

Town of Goffstown 2016 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 3, 2016 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 8, 2016. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 4, 2016.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 8, 2016 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 8, 2016 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1 (Candidates)

ARTICLE 2 – 12 (Zoning Articles)

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000) (gross budget) for the renovation and expansion of Fire Station #18 (18 Church Street) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,300,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (3/5 ballot vote is required for passage.)

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

ARTICLE 14

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 Eight Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$19,839,912).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Eighty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$7,087,714).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Six Hundred Six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two Dollars (\$1,606,262) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations requested in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Four Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Two Dollars (\$422,232) 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 Eight Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$19,839,912).

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$19,516,267), 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

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body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

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

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town of Goffstown will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Goffstown, Local 3420, International Association of Firefighters, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2016	\$35,097
2017	\$33,181
2018	\$17,344

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars (\$35,097) 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 14.)*

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

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008. *This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

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

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) to purchase the required harnesses and equipment for the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and a Jaws of Life. *This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

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

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000) to purchase a replacement ambulance. *This sum to come from EMS Special Revenue Fund (established in 2006), and no amount to be raised by taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

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

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ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for Goffstown's Road Improvement Program. Passage of this article will direct the Selectmen to include this amount in future operating and default budgets of the Town of Goffstown. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 14 which has \$845,000 budgeted for reclamation, resurfacing and crack sealing of roads.)*

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

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of helping to support the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

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

ARTICLE 21

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. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

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

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of helping to support Goffstown Waterway Association and Namaske Lake Association efforts to manage milfoil in the upper portion of the Piscataquog River, Glen Lake, and Namaske Lake. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

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

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will adopt RSA 41:9-a to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish and amend fees following the procedures outlined in said statute, such authority in effect until rescinded.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

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ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will urge that the next President and Congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda:

1. Ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United
2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency
3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors
4. Establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections
5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration
6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to the NH congressional delegation and to Goffstown's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the Selectmen within 30 days of the vote.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 25

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

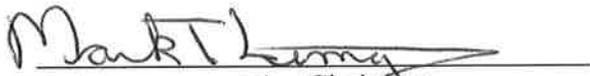
ARTICLE 26

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this 18th day of January 2016.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Peter Georgantas, Chairman


Mark T. Lemay, Vice Chairman


Collis G. Adams


John Allen Brown


Scott Gross