

# TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

## TOWN VOTERS' GUIDE 2009 Official Ballot



## SCHOOL VOTERS' GUIDE 2009 Official Ballot



The Goffstown Board of Selectmen and Goffstown School Board are pleased to present the 2009 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 10, 2009 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM at Bartlett Elementary or Goffstown High School.

**TOWN:** Please see page 5 for Tax impact information.

**SCHOOL:** Please see page 6 for Tax Impact information.

Your comments regarding this newsletter are welcome. Please submit comments regarding town articles to Scott Gross, Board of Selectmen Vice Chairman, [sgross@goffstownnh.gov](mailto:sgross@goffstownnh.gov) and comments regarding school articles to Keith Allard, School Board Chair, [kallard@goffstown.k12.nh.us](mailto:kallard@goffstown.k12.nh.us).

# 2009 TOWN ARTICLES

## ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### SELECTMEN

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than Two*  
 Nicholas "Nick" Campasano   
 Steve Fournier   
 Bill Gordon   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than Four*  
 Guy Caron   
 Daniel J. Cloutier   
 Steve Fournier   
 Roxann R. Hunt   
 Dorine L. Olson   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than One*  
 Joan Konieczny   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

*For 2 Years* *Vote for not more than One*  
 Mike Lawler   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than Two*  
 Richard Chamberlin   
 Sara Santoro   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### PLANNING BOARD

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than Two*  
 Collis G. Adams   
 Roxann R. Hunt   
 Alan H. Yeaton   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### PLANNING BOARD

*For 1 Year* *Vote for not more than One*  
 Steven J. Dutton   
 Barbara Griffin   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### SEWER COMMISSION

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than One*  
 James A. Bouchard   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than One*  
 Scott Huddy

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

*For 1 year* *Vote for not more than One*  
 Leonard "Len" Stuart   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

*For 2 Years* *Vote for not more than One*  
 Kevin Reigstad   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

*For 3 Years* *Vote for not more than One*  
 Jo Ann Duffy   
 Denise M. Herman   
 Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is to prepare for implementation of RSA 674:58 through 674:61 and to address two concerns, which state statutes do not address.

## 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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Planning Board more flexibility in dealing with the unique characteristics of St. Anselm College, which is located within the R-2 zoning district.

**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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is to allow the Planning Board to determine whether a proposed building demolition would be harmful to the stated preservation intent of this district.

**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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is to prepare for implementation of RSA 674:62 through 674:66, and to provide for the cost of tower removal which state statutes do not address.

**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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is to protect the visual character of Goffstown relative to size and brightness of electronic message boards.

**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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is to remove these process items from the ordinance for their insertion into the Board's Development Regulations, or to correct an oversight relative to the CIFZ district.

**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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is to utilize language consistent with RSA 674:33.

**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.***

**EXPLANATION:** The purpose of this amendment is specifically to include fencing as being under the review authority of the Historic District Commission.

**ARTICLE 10**

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 Sixty Seven Thousand Four 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.***

**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. The municipal operating budget is summarized by department and fund below:

<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>	
Administration*	2,128,885
Public Works	4,700,704
Police	3,980,832
Fire	2,238,165
Library	653,952
Parks & Recreation	371,088
Debt Service	312,064
CIP	2,923,337
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$17,309,027</b>
<b>SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND**</b>	<b>\$1,654,293</b>
<b>EMS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**</b>	<b>\$399,038</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$19,362,358</b>

\*Administration Budget includes the following offices & committees: Town Clerk, Elections, Finance, Administration, Tax Collection, Assessing, Information Technology, Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, Budget Committee. Building & Health Inspection, Welfare, PEG Television, Selectmen, Planning Board, ZBA.

\*\*same amount is budgeted as revenue

**ARTICLE 11**

Shall the Town 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.)

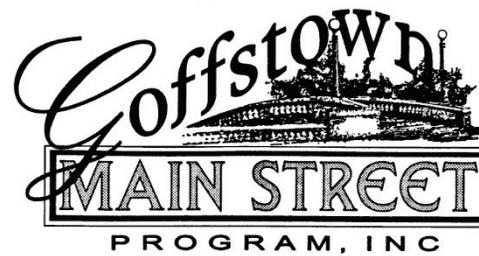
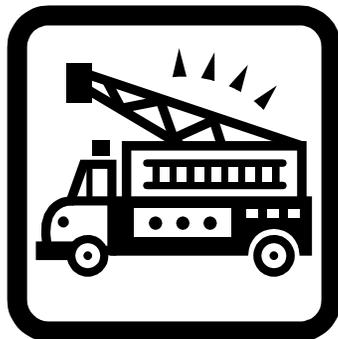
**Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to recommend.**

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

**EXPLANATION:** Last year the voters approved the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Apparatus, appropriated \$420,000 to the fund, and named the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. A Capital Reserve Fund was chosen as a mechanism to avoid a tax spike in any one year and to avoid paying interest on loans. The adopted CIP plan calls for approximately \$500,000 per year for the next 3 years with a decreasing amount the following 3 years to meet the identified future apparatus needs of the Fire Department:

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

The Board of Selectmen is hopeful of acquiring a federal grant to assist with these purchases but at the time of this printing we have not received any formal notice of grant award.



**ARTICLE 12**

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 10.)

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

**Budget Committee voted 11-2-1 to recommend.**

**EXPLANATION:** The town has financially supported Goffstown Main Street Program at this same level for the past ten years. 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.

**ARTICLE 13**

Shall the Town 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.**

**EXPLANATION:** This article seeks to purchase approximately .70 acre of vacant land abutting the Public Library for \$260,000 with up to \$40,000 to fund other costs related to the conveyance. The Library Trustees have generously agreed to use their unrestricted private donations some held in trust and some in a savings account to pay for all costs related to this conveyance. This will bring their unrestricted funds quite low but they feel this is an opportunity which needs action. As you are all aware there is an immediate need for parking at the Library, and this purchase will assist in meeting that immediate need. This appropriation will **NOT RAISE THE TAX RATE**. This article is supported by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

**ARTICLE 14**

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 149-M, 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.**

**EXPLANATION:** Currently, the Town of Goffstown contracts with a private contractor from Massachusetts to process our single-stream recyclables. If the market allows, the contractor shares profits with the Town, however, the contract does not have any provision for the contractor to charge the Town for the material. There is a group of 27 communities in and around NH that joined together in 1985 to form the Concord Cooperative for the purpose of more affordably handling their solid waste. That cooperative is now contemplating constructing a single-stream processing facility. In that the Cooperative is a not-for-profit joint venture between municipalities it is anticipated that they will offer more attractive rates for our recyclables in the future. Passage of this Article would allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Cooperative if the final deal offered is deemed favorable to the Town.



**ARTICLE 15**

Shall the Town 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.**

**EXPLANATION:** This article seeks to establish a non-lapsing Revolving Fund for Parks and Recreation purposes to be supported by fees or charges for facilities or services. It also identifies the Parks and Recreation Commission as agents to expend from the fund without any further action of town meeting. Initially, fees would be derived from facility use. Currently, individuals or groups using the facility make a donation to the Friends of Parks and Recreation who then donates goods to the Parks and Recreation Department. This fund would provide a more transparency in the accounting of the monies coming in and going out. Prior to the establishment of any fees or charges the Board of Selectmen would be required by law to post and publish a notice of public hearing with a specific fee schedule. The public would have an opportunity to provide input to the Board of Selectmen at that public hearing.

**TOWN BALLOT:** The 2008 town portion of the tax rate is \$8.37 per thousand. If all our assumptions regarding 2009 revenues, exemptions, and tax credits are accurate, then the estimated tax impact for each appropriation article is as follows:

ARTICLE	TAX IMPACT PER THOUSAND	
Article 10 (Operating Budget)	=	\$8.33
Article 11 (Fire Apparatus CRF)	=	\$.36
Article 12 (Goffstown Main Street Program)	=	\$.01
Article 13 (Library Land)	=	\$.00
TOTAL	=	\$8.70

***This town portion tax rate estimate does NOT include any potential property tax impact from pending state legislation or state budget action.***

# 2009 SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES

## ARTICLE 1

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

#### SCHOOL BOARD

*For Two Years* *Vote for not more than One*

Suzanne "Sue" Tremblay

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

*For Three Years* *Vote for not more than Three*

Keith Allard

Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon

Kent Nolan

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

*For One Year* *Vote for not more than One*

James Raymond

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

*For One Year* *Vote for not more than One*

Lissa Winrow

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

*For One Year* *Vote for not more than One*

Jo Ann Duffy

Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPLANATION:** Voters will elect four individuals to fill School Board positions, three for a three year term and one for a two year term.

Voters will also elect one individual for School District Treasurer, one individual for School District Clerk and one individual for School District Moderator. Each of these School District Offices is a three year term.

## ARTICLE 2

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, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$34,660,647.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY FIVE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$35,635,675.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District 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. This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote is required).

**EXPLANATION:** The Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Budget Committee have worked together on budget development this year with an eye toward continuing to provide the children of our community with a quality educational experience during this troubled economic period.

The General Fund portion of the proposed budget is recommended by both the School Board and by the Budget Committee at \$33,240,647. This total amount is \$137,353 less or 0.41% less than the current school year's budget. These dollars support programming and services for the pre-school, kindergarten, two elementary schools, the middle and high school. The district is populated by more than 3000 students. In addition, the recommended budget supports specialized in district and out of district programs for all of our students, no matter what their educational needs may entail.

This year, the General Fund does not include a scheduled curriculum revision cycle or continued technology integration and enhancement. Available curriculum and technology dollars this year will, in essence, provide for maintenance activity only. There are no new teaching or administrative positions included within this year's budget.

The Federal Grants Fund portion of the budget has decreased by \$25,000 from one year ago, for a projected total of \$475,000. This budget reduction reflects the continuing decrease in available Federal and Local Aid and the increased levels of competition for these funds. There is a slight increase of \$349 in the Food Service Fund. This year, we are forecasting a flat sales volume, largely the result of economic turmoil. Both the Federal Funds and Food Service Operations are self funding; revenues are used to offset expenses.

The School Board and Budget Committee's recommended budget is premised upon the town's projection of a 0.25% increase in the property tax base from last year's level. The estimated local school tax rate is projected to be at \$11.74 and the state rate is projected to be \$2.51 for a total of \$14.25. This is an increase of \$1.06 from the current year's rate.

## ARTICLE 3

Shall the Goffstown School District vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) to conduct a study and to begin the preliminary work for the expansion of the School District's School facilities? Funds to come from year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2009. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote is required).



**EXPLANATION:** This article asks voters for permission to raise and appropriate up to \$60,000 to conduct engineering and architectural studies of the district's elementary school facilities, Bartlett Elementary and Maple Avenue, as well as Glen Lake School.

The school district currently has an elementary school expansion project placed on the Town's CIP Matrix for execution in 2012 – 2013. This CIP project envisioned both the construction of a wing at the Glen Lake School which would house 10 classrooms, an administrative office area and a combination gym and cafeteria and Phase 2 Expansion and Renovation of the Bartlett Elementary School. This project, based upon population growth projections developed during 2002-2003, was estimated to be in the range of \$20-\$22 Million for construction, renovation and furnishing costs at both sites.

Population trend studies available to the school district today suggest that growth in the elementary school age population segment will not be at a rate as high as that projected 6 years ago. Facilities expansion is still a forecasted need for the district. We continue to have and need portable classrooms at two of our elementary facilities. Current population projections and needs assessments suggest that the addition of 2 to 4 classrooms at both sites will satisfy current and future needs and would cost approximately \$10–11 million, about half of the amount projected for the existing CIP Proposal. This level of construction is less expensive for the district because core facilities (i.e.: gymnasium, cafeteria and administrative areas) already exist at our elementary schools and would not need to be built. If an addition to Glen Lake is needed, all of these core facilities would need to be built. The existing portable classrooms at each site, which are owned by the district, can be utilized for other purposes providing the district with yet another cost avoidance opportunity.

To determine exactly what type of construction can be planned for each of these schools, the district will need to contract for professional engineering and architectural support. This level of expertise does not exist within the current staffing of the district. Given their age and the different building codes in place at the time of original construction, a detailed evaluation of existing structural, electrical, mechanical and life safety infrastructure systems will need to be conducted. Funds for this study would come from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1, 2009. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend the article.

**ARTICLE 4**

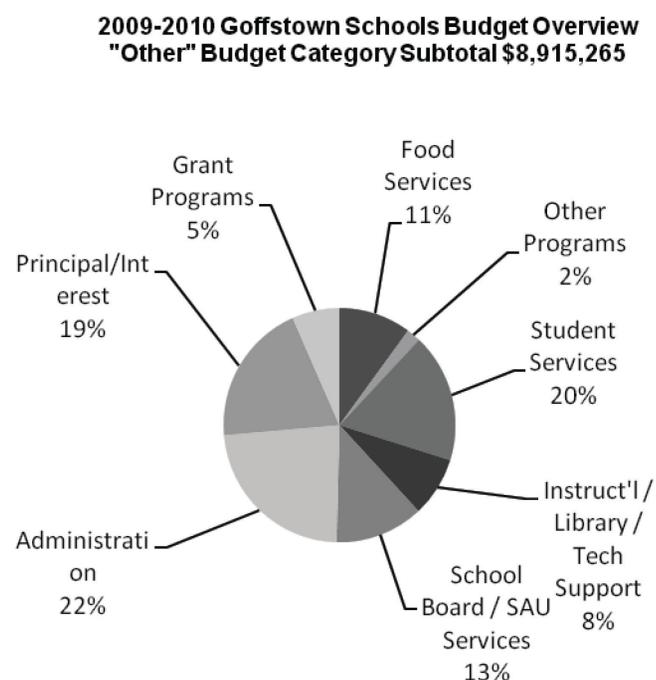
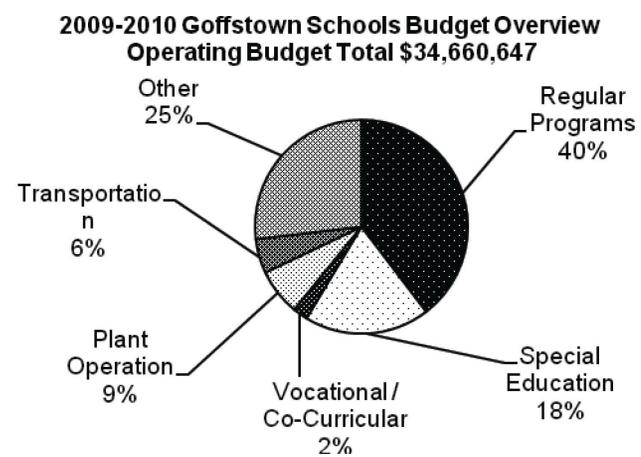
Shall the Goffstown School District vote to pay for the prorated salary, benefits, and transportation of the School Resources Officer (SRO) and to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND FORTY THREE DOLLARS (\$54,043.00) for this purpose? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article # 2, The Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote is required.)

**EXPLANATION:** This article asks voters for permission to raise and appropriate \$54,043 to pay for the salary, benefits and transportation of the School Resource Officer (SRO) during the time the SRO is providing services on site at Goffstown High School. The article shifts the cost of the SRO from the Police Department Budget to the School District budget. By including the costs of the SRO as a part of the High School Operating Budget, the district will be able to recover a portion of the costs from the sending districts of Dunbarton and New Boston via tuition amounts billed to those districts. This new revenue is anticipated to be in the range of \$16,000. The balance of the SRO cost, approximately \$38,000, will become an obligation of the school district since the Police Department Budget would be relieved of the SRO cost. The costs within this article are in addition to those proposed within the Article 2 – the Operating Budget. Both the School Board and Budget Committee recommend this article.

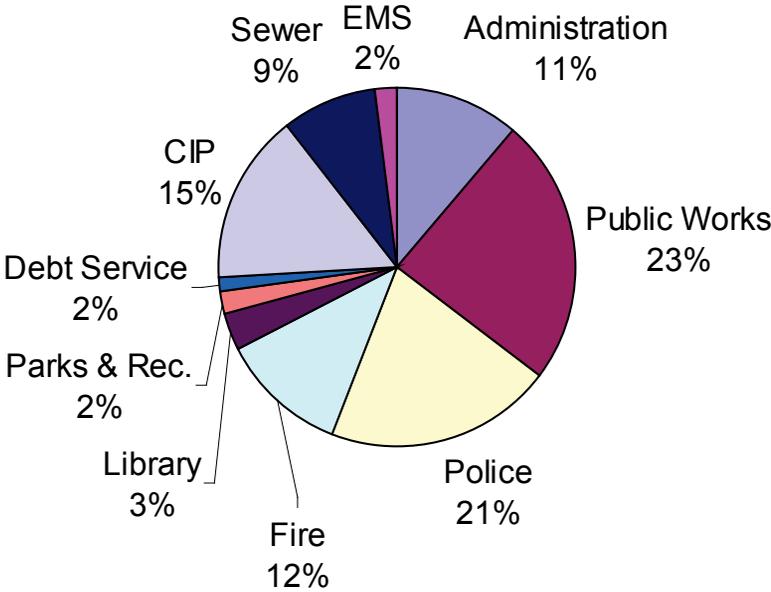
**PETITION ARTICLE 5**

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?” (3/5 Majority vote required)

**EXPLANATION:** This is a petitioned warrant article. If accepted by the voters, this article would shift the responsibility for preparing the School District's Default Budget from the School Board to the Budget Committee. This article is not recommended by the School Board.



# ARTICLE 10 - Town Operating Budget



Administration
  Public Works
  Police
  Fire
  Library
  Parks & Rec.
  Debt Service
  CIP
  Sewer
  EMS



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