

# 2008 TOWN ARTICLES

## ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>SELECTMAN</b>                  | <b>1 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Philip D'Avanza                   |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>           | <b>1 for 1 year</b>  |                          |
| Roxann Hunt                       |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Theresa Walton                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>           | <b>3 for 2 years</b> |                          |
| Ivan Beliveau                     |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| David Pierce                      |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b>           | <b>4 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| "Cathie" Donovan-Simard           |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Christi Garrison                  |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| William Hart                      |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| John Hikel                        |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</b>          | <b>1 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Linda R. Naughton                 |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>           | <b>3 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Jennifer Foley                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brenda L. Pfahnl                  |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Susan Plante                      |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>PLANNING BOARD</b>             | <b>2 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| James Raymond                     |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lowell VonRuden                   |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>SEWER COMMISSION</b>           | <b>1 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Stephen R. Crean                  |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST</b>    | <b>1 for 6 years</b> |                          |
| Denise Lemay                      |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tricia Wynne                      |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>TOWN CLERK</b>                 | <b>1 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Cathleen "Cathy" Ball             |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Donna A. Bergeron                 |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Karen LeClerc                     |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>TOWN MODERATOR</b>             | <b>1 for 2 years</b> |                          |
| Roxann Hunt                       |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Rodney Stark                      |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>TOWN TREASURER</b>             | <b>1 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Jean Mayberry                     |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND</b>      | <b>1 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Earl Carrel                       |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Write-In _____                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b> | <b>2 for 3 years</b> |                          |
| Wayne Richardson                  |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Catherine Whooten                 |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b> | <b>1 for 1 year</b>  |                          |
| Theresa Walton                    |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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## ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?  
Add the following definitions to the Glossary:

Commercial Kennel – A use of property where any number of dogs are domiciled for a fee, or from which dogs are regularly sold as a business.

Seasonal Dwelling Unit – A dwelling unit not suitable for year round occupancy due to the presence of any on the following conditions: (1) water supply and/or waste water pipes, pumps or other associated facilities susceptible to freezing; (2) no central year round heating system; (3) NHDES restriction of septic system to less than year round use; (4) lot is too small to adequately support on-site water and/or waste water services; or (5) lot access is inadequate for appropriate fire and other emergency services. If uncertainty exists, the Building Inspector shall determine the seasonal or year round status of a dwelling unit.

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

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment adds two new definitions to the glossary of the Zoning Ordinance: commercial kennel and seasonal dwellings. The first definition will clarify how the term is used currently in the Zoning Ordinance. The second term is being defined because of a recent court decision advising towns to define seasonal dwellings.

## ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?  
Amend Section 3.6.1 to read:

3.6.1 Non-Residential Uses and Multi-Family Dwelling Units. Multiple principal uses may be established on a single lot for multiple non-residential uses and/or multifamily dwelling units as part of a mixed use project in accordance to Section 3.10, Table of Principal Uses, and the relevant Supplemental Standards.

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

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance clarifies language, with no change of regulation, distinguishing between a multifamily land use and the same use as part of a mixed use project, thereby being consistent with the table of principal uses.

## ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?  
Amend section 3.10.B so that:

The principal use "Church and synagogue" is not an allowed use in the Industrial district, and would be allowed in the Commercial district by Conditional Use Permit, and the principal use "Kindergarten, elementary or secondary school" is not an allowed use in the Industrial district, and change name of use to "Church or other Place of Worship".

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

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance removes the potential of utilizing industrial land for these non-industrial uses, and allows the Planning Board, instead of the Zoning Board, discretion within the Commercial District.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? Amend section 3.10.D.3 so that:

The principal use "Nursing home and special care home" includes "Residential Care Home" and "Supported Residential Health Care Home".

**Recommended by the Planning Board.**

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is to clarify that these defined uses are related, and should be treated as being within the same land use category in the table of principal uses.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? Amend Section 6.2, amending the last sentence so that it reads:

The requirements Section 8, Outdoor Lighting, and of the Building and Electrical Codes are also applicable to signs. And amend Section 6.4.2, under prohibited signs, by adding the following sentence:

Signs, for which sign content is changed mechanically or electronically more frequently than once in 24 hours, are defined as moving or creating an illusion of movement.

And amend Section 6.13, temporary signs, so that it reads:

Banners and other temporary signs for commercial establishments, for a commercial event, or meant to be temporary until replaced by a permanent sign at some future date, are allowed by sign permit, with the following restrictions for any one business: (a) the total of all signs may not exceed 24 square feet, (b) signs shall be wall mounted, (c) signs may be permitted for no more than four occasions in any one calendar year, and (d) signs may not be in place for more than 10 days for any one occasion. The Planning Board may grant exceptions to the four occasions in any one calendar year restriction by Conditional Use Permit, with a finding of a unique situation resulting in a specific hardship and, at the same time, not imposing an unreasonable impact on a neighboring or nearby property.

**Recommended by the Planning Board.**

**EXPLANATION:** Amendment #5 provides a clarifying cross-reference to the building code, with no change of regulation; allows for the electronic changing of a sign's message, while avoiding moving or flashing signs which are otherwise prohibited; and clarifies language for temporary signs.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? Amend Section 8.4 by adding "approved public and private street and sidewalk lighting" as one of the listed exemptions.

**Recommended by the Planning Board.**

**EXPLANATION:** Amendment #6 adds an exception to the outdoor lighting height-setback limitations for "approved public and private street and sidewalk lighting".

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? Insert a new Section, renumbering as required, between the existing Sections 11 and 12, to read:

**Section 12 - STORM WATER**

12.1 Intent - It is the intent of this section to regulate activity that alters the condition, direction or velocity of storm water in response to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR

122, and to insure the proper use of natural resources, and to promote the health and general welfare.

12.2 Specifications - Specifications for dealing with storm water in accordance with section 12.1 shall be adopted by the Goffstown Planning Board as part of its Development Regulations, which specifications, at a minimum, shall be sufficient to implement NPDES standards.

12.3 Building Permit - No building permit that would result in activity altering the condition, direction or velocity of storm water shall be issued, except in conformance with Section 12.2.

**Recommended by the Planning Board.**

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed amendment relates building permits to new EPA requirements that the Town control storm water affecting its drainage systems.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? Amend Section 12.3, Wetland Conservation District, replacing the Wetland Conservation District (WCD) with a Wetland and Surface Water Conservation District (WSWC District); retaining existing wetland setbacks, but adding wetland setback application to residential uses within the C, I, RSBO-2 or VC zoning districts, requiring a 100' buffer from surface waters as defined in USGS maps on all lots; decreasing the uses allowed within the buffer area and increasing the level of finding required for relief. The full text of Proposed Amendment #8 is available in the Town Clerk's Office and Planning Office.

**Recommended by the Planning Board.**

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed amendment replaces the Wetland Conservation District (WCD) with a Wetland and Surface Water Conservation District (WSWC District), which retains existing wetland setbacks, but adds wetland setback application to residential uses within the C, I, RSBO-2 or VC zoning districts, and requires a 100' buffer on all properties from all surface waters as defined by blue lines or broken blue lines on the most recent USGS maps. It also decreases the uses allowed within the buffer area and increases the level of finding required for relief from buffering requirements.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? Amend Section 14.3.7.2 so that:

No request for ZBA action shall be placed on the agenda of any meeting unless received at least fifteen (15) days prior to that meeting.

**Recommended by the Planning Board.**

**EXPLANATION:** This proposed amendment increases filing deadline to the Zoning Board of Adjustment from 12 to 15 days, allowing time for required noticing.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) for the purpose of acquiring, subdividing, developing land for municipal purposes including but not limited to recreational fields and to acquire conservation easements? To authorize the purchase of a 27± acre portion of Map 5 Lot 39 (70 Center St.) for the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000). The current property owners (Barnards) will retain ownership of the house and 2.6 acres. To authorize expending up to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) for conservation easements.

Furthermore, to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act

(Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town; and to authorize municipal officials to seek grants to offset the amount to be bonded. (60% Ballot Vote required to pass).

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

**EXPLANATION:** This article seeks authorization to bond for the following purposes:

- (1) \$700,000 to purchase of 27 acres more or less of Map 5 Lot 39 (Kilton & Jody Barnard land at 60 Center Street) current owners will retain the house and 2.6 acres;
- (2) \$500,000 to develop this land for municipal purposes, specifically for recreational fields and any future municipal purposes;
- (3) \$550,000 for other land purchase and all fees associated with this bond; and
- (4) up to \$250,000 for the purpose of acquiring conservations easements.

This article assists the town in meeting current and future needs of the community. The need for recreational fields is well documented in the town's Master Plan and by the Parks and Recreation Commission. The recent news articles of the possible sale of the Villa baseball fields and the notice by the Cemetery Trustees of the future need of the Cemetery Field now used as a recreational field heightens the identified need for recreational fields. The Selectmen unanimously support this article. The Budget Committee voted 8-2-1 to support.

#### ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$2,537,000) for the purpose of designing, constructing and installing a water distribution system which is more particularly described in an overall project plan dated October 18, 2006, which is intended to bring a water distribution system to the the Lynchville and Danis Park areas, said improvements to be installed at the direction of and in accordance with the established requirements of the Town of Goffstown? **This appropriation does not impact the town's tax rate.**

And to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$2,537,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town; and to authorize municipal officials to seek grants to offset the amount to be bonded.

Without impairing in any way the fact that the bonds will be general obligations of the Town, it is the intent to repay this bond issuance by charging an Accessibility Fee to each property benefiting from this water distribution system. This project is contingent on effectuating an acceptable Inter-Municipal Agreement with Manchester Water Works and a successful expansion of Manchester Water Works franchise area. **This appropriation does not impact the town's tax rate.** (60% Ballot Vote required to pass).

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



**EXPLANATION:** This article seeks the authority to expend \$2,537,000 to bring municipal water from Manchester Water Works to approximately 235 property owners in the Lynchville-Danis park area. It also authorizes bonding up to \$2,537,000 and the bond will be

repaid by those property owners who benefit from this expansion of a municipal water system. The town will seek grants to reduce the amount of the bond. Property owners will

be given the option to pay a one-time fee or finance their share for the term of the bond. Those who choose to finance with the town, will have a lien for the financed amount placed upon their property until paid in full. Bonding will not be sought until the following conditions have been met: acceptance of an Inter-municipal Agreement with Manchester Water Works, and a successful expansion of the Manchester Water Works franchise area. The Selectmen unanimously support this article. The Budget Committee voted 10-0-1 to support.

#### ARTICLE 13

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 Eighteen Million Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars **(\$18,653,734)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Eighteen Million Three Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Dollars **(\$18,327,209)**, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the 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. Upon passage of this article and passage of Article 14, there will be a reduction of Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$37,640) to this article in the Fire Department Operating Budget.

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

**EXPLANATION:** The municipal operating budget, which is the subject of this article, funds the general costs of operating the Town. The operating budget also includes the expenditures and revenues for the EMS Special Revenue Fund and the Sewer Enterprise Fund. This year's operating budget is an increase of \$1,864,271 over last year's operating budget BUT \$1,473,055 of that amount is simply a shift from the Road Plan Special Article to the Operating Budget as directed by the voters at the last Town Meeting. The remaining increase of \$391,216 in the operating budget is due to increases in heating oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, utilities, insurances, and cost of living increases for municipal employees. The Selectmen voted unanimously and Budget Committee voted 10-1-0 to support this article. The operating budget is summarized by department and fund below:

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>GENERAL FUND:</b>             |                     |
| Administration                   | 2,125,330           |
| Public Works                     | 4,346,119           |
| Police                           | 3,773,239           |
| Fire                             | 2,048,000           |
| Library                          | 617,810             |
| Parks & Recreation               | 355,962             |
| Debt Service                     | 322,577             |
| CIP                              | 3,049,899           |
| <b>GENERAL FUND</b>              | <b>\$16,638,936</b> |
| <b>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND*</b>    | <b>\$1,651,503</b>  |
| <b>EMS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND*</b> | <b>\$363,295</b>    |
| <b>Total Operating Budget</b>    | <b>\$18,653,734</b> |

\*same amount in offsetting revenues

#### ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Goffstown Board of Selectmen and Local 3420 of the International Association of Firefighters representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Fire Department?

| Year | Estimated Increase |
|------|--------------------|
| 2008 | \$73,078           |
| 2009 | \$71,651           |
| 2010 | \$42,832           |

And to raise and appropriate Seventy Three Thousand Seventy Eight Dollars (\$73,078) for 2008, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in 2007? **Upon passage of this article and passage of Article 13, there will be a reduction of Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$37,640) to Article 13 in the Fire Department Operating Budget.** (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

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

**EXPLANATION:** The fire union has been without a contract for the past two years, which means their wages and cafeteria insurance rates were frozen for those two years. Town needs to retain professional firefighters and be competitive with other towns. This Collective Bargaining Agreement results in full-time coverage 7 days per week 12 hours per day (6:00 am – 6:00 pm). In addition to the new work schedule, there is a new wage matrix with required certifications at different steps, incentive changes such as an increase of 50 cents per hour for EMT-I and Paramedics and a shift differential; replacement of Lieutenant & Company Officer incentives with a Lieutenant matrix; holiday pay provision; an increase of \$50 in the annual boot allowance; and the same cafeteria insurance plan as other town employees. The increase of \$73,078 listed in the article will result in a reduction of \$37,640 in the operating budget as weekends and holidays will be covered by the contract. The Selectmen voted unanimously and the Budget Committee voted 10-0-1 to support this article.

#### ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,274 for the purpose of hiring two (2) additional Firefighter/EMT's and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for, accept and expend Federal Homeland Security – Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Grant in the amount of \$34,324 to be applied against said appropriation? The SAFER Grant obligation period is five years, and the cost estimates for the years 2 through 5 are as follows:

| Year | Gross Appropriation | Town Share | SAFER Grant |
|------|---------------------|------------|-------------|
| 2    | \$131,768           | \$60,088   | \$71,680    |
| 3    | \$142,185           | \$87,375   | \$54,810    |
| 4    | \$148,870           | \$115,125  | \$33,745    |
| 5    | \$153,325           | \$140,660  | \$12,665    |

When and if the Town receives the contemplated grant, the Town will be obliged by the terms of the grant, and failure to adhere to terms of the grant could result in returning the grant funding to the federal government. If this article passes, then the town will include the costs of these two additional positions in future operating and default budgets. If this article fails, it is expressly intended not to impair the traditional authority of the Selectmen to control staffing levels of fire personnel within the limits of the operating budget appropriation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of two (2) years (RSA 32:7). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

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

**EXPLANATION:** Additional staffing in the Fire Dept has been discussed over the past few years at Town Meeting. The Selectmen have decided to address this staffing need through an incremental approach and asked the Fire Chief to apply for a SAFER grant to assist in funding two new Firefighters. At this time we have not received any notice of this grant but this article will give the Selectmen the authorization to accept the

grant and the terms of the grant. If this article fails, then the Selectmen **cannot** accept the grant. However, the Selectmen still retain their traditional authority to hire firefighters as needed within the operating budget appropriation. Two additional firefighters would assist in responding to simultaneous incidents, to staff two fire stations, and provides additional coverage when an employee is out on leave. This is a diminishing grant each year. The Selectmen voted unanimously and the Budget Committee voted 6-4-1 to support this article.

#### ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Apparatus; raise and appropriate Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$420,000) to be placed in this fund; and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

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

**EXPLANATION:** CIP Committee looked at the needs of the Fire Department in the upcoming years.

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|------|---------------|-------------|
| 2010 | aerial truck  | \$1,200,000 |
| 2011 | tanker-pumper | \$500,000   |
| 2012 | pumper        | \$550,000   |

They decided the best way to approach these needs would be to start saving annually by establishing a capital reserve fund. This article seeks to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Apparatus, name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this CRF without further action of Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate \$420,000 for this fund. The Selectmen voted unanimously to support this article. The Budget Committee voted 10-1-0 to support this article.

#### ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) from the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance? **This appropriation has no tax impact.** (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

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

**EXPLANATION:** This article has no tax impact. Goffstown Fire Dept. runs the ambulance service which creates enough revenue in ambulance fees to pay for this ambulance. The ambulance which we want to replace has 5,000 hours on it. Such high hours creates high maintenance costs, \$10,000 in repairs as of today. More costly repairs will be needed in the future. In order to assure safe and timely service a new vehicle is needed. The Selectmen voted unanimously to support this article. The Budget Committee voted 10-0-1 to support this article.

#### ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of supporting the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

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

**EXPLANATION:** Main Street's mission is to provide support, advice, and promotion to current and potential business owners and residents of the designated Main Street area using the National Main Street Center's 4-Point Approach. The 4-Point Approach revolves around principles



of effective design, promotion, economic restructuring, and organization as the keys to economic revitalization of historic downtown. The Main Street program has sponsored numerous successful activities over the years which have helped revitalize the Main Street area. The town has financially supported Goffstown Main Street Program at this same level for the past nine years and the Selectmen believes continued support is in the Town's interests.

#### ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,150) for the purpose of supporting the Greater Manchester Red Cross? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

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

**EXPLANATION:** Typically the BOS does not place articles in this vein on the Warrant. The feeling is that citizens should decide on their own whether or not to support non-governmental or charitable organizations. However, this year the BOS decided to make an exception for the following reasons. The Town was hit hard in May 2006 and again in April 2007 with tremendous rains and devastating floods which impacted large segments of the Town directly, and indirectly, the entire Town. For those in the high impact areas many lost personal property and some their houses. The anguish was immeasurable. The Red Cross opened a shelter at the Bartlett School during the May 2006 floods, assisted by our award-winning Goffstown Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and made a shelter available to Goffstown citizens again in April 2007. Both years it distributed cleaning kits, emergency funds and provided counseling. The Red Cross supports Goffstown citizens at other times as well, providing, for example, shelter after the devastation of a house fire, clothing and emergency funds. Therefore, the BOS believes that Goffstown, a corporate body, would appropriately say "Thank You" by supporting this article in the amount of \$2,150, which would have a tax rate impact of less than one penny. The Selectmen and Budget Committee unanimously recommend passage of this article.

#### ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town appoint the Selectmen and Historic District Commission as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2005?

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

**EXPLANATION:** Over the last couple of years the town has sought to name the Selectmen as agents of the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund. That fund was appropriated \$100,000 from voters in a previous year. However, we cannot access these funds during the year unless someone is named agents to expend from the fund. Therefore, this year we are seeking authorization from the voters **to name joint agents to expend from the fund – the Historic District Commission and the Board of Selectmen.** This will allow us to leverage the existing funds with grant money to restore Grasmere Town Hall. This is not an appropriation article, thus it is not subject to a vote by the Budget Committee. The Selectmen voted unanimously to recommend this article.

#### ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town require the numerical tally of all votes of the Budget Committee and Selectmen be printed next to each appropriation article on the Annual Warrant in accordance with RSA 32:5 V-a and RSA 40:13 V-a?

**EXPLANATION:** Senate Bill 58 recently amended RSA 32:5 regarding budget preparation and RSA 40:13 regarding the official ballot to authorize the legislative body to print the

numeric tally of the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee on each appropriation article on the annual warrant and the official ballot.

#### ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to determine the location of the election polls due to special circumstances?

**EXPLANATION:** Should a problem arise for an election, we do not have the authority to change the polling location. An example is the 2/5/08 Special Election which was held in the lobby of the auditorium because school was in session. This article would allow the Selectmen to change the location of the polls under special circumstances.

#### ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-E?

**EXPLANATION:** The law changed last year providing the voters the choice of changing the position of Treasurer from Elected by the voters to Appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The law also authorizes Treasurers the authority to delegate their statutory duties to other staff upon the approval of the Selectmen. We have been very fortunate to have a Treasurer who has the skills necessary to do the job. However, we recognize that may not always be the case. This change would provide an opportunity to advertise, recruit and select future Treasurers based on skills and aptitude to perform the statutory duties which include deposits, payments, investment, recordkeeping, and reconciliation. Should this article pass, the Treasurer would be appointed immediately following the March 2009 Town Meeting. Selectmen support this article.

#### ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to pass an ordinance that states that water is a part of the commons and essential for life and that the People of the Town of Goffstown have the duty to safeguard the water both on and beneath the earth's surface and to hold it in public trust as a common resource for the benefit of Goffstown residents and the natural ecosystem and further that any large water withdrawal must be approved by a majority vote of the legislative body of the town (i.e. the Voters) at an annual or special meeting, before it shall become effective? Large water withdrawal shall be defined as stated in RSA 485 C2 IX-a and shall apply to both ground and surface water withdrawal.

**Submitted by petition.**

**EXPLANATION:** At the Town's Deliberative Session petitioners expressed their desire to protect the Town's water resources from commercial extraction by bottling companies. Petitioners are being pro-active to avoid a situation as happened in Nottingham. They recognize that currently the town does not have authority to pass such an ordinance but they are hopeful that pending state legislation will be enacted to grant the town this authority.

#### ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town will authorize the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor?

Resolved: We as citizens of Goffstown, NH call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to have an open discussion covering all revenue options.

**Submitted by petition.**

**EXPLANATION:** This petition asks state leaders to have an open discussion about all revenue sources so that municipalities will not have to rely so heavily upon the property tax as a main source of revenue.

# 2008 School District Articles

## ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### SCHOOL BOARD

For Three Years

Henry Boyle

Philip Pancoast

Sara Sarette

Vote for not more than Three

### SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For One Year

Lissa Winrow

Vote for not more than One



EXPLANATION: Voters will elect three individuals to fill School Board positions, each for a three-year term. Voters will also elect one individual for School District Treasurer, for a one-year term.

## ARTICLE 2

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$816,000.00) to begin Phase I upgrade and expansion of the Bartlett Elementary School and authorize the withdrawal of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$216,000.00) is to come from school impact fees. Furthermore, to see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required)

**The School Board recommends this article.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this article.**

### EXPLANATION:

Passage of this article will allow for Phase 1 of the Bartlett Elementary School project to begin. This phase is organized into four "sub-projects". (1) site work to improve bus lanes to the school; (2) structural work to include masonry repairs to the building foundation and brick work on exterior walls; (3) architectural design, renovation and construction of health office area, administrative offices, educational work area and storage areas; and (4) electrical and mechanical system upgrades including updates and refurbishments to the current electrical, alarm, HVAC and fire suppression systems.

As these funds have been previously set aside, there is no additional tax impact by the passing of this article. The existing Capital Reserve Fund was authorized and created by the district's voters at the 2005 District Meeting. It was developed during prior years by deposits from the School District's Unreserved Fund Balance. School Impact Fees are paid by developers.

## ARTICLE 3

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) to be added to the existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for Phase II of the upgrade and expansion of the Bartlett Elementary School. Furthermore, to fund this trust from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2008. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required)

**The School Board recommends this article.**

**The Budget Committee recommends this article.**

### EXPLANATION:

This article asks voters for permission to place \$300,000 into the existing Capital Reserve Fund established for the renovation of the Bartlett Elementary School. This deposit is intended to provide partial funding required to support building and infrastructure updates which are scheduled to be a part of the Phase 2 segment of the renovation project. There is no additional impact to the tax rate since this amount will be transferred from the projected undesignated fund balance which will be available to the school district on July 1, 2008.

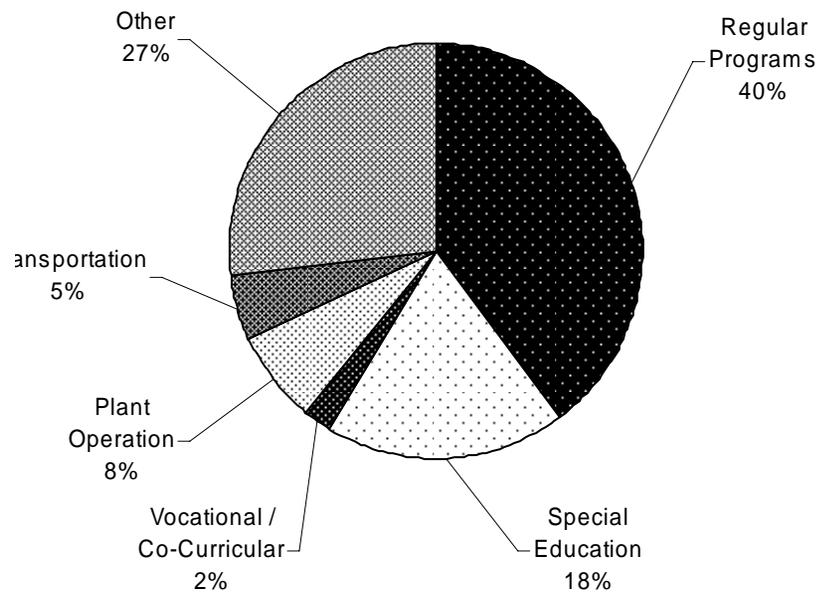


## ARTICLE 4

Shall the Goffstown School District 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 THIRTY FOUR MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS (\$34,822,651.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND, EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$34,566,080.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the 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. (Majority vote required)

***The School Board recommends this article.***  
***The Budget Committee recommends this article.***

2008-2009 Goffstown Schools Budget Overview  
 Budget Total \$34,822,651



### EXPLANATION:

The School Board and the Goffstown Budget Committee have worked together on budget development over the past five months with an eye toward minimizing budget cost growth while ensuring that the children of our community continue to be the recipients of a quality educational experience.

The General Fund portion of the proposed budget is, in essence, a maintenance budget. These dollars support programming for the preschool/kindergarten school, two elementary schools, the middle and high schools. The district is populated by more than 3,000 students. In addition, the proposed budget supports specialized in-district and out-of-district programming for some of our neediest students.

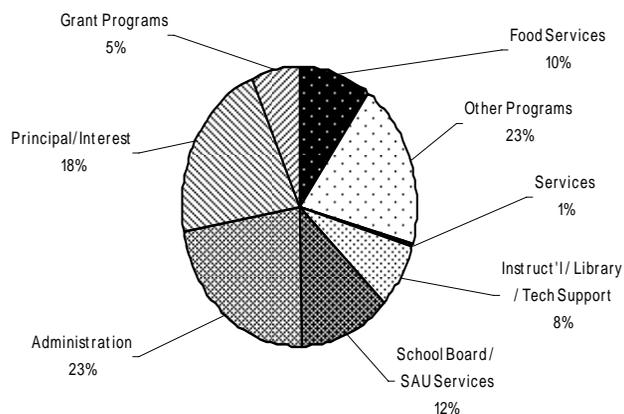
The General Fund supports scheduled cycles of curriculum revision and technology integration. Curriculum emphasis for the upcoming year will be focused on Social Studies, Wellness / Health and World Languages instructional methods and resources in order to assure alignment with statewide frameworks and assessment criteria. Technology emphasis

continues to be focused on the Information and Communication Technologies Literacy Program in grades K-12. The program weaves technology experiences into all subject content areas and at all grade levels. Technology budget funds will be used to maintain software and safe, reliable networks to transmit information among schools, central office and parents. The budget provides for one new Guidance Coordinator position, required by state regulation to support the student population levels projected within our school district.

The Federal Grants Fund portion of the budget has decreased by \$96,680 from levels of a year ago. There is a slight increase in the Food Service fund. This \$12,870 or 1.4% increase is attributable to a projected growth in sales volume. The Food Service operation is self funding; revenues are used to offset expenses.

The School Board and Goffstown Budget Committee budget is premised upon the Town's projection of a 0.75% increase in the property tax base from last year's level. The estimated school tax rate is \$12.90 per thousand. This is an increase of \$1.14 from the approved rate for this current year.

2008-2009 Goffstown Schools Budget Overview  
 "Other" Budget Category





# TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

## 2008 Town & School Voters' Guide



The Goffstown Board of Selectmen and Goffstown School Board are pleased to present the 2008 VOTERS GUIDE. All town and school articles which will appear on the Official Ballots are included with explanations following each article. Both boards strive toward improving communication with the Goffstown community, and we sincerely hope this guide will assist you in making informed voting decisions. Please remember to exercise your right to vote on March 11, 2008 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM at Bartlett Elementary or Goffstown High School.

**TOWN BALLOT:** If all the appropriation articles which are recommended by the Board of Selectmen pass, then the town side of the property tax rate is estimated at **\$9.16**, an increase of **\$.35** over the previous year. This estimate does **NOT** include any potential property tax impact from pending state legislation or any tax impact related to the town wide revaluation.

**SCHOOL:** Please see the explanation on page 7 for School Tax Impact.

Your comments regarding this newsletter are welcome. Please submit comments regarding town articles to Sue Desruisseaux, Town Administrator, [sued@ci.goffstown.nh.us](mailto:sued@ci.goffstown.nh.us) and comments regarding school articles to Keith Allard, School Board Chair, [kallard@goffstown.k12.nh.us](mailto:kallard@goffstown.k12.nh.us).



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