

2005 TOWN OFFICIAL BALLOT

MARCH 8, 2005

ARTICLE 1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than One	
Vivian Blondeau		<input type="checkbox"/>
Philip A. D'Avanza		<input type="checkbox"/>
Victoria U. Gailinas		<input type="checkbox"/>

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 1 Year	Vote for not more than One	
George Fullerton		<input type="checkbox"/>
Arnold Wajenberg		<input type="checkbox"/>

SELECTMEN

For 1 Year	Vote for not more than One	
Richard Gamache		<input type="checkbox"/>
William E. Gordon		<input type="checkbox"/>
Gossett W. McRae		<input type="checkbox"/>

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than Two	
Joseph M. Beauchemin		<input type="checkbox"/>
Lowell Von Ruden		<input type="checkbox"/>

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than Four	
Eric Geissenhainer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzanne Tremblay		<input type="checkbox"/>

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than One	
Stephen R. Crean		<input type="checkbox"/>

TOWN CLERK

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than One	
Donna Bergeron		<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Johnson		<input type="checkbox"/>

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than One	
Linda Reynolds Naughton		<input type="checkbox"/>

TOWN TREASURER

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than One	
Jean Mayberry		<input type="checkbox"/>

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than Three	
Henry C. Boyle		<input type="checkbox"/>
Steve Brzozowski		<input type="checkbox"/>
Susan Plante		<input type="checkbox"/>
Calvin D. Pratt		<input type="checkbox"/>

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years	Vote for not more than One	
Earl S. Carrel		<input type="checkbox"/>

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For 1 Year	Vote for not more than One	
George A. Collins		<input type="checkbox"/>

ARTICLE 2

Shall the town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the Tables of Dimensional Regulations, combining the existing tables and including the regulation of multi-family housing by density and adding maximum allowed building footprints?

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 3

Shall the town adopt Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending various requirements by making editing changes to sections relating to condominiums, accessory structures locations, modifying sign sizes and requirements, specifying shared parking requirements, deleting light projection permitting, updating manufactured homes and manufactured home park requirements, editing flood hazard districts requirements in conformance with flood hazard insurance requirements, editing deadlines as requested by the ZBA, and editing wetland definition, board membership, and impact fees in accordance with state law?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the town adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Sections 3.10, Table of Permitted Uses and Section 3.11, Table of Accessory Uses, and related provisions, combining uses and editing definitions for clarification?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the town adopt Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the table of permitted uses so that industrial parks would no longer be a permitted use by Special Exception in the Agricultural (A) district?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the town adopt Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board, establishing a new Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) district and its regulations, in accordance with the Route 114/114A Corridor Management Plan?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the town adopt Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning on various parcels to implement the Route 114/114A Corridor Management Plan by changing the zoning from Agricultural (A), Commercial (C) and Industrial (I) to the new Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) on properties between the Tatro Drive industrial area and Henry Bridge Road, on the following map/lots?

5/43	5/46	5/51A	6/33-1	6/42	26/1	26/5
5/44	5/47	5/52	6/40	6/43	26/2	26/7
5/44-1	5/49	5/53	6/41	6/44	26/2A	26/20
5/45	5/51	5/54	6/41A	6/45	26/3	26/24
5/58	5/48	5/49	5/49-1	26/6	26/6-2	26/22
5/47	5/56-1	5/56-4	26/8-1	26/10A	26/13	26/23
5/49	5/56-2	5/56-5	26/9	26/11	26/13A	26/24
5/56	5/56-3	5/562P	26/10	26/12	26/21	

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the town adopt Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Industrial (I) to Agricultural (A), property fronts on Normand Road, on the following portion of a map/lot?

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Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the town adopt Amendment #8 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Commercial (C) to Village Commercial (VC) located within the Goffstown village center, on the following maps/lots?

34/85	34/148	34/155			
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Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the town adopt Amendment #9 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Industrial (I) to Village Commercial (VC) on the south side of Depot Street, within the Goffstown village center, on the following map/lots?

34/71	34/72	34/73			
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Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the town adopt Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board, changing the zoning from Industrial (I) to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) along Depot Street and the Piscataquog River in Goffstown’s village center, on the following map/lots?

34/75	34/76A	34/90	37/1	37/4	37/6
34/76	34/76B	34/94	37/3	37/5	37/7
34/95					

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the town adopt Amendment #11 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown, to change the zoning on map 6, lot 47 (103 Center Street) from Residential-1 (R-1) and Agricultural (A) to Agricultural (A)?

Submitted by petition.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the town adopt Amendment #12 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown, to change the zoning on map 5, lot 93 (92 Wallace Road) from Agricultural (A) to Residential-1 (R-1)?

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the town adopt Amendment #13 as proposed by petition of the voters of Goffstown, to change the existing appointed 5-member Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) to a 5-member elected board?

Submitted by petition.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the town adopt the Planning Board Article to designate Prime Wetlands, a local option under RSA 482-A:15, as delineated by Town of Goffstown Prime Wetlands Study and Mapping by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., and dated December 2004, and as recommended by the Goffstown Conservation Commission?

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 16

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 sixteen million one hundred sixty one thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$16,161,550)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be fifteen million three hundred fifteen thousand five hundred thirty dollars (\$15,315,530), 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 Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Sixty Five Thousand dollars (\$1,865,000) for the purpose of implementing the current phase of the road improvement plan? The road improvement plan has been part of the CIP process since 2002 and the annual appropriations for the plan have been approved as Special Articles since 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be deposited into the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund which was established in 2003 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 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of restoring the Grasmere Town Hall and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be deposited in this fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15?

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town of Goffstown approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission? Copies of the proposed Charter can be found in its entirety at any municipal building or at the town’s website: www.ci.goffstown.nh.us. The following chart summarizes the current form of government and the major changes in the proposed charter.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED CHANGES
GOVERNING BODY	5 Selectmen	7 Councilors
LEGISLATIVE BODY	Voters at Deliberative & Official Ballot Sessions pursuant to NH RSA 40:13	Voters at a budgetary town meeting; Voters on official ballot for budgets and zoning; Councilors for all other issues
ADMINISTRATION	Selectmen /Town Administrator	Town Manager
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Elected	Appointed
ZBA	Members Appointed	Members Elected
BUDGET COMMITTEE	12 elected members	9 elected members
BOND PASSAGE	3/5 (60%) majority vote	2/3 (66 ² / ₃ %) majority vote
DEFAULT BUDGET	set by Board of Selectmen	set by Budget Committee
PETITIONS	All Petitions (Appropriation Zoning, other): 25 registered voters.	Petitions: Appropriation, Zoning Initiative Petitions: 50 registered voters Referendum Petitions: 500 registered voters Recall Petitions: 250 registered voters

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,200? The \$1,200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218(c)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act.

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer ownership of approximately 20 acres of Map 5 Lot 14 to the Goffstown School District for the purpose of building a school on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate and to authorize the Selectmen to execute any and all documents to implement this conveyance?

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town require the Board of Selectmen to obtain voter approval before granting any easement, license or other encumbrance on Town Owned property?

Submitted by Petition.

ARTICLE 26

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.

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town reaffirm the practice of and to maintain the current Fire Based Emergency Medical Service (Ambulance) for the Town of Goffstown?

Submitted by Petition.

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to prepare and present a plan that proposes 24 hour Fire and EMS staffing of at least one (1) fire station seven (7)

days per week? This plan shall include the use of a system that utilizes full-time and call force employees working a regular work schedule not to exceed 45 hours per week. The proposed plan shall be all-inclusive and be presented as part of the Towns 2006 Budget process. The proposal shall have an effective date of July 1, 2006 as the start date of this staffing system.

Submitted by Petition.

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of money not to exceed Three Hundred Eighty Five Thousand (\$385,000) Dollars to replace one (1) piece of Emergency Fire Apparatus? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 16.)

Submitted by Petition.

Not recommended by Selectmen or Budget Committee.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
March 8, 2005**

ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:
For 3 Years Vote for not more than Three

- Philip Pancoast
- Karen Pratt
- Sara Ann Sarette

ARTICLE 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$187,500.00) for the payment of architectural, construction, and other fees and related incidental and necessary costs for the purpose of expanding parking and field facilities for the Goffstown High School; said appropriation to be funded as follows:

\$187,500.00, (One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) from existing Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Funds - 0 - (Zero Dollars) to be raised through taxes.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

(The School Board recommends this Article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 3

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) for the payment of architectural and other fees and related incidental and necessary costs for the purpose of a study of the Bartlett Elementary School facility. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

(The School Board recommends this Article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 4

Shall the School District create a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1, to be known as the Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Fund, for the purpose of funding improvements to the school facility. Furthermore, to fund this trust fund from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2005, with an amount not to exceed THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000.00); or to take any other action in relation thereto. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

(The School Board recommends this Article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 5

Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, and for its benefit, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property, which may become available to the district during the fiscal year (Majority vote required).

(The School Board recommends this Article.)

ARTICLE 6

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 TWENTY NINE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS (\$29,566,959.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be TWENTY EIGHT MILLION NINE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED ELEVEN DOLLARS (\$28,929,811.00) 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 this Article.)

(The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)