

# Town of Goffstown, NH 2006 Annual Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the County of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, and to the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown Area High School in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on March 14, 2006. (Snow date is Thursday, February 9, 2006.)

You are further notified to meet March 14, 2006 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 14, 2006 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown Area High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

## ARTICLE 1

To choose all Town Officers, Trustees, Commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

## ARTICLE 2

Shall the town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Zoning Ordinance to create a new district (RSBO-1) with supplemental standards as a transition zone around the R-1 district for the purpose of preserving historic fabric and character, while recognizing market forces for use and building change, applied to the following properties along North and South Mast Streets?

Map / Lot to change from R-1 to RSBO-1:

7/74-1	30/23	34/1	37/13	37/34	37/50	38/27
	30/37	34/2	37/14	37/35	37/51	38/28
29/53	30/38	34/3	37/15	37/36	37/52	38/29
29/54	30/39	34/4	37/16	37/37		38/30
29/55	30/40	34/5	37/18	37/38	38/14	38/31
29/56	30/41	34/28	37/19	37/39	38/15	38/32
29/57	30/42		37/25	37/40	38/16	38/33
29/58	30/43	35/1	37/26	37/41	38/17	38/34
29/59	30/43A	35/1A	37/27	37/42	38/18	38/35
29/60	30/44	35/2	37/28	37/43	38/19	
29/61	30/45	35/3	37/29	37/44	38/20	
29/62	30/46		37/30	37/45	38/21	
	30/46A	37/10	37/31	37/46	38/22	
30/21	30/47	37/11	37/32	37/47	38/25	
30/22	30/48	37/12	37/33	37/48	38/26	

Map / Lot to change from RSBOD to RSBO-1

30/46-1						
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The existing RSBO district would be re-titled RSBO-2.

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

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## ARTICLE 3

Shall the town adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board, amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section 2.5.5 to deal with lots split by zoning districts, codifying current practice?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

## ARTICLE 4

Shall the town adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 4.2.5.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, clarifying that the height limits for buildings shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.3, Table of Dimensional Regulations?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

## ARTICLE 5

Shall the town adopt Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 6.8 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow internal direction, as well as project identity signs; add a new Section between 6.3.5 and 6.3.6, allowing yard sale signs without sign permits; amend Section 6.12 Special Event Signs, allowing such signs in any district and removing yard sale sign from this category, and amend Section 6.13, Temporary Signs, providing sign standards, rather than requiring a conditional use permit?

The full text of this article is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

## ARTICLE 6

Shall the town adopt Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending special exception findings under Section 14.3.2.1 to read as follows:

- 14.3.2.1.1** The specific site is an appropriate location for such use, being consistent with the Town's current Master Plan;
- 14.3.2.1.2** The size, or frequency, of the use will not significantly alter the character of the neighborhood;
- 14.3.2.1.3** The use will not create a nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians in a manner that cannot be ameliorated;
- 14.3.2.1.4** The proposed location is of sufficient size to allow for adequate and appropriate facilities for the proper operation of the use; and
- 14.3.2.1.5** The proposed location is of sufficient size to allow for appropriate buffers of this use to adjacent properties.

***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

## ARTICLE 7

Shall the town adopt Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 9.3.2.3 to lower the allowed density for age-restricted manufactured and to clarify how density is to be measured?

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***Recommended by the Planning Board.***

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## ARTICLE 8

Shall the town adopt Amendment #7 as submitted by petition, amending the glossary by adding:

**Age Restricted Housing** – Age restricted housing shall mean housing which requires one resident over 55 years of age and prohibits residents under 18 years of age. To qualify as Age Restricted Housing, said housing shall include the following significant services and facilities specifically designed to meet the physical and social needs of older persons (as listed by NH Commission on Human Rights, Chapter 302.03 c).

1. Programs designed to provide a social life for residents;
2. Continuing education programs of interest to residents;
3. Information and counseling services;
4. Recreational programs;
5. Homemaker services;
6. Services designed to assist residents with the maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds;
7. An accessible physical environment;
8. Emergency and preventable health care programs;
9. Congregate dining facilities;
10. Transportation to facilitate access to social services;
11. Referral services; and
12. Services designed to encourage and assist residents to use the services and facilities available to them.

*Submitted by petition. Not Recommended by the Planning Board.*

## ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget approved by the Budget Committee in the amount of Sixteen Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,316,220).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Eight Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$7,824,629).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Nine Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three dollars (\$1,923,423) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety One dollars (\$310,991) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: “Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Sixteen Million Three Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$16,316,220)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Sixteen Million Three Hundred Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six dollars (\$16,302,486), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the

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governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the International Brotherhood of Police Officers, Local No. 371 representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Police Department running through December 31, 2010 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$40,277) such sum representing the additional costs attributable at current staffing levels paid in 2005. The estimated additional costs for 2007 over the costs in 2006 will be Fifty Two Thousand Sixty Eight Dollars (\$52,068). The estimated additional costs for 2008 over the costs in 2007 will be Thirty One Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$31,218). The estimated additional costs in 2009 over the costs in 2008 will be Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars Seven Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars (\$27,787). The estimated additional costs in 2010 over the costs in 2009 will be Thirty Three Thousand Four Hundred Ten Dollars (\$33,410). The cost items for future years will be included in the operating budget. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Department of Public Works running through December 31, 2010 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$35,518) such sum representing the additional costs attributable at current staffing levels paid in 2005. The estimated additional costs for 2007 over the costs in 2006 will be Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars (\$25,904). The estimated additional costs for 2008 over the costs in 2007 will be Thirty Six Thousand Twenty Two Dollars (\$36,022). The estimated additional costs in 2009 over the costs in 2008 will be Thirty Two Thousand Forty Seven Dollars (\$32,047). The estimated additional costs in 2010 over the costs in 2009 will be Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$49,659). The cost items for future years will be included in the operating budget. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Twenty One Thousand dollars (\$1,821,000) for the purpose of implementing the current phase of the Road Improvement Plan. The road improvement plan has been part of the CIP process since 2002 and annual appropriations for the plan have been approved as Special Articles since 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

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## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:1, to adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K relative to Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts so that the town will thereafter have all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in that chapter.

***Submitted by Board of Selectmen.***

## ARTICLE 14

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 13, to see whether the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:3 & 5, to resolve that the adoption and implementation of the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan will serve a public purpose as the same is contemplated in RSA 162-K:5 and to adopt the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan.

***Submitted by Board of Selectmen.***

## ARTICLE 15

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 14, to see whether the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:5, to create and establish the Tax Increment Financing District described in the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan and, in addition to establishing the district, establish the development program and tax increment financing plan more particularly set forth in said plan.

***Submitted by Board of Selectmen.***

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited into the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund and furthermore to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of purchasing an excavator. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

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## ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Seven dollars (\$94,427) from the EMS Special Revenue Fund to reimburse the Town's General Fund for the purchase of the new ambulance in 2005. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9 and results in revenue to the General Fund so that property taxes will not be raised to pay for the ambulance.)

***Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Board of Trustees indefinitely, until rescinded, to accept on behalf of the Library gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the Library for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 202-A:4-d. This vote shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the Town Meeting. The Library Board of Trustees must hold a public hearing before accepting any such gift valued at over \$5,000, and the acceptance shall not bind the library to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, repair, or replacement of such personal property.

***Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.***

## ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen, in their judgment, to transfer permanent and non-exclusive easement rights, license land rights or otherwise grant property rights in property owned by the Town of Goffstown, State of New Hampshire, shown at Tax Map 34, Lot 177 and known as (East Union Street Pump Station), to a private developer for the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on property located at Tax Map 34, Lot 171, on Factory Street and East Union Street. The easement rights proposed for conveyance by the Town of Goffstown for the benefit of Lot 171 include a stormwater drainage easement and a joint driveway access easement. In addition to the consideration set forth above, the Town of Goffstown shall also receive easements over Lot 171, allowing a common driveway access, pedestrian river walk access, public utilities, snowplow turn-around and any other provisions required by a the Town of Goffstown Planning Board. The final form of the easements referenced in this Warrant Article 21 shall be, in a form satisfactory to the town attorney. The selectmen are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry this article into effect.

***Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.***

## ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen, in their judgment, to grant a permanent, non-exclusive access easement across the rail to trail corridor owned by the Town of Goffstown, State of New Hampshire, to a private developer for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on property located at Tax Map 34, Lot 171 on Factory Street and East Union Street. The final form of the easements referenced in this Warrant Article 22 shall be in a form satisfactory to the town attorney. The selectmen are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry this article into effect.

***Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.***

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## ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to sell, transfer easement rights, license land rights or otherwise grant property rights in Town owned property at Map 34 Lot 177 (East Union Street Pumping Station), to a private developer for use in conjunction with the proposed development project on Map 34 Lot 171.

***Submitted by petition.***

## ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Board of Selectmen's decision to consolidate Police, Fire, EMS, and Code Enforcement services into a Public Safety Department administered by a Public Safety Director. The savings from this administrative consolidation will result in a reduction to the operating budget of Seventy Seven Thousand Sixteen Dollars (-\$77,016). (This appropriation is a reduction to Article 9.)

***Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to continue the Police and Fire Departments as the separate entities they have been for many years, and restore to office any personnel who may have been removed from said office, if reorganization has begun before this vote.

***Submitted by petition.***

## ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm the continuation of separate Fire and Police Departments, with each department run by a fire chief and police chief, with each being the distinct department head for their respective departments.

***Submitted by petition.***

## ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to direct and require the Board of Selectmen to reinstate Frank Carpentino to the position of Fire Chief and department head of the Fire Department.

***Submitted by petition.***

## ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to make the position of Public Safety Director an elected position with a 2-year term, should the Town legislative body approve the consolidation of its public safety services. The election of the Public Safety Director shall not be held until the next succeeding annual meeting following the approval of this article.

***Submitted by petition.***

## ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of paragraph I and II of NH RSA 154:5, which includes allowing a fire chief's tenure to be based on good conduct and efficiency and provides for the suspension and/or dismissal of a fire chief only for cause, after he or she, has been presented with a written specification of the reasons.

***Submitted by petition.***

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## ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of \$221,258 (above the 2006 operating budget) of the \$402,893 necessary to employ 18 additional full time Firefighter/EMTs within the Goffstown Fire Department, in order to implement 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, fire and fire based Emergency Medical Services, staffing a minimum of two fire stations. The effective date of hiring nine new full time Firefighter/EMTs shall commence effective July 1, 2006; and the effective date of which the remaining nine full time Firefighter/EMTs shall commence with a hiring date of September 1, 2006.

*Submitted by petition.*

***Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Not Recommended by Budget Committee.***

## ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to require that, in order to be elected or to serve as a selectmen, one must physically reside within the Town of Goffstown.

*Submitted by petition.*

## ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will vote to adopt provisions of RSA 40:14 to delegate the determination of the Goffstown Town Default Budget to the municipal budget committee.

*Submitted by petition.*

## ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town of Goffstown shall adopt the provisions of RSA 40-14b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the Municipal Budget Committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14.

*Submitted by petition.*

## ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with RSA 32:15, to reduce the number of members of the Budget Committee from sixteen (16) to thirteen (13) members, of which nine (9) members are to be elected at large, three each year for 3-year overlapping terms. Four representatives shall be selected for one-year terms, one each from the selectmen, the school board, the Goffstown Water Precinct, and the Grasmere Water Precinct.

*Submitted by petition.*

## ARTICLE 35

To see if the Town will adopt and approve the Charter recommended and submitted on December 15, 2004 by the 2004 Charter Commission. The following chart summarizes the current form of government and the major changes in the proposed Charter:

	CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGES
GOVERNING BODY	5 Selectmen	7 Councilors
ADMINISTRATION	Selectmen/Town Administrator	Town Manager
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Elected	Appointed
BUDGET COMMITTEE	12 Elected Members	9 Elected Members
BOND PASSAGE	3/5 (60%) majority vote	2/3 (66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %) majority vote
DEFAULT BUDGET	Set by Board of Selectmen	Set by Budget Committee

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## PETITIONS

All Petitions  
(Appropriations, Zoning, other):  
25 registered voters

Petitions: Appropriations,  
Zoning, and Initiative  
Petitions: 50 registered voters  
Referendum Petitions:  
500 registered voters  
Recall of Officeholder Petitions:  
250 registered voters

*Submitted by petition.*

## ARTICLE 36

To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

## ARTICLE 37

To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our Hands and Seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2006.

## **GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Gossett W. McRae, Chairman

Bruce F. Hunter, Vice Chairman

Barbara J. Griffin

Philip A. D'Avanza

Robert L. Wheeler

Then personally appeared the above named Gossett W. McRae, Bruce F. Hunter, Philip A. D'Avanza, Barbara J. Griffin, and Robert L. Wheeler, and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk