

Town of Goffstown, NH

2009 Annual Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the County of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet Wednesday February 4, 2009 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown High School in the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium 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 Tuesday, March 10, 2009. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 5, 2009.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 10, 2009 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 10, 2009 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown 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 Section 3 by inserting a new section between Sections 3.5 and 3.6, renumbering as appropriate, this new section to read:

3.6 Workforce Housing

3.6.1 In the event that an applicant intends to qualify for workforce housing under RSA 674:60I, the Planning Board may require agreements so that the units so designated would remain as workforce housing.

3.6.2 In order to evaluate the cost of complying with the conditions and restrictions and the effect on economic viability, under RSA 674:40II, the Planning Board would expect that the applicant's submission would include, but not be limited to, square-foot size of dwelling units, number of bedrooms, property cost, site development cost, cost of off-site improvements, unit construction cost per square foot, architectural and engineering cost, legal cost, construction financing cost, developer's profit, cost of conditions and restrictions.

Planning Board voted 5-2-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 4.3, Table of Dimensional Regulations, so that the footnote "Less setback or more building footprint by Planning Board Conditional Use Permit." will also apply to the Residential Density-2 district.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

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ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 5.21, Residential Small Business Office-1, by adding a new Section 5.21.7 to read: The issuance of a demolition permit shall require a conditional use permit, with the Planning Board finding, in addition to Section 15.4.1 Conditional Use Standards, that there has been a fire, natural disaster or other casualty loss requiring building demolition, or that the proposed demolition will not be materially harmful to the stated intent of this district.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 5.23, Residential Wind Turbine in order to meet changes in State Statute, RSA 674:62 through 674:66, the full text of which is available at the Town Office.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 6.4.2, adding a new sentence reading: Signs, for which sign content is changed electronically, shall require a Conditional Use Permit.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 13.3 Wetland and Surface Water Conservation (WSWC) District by removing language relating to process which is more appropriately contained within the Planning Board's Development Regulations, the full text of which is available at the Town Office.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 15.3.1.1.2 to read: Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board, to specifically include fencing as one of the items that would be reviewed in an Historic District, by amending Section 3.4.4: adding "fence" after the word structure in the first sentence and adding "or the erection, alteration or removal of any fence" at the end of this Section's last sentence.

Planning Board voted 6-1-0 to recommend.

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ARTICLE 10

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 Nineteen Million Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars **(\$19,362,358)**.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars **(\$7,530,959)**.

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Six Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Three Dollars **(\$1,654,293)** is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations requested in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Three Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Thirty Eight Dollars **(\$399,038)** 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 Nineteen Million Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars **(\$19,362,358)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Two Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five Dollars **(\$19,267,455)**, 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.

Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 9-5-1 to recommend.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund which was established by vote of last year's Town Meeting. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10.)

Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 8-6-0 to not recommend.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to 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 10.)

Board of Selectmen voted 4-1-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 11-2-1 to recommend.

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ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of paying the purchase price as well as all related costs, (title search, closing costs, etc.), for the acquisition of a portion of Map 38, Lot 101, (12 High Street, land abutting the Library), (subject to an approved lot line adjustment), which property will be owned in the name of the Town, but will be used for library purposes and shall be managed and controlled by the Library Trustees; and, further, to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw and expend all of said appropriated funds from available monies in unrestricted Library Funds; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into any and all necessary agreements and execute any documents to facilitate this purchase, with the understanding that none of said amount shall be raised by general taxation.

(Passage of this appropriation will not impact the tax rate.)

Board of Selectmen voted 4-1-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 12-1-1 to recommend.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 149-M, will authorize the Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for the purpose of arranging for the disposal of the Town's recyclable solid waste, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B: 2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's General Fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Parks & Recreation Commission (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreational purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

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ARTICLE 16

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

ARTICLE 17

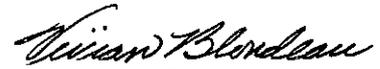
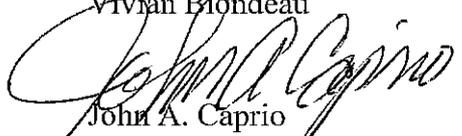
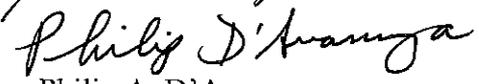
To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our Hands and Seal this 24th day of January 2009.

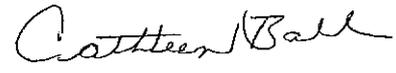
GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Nicholas Campasano, Chairman


Scott Gross, Vice Chairman


Vivian Blondeau

John A. Caprio

Philip A. D'Avanza

Then personally appeared the above named, Nicholas Campasano, Scott Gross, Vivian Blondeau, John A. Caprio, Philip A. D'Avanza, and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.


Cathleen Ball, Town Clerk