

Town of Goffstown 2014 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 Wednesday February 5, 2014 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown High School in the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium 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 11, 2014. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 6, 2014.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 11, 2014 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 11, 2014 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 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 2, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Sections 6.6.1, 6.6.2, and 6.6.3 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow signs in the Industrial Zone to be 10% of the area of the wall to which they are affixed – not to exceed a cumulative maximum sign size of 100 sq. ft.? *(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.

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 3, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 6.13 of the Zoning Ordinance – Temporary Signs - to change the number of days that temporary signs are permitted for each occasion from 10 days to 30 days and to change the number of occasions that temporary signs may be permitted for each calendar year from four (4) to three (3)? *(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.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 4, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance – Table of Dimensional Regulations, to eliminate the Planning Board's ability to grant a Conditional Use Permit to have less front setback in the Residential – 2 and Village Commercial 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 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 5, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 10.3.1 of the Zoning Ordinance – Conditional Use Permits Required for Telecommunications Facilities –to permit applications for collocations as defined in RSA 12-K:2, X to not require approval of a Conditional Use Permit or Site Plan, but to proceed directly to Building Permit application and review; and to require applications that constitute a 'substantial modification' as defined in RSA 12-K:2, XXV, to obtain the approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan; and to require that the determination of requirements be done with the consideration of all cumulative changes to the tower since its original approval? *(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.

Town of Goffstown 2014 ANNUAL WARRANT

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 6, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 3.11 Table H – Table of Principal Uses for Transportation, Communication and Utilities, and amending Section 5 – Supplemental Standards, and amending Section 7.2.5 – Table I – Parking Standards, and amending the Definitions Section of the Zoning Ordinance to allow Self Service Storage Facilities as a new principal use in the table of uses to be a permitted use in the Industrial and Commercial Industrial Flex Zone districts and in the Commercial district by Conditional Use Permit, and also instituting some applicable supplemental standards that self service storage facilities would have to follow? *(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.

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 7, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 5.1 and the Definitions Section of the Zoning Ordinance – Accessory Buildings and Facilities, by clarifying in the section language that the rules of this section apply to buildings that have any portion of the building lying within the accessory building setback area and that the limitations do not apply to buildings that meet the underlying setback and by defining “yard” in the definitions section? *(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.

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No.8, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 5.2.1 of the Zoning Ordinance by increasing the maximum allowable size for accessory dwelling units from six hundred (650) square feet to eight hundred (800) square feet? *(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.

ARTICLE 9

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 9, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 3.12 of the Zoning Ordinance - Table of Accessory Uses – to allow an accessory dwelling unit to be considered a permitted use with no need to obtain a Special Exception (notwithstanding the fact that it is listed as a use permitted by Special Exception) if the lot is of a size that it meets or exceeds the buildable acreage requirement in Section 4.3 – Table of Dimensional Regulations, to allow a duplex to be built on the lot? *(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.

ARTICLE 10

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 10, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 3.12 and Section 5.5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the keeping of poultry as permitted accessory uses in the Residential -1 and Residential -2 districts and that the keeping of livestock and poultry in the Town would be subject to applicable supplemental standards under Section 5.5.2 that limit these uses on non-conforming lots or on lots smaller than two acres 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.

Town of Goffstown 2014 ANNUAL WARRANT

ARTICLE 11

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 11, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 6.2.1 of the Zoning Ordinance – Sign Measurement – to change the way that awning signs are measured by making them measured in the same way as wall signs by eliminating the phrase “except that if the awning is lighted, the entire awning shall be considered signage, measured by the amount of wall area that is covered by the entire awning?” *(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.

ARTICLE 12

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 12, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 14.7.3 of the Zoning Ordinance – Use of a non-conforming lot – to remove two conditions necessary to be met by applicants in order to apply for a Special Exception to develop a non-conforming lot, by eliminating in their entirety the two subsections 14.7.3.2 and 14.7.3.4 that require adjacent lots to have been held under separate ownership since 1961 and that require lots to be consolidated as necessary to eliminate non-conformity if under the same ownership? *(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.

ARTICLE 13

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 13, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending Section 6.6 and 6.7 and 3.12 of the Zoning Ordinance – to allow home occupations in existing residences within the Industrial Zone and also to allow home occupation signs to be erected for existing residences in the Commercial (C), Industrial (I), Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ), Residential Small Business Office (RSBO) and Village Commercial (VC) Districts by inserting a subsection into Section 6.6 and Section 6.7 that allows: “One sign of up to two (2) square feet in area for an approved home occupation (See Section 5.12)?” *(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.

ARTICLE 14

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 14, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of the properties identified as Tax Map 6, Lots 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-6, 1-6-1, and 1-6-2 from the Industrial (I) District to the Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) District? *(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.

ARTICLE 15

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 15, as proposed by petition by registered voters of the Town of Goffstown to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Shall the Town amend the Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning of all parcels that abut Mast Road to the Commercial Zone - This change shall be applied to all properties from the Manchester border to the Mast Road / Henry Bridge Road intersection on both sides of Mast Road?”

Submitted by Petition. Not Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

**Town of Goffstown
2014 ANNUAL WARRANT**

ARTICLE 16

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 16, as proposed by petition by registered voters of the Town of Goffstown to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of 12 Joffre St. (Map 18, Lot 27) from Residential – 2 (R-2) to Residential Small Business Office -2 (RSBO-2)?"

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

ARTICLE 17

Are you in favor of the adoption of Article No. 17, as proposed by petition by registered voters of the Town of Goffstown to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of 75 Daniel Plummer Road (Map 16, Lot 21-2) from Residential – 2 (R-2) to Commercial(C)?"

Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million five hundred sixty five thousand dollars (\$4,565,000) for the rehabilitation and expansion of the town's three fire stations and to authorize the issuance of not more than four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of 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 authorize the Selectmen to apply for grants to offset project costs. An additional revenue amount of \$65,000 in Public Safety Impact Fees will be used toward this project. (3/5 ballot vote is required for passage.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and the Budget Committee 7-5-2.

ARTICLE 19

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 Nineteen Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars (\$19,580,945).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Forty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$7,048,307).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Seven Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Two Dollars (\$1,742,762) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations requested in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Four Hundred Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$417,962) 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 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 Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five Dollars (\$19,580,945).

Town of Goffstown 2014 ANNUAL WARRANT

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Five Hundred Ninety Six Thousand and Sixty One Dollars (\$19,596,061), 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 14-0-0.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for the purpose of reconstructing Pleasant Street Bridge sidewalk and the underlying structure, funding to come from unassigned fund balance. **No amount to be raised from taxation.** *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 8-6-0.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Seventy Three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000) for the purpose of reconstructing the Tyler Drive detention pond and the Maple Avenue/Smith Road treatment swale, funding to come from unassigned fund balance. **No amount to be raised from taxation.** *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 8-6-0.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to replace an existing obsolete stair lift and install an ADA compliant vertical lift at Town Hall, funding to come from unassigned fund balance. **No amount to be raised from taxation.** *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

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

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the painting and repairs to the exterior of the Public Library, funding from unassigned fund balance. **No amount to be raised from taxation.** *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 . Not recommended by the Budget Committee 8-6-0.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the server virtualization project at the Police Department to upgrade the servers, data storage and disaster recovery, funding from unassigned fund balance. **No amount to be raised from taxation.** *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 . Not recommended by the Budget Committee 7-6-1.

**Town of Goffstown
2014 ANNUAL WARRANT**

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Million Ninety Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$1,099,734) for the purchase and replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for area Fire Departments listed below contingent on a grant award of 90% of the purchase price and 10% match from each town listed below. The Town of Goffstown's match of \$25,763.07 will be funded from unassigned fund balance. **No amount to be raised from taxation.** *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

TOWN	APPROPRIATION	GRANT AMOUNT	TOWN'S MATCH
Bedford	\$211,580.65	\$190,422.59	\$21,158.07
Dunbarton	\$105,130.67	\$94,617.60	\$10,513.07
Goffstown	\$257,630.67	\$231,867.60	\$25,763.07
New Boston	\$149,130.67	\$134,217.60	\$14,913.07
Weare	\$188,130.67	\$169,317.60	\$18,813.07
Litchfield	\$188,130.67	\$169,317.60	\$18,813.07

Should any of the above towns choose not to participate at the time of the grant award, then the total appropriation and revenue will be reduced accordingly so as not to impact the Town of Goffstown's tax rate. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

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

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

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

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to 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 19.)*

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

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to 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 Coalition for Youth 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 Court Diversion, Youth Attendant 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 19.)*

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 and Budget Committee 11-1-2.

**Town of Goffstown
2014 ANNUAL WARRANT**

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of supporting Goffstown Waterway Association effort to manage milfoil in Glen Lake also known as the upper portion of the Piscataquog River? The Goffstown Waterway Association (GWA) estimates the cost of beginning the milfoil management project to be \$16,750 which they plan to fund as follows: \$6,700 from the Department of Environmental Services (DES), Exotic Species Program from the State of NH; requesting donations from Enel North America (operator of the Kelly Falls Dam); and donations from Local Users of Piscataquog River, Glen and Namaske Lakes. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 19.)*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0 . Not recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2-2.
Submitted by Petition.*

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to increase the safety and protect the citizens and children of Goffstown, by setting the speed limit on Tyler Drive at 25 mph from its current 30 mph limit for the street's 1,500 foot (0.3 mile) length.

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

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority (take back the powers previously granted) of the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend unanticipated money from the State, Federal or other government units (funds like HUD Grant for projects like Plan Pinardville) or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year.

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

ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town of Goffstown will work with interested community members to develop a plan for providing reliable, affordable and handicapped-accessible transportation to town residents unable to drive themselves to necessary appointments.

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

ARTICLE 33

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

ARTICLE 34

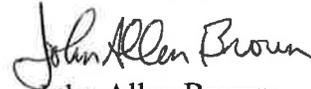
To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.

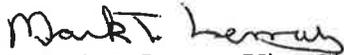
**Town of Goffstown
2014 ANNUAL WARRANT**

Given under our Hands and Seal this 20th day of January 2014.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Collis G. Adams, Chairman


John Allen Brown


Mark T. Lemay, Vice Chairman


Nicholas Campasano


Philip A. D'Avanza