

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

HAMPSHIRE: ss

May 5, 2009

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

GREETINGS:

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

- Article 1: To choose all necessary officers to serve for the ensuing year, or take any other action thereto.
- Article 2: To see if the town will vote to act on the reports of the town officers, or take any other action thereto.
- Article 3: To see if the town will vote to permit the Selectboard to set the compensation of town employees or appointed officials, in accordance with the merit system as established in the town's personnel policies, or take any other action thereto.
- Article 4: To see if the town will vote to authorize the chief elected officials to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Programs or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies as received as set forth in the appropriate application, or take any other action thereto.
- Article 5: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$325.14 already received from the 2008 County Dog Fund to the Library Account, or take any other action thereto.
- Article 6: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,228.93 already received from the state to the Library Account, or take any other action thereto.
- Article 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the town charges from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010, and to vote to set all town budgets, or take any other action thereto.
- Article 8: To see if the town will vote to accept a Scenic Roads By-law in accordance with article 97 of the Constitution to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and all state statutes and regulations there under including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C and Chapter 87, or take any action thereto.

NOTE: This General By-law designates Town roads, with the exception of Route 9 and Route 112, within the Town of Goshen as Scenic Roads. This By-law is intended to provide oversight before removal of trees and stone walls which affect the scenic, aesthetic or historic features of certain public rights of way. It provides for procedures for cutting trees within the Town right of ways and protects stone walls within the Town right of ways from being torn down or destroyed without a public hearing. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Historic Resources Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund to fund the Goshen Town Clerk's project of preservation of historic town records, or take any other action thereto.

NOTE: Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Goshen Town Clerk and the Community Preservation Committee.

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2010, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or take any other action thereto.

Appropriations:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for the Committee Administrative Expenses \$4,800.00

Reserves:

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Historical Resource Reserve \$9,600.00

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$9,600.00

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$9,600.00

From FY 2010 estimated revenues for Budget Reserve \$62,400.00

Article 11: To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 41, Section 19J of Mass General Law as detailed below, or take any other action thereto.

Chapter 41: Section 19J. Additional compensation for serving as member of board of registrars of voters *Section 19J. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections nineteen G and nineteen H, a city or town which accepts this section may compensate a clerk of a city or town who also serves as a member of its board of registrars of voters, in addition to any compensation to which such clerk is entitled as city or town clerk, a sum not less than fifty dollars but not to exceed one hundred dollars, and, if the number of registered voters exceeds one thousand, an additional sum not less than fifty dollars but not to exceed one hundred dollars for each additional thousand of registered voters or major fraction thereof; provided, however, that the total payment for such service as a member of said board shall not exceed four thousand dollars in any year.*

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector of the town, or take any other action thereto.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to transfer \$8,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to fund the Volunteer Firefighter Incentive Program, or take any other action thereto.

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to transfer the third year lease payment of \$4,500.00 (received in FY '08 from Highland Ambulance) from free cash to the Fire Vehicle Fund, or take any other action thereto.

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$423,998 for Goshen's share of the 2009 Chesterfield/Goshen Regional School's assessment, or take any other action thereto.

The Finance Board and Selectboard recommend \$ 393,998..

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$426,619 for Goshen's share of the 2009 Hampshire Regional School's assessment, or take any other action thereto.

The Finance Board and Selectboard recommend \$396,619.

Article 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,400 for Vocational Transportation, or take any other action thereto.

The Finance Board and Selectboard recommend \$ 26,400.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$159,585 for Vocational Tuition, or take any other action thereto.

The Finance Board and Selectboard recommend \$159,585.

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

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

Given under our hands this 5th day of May 2009 A.D.

SELECTBOARD OF GOSHEN:

E.J. Brennan, Chairman

Joseph G. Dunn, Selectman

John Stellberger, Selectman

I have posted attested copies as directed.

Constable

Date: Month/Day/Year