

2012 TOWN ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Two*

Mark T. Lemay

Collis G. Adams

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Four*

Jeff Wall

Guy Caron

Bryan Fournier

Ruth Gage

Brian Lewis

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 2 Years *Vote for not more than One*

Peter Georgantas

Carol Tasker Day

Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year *Vote for not more than Two*

Joe Spoerl

Richard "Lee" Sperry Jr.

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*

Joan B. Konieczny

Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Two*

Carol A. Richardson

Kathleen Holt

Theresa "Tess" Marts

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 1 Year *Vote for not more than One*

Linda Stonner

George A. Collins

Write-In _____

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Two*

Alan H. Yeaton

Steve Dutton

Brian Hansen

Richard Meaney

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*

James Bouchard

Write-In _____

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 6 Years *Vote for not more than One*

Christine "Tina" Daniels

Write-In _____

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 4 Years *Vote for not more than One*

Al Desruisseaux

Write-In _____

TOWN MODERATOR

For 2 Years *Vote for not more than One*

Rodney L. Stark

Write-In _____

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*

Joseph Dobrowolski

Write-In _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*

Jo Ann Duffy

Write-In _____

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #1, amending Section 8.2 of the Zoning Ordinance - Outdoor Lighting, Location and Height, by removing the requirement for location of light poles and also to move sections 7.3.7 and 7.6.7 dealing with the illumination of parking areas and off-street loading areas to Section 8 - Outdoor Lighting?

(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.
Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.***

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this proposed amendment to Section 8.2 is to help make the lighting requirements more attainable for property owners. Many of the lots in Goffstown are small and cannot meet the current requirement and are required to obtain relief from the Zoning Board of Adjustment if they are to proceed forward with their projects. Without relief from this requirement, property owners have severe height restrictions on light poles. For example, a light pole proposed to be placed nine (9) feet from the property line would be limited to a height of only six (6) feet. Each three (3) feet of distance from the property line after that would increase the height by only one (1) foot (e.g. a pole placed twelve (12) feet from the property line allows seven (7) feet of pole height and a pole placed fifteen feet from the property line allows eight (8) feet of pole height etc.). Moving Sections 7.3.7 and 7.6.7 to Section 8 does not change the requirements of those sections.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #2, amending Section 6.7.4 of the Zoning Ordinance - Village Commercial District Signs, by removing the requirement for Planning Board approval of signs within this district and removing the same language referenced in Section 6.6.3, below the Table of Maximum Sign Dimensions?

(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.

Recommended by the Planning Board 4-3-0.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment to Section 6.7.4 is to make the Planning and Zoning Administrator responsible for the approval of Signs within the Village Commercial District (as is done in every other zoning district) rather than requiring that businesses within this district go to the Planning Board for approval. The goal of this amendment is to cut down on the amount of time needed to obtain a sign permit in this district and to make the approval process the same for everyone in the Town.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #3, amending Section 7.3 of the Zoning Ordinance, Parking Area Design Standards, by making the standards under Section 7.3 and any of its subsections applicable to 3-or-more-family dwellings and all other non-residential uses?

(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.

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment to Section 7.3 is to make the parking area design standards in Section 7.3 only applicable to 3-or-more-family dwellings and all other non-residential uses. Single family dwellings and two-family dwellings would be exempt from the requirements of this section and any of its sub-sections.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #4, amending Section 7.3.4 of the Zoning Ordinance, Driveway Widths, by amending and clarifying that widths of driveways for 3-or-more family dwellings and all other non-residential uses shall be no more than 24 feet wide not including flares and giving the Planning Board more flexibility through the Site Plan process to determine where exceptions may occur?

(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.

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-1-0.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment to Section 7.3.4 is because the driveway width requirement for commercial development and multi-family development has been a concern for multiple applications that have been submitted to the Town. The width requirements are currently a minimum of twenty-four (24) feet and no more than twenty-eight (28) feet unless part of an approved Site Plan where the Planning Board requires three lanes or more. The current regulation does not allow large delivery trucks to maneuver within the site. Changing this regulation will allow large trucks to better maneuver through multi-family and commercial properties and give the Planning Board better flexibility through the Site Plan process to determine where exceptions may occur.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #5, amending Section 7.3.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, Setbacks and Restrictions, by clarifying that except for areas within defined driveways, off-street parking for 3-or-more-family dwellings and all other non-residential uses within the Agricultural, Residential-1 and Residential-2 districts shall not be located within the required front yard setback area and that in the RSBO-1 and RSBO-2 districts, off-street parking would not be allowed within 10 feet of the front lot line?

(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.

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment to Section 7.3.5 is to restrict off-street parking within the front yard setback of properties in the Agricultural, Residential-1 and Residential-2 districts for 3-or-more-family dwellings and all other non-residential uses ONLY. The current rule applies to all residential districts and requires single family and two-family lots to park EITHER within the driveway OR anywhere behind the front setback line. This new proposed language does not apply to single family houses or duplexes. There is also currently a restriction for all non-residential districts that there shall be no off-street parking within 10 feet of the front lot line. This proposed amendment would also extend that regulation to the RSBO-1 and RSBO-2 districts.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #6, amending Section 7.4 of the Zoning Ordinance, Access and Driveway Standards, by adding the following sub-section?

7.4.5 – Setbacks and Restrictions – For single-family and two-family dwellings, width of driveways shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet between the edge of pavement of the roadway and the front setback line of the property. Beyond the front setback line, driveways may widen as long as all other regulations listed in either the Zoning Ordinance and Development Regulations are met. With the exception of shared driveways, no driveway for single and two-family dwellings, including any of its flare, shall be within ten (10) feet of a side property line.

(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.

Recommended by the Planning Board 4-3-0.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment to Section 7.4 is specify the access and driveway rules and regulations that would apply to single family dwellings and two-family dwellings since Section 7.3.4 would be applicable to 3-or-more-family dwellings and all other non-residential uses only (per Article 4).

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #7, amending Section 5.5 of the Zoning Ordinance, Agricultural and Horticultural Operations, by removing subsection 5.5.2.2 which states: “The raising and keeping of livestock and poultry shall be conducted by a resident of the premises”?

(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.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

EXPLANATION: The purpose of this amendment to Section 5.5 is to allow people the right to lease their land for the raising and keeping of livestock and poultry. The Town implemented this regulation only a year ago, but realized that this may overly restrict property owners from utilizing their land and also that it may be difficult to enforce.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town amend the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of the properties identified as Tax Map 6, Lot 39, Tax Map 26, Lot 20, and Tax Map 6, Lot 35 from Agricultural (A) to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone District (CIFZ)? The property addresses are 400 Mast Road (6-39), Henry Bridge Road (26-20), and 329 Mast Road (6-35).

Submitted by Petition.

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-1-0.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town amend the Parker Station Historic District so that the section of Map 7, Lot 64 that is in the district is described as an area bounded by North Mast ‘Road’ (aka ‘Street’) to its south, Lot 63 to its west, a line parallel to the west line of lot 65 to its east, which parallel line shall extend from a point in the north line of North Mast Road (aka ‘Street’) that is 306 feet from the southwestern corner of Lot 65 northerly to the north boundary of the district which shall be the Residential 1/Agricultural zoning district boundary line which is located 350 feet from the centerline of North Mast ‘Road’ (aka ‘Street’)?

Submitted by Petition.

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0.

EXPLANATION: The Goffstown Historic District Commission, charged with overseeing the three Historic Districts, unanimously supported this amendment to remove a small section of vacant land from the Park Station Historic District at their January 25, 2012 meeting.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town amend the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of property identified as Tax Map 18, Lot 4, from Residential Small Business Office – 2 (RSBO-2) to Commercial (C). This property’s address is 4 Pershing Street.

Submitted by Petition.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town amend the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning of properties from Residential Small Business Office – 2 (RSBO-2) to Commercial (C) identified as:

Map Lot	Map Lot	Map Lot	Map Lot
20 8A	21 22	21 113	21 112
21 28	20 9	21 14	21 111
21 27	20 3A	21 12	21 110
20 20	20 1	21 11	21 109
20 19	20 2	21 1	21 108
20 19-1	20 1-1	18 42	21 107
20 18	20 1-2	3 37B-5	21 106
20 17	20 1-4	3 37B-5-11	21 105
20 16	21 24	3 37B-5-9	21 101
20 3	21 25	18 47	21 100
20 4	21 26	18 46	21 99
20 5	21 29	21 98	21 97
20 6	20 7	20 8	

plus 6 additional lots which are zoned Residential and change them to Commercial (C) Located in the vicinity from Moose Club Park Road to the intersection of Mast Road and 114.

Submitted by Petition.

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Twenty Million Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$20,355,244)?

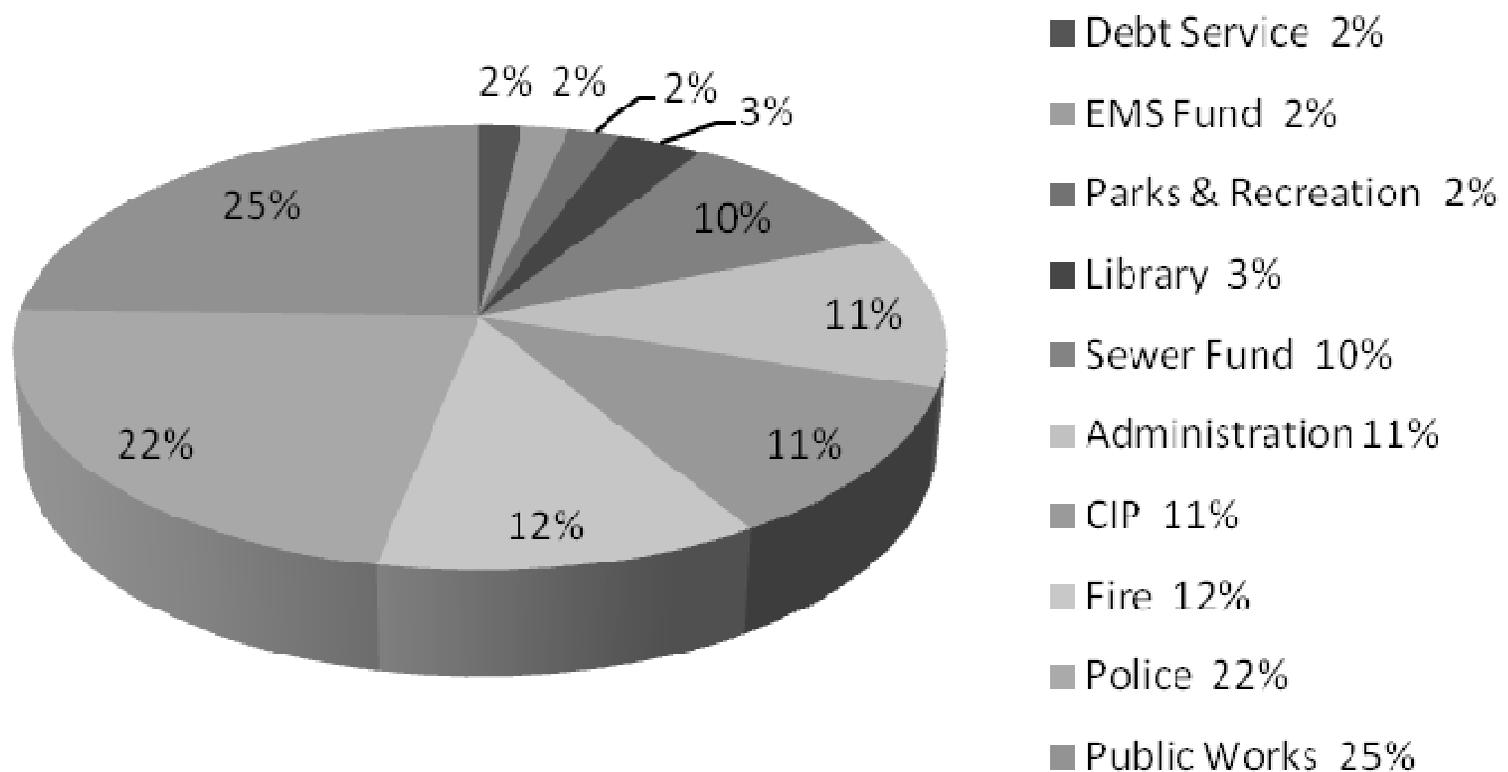
Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$19,413,748), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body 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 4-1-0 and Budget Committee 8-5-1.

EXPLANATION: Article 13 is the Operating Budget for the town which consists of three funds: General Fund, EMS Fund and Sewer Fund. Only the General Fund impacts the property tax rate because the other funds are offset by revenues. The General Fund has an increase of \$1,033,128 over the previous year. As can be seen in the following budget summary \$891,895 of this increase is due to our Capital Improvements Program because these purchases have been deferred from previous years' budgets. If all Selectmen recommended articles pass, then more fund balance will be used to help offset the increase. For more budget detail please visit the Town's website at www.goffstown.com.

DEPT.	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
Administration		
Town Clerk	\$193,197	\$198,200
Elections	\$47,715	\$68,677
Finance	\$281,694	\$317,567
Admin/Eco.Dev.	\$436,339	\$468,762
Tax Collection	\$93,107	\$89,744
Revaluation	\$178,056	\$208,345
Info. Technology	\$375,581	\$390,975
Planning/Zoning	\$333,302	\$253,497
Other Gen. Gov't.	\$23,948	\$19,451
Building Inspection	\$103,954	\$104,824
Human Services	\$83,036	\$81,622
PEG TV	\$62,983	\$67,609
Admin. Total:	\$2,212,912	\$2,269,273
Public Works		
Cemetery	\$117,696	\$132,494
Operations	\$3,848,649	\$3,773,579
Solid Waste	\$1,058,665	\$1,095,074
Public Works Total:	\$5,025,010	\$5,001,147
Fire:	\$2,350,706	\$2,382,970
Police		
Operations	\$3,610,632	\$3,851,658
Emer. Mgmt.	\$2,055	\$2,601
Communications	\$691,109	\$694,221
Police Total:	\$4,303,796	\$4,548,480
Parks & Recreation:	\$392,070	\$423,499
Library:	\$675,805	\$695,341
Debt Service:	\$274,753	\$336,672
CIP		
Land & Improvements	\$1,010,000	\$1,362,490
Mach., Equip. & Veh.	\$101,199	\$519,856
Buildings	\$50,000	\$50,000
Improvements o/t Land	\$233,000	\$353,748
CIP Total:	\$1,394,199	\$2,286,094
GENERAL FUND:	\$16,627,251	\$17,943,476
EMS FUND:	\$610,932	\$380,546
SEWER FUND:	\$1,689,200	\$2,031,222
TOTAL :	\$18,927,383	\$20,355,244

**2012 TOWN OPERATING BUDGET
ARTICLE 13**



ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Chauffeurs, Teamster and Helpers Local Union No. 633 of New Hampshire representing certain employees of the Public Works Department which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2012	\$21,119
2013	\$44,575

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand one hundred and nineteen dollars (\$21,119) for the current fiscal year 2012, 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 13.)

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

EXPLANATION: The Board of Selectmen achieved the same economic goals in this collective bargaining agreement (CBA) as the two CBAs passed last year in the Police Department. There are no step increases in either year of this two year agreement and COLA is 3.25% each year. Regarding health insurance, this group of employees agreed to the 10% increase in contributions from those enrolled in single person health plans. In 2011 this group of employees was “out-of-contract” and did not receive any step or annual adjustment. They did sign a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to the new higher co-pay health insurance plans, the elimination of cashouts for spouses employed by the town, and a 15% reduction in cashouts – effective 1/1/2011. For that reason, the health insurance savings were realized in 2011 and could not be calculated as a savings in 2012 to offset their 2012 wage increase. You will see in the next article that the Firefighters CBA has no cost impact in 2012 because their new health insurance begins 4/1/2012 and the 2012 health insurance savings offsets their 3.25% cost of living adjustment. Other changes in this contract involve the elimination of “pick-up and go home” for the solid waste drivers, reduction of sick leave accrual, and the earlier availability of vacation time.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Goffstown Local 3420 of the International Association of Firefighters representing the Firefighters which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2012	\$0
2013	\$29,645

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of zero dollars (\$0) for the current fiscal year 2012, 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 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 7-6-1.

EXPLANATION: Again, the Board of Selectmen had the same goals as the previous contracts. This group of employees was out of contract in 2011 and did not receive a step increase or annual adjustment in 2011. This is a 2 year contract which will expire at the same time as the other contracts. In this contract the union agrees to the higher co-pay health insurance plans, 10% increase contribution for those with a single person plan, cash outs for spouses is eliminated, and cash outs have been reduced by 15%. There are no step increases for the term of this contract. There is an annual adjustment of 3.25% in each year of the contract. There is spiking mitigation language regarding payout at the time of retirement. We ask that you support this agreement as you supported the two contracts last year for Police, so that all our employees are treated with equity.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 7-5-0.

EXPLANATION: A Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2008 and \$420,000 was appropriated. In 2009 the Fire Chief was successful in acquiring a federal grant for \$712,500 which was used for the purchase \$1,000,000 aerial ladder truck. The town’s match was met with monies from the Capital Reserve Fund. In 2011 the Capital Reserve Fund was tapped again to purchase a new pumper/tanker. The fund is mostly depleted and it is time to start saving again so that we can leverage future grants by having the match available. This article was amended from \$150,000 to \$75,000 at the Deliberative Session.



ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of "Finance Software", to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from this fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0;
not recommended by the Budget Committee 6-4-2.*

EXPLANATION: The Town's finance software was purchased in 2000 with State assistance because the previous software could not accommodate billing for the state education tax. Using a competitive bid process the Town chose a software program which was in use at the time by Dover, Bedford, and Londonderry. Through the years these communities have switched to other software vendors, leaving Goffstown as the largest community using the current software. There have been no major revisions to the software and there are no plans for any major revisions. Support of the current software is provided by one part-time employee at the software company, leading staff to use work-arounds when software bugs are detected.

Finance software is the backbone of our municipal accounting, comprised of 1,600 accounts from the General Fund (\$20 million), Sewer Enterprise Fund (\$2 million), EMS Special Revenue Fund (\$400,000), Conservation Fund, Library Trustees Fund, Parks & Recreation Revolving Fund and Escrow Funds. This software needs to integrate with the software in the offices of the Town Clerk and the Assessor and is used for Administration, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Budgeting, Fixed Assets, General Ledger, Human Resources, Miscellaneous Billing, Purchase Orders, Payroll, Property Taxes, Utility Billing, and time sheets. Municipal finance software is unique and complex; it is not an off-the-shelf purchase. Based upon interviews with vendors, we anticipated a cost of \$300,000 to replace our current finance software in 2012. Due to the cost it was decided to start saving now in a Capital Reserve Fund for this purchase. A committee will be formed with computer specialists from the community and town staff to vet all options available for finance software.

This article was amended at the Deliberative Session from \$150,000 to \$100,000.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for Goffstown's Road Improvement Program? Passage of this article will direct the Selectmen to include the Road Plan in future operating and default budgets of the Town of Goffstown beginning in 2013. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13 which has \$500,000 budgeted for roads.)

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0 and
Budget Committee 8-5-1.*

EXPLANATION: Since 2002, the Town has attempted to fund a road rebuilding plan laid out using a pavement management application (called MicroPaver) used by many communities throughout the country. In this management plan, each road's condition is noted as well as the costs associated with various construction methods. The plan then provides an assessment of which construction method, and the timing of such construction, would be most beneficial in the long term for the overall status of all roads. For several years the town was meeting the goals of this plan on the order of 90% or better. Then the financial situation affecting the region has prompted a reduction in the annual funding. For the past four years, the town has been meeting the cumulative goals of the plan on the order of 75% to 80%. While a fully funded annual road plan in 2012 could require \$2.5 million, both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee acknowledge the financial situation is still a factor to consider. This led to reduction from the ideal funding level to \$1.5 million. Furthermore, to provide the voters an option on their eventual tax rate, \$500,000 towards the road plan is in the Operating Budget (Article 13) and \$1,000,000 towards the plan is in this article. The combined effect (operating budget and this article's funding) will mean a slight reduction towards meeting the cumulative road rebuilding goals but should be acceptable considering the economy. On the other hand, the failure of this article would mark a significant lack in adherence towards any road rebuilding plan. For this reason voters are urged to approve this article.

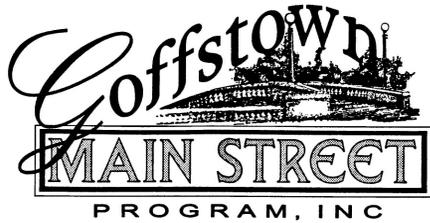
There are many roads in town that need complete reconstruction. They are known and identified in the road plan. There are also roads which are just at the verge of needing a new top coat to effectively extend their serviceable life. A balance in what roads will be maintained each construction season is reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen in late March to early April. We urge the voters, through approval of this article, to give the town as much flexibility as possible towards the goal of providing well-built roads for the community.



ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of supporting the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 8-3-1.



EXPLANATION: Goffstown Main Street Program is a non-profit organization which has been supported by the town in the amount of \$15,000 since 1999. As many of you are aware this organization is responsible for the many events which attract visitors to our Main Street – Giant Pumpkin Weekend, Old Home Day, Tree Lighting at Christmas. They also provide support to Main Street businesses. At the Deliberative Session this article was amended to increase funding to \$20,000.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of supporting the nonprofit Greater Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

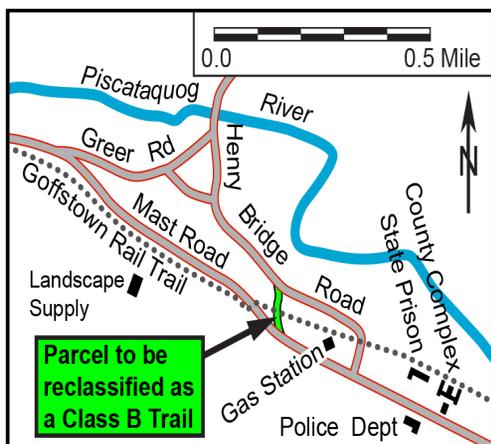
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0; not recommended by the Budget Committee 9-2-3.

EXPLANATION: The Greater Manchester Red Cross provides staff and volunteers to provide support and relief after a disaster, emergency preparedness training, course in health and safety, blood drives, volunteer and youth leadership opportunities and aid to military families. In Goffstown they have responded to natural disasters such as the Mothers Day floods, as well as to residents whose homes have burned. They seek \$1,500 from the Town of Goffstown.

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town change the classification of a portion of the former Henry Bridge right of way extending from Mast Road to the current Henry Bridge Road from a Class V road to a Class B trail pursuant to NH RSA 231-A:2 (I)?

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



EXPLANATION: The parcel of land highlighted in the drawing ceased being used as a travel way in the 1980’s when Henry Bridge Road was realigned to its present location. The town has grant funding to carry the Goffstown Rail Trail across the gully at this former road site and construction could conceivably start in late 2012. The preferred and most economical solution is to mostly fill in the gully at the trail crossing; however, this solution of having an earth embankment 20 feet high would effectively prevent the parcel from ever being reconsidered as a vehicle “travel way”. Given these conditions the Board of Selectmen recommend the town reclassify the former road to a Class B Trail. This status would prohibit future use of the parcel for vehicles. All of the abutters to the parcel have adequate access to their land from established public roads without the need to traverse this former road.

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred and One Dollars (\$62,501) for the purpose of supporting Crispin’s House Inc., a Goffstown nonprofit youth and family support agency. Crispin’s House is our local agency for youth drug and alcohol prevention, after school program advocacy, VolunTEENS Center, monthly Youth Forums, Juvenile Court Diversion, and program support for local children with disabilities? *Submitted by Petition.*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0. Not recommended by the Budget Committee 6-4-4.

Crispin’s House



Here For Youth

EXPLANATION: At the Deliberative Session the petitioner explained that county funding has dried up and they need to hire an Executive Director to look for alternative funding to continue their programs. The petitioner provided the following breakdown of how the \$62,500 would be expended:

Salaries	\$45,000
Office Expenses	\$3,500
Program Expenses:	\$14,000
After School Scholarships	\$9,500
Youth Forum Prevention Video	\$1,500
Making Change Operating Exp.	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$62,500

This petition article was amended by \$1 at the Deliberative Session, and the petitioners’ explanation of the services provided by this non-profit garnered the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen. The Budget Committee reconsidered their recommendation but the vote was deadlocked, so their recommendation on the Annual Warrant continues on the Official Ballot.

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Two Thousand and One Dollars (\$2,001) for the purpose of eradicating and monitoring milfoil weed from Glen Lake and Namaske Lake? After a 5 year period re-evaluation of the need will be resubmitted.

Submitted by Petition.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0 and Budget Committee 8-2-2.

EXPLANATION: Passage of this article would provide \$2,001 to be used for the eradication and monitoring of milfoil at Glen and Namaske Lake. It does not require the town to contract with any specific vendor. It does not require the town to pursue any specific method of eradication or monitoring. This petition article was amended at the Deliberative Session by \$1 to provide an opportunity for reconsideration of recommendations by the Budget Committee and Selectmen.



ARTICLE 24

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than one hundred (100) percent? (3/5 majority vote required) *Submitted by Petition.*

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

EXPLANATION: The Board of Selectmen does not support a tax cap because it is unnecessary in our form of government. Our form of government provides voters opportunities to determine the budget every step of the way. Voters elect Selectmen and Budget Committee members to study the budget and make recommendations to the voters. Voters have the opportunity to amend appropriations at the Deliberative Session. Voters have the final say on the budget at the polls when they vote by Official Ballot. Also, Selectmen recognize that this is new legislation, and like all new legislation is subject to interpretation. The legal costs of testing this legislation could be high. This petition article was amended from 3% to 100% by the voters at the Deliberative Session.

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town of Goffstown have one zip code "03045" for all Goffstown properties with the exception of St. Anselm College? This would mean that those Goffstown properties with current mailing addresses of "Manchester NH 03102" would change to "Goffstown NH 03045" except for St. Anselm College. (Referendum article)

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

EXPLANATION: This is a referendum article and is non-binding. Any change of zip code would need to follow United State Postal Service procedures which includes a survey of those Goffstown residents who have a Manchester NH 03102 mailing address.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to unify the town with one zip code to address issues raised by residents with Manchester NH 03102 mailing addresses. Here are some of the issues we have heard from residents:

- 911 dispatches to wrong community and leads to a delayed response;
- Wrong deliveries by other carriers of goods – roofing materials, furniture delivered to Manchester;
- Wrong deliveries of services – chemical treatment of lawn near a dug well in Goffstown;
- Homeowners and car insurance premiums higher for Manchester mailing addresses;
- Late mail delivery resulting in late fees;
- Motor Vehicle Renewal Notices sent by the City of Manchester.

The Board of Selectmen is concerned over the possible loss of revenue to the City of Manchester for motor vehicle registrations. Also, during the cable franchise agreement renewal process we learned that the 5% cable franchise fee for about 187 Goffstown households with Manchester NH 03102 mailing addresses has been sent to the City of Manchester when it could have been used to offset the town's property tax rate.

2012 SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

<i>For Three Years</i>	<i>Vote for not more than Three</i>
Anthony “Tony” DiFranco	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sarah Tollefsen Elechko	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virginia “Ginny” McKinnon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alan H. Yeaton	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keith E. Allard	<input type="checkbox"/>
William Bates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Daniel J. Cloutier	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

<i>For Three Years</i>	<i>Vote for not more than One</i>
James Raymond	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

<i>For Three Years</i>	<i>Vote for not more than One</i>
Lissa Winrow	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

<i>For Three Years</i>	<i>Vote for not more than One</i>
Jo Ann Duffy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marie Boyle	<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. 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

“Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non recommendation of the budget committee.” To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,770,056.00 (gross budget) for the purpose of construction, renovation and equipment at the Maple Avenue Elementary School and at the Bartlett Elementary School and for costs incidental and related to the foregoing purposes; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$15,060,599.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the school district officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$344,970.00 from the Bartlett Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Furthermore, to see if the district will raise and appropriate the balance of \$364,487.00 for the purposes of addressing the first year debt service obligation to be raised by taxation. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4 the Operating Budget.

EXPLANATION: This Special Article asks Voters for permission to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,770,056.00 for the renovation and construction of new classroom space at both Bartlett and Maple Avenue Elementary Schools. Funds for this project will be raised through the issue of no more than \$15,060,599.00 in bonds, the withdrawal of at least \$344,970.00 from the Bartlett Capital Reserve Fund and the balance of \$364,487.00 from general taxation. These funds will be used to construct 10 new classrooms at each elementary facility and to upgrade existing electrical, plumbing and technology infrastructures.

In addition, heating, ventilation, security, and energy efficiency improvements at each school will be included. Currently, each of the elementary facilities are operating at capacity including the utilization of portable classroom space at each location. The school district owns the portable classroom structures located at each school site and does have a plan to repurpose these structures, providing for future cost savings to the district. Bond rates and construction costs are extremely low, therefore project savings will be significant if we move forward now.

Finally, the School Board has voted unanimously to recommend the bond article while the Budget Committee, after a very close vote, does not recommend the article. Because the Budget Committee does not recommend the bond article, RSA 32:18-a prescribes the language to be used in the presentation of the bond article to the voter.

*A 3/5 majority vote is required.
The School Board voted 8-0-0 to recommend this article.
The Budget Committee voted 7-6-1 to not recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 3

“Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non recommendation of the budget committee.” To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,865,576.00 (gross budget) for the purpose of developing an athletic complex at Goffstown High School to include a complete track and field, artificial turf surface, lights and field seating and for the purpose of renovating and expanding the Goffstown High School Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium and for costs incidental and related to the foregoing purposes; and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,809,580.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the school district officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to see if the district will raise and appropriate the balance of \$55,996.00 for the purposes of addressing the first year debt service obligation to be raised by taxation. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4 the Operating Budget.

EXPLANATION: This Special Article asks Voters for permission to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,865,576.00 for the development of an athletic complex along with the renovation and expansion of the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium at Goffstown High School. This project includes the construction of an NHIAA approved track and field facility as well as the installation of lights, field seating and artificial turf at GHS. Currently, our track and field athletes utilize the John Brown Track and Field (Barnard Park) for training purposes only. Because the Barnard facility does not meet NHIAA minimum standards, Goffstown cannot host meets forcing our athletes to travel to other competition venues for track and field events. A regulation installation will tend to reduce our student athlete's risk of injury due to poor surface conditions and drainage. Turf and light installation will add to the overall utilization of our playing fields. Lights will allow for evening and nighttime games and practices, and artificial turf will allow for a heavier field use in that it will no longer be necessary to plan for natural turf "rest periods" to avoid permanent surface damage from overuse.

Renovation and expansion of our theater, originally constructed in 1972, is becoming necessary. The last major renovation at the theater was for a seating replacement which was completed in 1990. In addition to regular use by our high school's educational, drama and music programs, the theater is also utilized as a community resource, serving as the meeting location for many municipal and school district committees and boards. The high school lost its outside storage space for music and theater equipment because of an external storage container roofing collapse due to snow and ice load as a result of an ice storm. The school has been put on notice by the Goffstown Fire Department that the current practice of utilizing hallway space adjacent to the theater for storage is not acceptable. As a result, the theater renovation project includes the construction of an external storage structure, adjacent to the theater, for storage of the equipment currently in the hallways and in two rented storage units housed at GHS.

Finally, this bond article is recommended by the School Board but not by the Budget Committee. In that the Budget Committee does not recommend the article, RSA 32:18-a prescribes the language to be used in the presentation of the bond article to the voter.

*A 3/5 majority vote is required.
The School Board voted 5-1-2 to recommend this article.
The Budget Committee voted 10-2-2 to not recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 4

"Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling THIRTY SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE DOLLARS (\$36,477,003.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY SIX MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS (\$36,182,164.00), 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.

*The School Board voted 5-3-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee voted 9-5-0 To Recommend*

EXPLANATION: The \$36,477,003.00 Operating Budget has been recommended by both the Goffstown School Board and the Budget Committee. The proposed budget is \$88,833.00 or .24% more than the current year's budget which is set at \$36,388,170.00. The district is populated by approximately 3000 students. These dollars include support for programming, instruction and services for the district's 5 schools and Food Service operations. The Operating Budget supports all programs that allow the district to meet the needs of each child in a cost effective and appropriate manner. Planned curriculum materials, supplies and technology dollars will, in essence, provide for level maintenance activity only. In order to meet the demands of current enrollment, there is an additional middle school World Language teacher and an additional half-time Kindergarten Special Education Teacher proposed in this budget. The Goffstown School District continues to provide a solid education to the students of the community at a cost that is more than \$2,500.00 below the state average.

Reflecting the reduction of both federal and state aid programs, the Federal Grants Fund portion of the budget has decreased by \$350,464.00 from one year ago, for a projected total of \$319,536.00. There is also a slight decrease of \$46,431.00 in the Food Service Fund to a new total of \$1,059,682.00. Both the Federal Grants Funds and Food Service Operations are self funding; revenues are used to offset expenses.

*A majority vote is required.
The School Board voted 5-3-0 to recommend this article.
The Budget Committee voted 9-5-0 to recommend this article.*

ARTICLE 5

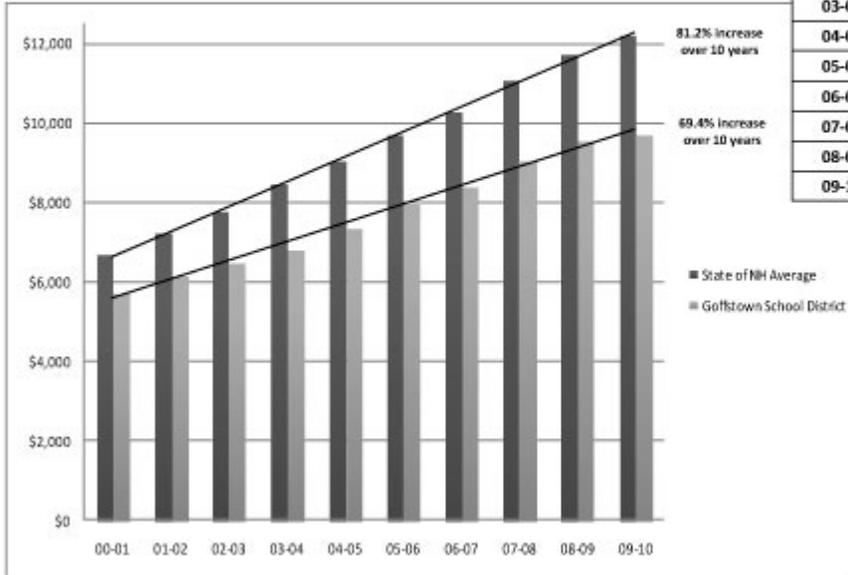
"Shall the school district accept the provision of RSA 195-A (as amended) providing for the amendment to the agreement for the AREA schools located in Goffstown to serve grades 7-12 from the school districts of Dunbarton and New Boston in accordance with the provisions of the plan on file with the district clerk."

EXPLANATION:

A committee comprised of representatives from the Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston School Boards have recently concluded their work on the review of the existing AREA Agreement between the receiving district, Goffstown and the sending districts of Dunbarton and New Boston. District voters are being asked to approve a one year extension of the current agreement which will set a new expiration date of June 30, 2015. The committee will continue to meet to work toward a longer term arrangement once this extension is approved.

*A majority vote is required.
The School Board voted 8-0-0 to recommend this article.*

**Cost per Pupil Data:
Goffstown compared with state average**



	State of NH Average	Goffstown School District
00-01	\$6,738.36	\$5,727.79
01-02	\$7,233.49	\$6,174.95
02-03	\$7,809.49	\$6,484.70
03-04	\$8,496.28	\$6,833.62
04-05	\$9,098.56	\$7,334.23
05-06	\$9,710.10	\$7,961.72
06-07	\$10,304.88	\$8,425.79
07-08	\$11,135.10	\$9,082.68
08-09	\$11,745.55	\$9,579.31
09-10	\$12,213.99	\$9,703.69

Historical tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for Goffstown

Year	Local Ed	Other local	State Ed	Total tax
2011	10.78	10.87	2.52	24.17
2010	10.57	10.04	2.30	22.91
2009	9.50	9.76	2.41	21.67
2008	10.69	9.50	2.50	22.69
2007	11.76	10.07	2.87	24.70
2006	12.35	9.47	2.86	24.68
2005	11.43	9.35	2.83	23.61
2004	9.91	8.78	3.09	21.78
2003	8.34	8.40	3.97	20.71
2002	13.01	12.74	7.17	32.92
2001	11.25	11.72	7.23	30.20
2000	10.15	11.60	6.68	28.43



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