# ABSENTEE
# OFFICIAL BALLOT
# ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
# GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
# MARCH 12, 2013

Kathleen Ball
TOWN CLERK

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ⬬
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

## SELECTMEN

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than Two

- ALLEN BROWN
- NICHOLAS "NICK" CAMPASANO
- DAVID PIERCE
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than Four

- LIZ MITCHELL
- SHEA SENNETT
- JOE SPOERL
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year — Vote for not more than One

- ADRIEN "SONNY" TREMBLAY
- (Write-in)

## CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than One

- JEAN WALKER
- (Write-in)

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than Two

- SARAH TOLLEFSEN ELECHKO
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 1 Year — Vote for not more than One

- JENNIFER PHILLIPS
- (Write-in)

## PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than Two

- LEAH WOLCZKO
- BARBARA GRIFFIN
- TIM MCKERNAN
- CHRISTOPHER NADEAU
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

## SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than One

- CATHERINE WHOOTEN
- (Write-in)

## TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than One

- (Write-in)

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For 3 Years — Vote for not more than Two

- TIMOTHY REDMOND
- VIVIAN BLONDEAU
- JOE FEMINO
- GAIL LABRECQUE
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For 1 Year — Vote for not more than One

- LEONARD "LEN" STUART
- (Write-in)

SAMPLE

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

## ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 2**

Shall the Town adopt Article #2, amending Section 5.6 of the Zoning Ordinance – Commercial Kennels, to read: "Commercial Kennels are permitted provided that they are located on lots of not less than two (2) acres, and that no buildings or structures for commercial kennel use are located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line?" The current regulation leaves out the words "for commercial kennel use" seen in the above proposed amendment. *(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***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

**ARTICLE 3**

Shall the Town adopt Article #3, amending Section 5.12 of the Zoning Ordinance – Home Occupation, by eliminating subsection 5.12.4 in its entirety? Currently Section 5.12.4 reads: "Goods sold at retail should be only those manufactured or assembled on 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 4-3-0***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

**ARTICLE 4**

Shall the Town adopt Article #4, amending Section 3.11 of the Zoning Ordinance – Table of Principal Uses – Table G.1, by eliminating the requirement for a Special Exception for the "sale or rental of motor vehicles, boats, trailers or recreational vehicles" in the Commercial Industrial Flex Zone and Industrial Districts and by making this use a permitted use in those districts? *(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***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

**ARTICLE 5**

Shall the Town adopt Article #5, amending Section 3.11 of the Zoning Ordinance – Table of Principal Uses – Table G.3, by eliminating the requirement for a Special Exception for the "retail sale of gasoline" in the Commercial, Commercial Industrial Flex Zone, and Industrial Districts and by making this use a permitted use in those districts? *(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***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

**ARTICLE 6**

Shall the Town adopt Article #6, amending Section 14.9.3 of the Zoning Ordinance – Replacement of Non-conforming Structures, to allow the initiation of replacement of structures lost to fire, natural disaster, or other casualty to be within two years from the date the damage or destruction occurred? The current regulation requires initiation of replacement of such damaged or destroyed structures to be within one year of the date the damage or destruction occurred. *(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***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

**ARTICLE 7**

Shall the Town adopt Article #7, amending Section 6.6.4 of the Zoning Ordinance – Commercial, Commercial Industrial Flex Zone, Industrial, Residential Small Business Office District Signs – to read: "In the Commercial (C) and Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) districts, one portable A-frame sign per business, not to exceed 6 square feet of sign area per side, may be placed outside the business, within 10 feet of the building's entry, while the business is open? *[Note: Any use of public property requires permission of the Board of Selectmen.]*" The current regulation allows these signs to be up to 3 square feet in size. *(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***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

**ARTICLE 8**

Shall the Town adopt Article #8, amending Section 6.7.6 of the Zoning Ordinance – Village Commercial District Signs – to read: "One portable A-frame sign per business, not to exceed 6 square feet of sign area per side, may be placed outside the business, within 10 feet of the building's entry, while the business is open? *[Note: Any use of public property requires permission of the Board of Selectmen.]*" The current regulation allows these signs to be up to 3 square feet in size. *(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***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

**ARTICLE 9**

Shall the Town adopt Article #9, amending Section 6.4.2 of the Zoning Ordinance – Sign Prohibitions, by allowing electronic sign content to change no more frequently than once every fifteen seconds and not requiring a Conditional Use Permit for signs that have electronically changed content? The current regulation requires sign content to change no more frequently than once in twenty-four hours.

***Submitted by Petition***
***Recommended by the Planning Board 6-1-0***

**YES** ◯
**NO** ◯

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**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 10**

Shall the Town adopt Article #10, amending Section 3.12 of the Zoning Ordinance – Table of Accessory Uses to Principal Residential Uses – Table A.10, by eliminating the requirement for a Special Exception for the raising and keeping of poultry as an accessory use to a principal residential use in the Residential-1 and Residential-2 Districts and by making this use a permitted accessory use to a principal residential use in those districts?

***Submitted by Petition.***
***Not Recommended by the Planning Board 4-3-0.***

YES ◯
NO ◯

**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 Three Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety One Dollars ($19,382,591)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Two Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Three Dollars ($19,239,873), 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.

*If Articles 11 and 18 both pass as presented, then Article 11 appropriation will be reduced by $84,030 which equals 75% of the appropriation budget for Cable TV.*
*If Articles 11 and 19 both pass as presented, then Article 11 appropriation will be reduced by $55,480 which equals 50% of the appropriation budget for Police Special Detail.*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 10-4-0.***

YES ◯
NO ◯

**ARTICLE 12**

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 |
|---|---|
| 2013 | $30,208 |
| 2014 | $25,704 |
| 2015 | $39,897 |

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand two hundred and eight dollars ($30,208) for the current fiscal year 2013, 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? (NOTE: These employees wages have been frozen for the past two years, 2011 and 2012. This bargaining unit entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to change health insurance plans which saved the town $30,336 in 2012.) *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 13-1-0.***

YES ◯
NO ◯

**ARTICLE 13**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Two Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Two Dollars ($276,962) for the purpose of purchasing replacement municipal finance software and conversion of data, funding to come from unassigned fund balance? **No amount to be raised from taxation.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 10-3-1.***

YES ◯
NO ◯

**ARTICLE 14**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Five Dollars ($169,425) for the purpose of purchasing software for police operations and dispatch, and for the conversion of Police Department data, funding to come from unassigned fund balance? **No amount to be raised from taxation.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 14-0-0.***

YES ◯
NO ◯

**ARTICLE 15**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars ($120,000) to address a culvert and slope failure on town land, including repairing damage to the abutter's land, funding to come from unassigned fund balance? **No amount to be raised from taxation.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 13-1-0.***

YES ◯
NO ◯

SAMPLE

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 16**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Seven Hundred Sixty One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars ($761,400) for the purpose of improving the intersections of Main and Pleasant Streets, and Main, Elm and High Streets? This article will be funded as follows: $446,270 from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant; $62,448 from Impact Fees; and $252,682 from unassigned fund balance. **No amount to be raised from taxation.**

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 11-3-0.***

YES ◯ NO ◯

**ARTICLE 17**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000) to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established? *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 13-1-0.***

YES ◯ NO ◯

**ARTICLE 18**

Shall the Town establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of cable access television provided by GTV? Forty percent (40%) of franchise fee revenues received from our Cable Franchise Agreement will be deposited into the fund as well as Cable Franchise equipment grants, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. *If Articles 11 and 18 both pass as presented, then Article 11 appropriation will be reduced by $84,030 which equals 75% of the appropriation budget for GTV.*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 14-0-0.***

YES ◯ NO ◯

**ARTICLE 19**

Shall the Town establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of paying for police special detail expenses? All revenues received for police special details will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. *If Articles 11 and 19 both pass as presented, then Article 11 appropriation will be reduced by $55,480 which equals 50% of the appropriation budget for Police Special Detail.*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 12-1-1.***

YES ◯ NO ◯

**ARTICLE 20**

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 11.)*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 10-3-1.***

YES ◯ NO ◯

**ARTICLE 21**

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Thousand Dollars ($20,000) for the purpose of helping to support the programs of Goffstown nonprofit Crispin's House Inc., a youth drug, alcohol and suicide prevention agency? Crispin's House provides prevention programs designed to help kids make positive choices in their lives. Our programs include high school and middle school monthly Youth Forums and VolunTEENS programs, Juvenile Diversion, Making Change a drug and alcohol counseling program and financial aid to families that cannot afford after school care for their children. We are a member of the Greater Manchester Regional Suicide Prevention Initiative. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)*

***Submitted by petition.***

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 10-4-0.***

YES ◯ NO ◯

SAMPLE

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING**