

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN



TOWN VOTERS' GUIDE 2015 Official Ballot

SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS' GUIDE 2015 Official Ballot



The Goffstown Board of Selectmen and Goffstown School Board are pleased to present the 2015 VOTERS' GUIDE. All town and school articles which will appear on the Official Ballots are included with explanations following each article. Both boards strive toward improving communication with the Goffstown community, and we sincerely hope this guide will assist you in making informed voting decisions.

Please remember to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM at Bartlett Elementary or Goffstown High School.

TOWN BALLOT: If ALL the appropriation articles recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee pass, then the estimated town tax rate will increase from \$9.31 to \$10.12, an estimated increase of 81¢ to the tax rate. This estimated increase does not account for any potential impact from any future state actions. It is estimated that a home assessed at \$250,000 would see an increase of \$202.50 in property taxes.

SCHOOL BALLOT: Article 2 Operating Budget is \$40,114,226 - Local rate for the Budget Committee's Operating Budget is projected to be \$15.47, with a State Rate of \$2.50 for a total of \$17.97. The projected local tax for the Default Budget at \$40,063,196 is \$15.44 and State rate is \$2.50, for a total of \$17.94.

Your comments regarding this newsletter are welcome. Please submit comments regarding town articles to Collis Adams, Board of Selectmen Chairman, cadams@goffstownnh.gov and comments regarding school articles to Dian McCarthy, School Board Chair, dmccarthy@goffstown.k12.nh.us.

Parks & Recreation invites you to participate in a survey regarding your

Vision for Roy Park's Future.

Please go to <http://www.goffstown.com/parks.html> and click on SURVEY to participate.

2015 TOWN ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two
 Angela Mackenzie
 Collis G. Adams
 Mark T. Lemay
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Four
 Angela Mackenzie
 James M. Butcher
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One
 Joan Konieczny
 Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two
 Kathleen "Kathy" Holt
 Carl D. Foley
 Write-In _____
 Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

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

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 1 Year Vote for not more than One
 Gary Meehan
 Write-In _____

PLANNING BOARD

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

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One
 James Bouchard
 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 One
 Jo Ann Duffy
 Write-In _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For 1 Year Vote for not more than One
 Leonard "Len" Stuart
 Cathy Champagne
 Write-In _____

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Article No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance as follows: To add a (3-asterisk) note to the bottom of Section 3.12, (Table of Accessory Uses) Table A6 to allow accessory attached dwelling units as 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) in the Conservation Open Space (CO), Agricultural (A), Residential-1 (R-1), Residential-2 (R-2), and Residential Small Business Office-1 (RSBO-1) districts in any instance where the lot is of sufficient size that it already meets or exceeds the minimum 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 6-1-0

EXPLANATION: The Zoning Ordinance allows for single family houses to be converted into duplexes OR for construction of new duplexes on lots that are large enough to surpass the density requirement; the only requirement is a building permit. However, accessory dwelling units (commonly referred to as "in-law apartments"), which are smaller than duplex dwelling units but similar in nature, require a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA).

The intent of this article is to allow both by the same reasoning. Approval of this article would permit by right one accessory dwelling unit to be attached to a single family house only on properties where duplex units would have already been allowed per the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance density requirements.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Article No. 3 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 92 Wallace Road (Map 5, Lot 93) from Agricultural (A) to Residential-1 (R-1)?"

Submitted by Petition

Recommended by the Planning Board 4-1-0

EXPLANATION: This Article was submitted by petition. The intent of this article is to rezone the property known as Map 5, Lot 93 (address – 92 Wallace Road) from the Agricultural (A) district to the Residential-1 (R-1) district.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Article No. 4 as proposed by petition by registered voters of the Town of Goffstown to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Shall the Town amend the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by changing the zoning of the following properties identified as: Tax Map 5 Lot 61, Tax Map 5 Lot 61-8, Tax Map 5 Lot 60, Tax Map 5 Lot 62, and Tax Map 5 Lot 59A, from Agricultural (A) to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ)?”

This property is known as the Villa Augustina property and surrounding parcels. The purpose of this rezone is to bring the property more in line with the Conceptual Future Land Use Map of the 2006 Goffstown Master Plan which shows a mixed use node at the intersection of Mast Road and Normand Road.

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

Submitted by Petition

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-0-0

EXPLANATION: This Article was submitted by petition. The intent of this article is to rezone the following properties identified as: Tax Map 5, Lot 61, Tax Map 5 Lot 61-8, Tax Map 5 Lot 60, Tax Map 5 Lot 62, and Tax Map 5 Lot 59A, from Agricultural (A) to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ).

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Article No. 5 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 Zoning Ordinance Section 4.4.1 by adding a new subsection, Section 4.4.1.1, that states: “The minimum lot size required for the development of multi-family dwellings in the Residential–1 (R-1) and Residential–2 (R-2) districts shall be three (3) acres.””

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

Submitted by Petition

Not Recommended by the Planning Board 4-1-0

EXPLANATION: This Article was submitted by petition. Currently the Zoning Ordinance regulates the density of multi-family development by providing for a maximum number of dwelling units per buildable acre on a lot; 6 dwelling units per buildable acre in the R–1 District and 8 dwelling units per buildable acre in the R–2 District. These density requirements are not proposed to change with this proposed article. The intent of this proposed change is to require a minimum lot size of three (3) acres on lots in the R–1 and R–2, regardless of allowable density. The effect of this change would prohibit multi-family development on lots smaller than three (3) acres in size in either the R–1 or the R–2 zones.

ARTICLE 6

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 Seven Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Eight Dollars (\$20,782,468)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Four Hundred Nine Thousand Fifty Two Dollars (\$19,409,052), 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 3-2-0 and
Budget Committee 8-3-1.***

EXPLANATION: Article 6 is the Operating Budget for the Town of Goffstown which consists of three (3) funds: General Fund; EMS Special Revenue Fund; and Sewer Fund. Of these three funds, only the General Fund impacts the town’s property tax rate as the other two funds are funded with user fees and other revenue. The 2015 General Fund has an increase of \$1,347,952. As you can see by the chart, the two categories with the largest increases are Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the Department of Public Works.

Capital Improvements represents an increase of \$743,952. CIP is broken out in four categories – “Land & Improvements”, “Machinery/Equipment/Vehicles”, “Buildings”, and “Improvements other than Land”. Let’s look at what accounts for the increase in each category. The “Land & Improvement” category is an increase of \$116,000 for two purposes road reclamation, and the expansion of West Lawn Cemetery. The “Machinery/Equipment/Vehicles” line is an increase of \$32,952 which allows us to replace three police vehicles in 2015 as opposed to two in 2014. “Buildings” accounts for an increase of \$100,000 for the following buildings projects: replacing the flooring on the upper level of Town Hall to comply with NHDOL safety standards; and addressing structural safety issues with the pavilions at Roy and Barnard Park. The “Improvements other than Land” is the largest increase of \$495,000 for six projects: (1) funds for milfoil treatments of our river and lakes; (2) Master Plan Update; (3) Detention Pond reconstruction; (4) Uncanoonuc Dam Repair as the town is under an Administrative Order from the State of NH to repair; (5) New Boston Road Bridge Deck replacement; and (6) Parker Station Road Bridge Deck Repair.

Public Works Department represents an increase of \$583,020 and most of that increase is related to the road plan – resurfacing is up \$276,060 and crack sealing is up \$123,121. Another large increase can be found in the Storm Water Division which is up \$150,942 to prepare for the anticipated release of the new MS4 Permit by EPA in 2015.

If this article fails, then the default budget will be **insufficient** to complete all of the items listed above. In a default budget the following roads would be eliminated from the road plan – Tyler Drive and Black Brook Road between Cinnamon Drive and Tirrell Hill Road.

**ARTICLE 6
OPERATING BUDGET DETAIL**

FUND/DEPT.	2014		2015	DIFF. 2014 v. 2105
	BUDGET	ACTUALS*	BUDGET	
GENERAL FUND				
Administration				
Admin & Eco. Dev.	784,699	738,956	783,207	
Town Clerk	183,847	168,553	187,845	
Election	36,499	32,168	21,032	
Finance	265,832	258,835	274,403	
Tax	87,936	84,921	88,590	
Reval	195,074	184,408	194,305	
IT	413,661	404,348	425,018	
Planning & Zoning	222,163	208,310	224,000	
Other Gen Gov't	20,500	13,353	20,000	
Building Inspection	84,825	79,398	86,037	
Human Services	81,847	70,838	82,819	
Administration	2,376,883	2,244,087	2,387,256	10,373
Police				
Operations	3,942,034	3,774,135	3,976,144	
Communications	773,278	737,371	769,054	
Police	4,715,312	4,511,505	4,745,198	29,886
Fire				
Emer Management	2,401	794	3,924	
Fire Operations	2,576,457	2,506,474	2,540,081	
Fire	2,578,858	2,507,268	2,544,005	-34,853
Public Works				
Cemetery	109,984	110,836	111,719	
Operations	3,123,646	3,088,521	3,541,184	
Storm Water Operations	229,648	161,495	380,590	
Fleet Operations	584,094	588,774	574,426	
Solid Waste	1,060,317	1,047,408	1,082,790	
Public Works	5,107,689	4,997,035	5,690,709	583,020
Parks & Recreation	428,333	415,207	432,777	4,444
Library	720,710	711,950	738,103	17,393
Capital Improvements				
Land & Improvements	450,000	447,072	566,000	
Mach., Equip & Veh	716,606	642,746	749,558	
Buildings	0		100,000	
Improvements o/t Land	0		495,000	
Capital Improvements	1,166,606	1,089,818	1,910,558	743,952
Debt Service				
Debt Service Prin	251,507	251,507	252,215	
Debt Service Prin&Int LVDP	53,244	53,244	53,244	
Debt Service Int	21,078	21,078	14,107	
Interest Short Term Notes	1	0	1	
Debt Service	325,830	325,828	319,567	-6,263
GENERAL FUND	17,420,221	16,802,698	18,768,173	
EMS SPECIAL REV. FUND	417,962	367,031	419,408	
SEWER FUND	1,742,762	1,519,356	1,594,887	
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	19,580,945	18,689,085	20,782,468	1,201,523

*unaudited; includes encumbrances

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association representing Local #24 consisting of the Patrolmen which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2015	\$15,073
2016	\$45,554
2017	\$49,672

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,073 for the current fiscal year, 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? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 6.)

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

EXPLANATION: This Collective Bargaining Agreement is with the Patrolmen for a 3 year term. The estimated increases each year are stated in the article. This CBA replaces a 9 step matrix of 4% steps with a 20 step matrix of 2% steps which is more sustainable. To be eligible for a step increase it requires one year of service and passing a performance evaluation. The longevity formula is replaced with a flat rate not calculated into overtime. Also, the K9 stipend was increased by \$250. There are several changes in regards to health insurance. The CBA offers two new lower cost plans – a high deductible plan and a Matthew Thornton SOS plan. It also changes the formula for employee contribution which increases the employee share incrementally over the term of the contract. Finally and very importantly, there is language which avoids the town paying any Cadillac Tax under the Affordable Care Act. The Dental Plan coverage was increased from \$750 per member to \$1,200 per member. Life Insurance is still the base salary but the cap has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000 of coverage. Vacation time has been increased to the same as non-union employees, and we have calculated the cost to cover the additional vacation time at an overtime rate.

While the town will experience a savings each year in health insurance, we are only allowed to calculate the savings in the first year of the contract by law. Both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association representing Local #124 consisting of Dispatchers and Clerks at the Police Department, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2015	\$10,486
2016	\$23,614
2017	\$26,081

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,486 for the current fiscal year, 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?

(This appropriation is in addition to Article 6.)

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

EXPLANATION: This Collective Bargaining Agreement is with the Dispatchers/Clerks for a 3 year term. The terms of this CBA are the same as the Patrolmen's CBA with some exceptions: there is no K9 stipend; and they bargained for a floating holiday rather than Martin Luther King Day. Also, their current 9 step matrix included 4% steps with one 6% step. The new wage matrix has 20 steps of 2% per year which is more sustainable. Like the Patrolmen's contract, movement on the matrix requires one year of service and passing an annual performance evaluation. This group too will have the same vacation schedule as the non-union employees, however we are only backfilling the dispatchers additional vacations not the clerks. The health insurance changes are the same as those listed in Article 7 explanation. Both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate \$14,774 for a Transportation Introductory Program? The primary purpose of this program is to provide transportation to the elderly and disabled on an on-call basis for necessary appointments. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation under RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until 6/30/2017. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 6.)*

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

EXPLANATION: This is a two year Introductory Transportation Program operated by Manchester Transit Authority. Key Provisions of this Transportation Program include: wheelchair accessible bus; caregiver may ride with the disabled person; service is available to any adult on a space available basis; no rider fee; on demand curb to curb service (48 hours advance notice required); service is available 3 days a week, 5 hours per day. Both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established? *This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 6.)*

***Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0 and
Budget Committee 9-3-0.***

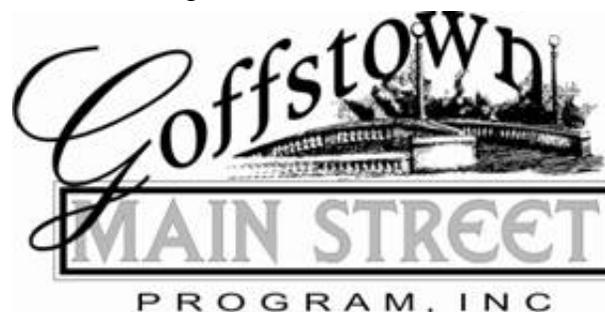
EXPLANATION: The Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2008 for the purpose of helping defray the single-year impact of the replacement cost of fire apparatus, which can run between \$500,000 and \$1 million. This Capital Reserve Fund helps to spread that cost over multiple years. This fund can also provide the Town leverage, in the form of a local match, when seeking grants to replace apparatus. This was the case in 2010, when the Fire Department was able to accept an Assistance to Firefighters grant to replace the town's obsolete ladder trucks with one Tower/Ladder. In that instance, the required match dollars came from this fund. The Fund currently has approximately \$143,000 and the Town is seeking to add \$200,000 for future fire apparatus purchases. Funding for this article is proposed to come from the unassigned fund balance, with no amount to be raised by taxation. Both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend passage of this article.

ARTICLE 11

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 6.)*

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

EXPLANATION: Goffstown Main Street Program's mission is to provide support, advice, and promotion to current and potential business owners and residents of the designated Main Street area using the National Main Street Center's 4-Point Approach. The 4-Point Approach revolves around principles of effective design, promotion, economic restructuring, and organization as the keys to economic revitalization of the historic downtown. Many of you are familiar with the special events sponsored by Main Street including the St. Patrick's Day Dance with Silent Auction, Old Home Day, Concerts on the Common, Giant Pumpkin Regatta, Friday Night Under the Lights, and Art Showoffs. These events bring business to the Village Area as well as fostering a sense of community. Both the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article.



ARTICLE 12

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 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 6.)*

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

EXPLANATION: Crispin's House has provided services to youth and families of Goffstown for over 25 years, providing positive program opportunities to help kids make positive choices. The total budget is about \$60,000. The warrant article covers only \$20,000. The organization works hard to raise the remaining funds through fund raising activities, community involvement and grants. The newest program is in the area of Suicide Prevention, a growing concern in our community, and they work in collaboration with Makin' Happen of Greater Manchester and the National Alliance on Mental Illness. This article is recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Crispin's House



ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town adopt, under RSAs 72:27-a and 72:62, a residential exemption from a property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, when the property is equipped with a solar energy system, as defined by RSA 72:61, with a rated capacity of 10 kW or less? Such exemption shall be for 100% of the amount, up to the first 10 kW, if any, by which installation of solar energy systems on the property increases the total assessed value of the property.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

EXPLANATION: RSA 72:61-72 permits cities and towns to offer exemptions from local property taxes for certain renewable energy installations, including solar energy systems. If this article passes, tax exemptions will be for the amount by which the solar energy system increases a property's total assessed value. The goal of the exemption is to create a tax neutral policy within a municipality in order to encourage adoption of green energy sources. By adopting this article, homeowners will not have a disincentive of higher property taxes for installing a renewable energy system. As of November 2014, there were 97 NH communities with a solar energy exemption, 15 of which are within Hillsborough County. Currently, there are fourteen such residential systems in Goffstown, with a total assessed value of approximately \$27,000. This article is recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a-II, authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income? No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

EXPLANATION: The enabling legislation of House Bill 297 relative to the management of trust funds, capital reserve funds and library funds passed in 2014. It allows the Trustees to compensate banks, brokerage firms, trust companies and investment advisors for the management of capital reserve funds from the income of these funds rather than the municipal budget. This article provides an opportunity to exceed the rate of inflation on capital reserve funds interest. Also, the town does not have to place investment management fees into the municipal budget. This article is recommended by Trustees of Trust Funds.

ARTICLE 15

Do you favor adoption of the town manager plan as provided in chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes Annotated?

Submitted by Petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1-1.

EXPLANATION: This petition article proposes to adopt a Town Manager plan as outlined in Chapter 37 of NH State Law. The Town of Goffstown had Town Managers from 1963-1968 but discontinued the plan at the 1969 Town Meeting. Since then there have been several Charter Commissions, two charters have been brought forward to the voters and failed. There are proponents and opponents of changing from a Town Administrator to Town Manager plan. In an effort to help you to be an informed voter, we refer you to the state's website www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/NHTOC/NHTOC-III-37.htm to review Chapter 37. Also, the New Hampshire Municipal Association wrote an article entitled "Town Manager vs. Town Administrator: What's the Difference?" This article can be found at the NHMA website www.nhmunicipal.org/TownAndCity/Article/248.

Finally, we encourage you to review Selectmen's minutes of 1/19/15 and GTV's recordings of that meeting as well as Town's Deliberative Session on 2/4/15. You can access GTV videos at the Library or visit the town's website www.goffstown.com, click GTV, and On Demand to find videos of government meetings.

2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

For 3 Years

Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon

Keith Allard

Lorry D. Cloutier

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Write-In _____

Vote for not more than Three

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

For 3 Years

James Raymond

Write-In _____

Vote for not more than One

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For 3 Years

Lissa Winrow

Daniel J. Cloutier

Write-In _____

Vote for not more than One

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

For 3 Years

Jo Ann Duffy

Write-In _____

Vote for not more than One

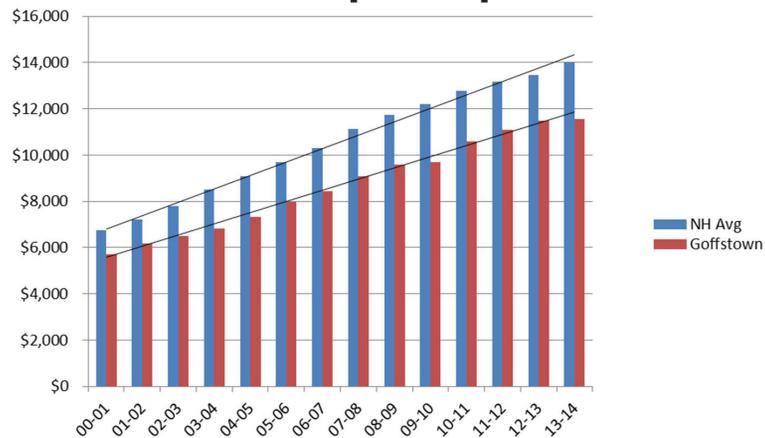
there is a proposal to add coaching stipends, technology expenses which include a laptop lease at Maple Avenue and Bartlett and new security cameras at Maple Avenue.

The Goffstown School District continues to provide a high quality education to the students of the community at a cost that is approximately \$2,400 less than the state average.

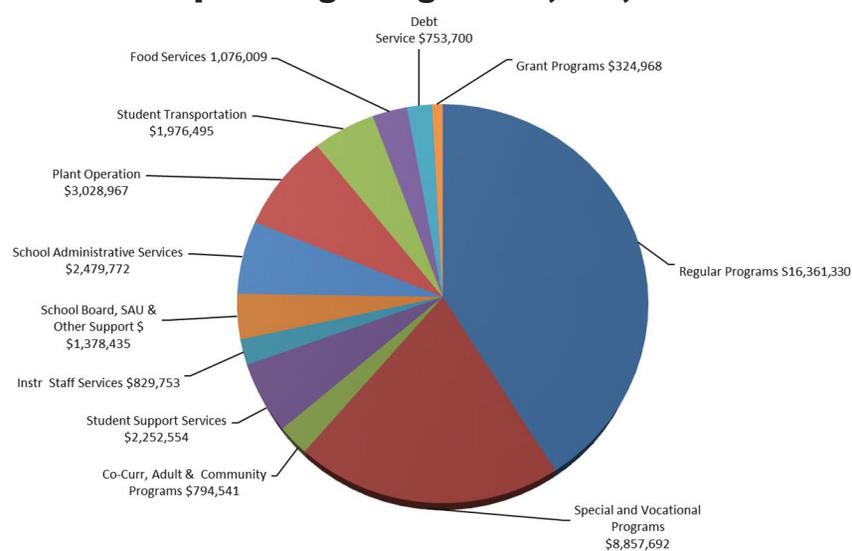
The School District is projecting that federal program funding will remain flat. The Federal Grants Fund portion of the budget is expected to be \$324,968. As a result of new operational efficiencies, there is a slight decrease of \$8,551 in the Food Service Fund for a new total of \$1,076,009. Both 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 8-0-0 to recommend this article.
The Budget Committee voted 12-0-0 to recommend this article.*

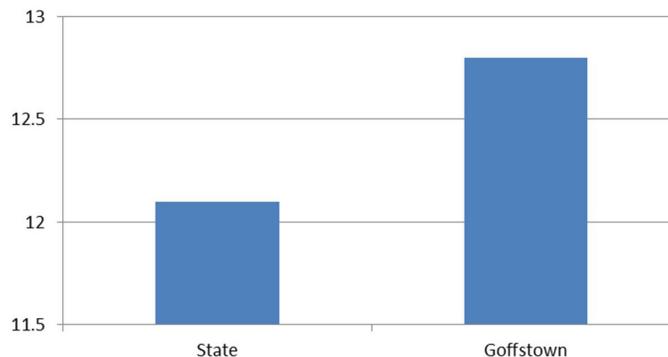
Cost Per Pupil Comparison



**2015-2016 Goffstown School District
Operating Budget \$40,114,226**



Student Teacher Ratio



ARTICLE 2

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling FORTY MILLION ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$40,114,226.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be FORTY MILLION SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$40,063,196.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only.” This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote required).

***The School Board Voted 8-0-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee Voted 12-0-0 To Recommend***

EXPLANATION: The \$40,114,226.00 Operating Budget has been recommended unanimously by the Goffstown School Board and unanimously by the Budget Committee. The proposed budget is \$1,776,612 or 4.6% more than the current year’s budget which is set at \$38,337,614. Total District enrollment is approximately 2,837 students. The Operating Budget supports all programs that allow the District to meet the needs of each child in a cost effective and appropriate manner. The budget priorities focus on maintaining current programming, teaching and learning, safety, special education and facilities. The dollars include support for programming, instruction and services for the District’s five schools. There is a modest increase in planned spending for a new high school math curriculum. Additionally,



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
VOTER ID LAW
RSA 659:13**

[effective July 24, 2013]

EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT

During the 2013 legislative session the legislature made changes to the "Voter ID Law" (RSA 659:13). This explanatory document is required under RSA 652:26 to help educate the public about the law's requirements and application and outlines the law's requirements.

What type of ID will I need to vote?

- Driver's license issued by any state or federal government;
- Non-driver ID card issued by NH DMV or motor vehicle agency of another state;
- Photo ID card for "voting identification only" issued by NH DMV (RSA 260:21);
- United States armed services identification card;
- United States passport or passcard;
- NH student ID card (see more information below);
- A photo ID not mentioned above, but determined to be legitimate by the moderator, supervisors of the checklist, or town or city clerk. If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.
- Verification of the voter's identity by a moderator or supervisor of the checklist or the town or city clerk. If any person authorized to challenge a voter does so under this provision, the voter shall be required to fill out a challenged voter affidavit before obtaining a ballot.

An acceptable photo ID must have an expiration date or date of issuance. The ID will remain valid 5 years beyond the expiration date or date of issuance unless the voter is 65 or older in which case the expiration date can be exceeded beyond 5 years. The name on the ID shall substantially conform to the name on the checklist.

More on student ID cards:

Acceptable student photo ID cards must be issued by:

- A college, university, or career school approved or licensed to operate in New Hampshire
- A public high school in New Hampshire
- A non-public high school in New Hampshire accredited by a private school accrediting agency that is recognized by the NH Department of Education.
- Dartmouth College
- A college or university operated by the university system of New Hampshire or the community college system of New Hampshire

Beginning in 2014 all colleges or universities operated by the university system or community college system of New Hampshire must include the date of issuance on the student ID card. Student ID cards without a date of issuance will be accepted until September 1, 2018. Each August the Commissioner of the Department of Education will provide to the Secretary of State a list of all approved, licensed, and accredited schools from which a student ID is acceptable.

What if I do not have an approved photo ID?

Any voter who does not present an approved photo ID will be permitted to vote after executing a "challenged voter affidavit". A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

Is there any post-election action required by me after I vote without an approved photo ID?

If you filled out a "challenged voter affidavit" in order to vote on Election Day, you will receive a verification letter from the Secretary of State requesting confirmation that you voted in the election. If you do not respond in writing to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the date it was mailed, the Attorney General will conduct an investigation to determine whether fraudulent voting occurred.

Where can I get more information?

Your town or city clerk or the Secretary of State.



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