

**TOWN OF GOSHEN  
JOHN JAMES MEMORIAL HALL**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
Monday, October 23, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm, a quorum being present and 36 voters signed in. Moderator Keith Wright 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 revise the Town of Goshen’s Zoning By Law dated May 20, 2019 to add an Overlay District Section XVII with Item A Flood Plain, as proposed by the Planning Board.

Note: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote is required

Note: The complete text of the proposed Zoning By-Law may be found in the Town Clerk's office, on the Town website and as a handout at the Special Town Meeting.

Note: This Floodplain district is required by FEMA in order to continue to participate in the Federal Flood Plain Insurance. A public hearing to review the proposed by-law was held on August 10, 2023.

**Passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 2 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 06/29/2015, Article 14 & Special Town Election of 07/06/2015	To fund construction of the MLP Fiber Optic Network	\$ 194,185.00

Note: A majority vote is required.

**Passed unanimously.**

ARTICLE 3 Motion made and seconded to approve an appropriation of \$410,000, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). These funds are necessary for the Town Hall Rehabilitation Phase II Project. This phase will include the rehabilitation of the exterior building envelope, including repairing windows and storms, exterior doors, repointing masonry on all facades, repair of the flat roof over the back extension, rebuilding the parapets on both ends of the flat roof and any other repairs deemed necessary. Said funds to come from the following CPA accounts:

Account	Amount
Historic Resource Reserve	\$ 17,000
Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 393,000

These sums will be placed into a special project account known as the Town Hall Rehabilitation Account. Project expenses will be paid from this account.

Any unexpended funds shall be returned to the CPA accounts from which they were appropriated after three years from the date of appropriation, unless extended for cause, by approval of the Goshen Select Board and the CPC.

Note: Majority vote is required.

**Passed by requisite majority.**

Andrew Watt, chair of the library trustees, announced that the Goshen Free Library is now connected to CW Mars and residents can order books and pick them up here in town.

Dawn Scaparotti, town administrator, read a statement from the Tilton Farm Supervisors regarding a forestry management plan that will begin this winter. There will be a volunteer opportunity in the spring to plant saplings. Interested residents were encouraged to sign up on the form at the front of the town hall.

There being no other business to come before the Town, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the special town meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen M. Estelle  
Town Clerk