



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Cathleen 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.

<p align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>DAVID PIERCE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ALLEN BROWN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">For 2 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>DENNIS SWEENEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">For 6 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>VICTORIA LEMIRE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Four</p> <p>MICHAEL T. SMITH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SCOTT GROSS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DENNIS LYNCH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>EMILY SANDBLADE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>SUZANNE RIEL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>AIMEE HUNTEMANN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">For 2 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>AL DESRUISSEAU <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">For 2 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>GEORGE FULLERTON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CRAIG CAMPBELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">For 1 Year Vote for not more than One</p> <p>JANET SODERQUIST <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEVEN P. BOUCHARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KAREN HEWES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GARY MEEHAN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">For 2 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>RODNEY L. STARK <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">For 1 Year Vote for not more than One</p> <p>KARL SODERQUIST <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>BARBARA GRIFFIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MICHAEL CONLON <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>BILL TUCKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>JEAN WALKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SEWER COMMISSION</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>TIMOTHY REDMOND <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>EMILY SANDBLADE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GAIL LABRECQUE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">SEWER COMMISSION</p> <p align="center">For 2 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>ROBERT TRZEPACZ <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>		

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ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by amending the Glossary by changing the definitions of " Dwelling " and " Manufactured Home , " and by adding the following new terms: " Dwelling, Accessory , " " Dwelling, Single Family , " " Modular Housing , " and " Pre-site Built Housing " as shown on the full-text copy of the Proposed 2016 Planning Board Initiated Zoning Amendments document? *(Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).*

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by adding " Conversion of Single Family Dwelling to Duplex " as a new principal use under Section 3.11, Table A – for Residential uses, listing it as a use permitted by Special Exception in the Agricultural, Residential-1, and Residential-2 Districts and as a use permitted by right in the Residential Small Business Office-1, Residential Small Business Office-2, and Village Commercial Districts and as a Use Not Permitted in all other districts?

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 5-1-0.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by moving the existing principal use " Landscaping Contracting or similar Business " from Section 3.11 Table J - the Agricultural Use Category, to Section 3.11 Table I – the " Manufacturing, Construction and wholesale Trade " category, and changing its status to be a use permitted by Special Exception in the Conservation Open Space and Agricultural district, and remaining the same in all other districts?

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by amending the " maximum number of dwelling units per buildable acre for duplex and multi-family lots " portion of Section 4.3, Table of Dimensional Regulations, " in the Residential-1 and Residential-2 districts where both water and sewer exist so that the allowable density is on a sliding scale for lots smaller than or equal to 3 acres as detailed on the full-text copy of the Proposed 2016 Planning Board Initiated Zoning Amendments document? *(Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).*

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by amending existing Section 4.4.1 – Dimensional Standards for Multi-family Dwellings by removing portions of that section and replacing them in new subsections 4.4.1.1 and 4.4.1.2 and by adding another new subsection 4.4.1.3 that states that " the side and rear minimum setbacks for multi-family structures shall be the greater of the underlying setback for that zone or the length of the building side most parallel to that lot line divided by two " ? *(Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).*

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by amending the following sections regarding signs: Section 6.3 and its subsections, Section 6.4.1, Section 6.5.2, Section 6.6.5, Section 6.8, and Section 6.12 to remove language that suggests that these sign regulations are content-based, and replace them with non-content based requirements as necessary, as detailed more fully in the full-text copy of the Proposed 2016 Planning Board Initiated Zoning Amendments document? *(Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).*

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 7.5.2 – Construction of Fewer Parking Spaces, by removing and replacing language therein to a new subsection 7.5.2.1 and adding another new subsection 7.5.2.2, which allows for the Planning Board to consider submitted data from the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) in determining whether or not a reduction in parking requirements can be allowed, as detailed in the full-text copy of the Proposed 2016 Planning Board Initiated Zoning Amendments document? *(Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).*

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by adding the following sentence at the end of Section 9.1 – Manufactured Homes, that states: " Modular Housing and other Pre-Site Built Housing as defined in this Ordinance are not subject to the provisions of this Section. " ? *(Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).*

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

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ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 14.7.3 - Use of a Non-conforming lot, by adding a new subsection – 14.7.3.3 that states: "Accessory buildings not creating an additional dwelling unit and not part of the existing principal building on the lot that meet Section 14.7.3.2 shall not require a Special Exception."? (Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 5-1-0.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by amending Section 14.10 – Abandonment of a Non-conforming Use, by amending its subsection 14.10.3 to allow for the restoration to be within two years in the case of fire or other casualty instead of one year for the use to not be considered abandoned? (Full-text copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained from the Planning Department and the Town Clerk's office).

YES
NO

Submitted by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board 6-0-0.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 12 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, which currently reads as follows:

YES
NO

6.6.4 In the Commercial (C) and Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) districts, one portable A-frame sign per business, not to exceed six (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.]

by deleting the words "within 10 feet of the building's entry" and replacing them with the words "and shall not be placed closer than 10 feet to any property line"?

Submitted by Petition. Recommended by the Planning Board 5-1-0.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town 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.)

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town 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)?

YES
NO

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 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

Shall the Town 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:

YES
NO

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.

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town 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.)*

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town 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.)*

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town 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.)*

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town 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.)*

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town 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.)*

YES
NO

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

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 Coalition for Youth Inc., a youth drug, alcohol and suicide prevention agency? *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of helping to support Goffstown Waterways Association and Namaske Lake Association efforts to manage milfoil in the upper portion of the Piscataquog River, Glen Lake, and Namaske Lake? Passage of this article will direct the Selectmen to include funds for this purpose in future operating and default budgets for the Town of Goffstown. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)*

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town 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?

YES
NO

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

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town 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:

YES
NO

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

The record of the vote on this article shall be public information.

Submitted by petition.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING