

Town of Goffstown 2011 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 Monday February 7, 2011 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown High School in the gymnasium 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 8, 2011. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 10, 2011.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 8, 2011 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 8, 2011 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

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #1 amending the following Sections of the Zoning Ordinance for Goffstown, New Hampshire, as amended on March 9, 2010 as follows:

Amending Section 3.12, Table of Accessory Uses, providing for the allowance of Raising and Keeping of Livestock and Raising and Keeping of Poultry as accessory uses to a principle residential use permitted by right in the Conservation and Agricultural districts, permitted by Special Exception in the R1 and R2 districts, and not permitted in all other districts of the Town; and,

Amending Section 5.5 Agricultural and Horticultural Operations, giving specific rules and regulations regarding these uses on properties within the Town;

(Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office.)

Submitted by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town amend the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, by changing the zoning of property identified as Tax Map 6, Lot 78-2, from Agricultural (A) to Commercial (C). This property's address is 381 Goffstown Back Road, commonly known as the Educare Property.

Submitted by Petition.

ARTICLE 3

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 Eighteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Three Dollars **(\$18,927,383)**.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred Four Thousand Eight Dollars **(\$7,504,008)**.

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Six Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars **(\$1,689,200)** is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations requested in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Six Hundred Ten Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Two Dollars **(\$610,932)** 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

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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 Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Three Dollars (**\$18,927,383**).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (**\$19,925,863**), 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 and Budget Committee 11-0-0.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town of Goffstown will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the New England Benevolent Police Association, Local No. 24 representing the **Patrolmen** which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2011	\$0
2012	\$33,007
2013	\$42,311

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0) for the current fiscal year 2011, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0 and Budget Committee 8-3-1.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town of Goffstown will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the New England Benevolent Police Association, Local No. 124 representing the **Dispatchers & Clerks** at the Police Department which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2011	\$0
2012	\$9,378
2013	\$18,902

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0) for the current fiscal year 2011, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0 and Budget Committee 9-2-1.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$499,524) for the purpose of reinstating the Budget Committee’s reduction of the approved CIP road plan. Passage of this article will also indicate the

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voters' desire to keep the costs of the road plan in the annual operating budget. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 10-2-0.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Pumper/Tanker to replace a 1992 Fire Engine and a 1989 Tanker, and to fund this appropriation with One Hundred Forty Two Thousand Dollars (\$142,000) from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund and Four Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$420,000) by taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 9-3-0.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$247,000) for the purpose of purchasing an Automated Solid Waste Collection Vehicle to replace the 2000 Solid Waste Automated Collection Vehicle. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 3.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 10-2-0.

ARTICLE 9

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 3.)

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

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance pursuant to RSA31:39-c to allow for administrative enforcement of violations of any municipal code, ordinance, bylaw or regulation and for the collection of penalties, to be used prior to the service of a formal summons and complaint. The system provides opportunities for persons who do not wish to contest violations to pay such penalties by mail. The proposed ordinance is available for viewing on the town's website and in the Town Clerk's Office.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1-1.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive outlined in Chapter 79-E of state law and to designate two commercial areas as meeting the standards for an eligible district as set forth in RSA 79-E:2, (I) of town as eligible for said incentive: (1) Pinardville Area which includes 147 taxable parcels; and (2) Goffstown Village Area which includes 100 taxable parcels. (A map identifying these parcels is available on the town's website and in the Town Clerk's Office.) This plan has been endorsed by Goffstown Board of Selectmen, Goffstown Economic Development Council, and Goffstown Main Street Program to promote improvements and investments in said commercial districts.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1.

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ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to adopt an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$80,000 off their assessment. To qualify, the person must apply in writing to the Selectmen no later than April 15th of the tax year, be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode as of April 1st of the tax year, must own property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, had in the calendar year proceeding April 1st a net income from all sources, of not more than \$40,000 if single and \$60,000 if married, own assets not in excess of \$200,000, excluding the value of the persons actual residence and up to the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Detail Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h. The money received from charges for services shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same upon the order of the Board of Selectmen. These funds maybe expended only for police detail related expenses, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds which have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to amend and add to the town's Noise Ordinance the following paragraph L) under III. Specific Violations Enumerated:

L) Excessive/Nuisance Noise in a Residential Area within 500 ft of property line

If a complaint is made to the Goffstown Police Department by a resident to stop nuisance noise and/or excessive sound from, but not limited to, the use of any ATV, dirt bike, motorized vehicle, 4x4, off road vehicle, modified car/truck or machinery, etc. or any other nuisance noise on any lot or parcel of land in a Residential Area within 500 ft of complaintant's property line, it shall be considered unlawful and a nuisance.

At the responding officer's discretion, a verbal warning, written warning or a violation may be issued. Violations will be treated in accordance with Section IV: Penalties.

A complaintant may request to remain anonymous if the request is for a verbal warning.

In addition the Goffstown Police Department can request, if they deem it necessary, a "cease and desist order" from the Board of Selectmen in a Board of Selectmen meeting if the nuisance noise and or violation continues.

(The current noise ordinance is available at the Town Clerk's Office or on the Town's website.)

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-1.

ARTICLE 15

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

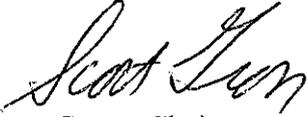
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To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

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Given under our Hands and Seal this 24th day of January 2011.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Scott Gross, Chairman



Nicholas Campasano



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