

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN



TOWN VOTERS' GUIDE 2010 Official Ballot

SCHOOL VOTERS' GUIDE 2010 Official Ballot



The Goffstown Board of Selectmen and Goffstown School Board are pleased to present the 2010 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 9, 2010 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 to be **\$9.01**, an increase of **\$.33** over the previous year. This estimate does **NOT** account for any potential property tax impact from state actions.

SCHOOL BALLOT: The estimated tax rate of Article 2, the Operating Budget, is \$12.52 while Article 4, the deposit into the Bartlett Elementary School Capital Reserve Fund is estimated to be \$.21, for a total of **\$12.73**. This is an increase of **\$3.23** from the previous year and does **NOT** account for any potential property tax impact from state actions.

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

2010 TOWN ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two
 Scott Gross
 David Pierce
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Four
 Ivan Beliveau
 John A. Burt
 John Dillon
 Jennifer "Jen" Getchell
 Dorine Olson
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 2 Years Vote for not more than one
 Paul Augros
 William Bates
 Enid Mackenzie

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One
 Jean Walker
 Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two
 Lisa M. Iodice
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two
 Barbara Griffin
 Timothy Redmond
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One
 Catherine Whooten
 Write-In _____

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 6 Years Vote for not more than One
 Suzanne "Sue" Tremblay
 Write-In _____

TOWN MODERATOR

For 2 Years Vote for not more than One
 Rodney Stark
 Write-In _____

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One
 Kenneth Rose
 Write-In _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two
 Gail Labrecque
 Edward J. Luppi II
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #1, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 5.9 Mixed Use Development, by adding the following at the end of Section 5.9.1: This maximum percent limitation of residential use in mixed-use buildings or projects may be waived by Conditional Use Permit, with a finding that the proposed plan is reasonable given physical constraints of development sites and/or access limitations.

Planning Board voted 4-2-1 to recommend.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment is to provide the Planning Board greater discretion in considering the amount of residential use in the C and CIFZ districts because of the great variety in existing parcel size, buildable site limitations, access limitations, sequential development or other unforeseen characteristics.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #2, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 15.3.1 Variations, to read as follows: The ZBA may grant a variance only after it specifically finds that the variance criteria of RSA 674:33,I(b), as amended, are met.

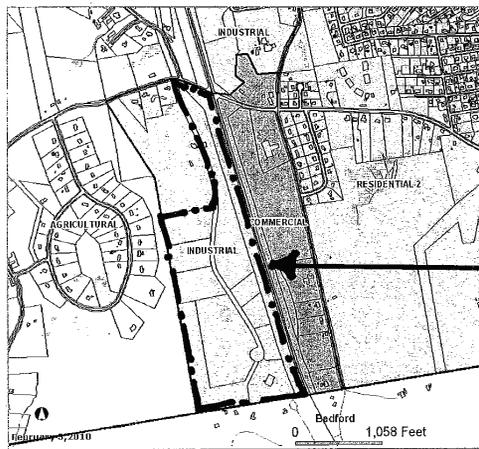
Planning Board voted 6-0-1 to recommend.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this proposed amendment is to account for the repeated amendments to these criteria by the NH Legislature, the most recent taking effect January 1, 2010.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt amendment #3, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the zoning map to change to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) zoning from Industrial (I) zoning, on property abutting route 114 at the Goffstown-Bedford town line, identified as Map 3, lots 47-1, 47-2, 47-3, 47-4, 47-5, 47-6, 47-7, 47-8, 47-9 and 47-10.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.



These lots are proposed to be rezoned from Industrial to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ)

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt amendment #4, as proposed by petition, to amend Section 5.5 to read as follows: 5.5 Agricultural and Horticultural Operations – Farm buildings, farm animals, animal confinement areas, and areas used for maintenance and storage of animal waste shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any lot line.

Planning Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment is to require an 100-foot setback for all farm buildings and for all aspects of farm animal operations.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt amendment #5, as proposed by petition, to amend Section 5.6 to read as follows: 5.6 Commercial Kennel – Commercial kennels are permitted provided that they are located on lots of not less than two (2) acres, and that buildings or structures used for housing animals, animal runs, animal confinement areas, and areas used for maintenance and storage of animal waste shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any lot line.

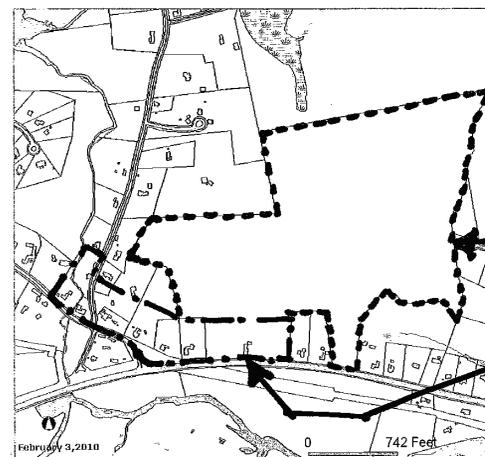
Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to not recommend.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment is to require an 100-foot setback for all buildings, and all other aspects of animal care at commercial kennels.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt amendment #6, as proposed by petition, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, removing a portion of the area designated as a Historic District overlay zone so that the Parker Station District as identified in Section 13.4.3 would read: The Parker Station District includes seven (7) properties identified as Map 7 lots 40, 41, 61-1, 61-6, 62, 63 and a portion of 64, said portion bounded by Mast Road to its south, lot 63 to its west, lot 65 to its east, and to its north, the R-1/A zoning district boundary line, which is located 350 feet from the centerline of North Mast Street. This property's address is 216 North Mast Street.

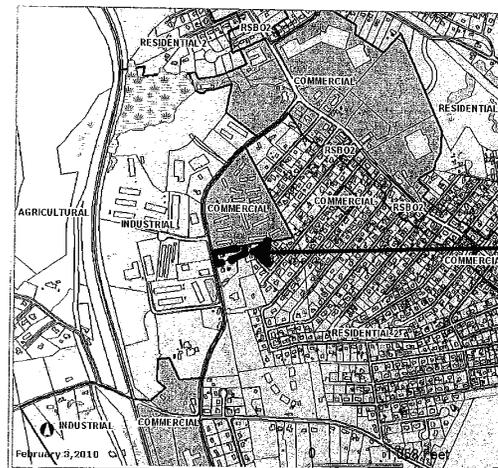
Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.



ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt amendment #7, as proposed by petition, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of property identified as tax map 16, lot 21-2, from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial (C). This property's address is 75 Daniel Plummer Road.

Planning Board voted 6-1-0 to not recommend.



This lot is proposed to be rezoned from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial (C).

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$948,000) for the purpose of purchasing three vehicles to replace a 1994 Fire Engine, a 1999 ten wheel dump truck, and a 2000 Solid Waste automated collection vehicle, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Nine Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$948,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon? Furthermore, to vote to raise and appropriate up to \$219,965 for the first annual payment in 2010 and fund it with \$100,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) and up to \$119,965 from taxation. Assuming a five year note at 5% interest the estimated payment schedule would be as follows:

YEAR	PAYMENT	FUNDING	
		FIRE CRF	TAXATION
2010	\$219,965	\$100,000	\$119,965
2011	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2012	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2013	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2014	\$219,965	0	\$219,965

(3/5 ballot vote is required to pass). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-5-0.

EXPLANATION: These three vehicles were deemed urgent and necessary by the Capital Improvements Program Committee.

Engine 1: This is a 16 year old front line fire engine currently stationed in the Village. It has reached the end of its useful life. The vehicle constantly requires repair and is out of service approximately 7-10 days per month. This vehicle requires replacement for several reasons: replacement of the fire pump and piping is necessary; significant replacement/repair to the vehicle's electrical system, motor, suspension is also critical for continuous emergency use.

10 Wheel Dump Truck with plow and sander: This is an 11 year old front line vehicle with 117,000 hauling and plowing miles. This truck has a plow route that is nearly 16 miles long – one of the longest routes in town which includes Wallace and Shirley Hill Roads and the high school. This vehicle requires costly repairs: dump/sander body relined, spreader conveyor rebuilt; tilting side body rebuilt; headboard and dump body frame supports replaced; related hydraulic and electrical system updates; and the cab and engine needs to be rebuilt.

Automated Recycling/Trash Collection Vehicle: The town rotates its automated curbside waste collection vehicles to provide reliable and dependable trash and recycling pickup to the community. A new truck serves 5 years as a frontline vehicle, and 5 years as a backup vehicle. This rotation plan allows for routine maintenance, repair and reduction of down time. Our current frontline vehicle is 6 years old and our backup vehicle is 10 years old with 101,000 miles and 11,729 hours. Passage of this article will allow the purchase of a new frontline vehicle, the current frontline vehicle will become the backup vehicle, and the current backup vehicle will be traded or sold.

Financing: The Board of Selectmen agreed with CIP regarding the need for all three vehicles in 2010. However, the Selectmen also recognized the current economic conditions and decided to take advantage of low interest rates and finance this purchase over the next five years to lessen the tax impact. Payments will be approximately \$219,995 per year for five years. The first year we will use \$100,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund towards the first payment to lessen the 2010 tax impact. The Selectmen decided to bundle these three vehicles in one article because they are equally important vehicles, to save money on bond fees, and to acquire the most favorable interest rates.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$114,514) for the purpose of completing the original scope of the “green” drainage along South Mast Road between Pineridge Street and Wallace Road and to authorize the issuance of a note with the State Revolving Loan Fund for not more than One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$114,514) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon? 50% of the principal will be forgiven by the State of

NH utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds, with the balance to be raised by taxation. This drainage project was approved at the May 2009 Special Town Meeting in the amount of \$700,000. However, the bid came in \$114,514 higher. This article will provide the \$114,514 appropriation contingent on 50% reimbursement (\$57,257) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act thus saving the town \$57,257. (3/5 majority is required to pass).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0.

EXPLANATION: At the May 2009 Special Town Meeting the voters approved a \$700,000 appropriation for this ARRA green drainage project. The low bid was \$114,514 higher than estimated. DES informs us that a second round of ARRA funds will be available in 2010 and encourages us to apply, enabling the town to recoup 50% of the additional \$114,514. **If this article passes, then the town will be responsible for \$57,257. If this article fails, then the town is responsible for \$114,514.**

ARTICLE 11

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 Two Hundred Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$19,208,477)~~ Nineteen Million Six Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Forty One Dollars (\$19,695,041)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$19,925,974), 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0-1.

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:

GENERAL FUND:	
Administration	\$ 2,216,995
Public Works	\$ 4,750,739
Police	\$4,261,385
Fire	\$2,376,811
Library	\$664,114
Parks & Recreation	\$380,561
Debt Service	\$301,552
CIP	\$2,593,326
GENERAL FUND	\$17,545,483

SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND*	\$1,729,721
EMS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND*	\$419,837
Total Operating Budget	\$19,695,041

This number is less than the default budget number. It was arrived at by splitting the difference between the Selectmen's original budget submission and the Budget Committee's recommended budget in recognition of the state of the economy. Since this number is less than the default budget, it may result in a change in level of service to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.
**same amount is budgeted as revenue*

ARTICLE 12

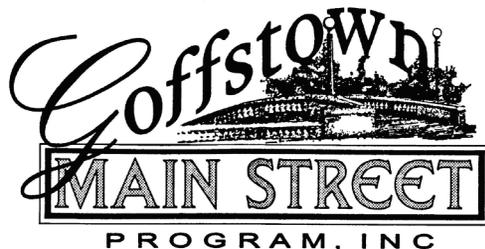
Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000) for the purpose of purchasing about 25.46 acres of Map 5 Lot 39 (a portion of the Barnard property on Center Street) which abuts the town's Public Works facility? This parcel will help meet the town's long term need for sand and gravel. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0.
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0.*

EXPLANATION: This land was the subject of a warrant article in 2008. At that time the purchase price of the land was \$700,000. The Selectmen were contacted early this year by the property owners who were willing to sell approximately 25 acres for \$360,000. This land abuts the Public Works facility and has valuable soils. An independent appraiser has estimated:

- 25,812 cubic yards of top soil;
- 25,812 cubic yards of subsoil;
- 282,946 cubic yards of sand;
- 77,440 cubic yards of gravel.

The market value of this material far exceeds the purchase price of this property. This material will be very useful in public works operations (road plan) and in the reclamation of the abutting property.



ARTICLE 13

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 11.)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-2-0.*

EXPLANATION: The town has financially supported Goffstown Main Street Program at this same level since 1999. 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. Many of you are familiar with the special events sponsored by Main Street including the Giant Pumpkin Regatta, Old Home Day, Concerts on the Common, Friday Night Under the Lights, and Art Showoffs. These events bring business to the Village Area as well as fostering a sense of community.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) for the purpose of supporting Namaske Lake Association's effort to manage milfoil in Namaske Lake also known as the lower portion of the Piscataquog River? The Namaske Lake Association estimates the cost of the milfoil management project at \$47,000 which they plan to fund as follows: \$14,000 from the State of NH; \$5,000 donation from Enel North America (operator of the Kelly Falls Dam); \$5,000 from local residents and Namaske Lake Association members; and \$23,000 from the Town of Goffstown. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)



*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0.
 Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0.*

EXPLANATION: This article seeks to raise and appropriate \$23,000 towards the cost of milfoil management at Namaske Lake which is the impound area created by the Kelly Falls dam. Variable Milfoil became established within Namaske Lake following the Mother's Day Flood from the infested waters of Scobie Pond in Frankestown. In the three years following the flood event, the plant has colonized throughout shoreline and shallow areas of the lake. To give you some perspective of that infestation, Namaske Lake has a surface area of 192.5 acres. The current infested area is over 116 acres.

The Namaske Lake Association has worked with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) in developing a milfoil mitigation program. The DES has developed a formal milfoil management plan for Namaske Lake. This plan includes for 2010:

1. Herbicide treatment of the variable milfoil
2. Installation of fragment barriers at upstream end
3. Weed watching and implementation of monitoring activities
4. Diver hand-removal of persistent/new growth

The complete mitigation plan, as developed by DES, is available at Town Hall for review.

A cooperative funding arrangement has been developed and is broken down as follows: NH DES - \$14,000; Enel North America (Kelly Falls Hydro operator) - \$5,000; Goffstown Residents and Namaske Lake Association members - \$5,000; Town of Goffstown (Article 14) - \$23,000. This article is supported by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town allocate a portion of the land use change tax to the administration of the Current Use program, by changing the previously approved allocation of 100% to 75% of revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in a Conservation Fund, established under RSA 36-A:5, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, IV, said funds to be used for conservation land and easement acquisition and costs associated therewith.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

To see

EXPLANATION: This article sought to redistribute a portion of the Land Use Change Tax to the General Fund. At the Deliberative Session this article was amended to read: To See. Basically, this amendment removes the original subject matter.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town authorize snowmobiles shared use on the Goffstown Rail Trail for approximately 1/2 mile of its 5 1/2 mile length, from the power line right-of-way where the NH Snowmobile Trail Corridor #11 crosses the Rail Trail at Glen Lake, approximately opposite St. Claudine Villa Academy, to the gas station at Tatro Drive?

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

EXPLANATION: Snowmobilers approached the Selectmen to amend the Rail Trail Ordinance to allow snowmobile use of the Rail Trail. The Selectmen acknowledged that at the time of purchase voters were informed that snowmobiles would not be allowed access. Any decision to allow snowmobile access would require a return to Town Meeting. Furthermore, the Selectmen recommended that the snowmobilers work with the Rail Trail Committee which would make a recommendation to the Selectmen. The Rail Trail Committee met with a representative of the snowmobile club and agreed upon this 1/2 mile section because of the low residential development along this section. The Rail Trail Committee recommended to the Board of Selectmen that this article be voted upon at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the town? Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect. (RSA 41:11-A III).

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

EXPLANATION: New legislation allows the voters to authorize the Selectmen to lease town property for up to 5 years. Currently, the town has annual leases with Merri-Loo Preschool at Grasmere Town Hall and with agencies and companies who share space on the town's tower on the mountain. Passage of this article would allow the town to negotiate more favorable conditions in longer term leases.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town amend the town's Noise Ordinance as follows? Under EXCEPTIONS, add "or ice" before "removal operations" and delete "provided such operations are conducted within seventy two (72) hours of cessation of a snowstorm with an accumulation of at least three inches (3") of snow as recorded by the U.S. Weather Service." At the end of this section add "These provisions shall not apply to the Department of Public Works while engaged in the regular collection of refuse or recycling."

Under PENALTIES, replace this current language "Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable for a penalty of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for the first offense, and up to the maximum penalty allowed by law for each subsequent offense." with this proposed language "Unless otherwise stated, any person or unnatural person within the meaning of the Criminal Code, who violates an ordinance shall be guilty of a violation. Pursuant to RSA 502-A:11-a, the District Court shall have jurisdiction of the prosecution of any violation of the Town of Goffstown Ordinances. All fines collected shall be for the use of the Town. The Town may enforce to the maximum penalty allowed by law. The enforcement authority may issue a summons and complaint along with a notice of fine pursuant to the procedures for pleas by mail set out in RSA 502-A:19-b."

Under VALIDITY, replace this current language "VALIDITY: If any section or part of a section, or paragraph of this Article is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this Article." with

- VI. WAIVERS: The Board of Selectmen retain the authority to waive any or all provisions of this ordinance for emergencies at a duly noted meeting.
- VII. SEVERABILITY STATEMENT: If the provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is judged to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, or impair the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.
- VIII. EXCLUSIONS: These requirements shall not apply where such matters are otherwise governed by State Law.

(The full text of the ordinance is available in the Town Clerk's Office or on the town's website.)

Presented at public hearings by the Board of Selectmen.

Petition for a vote at Town Meeting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-2.

EXPLANATION: The Selectmen received a request to exempt the Public Works Department from the noise ordinance when collecting trash and recycling. During the past few years whenever the Selectmen receive a request to amend an ordinance it is reformatted for standardization and uniformity regarding penalties, waivers, severability, exclusions, etc. The Selectmen held two public hearings on these proposed amendments but prior to their vote, they received a valid petition requiring a Town Meeting vote on the amendment.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) for the purposes of acquisition of a land conservation easement and costs associated therewith to support the permanent conservation protection of 450± acres on Tax Map 2 Lot 59 (the Roberts Farm on Addison Road), to help stabilize the tax base, preserve the rural character of the Town and provide for passive recreation? These funds will expire at the end of 2012 if not used to protect this property.

Submitted by Petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-3-1.

EXPLANATION: Petitioners supporting the Open Space subcommittee and the Conservation Commission submitted this petition seeking \$390,000 as a match to a potential Federal Ranch and Farmland Grant to acquire the land rights for this parcel. The purchase price will be based on appraisal of the property which was not available at the deliberative session. The Selectmen voted to not recommend this article but stated at the deliberative session that they would reconsider their recommendation if there was an amendment to first use a portion of the \$405,000 which the Conservation Commission has available in their Conservation Fund and Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to purchase approximately 106.15 acres of property adjacent to the Goffstown High School, identified as Tax Map 5 Lots 61-1 and 95-1, with a conceptual design of 10 playing fields and 225 car parking spaces? This is a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3 VI (a), as a petitioned article, and as Special Warrant Article pursuant to RSA 32:3 VI (d), as a non-lapsing, non-transferable appropriation for a period of five years, pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI.

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1-0.

EXPLANATION: Issues which need addressing prior to purchase:

- No Purchase & Sales Agreement on this parcel;
- No appraisal of the parcel;
- No negotiation with property owner;
- Conceptual plan was denied by the Planning Board;

ARTICLE 21

~~Shall the Town approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President?~~

~~Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".~~

Submitted by petition.

To see

EXPLANATION: This petition article was debated at the Deliberative Session and amended to: "To See" thereby removing the original subject matter.

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town 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 is required to pass)

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-2.

EXPLANATION: The operating budget consists of two numbers – the operating budget number which is submitted by the Budget Committee and the default number which is currently submitted by the Board of Selectmen. Passage of this article would result in the Budget Committee preparing both numbers – the operating budget number and the default budget number. State law requires a 3/5 majority vote to pass, this language was added at the deliberative session to inform voters.

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to put in place an ordinance to allow the use of snowmobiles on the Goffstown Rail Trail in accordance with the Trail Enhancement Grant received by the Town of Goffstown by the Federal Government and in accordance with state trail management guidelines starting at the intersection of Danis Park Rd. to the end of the trail at the center of town.

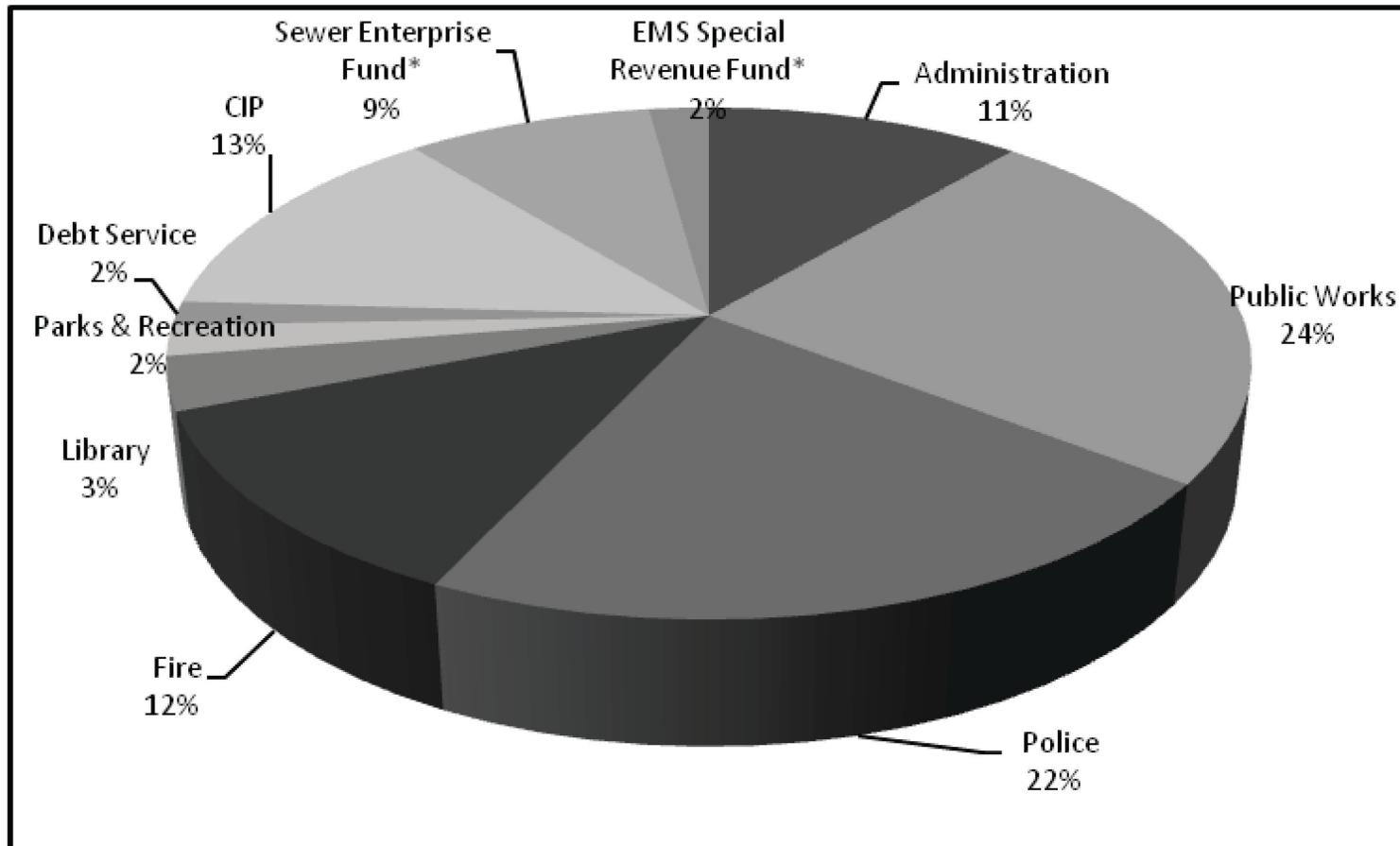
Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-2.



EXPLANATION: Several years ago when Town Meeting voted on the appropriation to purchase this corridor, voters asked if snowmobiles and ATVs would be allowed use of the corridor. The response was no, it was intended for passive recreation. When approached earlier this year to allow snowmobile use, the Board of Selectmen stated that any expanded use would need to be brought back to the voters at Town Meeting. The Selectmen encouraged the snowmobilers to work with the Rail Trail Committee regarding what parts of the trail would be conducive for shared use. The result of that process is **Article 16**. The petitioners of this article seek to travel a longer section of the Rail Trail with their snowmobiles from Danis Park to the center of town, approximately a 3½ mile section. The Rail Trail Committee did not endorse the longer route because of the proximity of homes along this section of the corridor, and issues concerning noise, light and speed on abutting properties.

**Town Operating Budget
Article 11
\$19,695,041**



2010 SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

<i>For Three Years</i>	<i>Vote for not more than Three</i>
Lorry D. Cloutier	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phillip E. Kendall II	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dian McCarthy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Theroux	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXPLANATION: Voters will elect three individuals to fill School Board positions, three for 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 FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS (\$35,627,392.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$36,430,646.00), 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.)

***The School Board voted 7-1-0 to not recommend.
The Budget Committee voted 9-3-0 to recommend.***

EXPLANATION: The Operating Budget recommended by the School Board is \$36,464,921 while the Budget Committee's version is \$35,627,392, a difference of \$837,529. The School Board's budget is \$1,804,273 or 5.2% more 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 Operating Budget supports specialized in district and out of district programs for all of our students.

This year, the Operating Budget includes a scheduled curriculum revision cycle for English Language Arts. To minimize cost impact, the district has utilized American Recovery and Reinvestment (ARRA) funds for all K-6 requirements, Grade 7-12 needs are in the budget. There is minimal continuing technology integration scheduled for the coming year.

Available curriculum and technology dollars this year and next 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 increased by \$35,500 from one year ago, for a projected total of \$510,500. There is an increase of \$10,731 in the Food Service Fund to a new total of \$955,731. Both the Federal Grants Funds and Food Service Operations are self funding; revenues are used to offset expenses. A majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate up to the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$215,000.00) to conduct engineering and architectural plans for the expansion and renovation of the School District's elementary school facilities? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the plans for the expansion and renovation of the elementary schools are complete or by June 30, 2012 whichever is earlier. Funds to come from impact fees available on July 1 of 2010. This appropriation has no tax impact. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

***The School Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.
The Budget Committee voted 13-1-0 to recommend.***

EXPLANATION: This special article asks voters for permission to raise and appropriate up to \$215,000 to conduct architectural and engineering studies of the district's elementary schools.

The school district's elementary school expansion project is on the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Matrix for 2012 – 2013. Facilities expansion is still a forecasted need for the district. Current population trends suggest that the addition of several classrooms at the Bartlett and Maple Avenue sites will satisfy current and future needs.

The purpose of the studies is to determine the feasibility of construction at these facilities. 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 engineering and design study will come from existing impact fees. *There will be no tax impact resulting from this article.*

ARTICLE 4

Shall the School District raise and appropriate up to 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 2010. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board voted 6-1-0 to recommend.

The Budget Committee voted 11-2-1 to not recommend.

EXPLANATION: This special article asks voters for permission to place up to \$300,000 into the existing capital reserve fund established for the renovation of the Bartlett Elementary School. This amount will be transferred from the projected unreserved fund balance which will be available to the school district on July 1, 2010. On December 31, 2008, there was \$341,000 and accumulated interest in the fund. There is no scheduled deposit for the current school year.

The school district's voters established the Bartlett Elementary School Capital Reserve Fund during the 2005-2006 school year with the transfer of \$300,000 from the district's unreserved fund balance. The purpose of the reserve is to provide for the funding required to support building and infrastructure updates necessary to maintain the facility as a viable elementary school capable of supporting projected student enrollments as well as the regular use as a multi-purpose community facility. Utilization of the capital reserve fund would reduce the total of any long term financing requirement which might arise from any new work authorized by the voters.

The school district has organized this work to be completed in two phases. Phase 1 work, totaling \$976,000, was completed in December 2008 utilizing capital reserve funds and impact fees. Phase 2 will be based upon the results of the engineering and architectural studies discussed within Article 3 above. A majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District change the purpose of an existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to the Elementary School Facilities Renovation Capital Reserve Fund? Furthermore, to see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Elementary School Facilities Renovation Capital Reserve Fund. This article has no tax impact. (2/3 vote required)

The School Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

EXPLANATION: This article asks voters for permission to change the name of the existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to the Elementary

School Facilities Renovation Capital Reserve Fund and to appoint the School Board as agents to spend from this fund.

Approval of this article will allow the school district to utilize all of the funds and accumulated interest within the existing fund to address the complete scope of the elementary facilities project which will include Phase 2 work at Bartlett. Broadening the intended use for these funds will serve to provide a more uniform and efficient approach to project financing. A 2/3 majority is required.

ARTICLE 6

Submitted by Petition

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.)

The School Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend.

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. A 3/5 majority vote is required.

ARTICLE 7

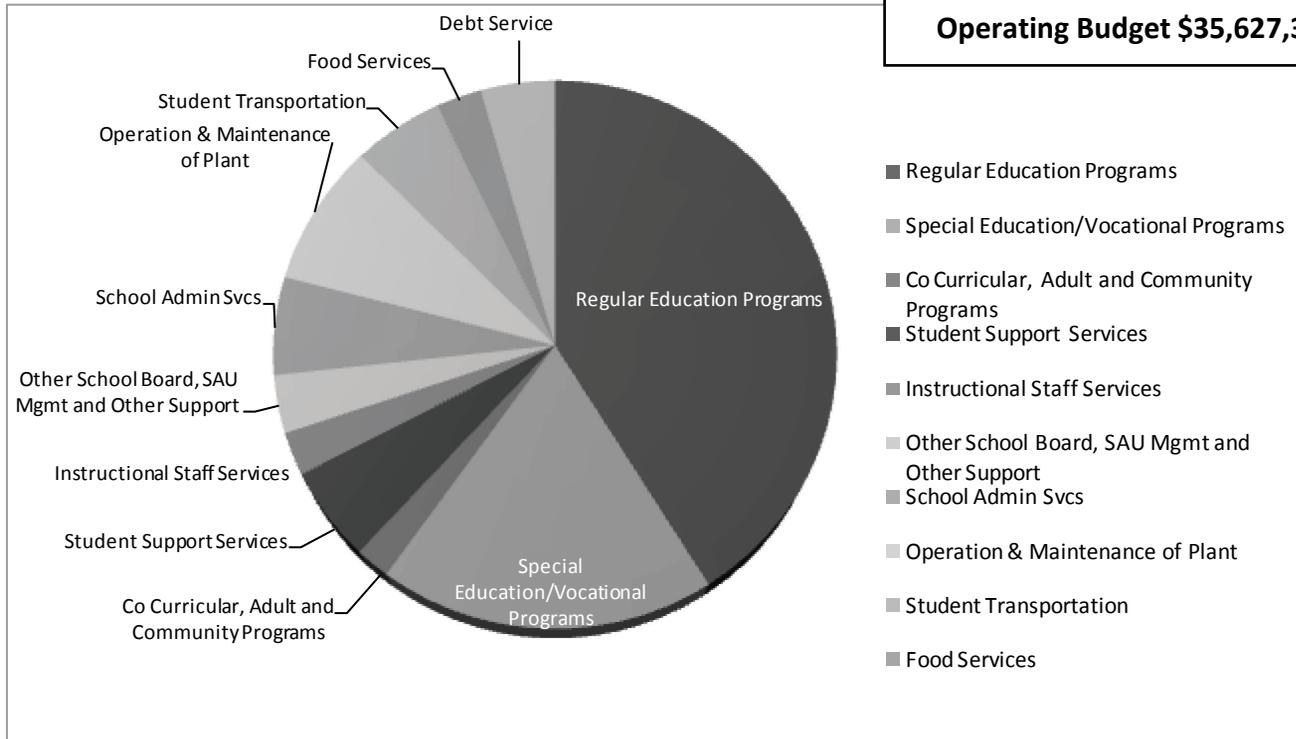
Submitted by Petition

Shall the voters of the Goffstown school district within school administrative unit number 19 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meeting? (Majority vote required.)

The School Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend.

EXPLANATION: This is a petitioned warrant article. The intent of the article is to separate the allocated portion of the SAU budget from the member district's operating budget and to place the entire SAU budget as a standalone warrant article to be addressed by the member district's voters. In order to be adopted, this article would need the approval of a majority of the voters within each school district comprising the SAU. If this article were to be adopted by a majority of the voters within each of the member school districts, then the SAU budget would be voted on by the three member districts. Individual district vote totals would be combined in order to determine the total SAU wide vote. A majority vote within the SAU would determine final budget approval. This article has not been presented by petition to the other school districts comprising the SAU.

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