

OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON-PARTISAN TOWN ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, NH 03045
March 9, 2004

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk

ARTICLE 1

To choose all Town Officers, Trustees, Commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years **Vote for Two**

Laurent P. Beaulac
Jeremy Dupuis
Barbara J. Griffin
Bruce F. Hunter
Frederick R. Plett
Write In
Write In

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years **Vote for Four**

Eric Geissenhainer
William J. Gleeson
Phillip E. Kendall, II
Raymond J. Labore
Jeffrey A. Tate
Write In
Write In
Write In
Write In

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 2 Years **Vote for One**

David W. Rowe
Gordon M. Schaaf
Write In

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year **Vote for One**

Vivian Blondeau
Write In

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years **Vote for One**

Jean Walker
Write In

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years **Vote for Two**

Lisa M. Iodice
Susan L. Osburn
Kenneth J. Rose
Write In
Write In

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 1 Year **Vote for One**

Henry C. Boyle
Stephen Brzozowski
Write In

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years **Vote for Two**

James Raymond
Lowell S. Von Ruden
William J. Wynne
Write In
Write In

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years **Vote for One**

Paul E. LaPerle
Write In

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 6 Years **Vote for One**

Rosemary Garretson
Sara Ann Sarette
Write In

TOWN MODERATOR

For 2 Years **Vote for One**

Rodney Stark
Write In

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For 3 Years **Vote for One**
Kenneth J. Rose
Write In

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS
For 1 Year **Vote for One**
Earl S. Carrel
Write In

ARTICLE 2

Shall the town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Limit the residential density of manufactured housing parks and subdivisions?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the town adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Edit changes for clarification, voiding approvals when implementation action has not been taken, and requiring certified foundation plans?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the town adopt, pursuant to RSA 674:51-a, an amendment to the existing town building code as proposed by the planning board as follows: Repeal the present BOCA building codes and adopt, by reference, the International Codes 2000 as published by the International Code Council and all future supplements of the International Residential Code, and any future supplements of the other International Codes that are adopted by the State?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the town adopt an amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows: Amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 18, lot 17, from Commercial (C) to Residential 2 (R-2)?

(The property address is 7 Joffre Street.) (Submitted by Petition.)

Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the town adopt an amendment to the existing town zoning ordinance as proposed by petition as follows: Amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 18, lot 28, from Commercial (C) to Residential 2 (R-2)?

(The property address is 8 Joffre Street.) (Submitted by Petition.)

Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred seventy eight thousand five hundred forty-one dollars (\$578,541) for the purpose of initiating a Municipal Curbside Recycling Program and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred dollars (\$533,800) of bonds or notes with bond related fees in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town?

The bonded amount of five hundred thirty three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$533,800) is for capital expenses including barrels, truck, 40' x 60' building, skid steer and attachments. The operating cost of forty four thousand seven hundred forty one dollars (\$44,741) includes employee wages/benefits, vehicle operating expenses, and recycling disposal fees. The operating cost will be raised by property taxes.

It is anticipated that the savings generated from this program will cover the cost of the bond and at the end of the bond term will save the town an additional \$100,000 per year.

If this article passes, then the Operating Budget Article 8 will be reduced by sixty nine thousand four hundred seventy five dollars (\$69,475) which is equivalent to about four (4) months of the recycling contract.

(A 3/5 ballot vote is required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 8

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 fourteen million eight hundred twenty eight thousand and nine hundred forty nine dollars (\$14,828,949)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be fourteen million three hundred seventy eight thousand two hundred dollars (\$14,378,200), 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 Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars (\$1,810,490) for the road improvement plan, which was initiated two years ago? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the town raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund which was established last year pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of land acquisition, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the town raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. for the year 2004? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 8.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 72:39-(a) and (b), modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Goffstown, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$40,000? To qualify, the person must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72:39-(a) and (b) that pertain to eligibility for this exemption as well as those contained in any other applicable statute, including, without limitation, that they demonstrate that they have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less \$24,000; and own net assets, whether married or not, not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Presented and recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 13

Shall a charter commission be established for the purpose of revising the municipal charter or establishing a new municipal charter?

Presented and recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$2,000 for service connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II & IV, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$500 on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, II, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$2,000 on the real and personal property of the surviving spouse of veteran who was killed in action or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28?

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town deposit 50% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in a conservation fund, established under RSA 36-A:5, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II, said funds to be used for conservation land and easement acquisition and costs associated therewith?

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2004

Jo Ann Duffy, School District Clerk

Article 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Lorry D. Cloutier
Scott Gross
Ellen Vermokowitz

Article 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed \$3,346,001.00 (Three Million Three Hundred Forty-Six Thousand One Dollars) for the construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, land acquisition, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; said appropriation to be funded as follows:

\$2,253,030.00 (Two Million Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand Thirty Dollars) from Kindergarten Aid, and

\$436,769.00 (Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars) from Impact Fees from the Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Fund, and

up to \$400,000.00 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) from the unreserved fund balance at June 30, 2004, and

\$256,202.00 (Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Two Dollars) to be raised through taxes.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article 4, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Article 3

Shall the voters of Goffstown School District adopt the modifications to the AREA Agreement as recommended by AREA School Plan Review Board and approved for submission to the voters by the New Hampshire State Board of Education on January 21, 2004. A copy of the AREA Agreement shall be on file with the School Administration Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.)

Article 4

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 \$27,135,334.00 (Twenty-Seven Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be \$26,436,328.00 (Twenty-Six Million Four Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, 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. (The School Board recommends \$27,135,334.00 (Twenty-Seven Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars) as the Operating Budget.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)