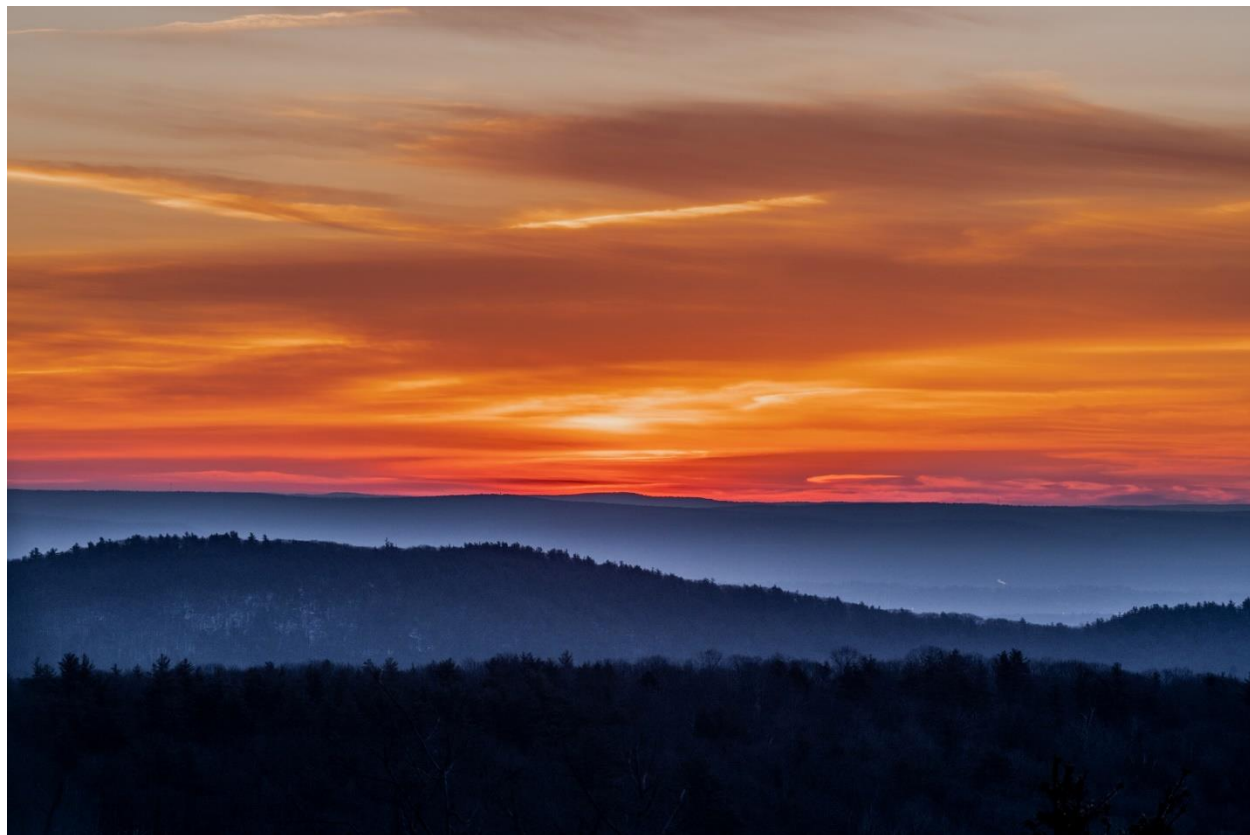
The Board is still short one full member and anyone interested in joining us should contact the Select Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

William O'Riordan, Chair

Steve Estelle, Member

Roger Culver, Alternate



Sunset over the Goshen Hills

Photo from the Bob Labrie Collection

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At aerial view of Goshen in the fall
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