SULLIVAN-GASTROCK PROPERTY

EMERGENCY

FIRE & AMBULANCE SERVICE	**911 OR 497-3311**
POLICE	**911 OR 497-2232**
POISON CENTER	**800-562-8236**

TOWN HALL 497-8990

Admin/Selectmen	Ext. 100	Planning	117
Assessor	112	Sewer	116
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TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Fire (Church St.)	497-3537	Library	497-2102
Fire (E. Goffstown)	497-4655	Parks & Recreation	497-3003
Fire (Pinardville)	622-6713	Police	497-4858
Goffstown Water	497-3621	Public Works	497-3617
Grasmere Water	497-8346	Transfer Station	497-4824

SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	Goffstown High School	497-4841
Maple Ave. Elem.	497-3330	Administration (SAU#19)	497-4818
Mt. View Middle School	497-8288		

VILLAGE DISTRICTS

Goffstown Village Water	497-3621	Grasmere Village Water	497-8346

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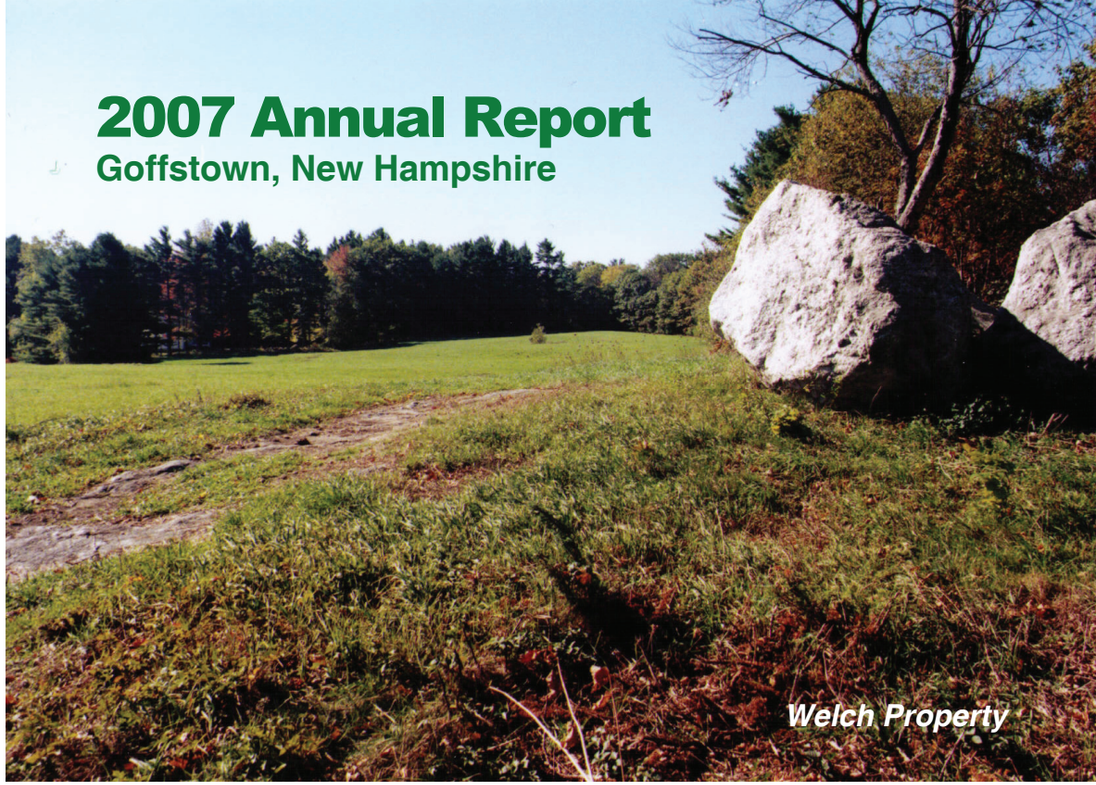

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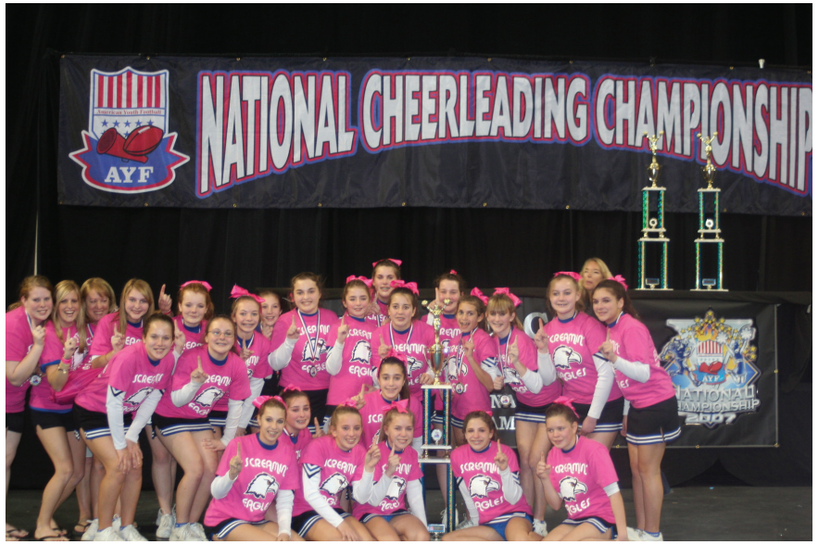
Shirley Property



Goffstown Screamin' Eagles Div 14 National Champions: Chantal Roy, Katie Tracey, Sara Gaiero, Heather Murphy, Shelly Desjarlais, Sarah Bedard, Morgan Sherwood, Miranda Hussey, Megan Hannemann, Holly Aleksonis, Shannen Dufour, Caroline Schneider, Katelyn Laplante, Maddie Pisapia, Kacy McAlister, Katie Reid, Britany Landry, Taylor Roy, Taylor St. Peter, Sami Turcotte, Paige Gagne, Laura Morin

Goffstown Screamin' Eagles Div 8 National Champions: Vanessa Holmes, Heather Beegan, Kaylyn Paquette, Abby Paquette, Kayley Noterman, Morgan Fielder, Hannah Gagne, Taylor Brien, Taleia Kimball, Brielle Gardiner, Taylor Urella, Mercedes Greeley, and Alyssa Gauvin.

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Solid Waste and Recycling Program

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM:

- GLASS should be rinsed clean. Clear, brown and green glass is accepted.
- ALUMINUM, TIN and STEEL CANS should be rinsed clean.
- PLASTIC should be rinsed clean. #1 through #7 plastic is accepted. Containers and bags must be clearly marked with the number and recycling symbol.
- ASEPTIC PACKAGING such as juice boxes and milk cartons should be completely emptied and rinsed if possible.
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD should be flattened and cut down so that it fits inside the 65 gallon recycling tote.
- MIXED PAPER - junk mail, magazines, newspaper, cereal boxes, office paper, etc. are accepted. Soiled paper products are not accepted.

Please do not place food waste, cigarette butts, or personal hygiene products in the Blue Recycling Tote. If plastic bags are used, clear bags are preferred.

TRANSFER STATION DROP-OFF PROGRAM:

- TEXTILES should be clean, dry and bagged.
- CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS - painted lumber, windows, doors, asphalt roofing materials, sheet rock, etc. are accepted for a fee.
- ALL DRY CELL (HOUSEHOLD) BATTERIES are accepted.
- WET-CELL BATTERIES such as automotive batteries are accepted, providing the cases are not broken.
- LEAD SINKERS, WASTE OIL, ANTI-FREEZE, FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS, COMPUTER SOFTWARE, RECORDS, and CDs are accepted.
- LEAVES must be removed from plastic bags and placed in the compost pile. BRUSH is limited to no larger than 5" in diameter.
- SCRAP METALS such as appliances, bikes, etc. are accepted.
- PROPANE TANKS are accepted for a fee. TIRES are accepted for a fee.
- HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE is accepted by appointment.

Please contact the Transfer Station for a complete listing of fees and acceptable items (497-4824).

TRANSFER STATION SCHEDULE:

The transfer station is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 am to 3 pm.** The Transfer Station holiday schedule can be found at the following web link: http://www.ci.goffstown.nh.us/dpw/holidays.pdf.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call 497-4824.

DEDICATION

It was not long after moving to Goffstown in 1988, that Barbara Griffin saw town needs and decided to become involved with her new town. In 1989 she was appointed for a one-year term to the Budget Committee. Her financial background proved a great asset to this committee and she continued to serve as an elected member until 1995, serving as Chairman from 1992 – 1994.

Her unwavering passion to devote her time for the betterment of Goffstown continued for the next eighteen years. She was instrumental in the writing of Goffstown's Solid Waste Plan, which was the subject of two Special Town Meetings in 1989. She served on the newly created Solid Waste Commission from 1990 – 1993 and served as its Chairman from 1990 – 1992.

She served as a Library Trustee from 1993 – 2006 and as Chair in 1995. A major accomplishment during her tenure as a Trustee was the expansion of the Public Library.

In March of 1995, Barbara was elected to the Board of Selectmen where she served for twelve years, as Vice-Chair in 1998 and 2003 and as Chairman in 2000 and 2006. During her years as Selectmen there were vast changes in town including a change to the Official Ballot system (better known as SB2), automated trash collection, closure of the landfill, reuse of landfill as athletic fields, municipal curbside recycling, single stream recycling – just to name a few. While fulfilling her duties as Selectman, Barbara also served on the Master Plan Update Committee and the Landfill Reuse Committee. During her tenure on the Board, Barbara served as the Selectmen's Representative to the Budget Committee, Solid Waste Commission, Library Trustees, Planning Board, Capital Improvement Program Committee, Economic Development Council, and Conservation Commission, contributing her knowledge and experience which has benefited the town.

Barbara was also appointed to represent Goffstown on the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) from 1994 – 1997 and 2001 – 2005 as an alternate; and from 2006 – 2008 as a full member.

Barbara Griffin's years of service, her wisdom and balance in matters of the Town, has been a tremendous asset to the citizens of Goffstown over the years and will be acknowledged and appreciated for years to come. For all her years of dedicated service to the Goffstown citizens the Board of Selectmen dedicates the 2007 Annual Report to Barbara Griffin.

IN MEMORIAM

We acknowledge notable citizens who passed away in 2007

WILFRID J. CLOUTIER
Served on Board of Selectmen
January 23, 2007

MARY TERESA CARR
School and Public Library Volunteer
April 21, 2007

ARMAND LABRIE
Volunteer Firefighter & Dept. Of Public Works Employee –26 Yrs
May 13,2007

MICHAEL J. KOS
Dept. of Public Works Employee –22 yrs
August 2, 2007

LEON H. KONIECZNY
Goffstown's 1st Parks & Rec. Dir. & Cemetery Trustee
August 12, 2007

BRUCE F. HUNTER
State Representative & Served on Board of Selectmen
September 23, 2007

ROBERT J. WIKE
Goffstown Police Chief – 1965 to 1984
December 27, 2007

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TOWN INFORMATION

During King Phillip's War in 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4, and used as shelter for officers and soldiers. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760's, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. Oxen drew the wood to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through Goffstown.

Goffstown is located at 43° 01' N and 71° 36' W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114; and 16 miles from Concord, the state capital of New Hampshire. The town has three boroughs or regions: Goffstown Village, Grasmere Village and Pinardville.

The Town has a population of approximately 17,784 (2004 OEP) and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306' above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1,321' above sea level.

A five member Board of Selectmen governs Goffstown. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the annual Town Meeting. The Town provides a full array of governmental services, library and recreational services. At the 1996 Annual Meeting residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional town meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot.

TOWN HALL: Located at 16 Main Street, the Town Hall houses the following offices: Administration/Selectmen, Assessing, Building, Finance, Information Technology, Planning & Zoning, Sewer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk & Registration. As of September 12th, town hall office hours changed to 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Town Clerk: Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local, state and federal elections may be done at the polls on Election Day. For eligibility to vote at the Ballot Determination Meeting you must register 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for all elections.

Dog licenses expire on April 30 of each year. A dog must be licensed at four months of age. A rabies certificate is required. Fees are $6.50 for neutered pets, $9.00, if unaltered. A penalty of $1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registrations, initiated at the Registration office, are due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner. Registration decals are available for an additional fee of $2.50. Passenger, motorcycle, trailer and tractor plates are also available in this office. The Town is on-line with NH Division of

Motor Vehicles to provide a full range of motor vehicle registration services, including boat registrations. You must present your driver's license and your state issued renewal form, or previous registration.

Property Taxes: Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1 and December 1. Property is assessed as of April 1. A town-wide revaluation is due by 2008. The Assessing office has begun this process. The tax rate for 2007 was $24.70 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Zoning: The Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Goffstown was originally adopted and made effective on March 14, 1961. The Ordinance regulates land use throughout the town.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Department provides services to the community from three (3) facilities that are located throughout the Town. Fire Stations are located on Tirrell Hill Road in East Goffstown, Church Street in the Village and Mast Road in Pinardville. The Department's Administration Office is located at the Village Fire Station and can be contacted by calling 497-3619.

POLICE: The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the State Prison for Women. The department provides emergency response to a variety of situations within the community 24 hours a day.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Department is located at 404 Elm Street adjacent to the Transfer Station facility. Its office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Transfer Station for solid wastes and recyclables is located at 404 Elm Street, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week.

LIBRARY: The Goffstown Public Library is located at the intersection of Main Street (Route 114), High Street and Elm Street adjacent to the historic Popcorn Stand. The library is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am to 8 pm, Thursday from 9 am to 6 pm, Friday from 9 am to 5 pm and 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday during the school year. Check our web site at www.goffstown.lib.nh.us for more information, or call us at 497-2102.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 155 S. Mast Street with meeting rooms and gymnasium for activities. The Dept. provides two (2) supervised playgrounds with excellent summer programs, two (2) public swimming pools, seven (7) public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, an outdoor ice-skating area, and a skateboard park. Extensive recreational activities for youth and adults are offered year-round.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: An elected nine member School Board governs the Goffstown School District; the Annual School District Meeting determines its budget. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional school meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot. School Department offices are located in the White Building at 11 School Street in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. The public schools within Goffstown School District consist of the following: There are three (3) elementary schools; Glen Lake School, located at 251 Elm Street, has a pre-school and kindergarten, Maple Avenue Elementary School in the Village and Bartlett Elementary School in Pinardville has grades 1-4; Mountain View Middle School, located at 41 Lauren Lane, has grades 5-8, and Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road in the Village has grades 9-12. Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown High School accept tuition students from the Dunbarton and New Boston school districts.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Selectmen
Every Monday at 6:00 PM unless posted otherwise. Meetings held in the Mildred Stark Meeting Room at Goffstown Town Hall.

Budget Committee
Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Community Access Cable TV Committee
Second Monday of the month at 6:30 PM at the GTV studio in Goffstown High School.

Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee
June through September, Wednesdays at 7:00 PM as needed.

Conservation Commission
Fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

Economic Development Council
Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Highway Safety Committee As needed

Historic District Commission
First Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Grasmere Town Hall.

Library Trustees
Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Library.

Parks & Recreation Committee
Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Parks & Recreation Center.

Planning Board
Second & fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

School Board
First & third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown High School.

Sewer Commission
Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Solid Waste Commission
Starting in January, the third Wednesday of every other month at 6:45 PM at the Goffstown Dept. of Public Works Building.

Zoning Board of Adjustment
First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Meetings Schedule is subject to change in some cases, please contact the Town Offices or visit our website, www.goffstown.com to confirm date and times on the municipal calendar.

People Serving Goffstown

Governor
John Lynch

United States Senators
Judd Gregg
John E. Sununu

Representative in Congress
Carol Shea Porter - **1st. District**

Executive Councilor- District 5
Debora B. Pignatelli

State Senator- District 20
Lou D'Allesandro

Representatives to General Court District 7 (2007-2008 Roster)
Russell C. Day
Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.
Richard E. Fletcher
Randolph (Rip) Holden
Bruce F. Hunter (died 9/23/07)
Neal M. Kurk
Pamela V. Manney
Karen K. McRae

Board of Selectmen

John Caprio, *Chair*	2009
Nicholas Campasano, *Vice Chair*	2009
Vivian Blondeau	2010
Philip A. D'Avanza	2008
Scott Gross	2010

Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark	2008

Town Clerk

Donna A. Bergeron	2008

Town Treasurer

Jean C. Mayberry	2008

Administrative Officers
Sue Desruisseaux, MPA
Town Administrator, Deputy Treasurer
Michael French, *Police Chief, Emergency Management Dir.*
Richard O'Brien, *Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden*
Carl L. Quiram, *Public Works Director*
David L. French, *Recreation Director*
Dianne Hathaway, *Library Director*
Jim Bingham, MS
Asst. Town Administrator
Janice O'Connell, MBA,
Finance Director
Gail Lavallee, *Tax Collector*
Renee Millson, *Dep. Tax Collector*
Scott Bartlett, *Assessor*
Edmond Neveu, *Building Inspector, Building Code Enforcement Officer, and Health Officer*
Stephen Griffin, AICP, *Planning & Economic Development Coord.*
Derek Horne, *Zoning Code Enforcement Officer*
Neil Funcke, MS, *IT Administrator*
Kerry P. Steckowych, *Prosecutor*
Paul Fitzgerald and William Drescher, *Town Counsel*

ADA Compliance Committee

Susan Desruisseaux, *Coord.*	2009
Rosemary Garretson	2008
Richard Hopf	2008
Jean Mayberry	2008
Wayne Richardson	2008

Virginia McKinnon
School Board Rep.
Henry Boyle, *Alt. School Bd. Rep.*

Budget Committee

Daniel Cloutier, *Chair*	2009

Budget Committee (cont.)

Eric Geissenhainer, *Town Sub-Committee Chair*	2008
William Hart, *School Sub-Committee Chair*	2008
Steve Fournier	2009
Christi Garrison	2008
John Hikel	2008
Philip Plourde	2009
Roger Richard	2010
Suzanne Tremblay	2008
Scott Gross, *Sel. Rep.*	
Keith Allard, *Alt. School Bd. Rep.*	
Richard Fletcher, *Goffstown Village Water Precinct Rep.*	
William Gordon, *Grasmere Village Water Precinct Rep.*	

Building Board of Appeals

Arthur Rose, Sr., *Chair*
Norman Chauvette
Darron Pierson
Wayne Richardson
David White
Paul Lebrun, *Alt.*

Cable TV Access Committee

Rosemary Garretson, *Chair*	2009
Donald Gagnon, *Vice-Chair*	2008
Ivan Beliveau	2009
Ryan Casey	2010
James Pingree	2010
Michael Przekaza	2009
William Wynne	2008
Barbara Doody, *Alt.*	2008
Patrick Tucker, *Alt.*	2009
James Bingham, *Gov't. Adv.*	
Howard Sobolov, *School Advisor*	
Richard Gagnon, *PEG Coordinator*	
1 Vacant Alt . Position	

Cemetery Trustees

Joan Konieczny	2009
Linda Reynolds-Naughton	2008
Jean Walker	2010

C.I.P. Committee

Frederick Plett, *Chair*	2008
Earl S. Carrel, *Community Rep.*	2008
Frederick P. Cass, *Community Rep.*	2008
Henry Boyle, *Sch. Board. Rep.*	2008
Nicholas Campasano, *Sel. Rep.*	2008
Tim Redmond, *Plan. Bd. Rep.*	2008
Patrick Tucker, *Community Rep.*	2008
Eric Geissenhainer, *Budget Rep.*	2008
Keith Allard, *Alt. Sch. Bd Rep.*	2008
Stephen Griffin, *Planning Adv.*	2008

Conservation Commission

Evelyn Miller, *Chair*	2008
Kimberly Peace, *Vice Chair.*	2008
Karen McRae	2009
David Nieman	2010
Kimberly Ricard	2009
Susan Tucker	2009
Jean Walker	2010
Collis Adams, *Alt.*	2008
Amy Pollock, *Alt.*	2009
Vivian Blondeau, *Sel. Rep.*	
Jim Bingham, *Gov't. Adv.*	
2 Vacant Alt. Positions	

Economic Development Council

Albert Desruisseaux, *Chair*	2010
Richard Bruno	2009
John Hikel	2010
John E. Neville	2010
Daniel Reidy	2010
William Wynne	2009
Bryan King, *Alt.*	2009
Nicholas Campasano, *Sel. Rep.*	
Stephen Griffin, *TA's Rep.*	
Alan Yeaton, *Planning Bd. Rep.*	
1 Vacant Alt. Position	

Goffstown Common Oversight Comm.

David French, *Pk & Rec Dir., Chair*	
Larry Brown, *Citizen Rep.*	2008
Carl Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*	
Mark Rynearson, *Citizen Rep.*	2010
John Caprio, *Sel. Rep.*	

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Allen D. Gamans, Jr. *Chair*	2010
Henry C. Boyle	2008
Richard Coughlin	2012
Richard Fletcher	2009
Raymond Taber	2011
George Collins, *Moderator*	2008
Linda Reynolds-Naughton, *Clerk*	

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Christine H. Daniels*, Chair*	2009
Raymond St. Pierre	2010
William Swanson	2008
Diane Rand, *Clerk*	2008
Bruce Rand, *Treasurer*	2008

Highway Safety Committee

Michael French, *Police Dept., Chair*	
Ruth E. Gage, *Community Rep.*	2009
Stephen Griffin, *Planning & Economic Dev. Coordinator*	
Carl Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*	

Historic District Commission

Elizabeth Dubrulle, *Chair*	2009
Charles W. Carr	2010
Lionel Coulon	2009
Philip D'Avanza	2009
Elaine Emerton	2010
Mary Sullivan	2008
Ruth Gage, *Alt.*	2010
Rodney Stark*, Alt.*	2008
William Wynne, *Alt.*	2009
Nicholas Campasano, *Sel. Rep.*	
Jim Bingham, *Adv.*	
1 Vacant Position	
2 Vacant Alt. Positions	

Library Trustees

Steve Brzozowski, *Chair*	2008
Lisa Iodice, *Vice Chair*	2010
Ruth Anne Biron	2010
Henry C. Boyle	2008
Richard Chamberlain	2009
Michael Pelletier	2009
Susan Plante	2008
Judy Pancoast, *Alt.*	2009
Brenda Pfahnl, *Alt.*	2009

Library Trustees (cont.)

Vivian Blondeau, *Sel. Rep.*	
Calvin Pratt, *Budget Rep.*	
1 Vacant Alt. Position	

Municipal Records Retention Committee

Scott Bartlett	2008
Donna A. Bergeron	2008
James Bingham	2008
Gail Lavallee	2008
Jean Mayberry	2008

Parks & Recreation Commission

Robert P. Draper, *Chair*	2010
Philip Tatro, *Vice Chair*	2008
Kurt Lauer	2010
Janet MacDougall	2010
D. Michael McKinnon	2009
Susan Tucker	2008
William Sullivan	2008
J. Claude LaRoche, *Alt.*	010
John Caprio, *Sel. Rep.*	
Calvin Pratt, *Budget Rep.*	

Planning Board

JoAnn Duffy, *Chairman*	2009
Lowell VonRuden, *Vice Chair*	2008
James Raymond	2008
Timothy Redmond	2010
Alan Yeaton	2009
William Zackeroff	2010
Philip D'Avanza, *Sel. Rep.*	
Douglas Brodeur, *Alt.*	2007
Steven Dutton. *Alt.*	2009
3 Vacant Alt Positions	

School Board

Keith Allard, *Chairman*	2009
Philip Pancoast, *Vice Chair*	2008
Henry Boyle	2008
Lorry Cloutier	2010
Phillip Kendall	2010
Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon	2009
Kent Nolan	2009
Sara Ann Sarette	2008
Jeffrey Tate	2010
Jason DeYoung, *Student Rep.*	

School Clerk
JoAnn Duffy 2009

School District Moderator
James Raymond 2009

School District Treasurer
Lissa Winrow 2008

School District Administration
S.A.U. #19
Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Stacy Buckley, *Asst. Superintendent*
Kathi Titus, *Asst. Superintendent*
Raymond Labore, *Business Mgr.*

Bartlett Elementary School
David Bousquet, *Principal*

Goffstown High School
Frank McBride, *Principal*
Kim McCann, *Asst. Principal*
Mary Singer, *Asst. Principal*

Maple Ave. Elementary School
Marc A. Boyd, *Principal*
Suzanne Pyszka, *Asst. Principal*

Mountain View Middle School
Jim Hunt, *Principal*
Fred Deppe, *Asst. Principal*
Judy Stewart, *Assoc. Principal*

Glen Lake School
Leslie Doster, *Principal*

Sewer Commission
Stephen R. Crean, *Chair* 2008
James A. Bouchard 2009
Catherine Whooten 2010
John Caprio, *Sel. Rep.*

Solid Waste Commission
Frederick Plett, *Chair* 2009
Russell Day 2009
Tammy Gross 2010
Paul LaPerle 2010
Wayne Perreault 2009
Andre Roy 2010
I. Richard Schaffner 2008
Donald Tuttle 2008
Nicholas Campasano, *Sel. Rep.*
Tom Fatcheric, *Advisor*

So. NH Planning Commission
Henry C. Boyle 2010
JoAnn Duffy 2009
Barbara Griffin 2008
Anthony Marts, *Alt.* 2009

Supervisors of the Checklist
Patricia Wynne, *Chair* 2008
Christine Daniels 2012
Suzanne Tremblay 2010

Trustees of the Trust Funds
Kenneth Rose, *Chair* 2010
Earl S. Carrel 2008
Calvin Pratt 2009

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Anthony Marts, *Chair* 2008
Wayne Richardson, *Vice Chair* 2008
Gail Labrecque 2010
Denis Pinard, Jr. 2010
William Wynne 2009
Denise Herman, *Alt.* 2008
Catherine Whooten, *Alt.* 2010
3 Vacant Alt. Positions

SELECTMEN ANNUAL REPORT

L-R:Selectman Vivian Blondeau, Vice Chairman Nicholas Campasano, Chairman John Caprio Selectman Philip D'Avanza, and Selectman Scott Gross.

It is that time of year to review events and accomplishments of 2007. For the second consecutive year, the town was devastated by floods. Some residents had just rebuilt from the May 2006 flood, others were in the process of rebuilding, when the April 2007 flood damaged their homes again. The damage was extensive and it will take time to rebuild. We would like to acknowledge the strength and commitment of those affected both during and after the event. We would also like to thank the CERT volunteers and the employees in Public Works, Fire and Police Departments and the Building/Health Office who worked long hours to assist those in need.

During 2007 your Board of Selectmen established long range goals and steps to achieve those goals which are described below.

(1) Keep Goffstown Affordable

We took several steps in 2007 to meet our first goal to Keep Goffstown Affordable. We held four workshops with department heads to explore the implementation of performance measurements to assure that town resources are used in the most efficient manner. We also accepted part of the reorganization plan for the Police Department, which resulted in streamlining administrative staff. Partnerships were explored with volunteer groups and professional associations to assist in town projects. Department Heads were encouraged to

apply for grants and the town received about $227,000 in unanticipated revenue including grants and donations and several other grant applications are pending.

The most noticeable change was how we approached the 2008 budget. This year at the request of your Board, Finance developed a line by line default budget which served as the basis for development of the 2008 budget. We listened to department head requests and added them to the default budget when we were convinced of the need. We also started a review of town fees. New fees were established for the town engineer's review of lot line adjustments, site plans, and small plans. In early 2008 we will be revisiting an updated fee schedule for the town.

(2) Improve Customer Service

Last year we explored the cost of implementing web-based customer relationship management software (CRM) which would allow residents to request services from their home computer 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. This program would have been a valuable tool to manage customer requests, track response time, and provide reports to the Selectmen. Although the cost of this program did not survive the budget process, some money has been budgeted for a customer service module so that we can standardize customer service tracking for all departments. We are committed to searching for low cost technology to meet the growing needs of the community and staff. Upon passage of the budget the Assessing Office will have VISION GIS and a PC tablet for field work. The Department of Public Works will have asset management software. The Fire Department will have laptops and TEMSIS in the ambulances, which was partially funded by the generosity of Patricia Stipps.

Town Hall is now open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, an increase of three hours per week. We are committed to cross-training office staff to maximize office coverage.

(3) Increase Citizen Involvement

In an effort to increase citizen involvement and to increase communication with citizens, the Board held meetings at the Pinardville Fire Station and the Police Station. Selectmen have placed their town email addresses on the town's website to provide another means of communication. Also, all town press releases are now published on the town's website to increase awareness.

We invited and met with State Representatives regarding pending legislation. A meeting with the dam operators was also held to discuss how the dams operated during the floods. The town now has a representative on the Hillsborough County Master Plan Committee. A meeting was also held with Manchester Transit Authority representatives regarding the bus route changes in Goffstown. The bus now stops at Shaws and Hannafords.

(4) Special Projects

Last year the bond article to provide municipal water to the Lynchville Danis Park area of town failed by 26 votes. Residents requested another attempt this year and suggested simplifying the language. They requested that the message be emphasized that this bond will not impact the town's tax rate as the bond payments will be made by the users of the system. Therefore, Article 12 on the

Annual Warrant will seek a $2,537,000 bond to provide municipal water to the Lynchville and Danis Park.

The Fire Department was identified as in need of long and short term planning. The Local Government Center (LGC) assisted us in this endeavor and submitted a report to us this summer. As a result there are several articles on the 2008 Annual Warrant dealing with the Fire Department. Article 14 is to adopt a Collective Bargaining Agreement for Firefighters. The Firefighters have been out of contract for the past two years which means their wages, longevity and cafeteria rates have been frozen. Negotiating a successor agreement was a priority for us. The new Collective Bargaining Agreement will change the work schedule to provide full-time coverage seven (7) days per week, 12 hours per day (6:00 AM – 6:00 PM) and holidays. Call Firefighters will continue to supplement full-time staff. Article 15 is to authorize the acceptance of a SAFER GRANT and appropriate funds for the purpose of hiring two additional firefighters. Since this is a multiyear financial obligation a vote of town meeting is required. These two additional firefighters will allow the town to staff 6 full-time firefighters per shift. Article 16 is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Apparatus, appropriate $420,000 for this purpose, and name Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. This mechanism will allow us to save money each year to replace our aging fleet. In this way we avoid the interest rates of borrowing or the tax impact of paying it all in one year. Article 17 is to appropriate monies to purchase a replacement ambulance from funds currently in the Special Revenue Fund which is funded by ambulance fees. This article will not impact the town's tax rate.

The Local Government Center also assisted us in the recruitment and selection of resident Richard O'Brien as Goffstown's Fire Chief. We welcome Chief O'Brien and look forward to working with him.

We would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Conservation Commission who has protected over 425 acres this year with conservation easements. They desire to continue their efforts in 2008 and are joining with us in a land acquisition article on the Annual Warrant. Article 11 is a $2,000,000 bond to purchase and develop property for municipal purposes and to expend up to $250,000 for conservation easements. It is no surprise that the town is in need of athletic fields. This has been documented in the Master Plan and expressed by our Parks & Recreation Commission. The Cemetery Trustees have expressed a need to expand Westlawn Cemetery to Cemetery Field, which is now used as a playing field. Also, news articles relate that the Villa ball fields may be unavailable in the near future. Planning is necessary to assure we have the needed land to develop athletic fields to meet the growing needs of the Goffstown community.

Due to space constraints we continue to work with the Court to relocate in Goffstown. At this time Hillsborough County is exploring the rehabilitation of the second floor of the Bouchard Building to house the District Court.

During 2007 many long term experienced employees retired, leaving a void in the Police Department: Sergeant Sue LeBel, Communications Supervisor, retired following 28 years of dedicated service; Captain Glen Dubois retired after

33 years of dedicated service; and Sergeant Mark Young retired following 22 years of service. Town Assessor Ron Mace retired after 18 years of service. We wish them well in their retirement.

We recognize and thank the many volunteers who serve on town committees, commissions and boards. Your countless hours and efforts assist us in meeting the ever-increasing demands of municipal government. Thank you to the Main Street Program volunteers for all your efforts in promoting Goffstown's community image. We thank the hardworking team of town employees who help carry out the Board of Selectmen goals and mission given by the voters.

This year's accomplishments are due to the support of the Goffstown voters. Thank you and we look forward to your continued support.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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REPORT OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE TO THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

Thank you for the opportunity to report to the residents of Goffstown from the New Hampshire State Senate.

As the Chair of the Senate Finance committee, I am pleased to report that we were able to craft a balanced budget that meets the needs of our citizens and we did this with no new taxes. We funded departments at the level we felt was necessary for them to continue to function and provide important services to the public. We also looked at certain problem areas and made improvements where we thought we could. One of those improvements was the restoration of $13 million in general fund dollars to the Department of Transportation to help ensure the financial stability of the department. We also did a tremendous amount of work with regard to the Fish & Game Department to address their financial struggles and pending the results of a legislative audit, more work will be done to help maintain the viability of this important agency. We were able to fully fund special education and school construction costs. We also increased state funding to public schools by $100 million. We expanded access to the Children's Health Insurance Program for 10,000 more New Hampshire children.

During the last session, I sponsored SB169, a bill to provide a $100,000 death benefit to the family of law enforcement officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The legislation passed and was signed into law by the Governor. This year I will be working to pass another bill, which will enhance SB169 by establishing eligibility for and a method of distributing the benefit.

At the request of a group of constituents, I've also sponsored a piece of legislation to name the small impoundment along the Piscataquog River as Namaske Lake. This bill has had a public hearing and the committee is recommending to the full senate that the bill ought to pass.

With the escalating costs for energy, I will be working on a plan to help reduce the cost of energy for those who receive emergency fuel assistance. There has to be a better way to do bulk purchasing that would save money and at the same time, provide more fuel for those in need.

If you would like to discuss a particular piece of legislation with me or if I can be of help with a problem or concern, please do not hesitate to call me at my office, 271-2600, or write me at: State House, Rm. 117, Concord, NH 03301.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou D'Allesandro
NH Senate, District 20

Town of Goffstown, NH
2008 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 Saturday, February 2, 2008 at nine o'clock in the morning at Goffstown High School 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 11, 2008. (Snow date for the first session is Wednesday, February 6, 2008.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 11, 2008 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 11, 2008 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

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

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Add the following definitions to the Glossary:

Commercial Kennel – a use of property where any number of dogs are domiciled for a fee, or from which dogs are regularly sold as a business.

Seasonal Dwelling Unit – A dwelling unit not suitable for year round occupancy due to the presence of any on the following conditions: (1) water supply and/or waste water pipes, pumps or other associated facilities susceptible to freezing; (2) no central year round heating system; (3) NHDES restriction of septic system to less than year round use; (4) lot is too small to adequately support on-site water and/or waste water services; or (5) lot access is inadequate for appropriate fire and other emergency services. If uncertainty exists, the Building Inspector shall determine the seasonal or year round status of a dwelling unit.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 3.6.1 to read:

Non-Residential Uses and Multi-Family Dwelling Units. Multiple principal uses may be established on a single lot for multiple non-residential uses and/or multifamily dwelling units as part of a mixed use project in accordance to Section 3.10, Table of Principal Uses, and the relevant Supplemental Standards.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend section 3.10.B so that:

The principal use "Church and synagogue" is not an allowed use in the Industrial district, and would be allowed in the Commercial district by Conditional Use Permit, and the principal use "Kindergarten, elementary or secondary school" is not an allowed use in the Industrial district, and change name of use to "Church or other Place of Worship".

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend section 3.10.D.3 so that:

The principal use "Nursing home and special care home" includes "Residential Care Home" and "Supported Residential Health Care Home".

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 6.2, amending the last sentence so that it reads:

The requirements Section 8, Outdoor Lighting, and of the Building and Electrical Codes are also applicable to signs.

And amend Section 6.4.2, under prohibited signs, by adding the following sentence:

Signs, for which sign content is changed mechanically or electronically more frequently than once in 24 hours, are defined as moving or creating an illusion of movement.

And amend Section 6.13, temporary signs, so that it reads:

Banners and other temporary signs for commercial establishments, for a commercial event, or meant to be temporary until replaced by a permanent sign at some future date, are allowed by sign permit, with the following restrictions for any one business: (a) the total of all signs may not exceed 24

square feet, (b) signs shall be wall mounted, (c) signs may be permitted for no more than four occasions in any one calendar year, and (d) signs may not be in place for more than 10 days for any one occasion. The Planning Board may grant exceptions to the four occasions in any one calendar year restriction by Conditional Use Permit, with a finding of a unique situation resulting in a specific hardship and, at the same time, not imposing an unreasonable impact on a neighboring or nearby property.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 8.4 by adding "approved public and private street and sidewalk lighting" as one of the listed exemptions.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Insert a new Section, renumbering as required, between the existing Sections 11 and 12, to read:

12. Section 12 - STORM WATER

12.1. Intent - It is the intent of this section to regulate activity that alters the condition, direction or velocity of storm water in response to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR 122, and to insure the proper use of natural resources, and to promote the health and general welfare.

12.2. Specifications - Specifications for dealing with storm water in accordance with section 12.1 shall be adopted by the Goffstown Planning Board as part of its Development Regulations, which specifications, at a minimum, shall be sufficient to implement NPDES standards.

12.3. Building Permit - No building permit that would result in activity altering the condition, direction or velocity of storm water shall be issued, except in conformance with Section 12.2.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 12.3, Wetland Conservation District, replacing the Wetland Conservation District (WCD) with a Wetland and Surface Water Conservation District (WSWC District); retaining existing wetland setbacks,

but adding wetland setback application to residential uses within the C, I, RSBO-2 or VC zoning districts, requiring a 100' buffer from surface waters as defined in USGS maps on all lots; decreasing the uses allowed within the buffer area and increasing the level of finding required for relief. The full text of Proposed Amendment #8 is available in the Town Clerk's Office and Planning Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 14.3.7.2 so that:

No request for ZBA action shall be placed on the agenda of any meeting unless received at least fifteen (15) days prior to that meeting.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) for the purpose of acquiring, subdividing, developing land for municipal purposes including but not limited to recreational fields and to acquire conservation easements. To authorize the purchase of a 27± acre portion of Map 5 Lot 39 (70 Center St.) for the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000). The current property owners (Barnards) will retain ownership of the house and 2.6 acres. To authorize expending up to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand ($250,000) for conservation easements.

Furthermore, to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials 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; and to authorize municipal officials to seek grants to offset the amount to be bonded. (60% Ballot Vote required to pass).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars ($2,537,000) for the purpose of designing, constructing and installing a water distribution system which is more particularly described in an overall project plan dated October 18, 2006, which is intended to bring a water distribution system to the Lynchville and Danis Park areas, said improvements to be installed at the direction of and in accordance with the established requirements of the Town of Goffstown. **(This appropriation does not impact the town's tax rate).**

And to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars ($2,537,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials 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; and to authorize municipal officials to seek grants to offset the amount to be bonded.

Without impairing in any way the fact that the bonds will be general obligations of the Town, it is the intent to repay this bond issuance by charging an Accessibility Fee to each property benefiting from this water distribution system. This project is contingent on effectuating an acceptable Inter-Municipal Agreement with Manchester Water Works and a successful expansion of Manchester Water Works franchise area. **(This appropriation does not impact the town's tax rate).** (60% Ballot Vote required to pass).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 13

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 Eighteen Million Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars **($18,653,734).**

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Six Dollars **($7,515,366).**

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Six Hundred Fifty One Dollars Five Hundred Three Dollars **($1,651,503)** is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Three Hundred Sixty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Five Dollars **($363,295)** 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 Eighteen Million Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars **($18,653,734**)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Eighteen Million Three Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Dollars **($18,327,209),** 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. Upon passage of this article and passage of Article 14, there will be a reduction of

Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars ($37,640) to this article in the Fire Department Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Goffstown Board of Selectmen and Local 3420 of the International Association of Firefighters representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Fire Department:

Year	Estimated Increase
2008	$73,078
2009	$71,651
2010	$42,832

And to raise and appropriate Seventy Three Thousand Seventy Eight Dollars ($73,078) for 2008, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in 2007. **Upon passage of this article and passage of Article 13, there will be a reduction of Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars ($37,640) to Article 13 in the Fire Department Operating Budget.** (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $72,274 for the purpose of hiring two (2) additional Firefighter/EMT's and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for, accept and expend Federal Homeland Security – Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Grant in the amount of $34,324 to be applied against said appropriation. The SAFER Grant obligation period is five years, and the cost estimates for the years 2 through 5 are as follows:

Year	Gross Appropriation	Town Share	SAFER Grant
2	$131,768	$60,088	$71,680
3	$142,185	$87,375	$54,810
4	$148,870	$115,125	$33,745
5	$153,325	$140,660	$12,665

When and if the Town receives the contemplated grant, the Town will be obliged by the terms of the grant and failure to adhere to terms of the grant could result in returning the grant funding to the federal government. If this article passes, then the town will include the costs of these two additional positions in future operating and default budgets. If this article fails, it is expressly intended not to

impair the traditional authority of the Selectmen to control staffing levels of fire personnel within the limits of the operating budget appropriation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of two years (RSA 32:7). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to: establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Apparatus; raise and appropriate Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollar ($420,000) to be placed in this fund; and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars ($185,000) from the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance. This appropriation has no tax impact. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars ($15,000) for the purpose of supporting the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($2,150) for the purpose of supporting the Greater Manchester Red Cross. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen **and** Historic District Commission as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2005.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to require the numerical tally of all votes of the Budget Committee and Selectmen be printed next to each appropriation article on the Annual Warrant in accordance with RSA 32:5 V-a and RSA 40:13 V-a.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to determine the location of the election polls due to special circumstances.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-E.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to pass an ordinance that states that water is a part of the commons and essential for life and that the People of the Town of Goffstown have the duty to safeguard the water both on and beneath the earth's surface and to hold it in public trust as a common resource for the benefit of Goffstown residents and the natural ecosystem and further that any large water withdrawal must be approved by a majority vote of the legislative body of the town (i.e. the Voters) at an annual or special meeting, before it shall become effective? Large water withdrawal shall be defined as stated in RSA 485 C2 IX-a and shall apply to both ground and surface water withdrawal.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:
Resolved: We the citizens of Goffstown, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 26

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

ARTICLE 27

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this 21st day of January 2008.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John A. Caprio, Chairman
Nicholas Campasano, Vice Chairman
Vivian Blondeau
Philip A. D'Avanza
Scott Gross

Then personally appeared the above named John A. Caprio, Nicholas Campasano, Vivian Blondeau, Philip A. D'Avanza, Scott Gross and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk

TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2007

In the absence of Moderator Rodney Stark, moderator pro-tem Fred Plett conducted the meeting. His assistant moderator was James Raymond. There were 154 voters present, out of 11,205 registered voters in Goffstown.

Moderator Plett called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The color guard consisting of Goffstown Police Explorers Jesse Yianakopolos, Danielle Warwick and Jason Parenteau, under the direction of Goffstown Police Sergeant Pierre Pouliot, presented the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moderator Plett.

F. Plett introduced the head tables.

To his left, Selectman Barbara Griffin, Selectman Nick Campasano, Selectman Phil D'Avanza, Selectman John Caprio. (Selectman Bruce Hunter was absent due to illness). Also, town administrator Sue Desruisseaux and finance director Janice O'Connell. To his right Assistant Moderator James Raymond, Town Scribe Marie Boyle and Town Clerk Donna Bergeron. He also pointed out Budget Committee chairman Dan Cloutier, who introduced the members of the committee. He also recognized other dignitaries in the audience - State Senator Lou D'Allesandro and several State Representatives. He then introduced Selectman Phil D'Avanza.

P. D'Avanza thanked Selectman Barbara Griffin for her many years of service to Goffstown. She has served as a selectman, a budget committee member, a library trustee, and in other capacities. Ms. Griffin is not running for re-election, and Sel. D'Avanza said we'll miss her and her years of experience. (Presented Sel. Griffin with a bouquet of flowers). Sel. Griffin received a standing ovation.

F. Plett recognized Parks and Recreation Director David French for the presentation of this year's Robinson-Cullerot Volunteer awards.

D. French announced that this is the 18th anniversary of the annual Robinson-Cullerot Volunteer Award. He explained that this award is named for Clint Robinson and Lionel Cullerot, who between them gave in excess of 40 years of service to recreation in the community. He called Lionel Cullerot and Robert Draper forward - Draper is the chairman of the parks and recreation commission. He also asked the following candidates for the award to come forward - Collis Adams, Kevin Baines and Jay Anderson. All of these gentlemen have been very active in the various recreational activities in town, and he announced the winner of this year's Robinson Cullerot Award - Jay Anderson, who explained that he had a basketball practice in a little while, but he wanted to thank all of the great people he's met volunteering for the past 20 years, and especially his wife for allowing him to spend so much of his time on this.

F. Plett explained the ground rules for the meeting: No smoking anywhere on the school grounds. In case of an emergency, all of the exits are clearly marked. All speakers must use the microphone. They must also identify themselves

Since 1996, we have been operating under the auspices of RSA 40:12 and 40:13 -commonly known as Senate Bill 2. We're undertaking the ballot determination meeting tonight. We will not be passing anything or defeating anything tonight - everything will go on the ballot as printed or as amended, to be voted on at the polls on Tuesday, March 13. What can happen tonight is we can amend the articles.

Tonight we will be discussing articles 13 through 30 - the first articles are planning and zoning articles. If an amendment to a particular article is passed and adopted at this meeting, that article will appear on the ballot as amended.

Amendments are permissible only - an amendment to a non-money article is allowed, but only if it's germane to the main subject of the article. Amendments to money articles are even tighter - you may only change the money amount in the article. You cannot change any wording in the article unless it's to provide clarification. All amendments must be submitted in writing and must be properly moved and seconded. Once an amendment is moved and seconded, the discussion will be only on the amendment. Once the amendment is passed or defeated, we'll return to the main article.

The previous question - after an article or amendment is discussed, anybody can get up and cut off further discussion by moving the previous question. This motion is not debatable. A simple majority can pass the previous question.

A motion to reconsider can only be made by someone on the winning side of the argument. Moderators have the right to establish rules of procedure -Roberts Rules of Order will be used as a guide, but will not be the final rule.

In the interest of brevity, I would ask that if someone makes a point, please do not stand up and repeat the same point. I would ask that the original presentation be limited to about five minutes. I will interrupt long presentations. A request for a secret ballot must be made in writing, prior to a vote on the article under consideration. It must be signed by at least five voters who must be here and whose names must be on the checklist. After a voice vote is made and there's a division of the house - it's seven voters, not five.

On Article 21 - I would point out that I served on that committee - I will moderate through that, but I will not discuss anything about that and if I do, I will turn the meeting over to Assistant Moderator Jim Raymond.

We will now take up the discussion of the articles, starting with article 13.

John Burpee moved that Article 20 be taken up as the first order of business here. Motion was seconded by Pam Manney.

Moderator asked if there was any discussion - there was none.

Vote on the motion - motion passed.

ARTICLE 20 - To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 72-39(a) and (b) to modify the elderly exemption 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, $45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older $80,000. To qualify, a person must satisfy all the conditions of RSA 72-39-(a) and (b) that pertain to eligibility for the 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 three (3) consecutive years preceding April 1 in the year in which the exemption is claimed, 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 five (5) consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than $35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than $50,000, and own net assets, whether married or not, not in excess of $150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

Selectman N. Campasano moved that the article be placed on the ballot as printed; motion was seconded by Selectman B. Griffin.

Sel. Campasano explained the article - he noted that you will find the current numbers in the voter's guide. The income and asset eligibility requirements have not been adjusted since 1997. The impact is difficult to determine. There is no data on how many elderly own homes in town, or how many would qualify under the new income and asset requirements. The 2000 US Census provides the following guidelines: It is estimated that this article could shift between $400,000 and $1,200,000 of the property tax burden to other taxpayers. The actual shift could be more or less than this estimated range.

Evelyn Redmond - Has consideration been given to the fact that we presently have a very large project in Goffstown up for approval for a senior housing project? My feeling is that at these limits, the assets should be limited to $75,000. Until we know what impact this will have, I think it would be better to go slowly because once you give it, you can't take it away.

John Burpee - I was the chairman of the committee and I worked on this for well over a year. The assets limitation is currently $35,000, which doesn't include the residence - that has not changed since 1980. The cost of living has changed considerably since then. We think this is reasonable - we've tried to work with the board of selectmen and come up with more numbers.

Jim Purselley moved the previous question and it was seconded. Motion was defeated by a voice vote.

Pam Manney - My question is what's the average cost of a home in Goffstown? (Answer was approximately $219,000). What is the median price range of a manufactured home? (Answer was about $70,000).

Evelyn Redmond - I have an amendment.

I move to amend article 20 to be replaced with 'net assets whether married or not, not in excess of $75,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.'

Motion was seconded by Tim Redmond.

John Burpee - I oppose the $75,000. One of the serious problems is the assets - including a car. You're normally talking about things you need in order to live. When I talked to the board of selectmen, they were all in agreement with these numbers. If you just adjust it to the cost of living, it should be about $120,000.

John Morris - Mr. Burpee presented some numbers. As taxpayers in the town how can you make a decision when we have such a huge range of numbers?

Sel. B. Griffin - This is for the main article, based on the general information in the article. The amendment would reduce the amount and there are questions about the impact. Mr. Burpee said we were all in agreement on this. I haven't been in agreement with this and there has been no agreement on the impact. During our meeting, Mr. Burpee admitted that he had no statistical basis for this, and our town planner came up with a different number. It all depends on the methodology you use. The impact can come from a few hundred thousand dollars to whatever. This'll change the costs to other taxpayers.

J. Burpee - I feel compelled to personalize this. They voted 4 - 1 to support us and then it was 2 - 1. I made a point - we were very concerned as a committee that we were discussing the method. In my study I took the numbers from 1980. In 1980 there were 228 families that qualified. That number was provided to us by the town. We talked about $120,000 to $125000. Over a period of time it dropped - if you don't keep the numbers up, you'll never qualify. There has been a tremendous drop in the number of people participating.

E. Redmond - Compared to the last year or the year before, we had an increase in the veteran's exemption - what was the actual exemption value, compared with what was projected?

B. Griffin - In response to that, it was based on the number of veterans who received the $100 exemption then. It was about in the $50,000 range. The actual impact turned out to be $460,000.

E. Redmond - I've asked that question just to point out that we don't have any idea how much it would be. I have no objection to the elderly - my concern is that we should go slowly with this in shifting the tax burden to others. We can go forward and change the assets level once we know what everyone's taxes are.

B. Griffin - Specific to the $75,000 - DRA compiled data on the elderly exemption and as it stands now, out of 259 communities, there are 92 communities who give less and 157 that give more than ours. If this changed and the $150,000 were to go through, we would be in the top 24 communities in the state as far as generosity. If the $75,000 went through, we would be in the top 60 or 70.

Dan Cloutier - The question I have is, as this is written, the estimated impact - at .08 per hundred thousand dollars in costs - it would be a $70 increase for every other household. Does anyone know what would happen if this amendment passed, so it would be reduced from $150,000 to $75,000? How many individuals would drop off?

B. Griffin - I think the point is that nobody has those answers

Jack Carnelius (?) - In the meetings that we had with the selectmen, they talked about a $400,000 effect to the town. We wouldn't close any of the town's

departments down. If the effect of this is $400,000, people will just have to pay a little more - but we're going to survive. My wife and I could probably benefit from this. My biggest asset is my IRA and once you reach 70 1/2 years of age, you're mandated to take that money out, whether you want to or not, and that has to be considered in looking at the asset levels. My assets are diminishing.

Eric Geissenhainer - The amendment that's on the floor would seem to be a cutting in half of the proposed amount, but it's also a doubling of the current exemption that's on the books. It's an improvement over the current exemption, but it's a reduction in the warrant article.

Moderator Plett called for a vote on the amendment - he repeated the amendment.

Vote on the amendment - amendment was defeated by a loud voice vote.

A standing vote was called for; the moderator asked for a hand count.

Count was 55 in favor of the amendment; 75 opposed. The amendment was defeated.

Phil Kendall - I'd like to make an **amendment** ***"leave the wording as is, at the $150,000 level, and reduce the tax break back to the current levels of $25,000; $30,000 and $40,000. Motion was seconded by Roger Richard.***

J. Burpee - With this amendment you can qualify but you can't get any money, which is what has been happening over the past few years. This is so we can get a tax break. I think we should share the responsibility.

You're telling us, once you qualify - and it isn't easy to qualify - you have to go through the town and you have to prove that you're worthy of this. You have to qualify and make your assets known, and then you have to certify under penalty of law.

F. Plett called for a vote on the amendment to change the exemption levels to the present level.

Yeas were loud, but the nays were much louder - amendment is defeated.

F. Plett - Now back to the main article.

J. Burpee moved the main article be placed on the ballot as printed The motion was seconded by S. Gross.

F. Plett - Article 20 will appear on the ballot as printed.

P. Manney moved to restrict reconsideration of this article, motion was seconded by Collis Adams.

Vote on the motion to restrict reconsideration - motion passed. This article will not be reconsidered.

F. Plett - We will now begin with Article 13.

"To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Dollars ($2,537,000) for the purpose of designing, constructing and installing a water distribution system which is more particularly described in an overall project plan dated Oct. 18, 2006, which is intended to bring a water distribution system to the area of the Town of Goffstown known as the Lynchville and Danis Park areas; said improvements to be installed at the direction of, and in accordance with, the established requirements of the Town of Goffstown.

And to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Six Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Fifty Dollars ($1,649 050) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes 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; to authorize municipal officials to raise a minimum of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($850,000) in grants and aid; and furthermore, to authorize municipal officials to utilize interest earnings on the invested bond proceeds of approximately Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars ($37,950). Summary of proposed funding sources: $1,649,050 (bond) + $850,000 (grants/aid) + $37,950 (bond interest) = $2,537,000 (appropriation).

Without impairing in any way the fact that the bonds will be general obligations of the Town, it is the intent to repay this bond issuance by charging an accessibility fee to each property benefiting from this water distribution system. This project is contingent on effectuating an acceptable Inter-Municipal Agreement with Manchester Water Works and a successful expansion of Manchester Water Works' franchise area. (60% ballot vote is required to pass).

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee).

Sel. D'Avanza moved that this article be place on the ballot as printed, motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

P. D'Avanza - This article is the result of a year-long study committee. It seeks the ability to expend $2,537,000 to bring municipal water from Manchester to the Lynchville and Danis Park areas of town. The expenses will be paid for by bond issuance in the amount of $1,649,050, grants and aid in the amount of $850,000, and bond interest in an amount up to $37,950. The property owners benefiting from this expansion of a water system will be charged an accessibility fee or a one-time fee to repay the bond. Bonding will not be sought until the following requirements are met: raising of the required grants and aid, acceptance of an inter-municipal agreement with Manchester Water Works, and an expansion of the Manchester Water Works' franchise area.

E. Paradis - I have lived in the Lynchville Park area for about 30 years now. We've been put off and put off on this project. If we had done this in the 70s, it would have been paid for by now.

I want to make clear that the general taxpayer is not going to be footing the money for this; just the residents of Danis and Lynchville Parks. The rest will come from grants and bonds. If this passes, we will be asking the state to help us out with this and maybe the federal government will help us out as well. We're asking the town to do the bond because we are unable to do it ourselves.

I have a question on this - it says upon a successful expansion of the Manchester Water Works franchise area. Can anybody explain to me what that means?

B. Griffin - The water that will be brought into that will be water from the Manchester Water Works. They would have to extend their lines and their pipes to come into there.

John Paradis - I have lived in Lynchville Park since 1974. In the time I've lived there, we've had many floods from the river. I've been asked to evacuate three times, not counting this last Mother's Day flood. This last flood was a 100-year flood. There was no damage to my house, but my well suffered tremendously. This is the fourth time I've had to dig another well because of the river - the river pushes the water back. Our septic system works okay, but when the water table comes up it also affects the septic system.

But this is about the water. I either have to go and purchase water or go to the fire station and get water. It would really help our family out if this article passes.

Martha Fournier - This is really just the first step in the process. A lot of planning has gone on since the 70s. Hopefully this is finally coming to pass. We are not a shiny new development - these homes were built a long time before there were so many building regulations in place. We have needs and they do need some attention. We need a majority of the voters in town to vote in favor of this.

J. Purselley made a motion to move the previous question; motion was seconded by S. Gross. Motion passed.

F. Plett - Article 13 will go on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 14 - To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget as approved by the budget committee of Sixteen Million, Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars ($16,768,528).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million, Five Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars ($7,553,766).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars ($1,663,215) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars ($326,954) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The motions on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriations 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 Sixteen Million, Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars ($16,768,528)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Sixteen Million, Six Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars ($16,671,929), 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 40:13X 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.

(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Sel. J. Caprio moved that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

Sel. Caprio - I move to amend this article from $16,768,528 to $16,789,453. This amendment is an increase of $20,925. The motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

F. Plett - There will be discussion at first on the amendment only.

Sel. J. Caprio - The selectmen and the budget committee worked together to present a 2.9% increase over last year. The extra money is for the Grasmere Town Hall - it was last painted in 1997. We ask your support to reinstate this amount to the operating budget to paint the Grasmere town hall.

Kurt Lauer - That $20,000 + to paint the town hall - I don't think that should be taken out of this budget. Isn't there money in a fund for that building?

Sel. P. D'Avanza - The $100,000 restoration fund is to restore - it's for ADA compliance - an elevator and staircase to make the second floor ADA compliant. The money is in CIP and it's specifically for restoration.

K. Lauer - Under restoration you can't use it for anything else? (Answer was, that's correct).

Vote on the amendment to increase the budget by $20,935 to paint the Grasmere Town Hall. Amendment passed by voice vote.

F. Plett - The new operating budget now totals $16,789,463.

Gerry Sterling - Is there a way for us to dispense with the reading of the articles? Can we do that? Everybody here feels it's just about as compelling as recycling.

F. Plett - I'll dispense with the reading of the articles.

Article 14 will appear on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 15 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Four Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars ($1,473, 665) 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 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 14).

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee).

Sel. B. Griffin - This is the sixth year of a multi-year road improvement program. In an effort to reach a consensus with the budget committee, this is what we came up with.

Sel. B. Griffin moved that Article 15 appear on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded by Sel. J. Caprio.

Sel. B. Griffin - The selectmen reduced this by $600,000. We think it's an important program and that it needs to go on for many years.

David St. James - If you look at the CIP plan - originally it was for $2,28 million dollars. Then when it was presented, it was presented at $2,773 - then it was cut to $1,473, etc. Where it says, for the implementation of the current phase of the road improvement plan, that's not actually accurate. I don't think the plan you're seeing is what was recommended by the CIP or by the planning board. It's what the selectmen recommended after cutting the plan. They've already cut 25% from this - that means it will take six years to do five years' work -- you can see where I'm going with this.

The Highway Dept. is doing the best they can. They have to maintain these unpaved roads. After a rainstorm they have to re-grade them, just like after a snowstorm.

I would like to see someone from the budget committee willing to put this money back.

Carl Quiram, DPW director - So far in maintenance and overlay and reclamation, we've hit about 40% of the roads. The current plan goes on for about fifteen more years. It's actually closer than $3 million, including the maintenance budget. It goes up 3% every year.

T.Wynne - When will we be seeing the benefit?

C. Quiram - The benefit comes out when the roads are rebuilt. If you'll remember, in 2001 we projected a 20-year model.

J. Paradis - I do agree with the road plan, they've done a good job with it. And I realize that there are a lot of roads out there. My question is, in Grasmere the town built a roundabout. It took construction work, asphalt, etc. Why did they build that, with all that asphalt, on an intersection that I believe was doing okay before?

C. Quiram - That had been identified as a failed intersection in a corridor study. When we took on the reclamation project to redo Center Street and Henry Bridge Road we would have had to rebuild the intersection anyway. We had several public hearings on it and the board of selectmen decided to go along with it. We've put temporary pavement in there - when completed, it will be a roundabout that's a little wider for the trailers.

Joe Dobrowolski - I move that we put the $600,000 back into the original amount bringing the total up to $2,073,665. Motion was seconded by Mary Nazaka.

Sel. P. D'Avanza - If you recall, a few years back the *Union Leader* ran a survey about the worst roads in the state of NH - and the worst road was in Goffstown.

Armand Dugas was the DPW director then. He had set up a 20-year road program. The board of selectmen and the budget committee looked at that program and some money was taken from maintenance to keep the taxes down.

Every year since then, the cost has gone up. Eventually that plan has become a 22 - 25-year plan And suddenly we were voted as having the worst roads in NH. The selectmen asked Carl to come up with a plan to address this. He said we possibly can't do it - it's too much money.

Carl went back and talked with engineers and came up with this plan. This is the same plan that we've funded every year as a special article. Every year there are different roads done. If the $600,000 is not in this plan, one road will not be done. This year, either Mountain or Snook Road will be done. Next year the same thing will happen.

People will say, let's take out $600,000 again - and pretty soon we'll be back on the front page of the *Union Leader*, with the worst road in NH.

Many people like the roads in Goffstown, but this is what they cost. If we're not able to have them maintained, they won't be maintained as well as they are now.

Scott Gross - I know that we have a 20-year road plan, but I personally believe it will be an indefinite road plan. One of the reasons why the budget committee recommended to reduce the amount was to prioritize some of the needs. If you look at some of these articles, there's an awful lot of money at stake here. The road program is certainly worthwhile. The budget committee may recommend more next year. But this year there's a lot of money at stake.

George Fullerton - I have been on the zoning board, the budget committee, the library trustees and the CIP. I recall Snook Road being on the plan in 1993 and it's one of those things that keep getting pushed out. I was on a committee that studied the road plan - one of the things that was pointed out was that this was to upgrade the roads so they could be maintained at a cheaper rate. I urge you to keep this road plan running.

C. Adams - This is a reconstruction article, not a maintenance article. I expect that there will be an end to this at some point in time. One of the reasons we need to reconstruct the roads is because they haven't been maintained over a period of time. When they were originally constructed, they weren't constructed correctly.

D. Cloutier - There are several encumbrances in the road plan. There were some things that could have been done in previous years, but they didn't get done. I understand that there are literally hundreds of thousands of dollars already in reserve. If we do the 2.2, someday it will all be constructed out. That's one of the reasons why we're asking for this.

C. Quiram - The fifteen-year plan - the DPW is maxed out in every one of those fifteen years - we have as much as we can handle. Because of the floods, it was extra heavy last year. This is just pushing it off; we already have a full plate.

D. St. Jean - I just want us to be as accurate as we can. The budget committee said they had to cut somewhere. If you look in the regular budget, there's a CIP line for 1.4 plus for road reclamation. What they do in the road plan and the capital improvement plan, is prioritize. DPW prioritizes its job and then the CIP committee prioritizes the jobs. They mentioned 2-plus million dollars and gave it a #1 priority.

Sel. B. Griffin - On the amendment - I would urge you to vote in favor of the amendment. The board did support the higher amount. I want to thank Dan Cloutier and Scott Gross - the minutes of the budget committee didn't reflect what was talked about in the discussion.

The $600,000 was cut for Rosemont. We had it in this year's budget. So the budget committee took the $600,000 back from the project. So Len, (Leonard Lunderville, a resident of the Rosemont St. area) I apologize to you. The minutes didn't reflect any of the discussion that's been presented tonight. The budget committee voted to support the road plan and then cut Rosemont.

We think the practical matter is administering the services that you need - I know I voted to recommend the 1.4. I urge you to support adding the $600,000 back and I would urge the budget committee to reconsider the $600,000 as a part of the road plan.

Dan Cloutier - The Rosemont project - there was a request to take it from the operating budget and put it into a special article, so people could vote on it. Then there was a request from the selectmen to put it back into the budget, so it was never taken out.

F. Plett - I'm going to call the amendment to a vote.

If you vote in favor, of the amendment, it will raise the amount by $600,000 to $2,073,665.

The voice vote on the motion wasn't clear - a hand vote was called for. Raised hand vote - ayes, 52, nays 56. Amendment is defeated.

F. Plett - Back to the original article.

John Morris - The average taxpayer - the selectmen and the budget committee recommended the 1.1 million dollars, but the selectmen are against that. What are the selectmen for?

F. Plett - The 1.473 - that is what was recommended by the selectmen.

C. Adams moved to restrict reconsideration of this article - S. Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed.

F. Plett - If that was on the main article, the article will go on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 16 - To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to include the road plan appropriation in the operating and default budgets beginning in 2008. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

Sel. J. Caprio moved that Article 16 be placed on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

Sel. J. Caprio - Since the inception of this program, there has been an ongoing consensus among the budget committee and the board of selectmen to put it into the operating budget. It would make a big difference in the default budget, so we decided to put it up to the voters whether we should include it in the operating and default budgets.

Guy Caron - We don't know what the future's going to hold. Maybe in five or ten years from now the voters may decide to put it on hold for a while for some reason.

This article, Article 16 is even more important - it has to do with our right to decide. If this passes in March, that right to decide is gone - we will have no right to say how many roads - how much money to spend, etc. I know an argument will be made when the roads aren't fixed. Last year these people came before us for $100,000 for an excavator. That's from a DPW that gets over $6 million. I'm urging everybody, since we do have the right to decide what to do with the road plan, let's keep it that way.

I would like to move to amend Article 16, to "To see if the Town will direct the Board of Selectmen to continue to present the road plan appropriation to the voters each year as a special article, not to be included in the operating and default budgets, beginning in 2008. Motion was seconded by Christy Garrison.

C. Adams - I support this amendment. I think this is too large to be put into the operating budget. I simply hope that sometime in my lifetime, I'll see an end to this. Eventually we have to get to a point where we can get to road maintenance, which I think does correctly belong in the operating budget.

M. Fournier - I have a different idea. I feel strongly that at some level the road funding should be in the budget each year. We have another at least 15 years to go. A single year of interruption because an article doesn't pass, could put us out two years. If we put it in the budget, then the DPW has a better ability to plan their work and maybe we can get better value. When the DPW does our roads, they do it a lot cheaper than contracting it out.

A. Desruisseaux - I have a question. I think that Article 16, the way it's written out prior to this amendment, is very ambiguous in terms of money. Will we be talking about 1.4 million dollars every year or about the proposed road plan of 2 million dollars and something?

Sel. B. Griffin - I think the budget committee asked us to vote on this article. The board of selectmen and the budget committee modified their numbers and this article is here because of some tweaks. We had a project put in as a special article on the ballot and it can always be put into the operating budget. The reason we asked to put it into the operating budget - I would expect that in future years the road plan as originally proposed will be put into the budget. I can't forecast what this number will be in future years.

Jeff Tate - A lot of people on the budget committee and the selectmen work with numbers for a long time at meetings. These are all open meetings - but nobody ever comes to these meetings.

A. Desruisseaux - Just to let you know, you still have the right in the budget process to amend the budget as you go. So this doesn't make a difference as far as the right to know. .

Guy Caron - I said this is the right to decide, not the right to know. This is different from what the selectmen and the budget committee may decide.

David St. Jean - I have to agree with Mr. Caron - the voters should decide. I don't think we should put it into the budget, I think the voters should decide.

E. Geissenhainer - I would reiterate Mr. St. Jean's words. I think as a community as a whole, that debate should not be limited.

J. Tate - My point was to have an informed decision and it's great to look at a lot of people here tonight and say it seems like a lot of money. These numbers were arrived at after months of meetings.

F. Plett repeated the amendment and called for a vote.

Vote on the amendment - Ayes, 42 - Nays - 51. Amendment is defeated.

F. Plett - Article 16 will appear on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 17 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars ($100,000) to be deposited into the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund (This appropriation is in addition to Article 14). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee).

Sel. P. D'Avanza moved that article 17 be placed on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

Sel. P. D'Avanza - We have a power point presentation here that was made by a high school student. The Grasmere Town Hall is supported by the local Certified Government, which is the Goffstown Historic Commission. In 1997, the town passed article 20, by a 1501-712 vote, to keep the building. Later a capital reserve fund was set up to restore it. The Grasmere Town Hall relies chiefly on non-tax revenue, or grants or private donations. That money accounts for much more than half of the total cost of the restoration. We hired an architect out of Keene, who is experienced in old building restorations and to make the building comply with ADA requirements. The Junior Grange used to meet there. When the grange dissolved a few years ago, the charter was sent back by the grange members in the national headquarters. They sent it back because they said they thought it belonged in this building. It's dated 1889.

The second floor is where the stage is located. It can seat approximately 200 people. The ceiling has been done and plastered. Charlie Carr, a member of the Historic District Commission, restored the stenciling. The third floor is where the dining room used to be - they used the third floor for years. They actually used to serve meals there.

Grasmere Town Hall was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1990.

Sue Tucker - What does the budget committee think of this?

D. Cloutier - It was a split vote - most of the discussion centered around the totality of the tax rate and the impact of the $100,000 on the tax rate. It puts eight cents on the tax rate on your house.

F. Plett - Article 17 will go on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 18 - To see if the Town will vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

Sel. J. Caprio moved that article 18 appear on the ballot as printed, motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

Sel. J. Caprio - This article would give the selectmen authority to access money from the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund for matching grants.

Sel. P. D'Avanza - It's just that if an opportunity comes in the course of the year they can get that money. Otherwise, we wouldn't have the money to match the grants.

F. Plett - My assistant moderator says that this RSA, 35:15, would give the selectmen the right to spend the money if they're named as agents. Otherwise they would have to come to the town every time they wanted to spend money.

Article 18 will appear on the ballot as printed.

S. Gross moved to restrict reconsideration on this and all previous articles, 13 - 18 and 20. The motion was seconded by P. Kendall. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 19 - To see if the Town will vote to 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 14). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee).

Sel. P. D'Avanza moved that Article 19 be placed on the ballot as printed, the motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

Sel. P. D'Avanza - This is for $15,000 for the Main Street Program. This is a recurring article - we've done this for the past eight years.

F. Plett - Article 19 will appear on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 21 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars ($295,438) for the purpose of hiring ten (10) full-time firefighters. This amount is for six months beginning July 1, 2007. These new positions added to current staff will provide coverage at one fire station 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Staffing will be a minimum of five (5) full-time firefighters per shift.

Said appropriation will be funded as follows:

(1) Reallocation of Forty-Nine Thousand, One hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars ($49,178) from the call firefighter related account lines to full-time employee related account lines within the 2007 Fire Department operating budget.

(2) Transfer from the EMS Special Revenue Fund of Eighty Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars ($80,169) and

(3) The remaining One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand, Ninety-Two Dollars ($166,092) to be raised by taxes.

The annualized (12 month) cost of hiring ten full-time firefighters is Five Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars ($557,335).

Implementation of this article is contingent upon negotiating an agreement with the exclusive bargaining unit representative.

(These calculations are based on 2005 wage and cafeteria plan rates.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 14). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee).

T. Redmond - Will the board be able to give us some kind of projection about how much it will cost when the contract is settled. It will definitely be more money. Where is that extra money going to come from?

F. Plett - It depends on the future contract negotiations, so nobody can address that.

Sel. N. Campasano - Starting in 2008, those additional moneys will be in the 2008 budget.

S. Gross - I would like to speak in favor of Article 21. I believe that the people on that committee did a very difficult task in a very short time. One of the nice benefits of this plan is that our firefighters will be dual purpose - it will be a great plus for the community.

G. Sterling - I have some real problems with this because the committee didn't come up with the answers to lots of things - like where are these guys going to sleep? Especially since our stations don't allow that; because the fire marshal will not let people do that. I have real problems because there are loads of costs involved with this. The committee worked hard, but nobody asked those questions.

I would also say, there's an ad currently running in *The Concord Monitor* calling for a fire chief in Milford that's listing a chief, a secretary, three full-time and 27 call firefighters. They have a private ambulance service.

E. Geissenhainer - I was a member of the fire committee. I would like all of you to support the firefighters as well as the other professionals who provide our public safety.

I'm not in favor of this article. The fire committee had a very limited time frame. The article that was approved last year only allowed us to create 24/7 - not for our needs or our financial ability. There's another plan that we could implement over time. We came up with a plan that implemented 24/7, but not the other things that we have to consider. In meeting with Bedford's fire officials, their budget - and they have 24/7 - for operating expenses was $2,150,000. Goffstown's budget for that same year was $1,950,000 - only a $200,000 difference.

This will be $600,000 - so let's say it's $300,000 - that puts our budget over Bedford's budget and we have 3,000 fewer taxpayers to support that cost and only 1/3 of the business tax base to support that cost. We are fairly equal in square mileage size. How can Bedford do it for less - 24/7? We don't have the tax base to support this.

In 2008, just for 24/7 it will cost each householder $60. That's not including the DPW, fire department - and don't forget the school budget.

The selectmen have put in place and implemented a plan to do this, and at the fire committee meeting at the Church St. station last week, five firefighters were there in training. The cost of the selectmen's plan is $100,000 or so - it's much less expensive.

S. Gross - I respect your opinion, Eric, but I disagree.

Bedford does not have garbage pickup - and they have a single fire station and therefore less operating costs. You mentioned the cost - that would be offset by EMS revenues. The seniors are those same people who will need this 24/7 service. I think by defeating this we will make no progress. I'm told that although it says we have to hire ten, it doesn't say we can't do it over the year.

Felix Pelchat - Bedford has one fire station to maintain - Goffstown has three. We have to heat those three buildings and provide electricity there. We also have a larger call force than Bedford.

E.Geissenhainer - I appreciate those comments but I think we're putting the cart before the horse. There's no place to house these people - that could be a fifty to one-hundred thousand dollar cost. The fire marshal in the area has a long list of violations, not only in the Church Street station but in the Pinardville station, too.

This wasn't a unanimous vote on the budget committee. Some of us thought this wasn't a good financial decision and that the incremental one offered by the selectmen was a better choice.

Leonard Lunderville - If you man only one station, which one would it be?

If I live in Pinardville and the ambulance is here - it'll take a long time. What if I die while I'm waiting for the ambulance to come? Then there will be a lawsuit.

F. Plett - Article 21 will appear on the ballot as printed.

We'll take the next three articles all at the same time.

ARTICLE 22 - To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:1, to adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K relative to Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts so that the town will thereafter have all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in that chapter. (Presented by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 23 - Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 22, to see whether the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 162-K:3 and 5, to resolve that the adoption and implementation of the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District plan will serve a public purpose as the same as is contemplated in RSA 162-K:5 and to adopt the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan. (Presented by Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Planning Board).

ARTICLE 24 - Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 23 to see whether the town will vote pursuant to RSA 162-K:5, to create and establish the Tax Increment Financing District described in the Mast Road Tax Increment

Financing (TIF) Development District Plan and, in addition to establishing the district, establish the development program and tax increment financing plan more particularly set forth in said plan. (Presented by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Planning Board).

Sel. P. D'Avanza moved that Articles 22, 23 and 24 be placed on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

Sel. P. D'Avanza - Goffstown's tax base is 9.1% commercial and industrial; 1.9% utilities and 89% residential. Traditional efforts to increase the commercial and industrial tax base have resulted in limited success. This would identify a tax increment district and use the expected increase in taxes to fund the infrastructure improvements that were recommended in the corridor plan.

Tricia Wynne - These three articles were defeated last year and I wonder why they've returned. In case anybody has a misunderstanding about the TIF district - it doesn't make any development more acceptable on Mast Road. If I wanted to develop there, I certainly could. It does take the increase in value on Mast Road and holds it aside for an undetermined amount of time until they get the approximate sum of $790,000 so they can develop a piece of land. And that money will not be used by the town for the operating budget at all. It will be held in escrow.

You can make two curb cuts on Mast Road - you can make the developer widen Mast Road. Don't be fooled - this TIF district costs us money. If my house value goes up any additional taxes I pay go into this fund, and not into the operating budget.

Jason Sachs - I have a question - can anybody tell us what the cost will be if we don't do this?

F. Plett - Jim Raymond offered to step down as assistant moderator to explain this article. Are there any objections? (There were none).

J. Raymond - I'm speaking as a planning board member now.

The purpose of a TIF district is to set aside a district where you can capture the increase in taxes for the development of that district to pay for the improvements in that district. If the town wants to make some infrastructure improvements, the developers in that district will be paying for it. We'll have to develop a plan to do this. That hasn't been done yet.

We had a corridor study done three years ago and a master plan that looked at increasing our commercial tax base - the place to do this is along Mast Road. But we don't want it to be a strip - we would like it to have some of the rural atmosphere and look of the town. We want to have the road in back of the stores.

Jason asked about the costs. If you delay this we cannot stop somebody from putting up a project where we would like to put in the collector road. Then the roads will be developed inconsistently with the plan.

Is it a guarantee? No. It's possible that we will not build a road, except in certain areas. But if we don't adopt the TIF district, we'll be facing the typical strip type of development. The planning board felt that this would be a way to preserve the rural character of the town.

E. Geissenhainer - I would urge the community to support these articles. It's so this doesn't become another Second Street, but get the traffic off of the main road - and it would increase the business tax base.

J. Burpee - The main purpose of this is to get some businesses into the town. We need to bring in some more commercial and industrial tax base.

T. Wynne - If they wanted to attract commercial property onto Mast Road, they could do it now. We have an industrial park on the Goffstown Back Road - why aren't we developing that? There's nothing to stop somebody from developing behind that road with condos.

Vivian Blondeau - I have some questions. Some of them have come from the Office of State Planning.

Is this a reasonable basis for the developer to help with the projected costs? Who benefits? What will be the cost of this? What other forms of financial assistance will the developer receive? I refuse to subsidize a developer who wants to develop in town. Who are we to say we'll subsidize you? I say no to TIF - I don't think we're ready for it.

J. Raymond - With TIF, you line up your developer ahead of time. Hooksett has done it. The other thing is to create the TIF so it will attract development. That's what we're considering. Those OSP questions are based on the first model. That's not the model that we're following. Yes, development will occur on Mast Road whether you like it or not. What do you want Mast Road to look like? If you don't want Mast Road to be a strip zone with curb cuts, then TIF is the way to fund a parallel road. It's really a community look if you like, rather than a community financial issue.

Al Desruisseaux - I'm the vice-chair of the Economic Development Council. We were very much involved in getting this placed on the ballot. We're very limited in the areas where we have water and sewer, and this is where it's available. It's a good opportunity for us to develop this area so that it looks, not like a strip situation, but more realistic as to how we would like Goffstown to look. The developers will still be paying their taxes. It's 1500 feet of road that we're proposing. Depending on the length of time, it could be five or ten years. If they can't develop the TIF district anymore, then the money comes back to the taxpayers.

F. Plett - Articles 22, 23 and 24 will appear on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 25 - To see if the Town, in accordance with RSA 32:15, will vote to increase the number of the Budget Committee elected at large numbers from nine (9) to twelve (12). (Presented by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Budget Committee).

Sel. J. Caprio moved to place Article 25 on the ballot as printed; motion was seconded by Sel. B. Griffin.

Sel. J. Caprio - The budget committee requested that the board of selectmen place this article on the warrant.

D. Cloutier - We work all year long - it's a volunteer effort. It's a lot of work, and we would like to have 12 members on the committee. We converse

with the department heads, with the SAU, with school principals - we would really appreciate having the extra members. The way the law reads, it doesn't start until next year if we vote in favor of bringing us back up to 12 members.

F. Plett - Article 25 will appear on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 26 - To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Goffstown.

These actions include:

(1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the US economy.

(2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies, thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the town of Goffstown encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

(Submitted by petition).

F. Plett - This article deals with global warming and the establishment of a national program. Are there any petitioners present? (There were none).

Sel. Griffin moved that article 26 be placed on the ballot as printed; motion was seconded by Sel. N. Campasano.

F. Plett - Article 26 will appear on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 27 - To see if the Town will vote to direct that records (including official minutes) of transactions and undertakings of all public bodies of the Town of Goffstown and of any and all Town public proceedings as defined in NH RSA 91-A-1-a are to include descriptive information reflecting the affirmative or negative vote cast and noted by each individual member of such public body on all matters for which a vote is taken, such that member votes are recorded by name and subject matter of each vote. (Submitted by petition).

F. Plett - This petition seeks to hold public bodies to a higher standard for recording of votes than what is mandated by state law.

Guy Caron moved to place this article on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded.

F. Plett - Article 27 will appear on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 28 - To see if the Town will vote to privatize the medical ambulance services to establish twenty-four (24) hour coverage for the whole Town. (Submitted by petition).

Sel. N. Campasano moved to place Article 28 on the ballot as printed, motion was seconded by Sel. J. Caprio.

Robert Peters - I would like to make a motion to amend this article as follows:

"To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to study the effects of privatizing the medical ambulance services to establish twenty-four (24) hour coverage for the whole Town."

Motion was seconded by C. Adams.

T. Wynne - I thought we were not allowed to amend petitioned articles.

F. Plett - You can as long as it's germane to the petition. I'm for the amendment because the article is to privatize the ambulance service. Now our ambulance service brings in $300,000 a year in revenue. Everybody has the impression that if you privatize it to outside contractors, it won't cost the town anything. That's wrong. The private ambulances will still be dispatched and the town will not get any revenue from them.

Vote on the amendment - amendment passed by voice vote.

F. Plett - Article 28 will go on the ballot as amended.

ARTICLE 29 - To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of 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).

David Nieman, moved that Article 29 appear on the ballot as printed, motion was seconded by Jason Sachs.

D. Nieman - I would like to address the explanation paragraph. It says the anticipated general fund estimate. Where did that estimate come from? Currently, 50% of the current use tax goes into the conservation fund. It was a total of $120,000 April to April from 2005 to 2006. This is an estimate, obviously. This is 50% higher than it is today. Currently land greater than ten acres is usually in the category known as current use. When that land is developed, the current use tax is assessed at 10% of the fair market value of the land. The state recognized that the money could be used to conserve other land. The land use change factor is not part of the taxed property tax bill.

Currently, 50% is being received by the conservation commission. This is a decreasing tax over time - as the town develops, this will eventually die because there will be nothing left to develop or to take out of current use.

All night we've been talking about all of these things and how much money they will all cost us. The TIF district - that can help us. But nobody ever talked about the conservation of land and how that will affect our tax bills. Our fields

and forests are turning into residential developments. And our taxes are increasing more and more.

This has been done by towns and communities all across the country. Look at residential housing and how much tax money comes from it and the costs of services. Then there's open space - all studies today came to the same conclusion - that the conservation of open space land rather than residential housing leads to increased tax revenues for the entire community. Residential housing costs in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars per house on your tax bill. In one year alone, if you put one large property in a conservation fund, it will more than pay for itself.

This year, as a committee, we have been working with the selectmen and the planning board and the budget committee. We cannot afford not to do this.

J. Sachs - There are 54 communities in this state that set aside 100% of the current use tax money for conservation.

Bill Gordon - I happened to go to the farm expo this past weekend and it was brought out that a study showed that a piece of conservation land costs 48 cents per dollar that it pays in taxes. Compare that with 1.11 in the town of Lee that a residential property costs.

Evelyn Miller - This year we got more conservation easements. I think this money will be coming through the town and I think the conservation commission will be able to do a lot of work with it.

F. Plett - Article 29 will appear on the ballot as printed.

ARTICLE 30 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000) for the purposes of acquisition of land conservation easements and costs associated therewith, to support the goals of conservation and open space. These funds will expire at the end of 2007 if they have not been used. (Submitted by petition). (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee).

D. Nieman moved that Article 30 appear on the ballot as printed; motion was seconded by C. Adams.

D. Nieman - The reason for this second appropriation is that we have a rather unique situation this year. In 2006, Congress passed a bill for deducting the amount for conservation easements from the federal income tax. The bill expires at the end of 2007 and there are quite a few Goffstown landowners who've approached us and want to take advantage of this.

There have been some donations - and the only thing we would have to pay for would be the administrative costs. If we don't use this money by the end of 2007, then it goes back into the general fund.

D. Nieman - I would like to make an amendment to read,

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Forty-five ($245,000) for the purposes of acquisition of land conservation easements and costs associated therewith, to support the goals of

conservation and open space. These funds will expire at the end of 2007 if they have not been used."

Motion was seconded by Bill Hart.

V. Blondeau - The conservation commission is very conservative - they do not spend money just on a whim. I would support this article because I know these people and I know how hard they work. If they can get something for nothing, they will.

F. Plett called for a vote on the amendment.

Amendment passed by a voice vote.

David Nieman - This town faced terrible flooding this past year and one of the best ways to prevent that is to not pave over the fields and forests. I think we should learn from that experience. This is time-bound. There's only one year to do it

E. Miller - The money that we're seeking is not to buy any land outright. We've spent a lot of time with landowners, talking about conservation easements. In this case, 237 acres will cost the town only $7,000, because the landowner is seeking a conservation easement.

F. Plett - Article 30 will go on the ballot as amended.

Is there any other business to come before this meeting? (There was none).

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. Vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE BOYLE
Town Scribe

2007 ELECTIONS RESULTS

Election Name		Votes Cast			% Voter	# New	Total # Registered
	Date	District 1	District 5	TOTAL	Turnout	Registrants	Voters
School Ballot Determination Meeting *	2/5/07	n/a	n/a	n/a	1%	n/a	11,205
Town Ballot Determination Meeting **	2/7/07	n/a	n/a	n/a	1%	n/a	11,205
Town/School Election	3/13/07	2,025	639	2,664	24%	60	11,269

* 134 Registered voters attended meeting

**154 Registered voters attended meeting

Official Election Results

ARTICLE 1

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years	*Vote for Two*
Vivian Blondeau	1090
William "Bill" Gordon	879
Scott Gross	1272
Bruce Hunter	438
Tricia Wynne	850
Write-In _____	
Write-In _____	

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years	*Vote for One*
Roger Richard	2012
Write-In _____	

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years	*Vote for One*
Jean Walker	2143
Write-In _____	

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years	*Vote for Two*
Ruth Ann Biron	1984
Lisa M. Iodice	1826
Write-In _____	
Write-In _____	

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years	*Vote for Two*
William Zackeroff	1736
Timothy Redmond	1815
Write-In _____	
Write-In _____	

PLANNING BOARD

For 1 Year	*Vote for One*
James Raymond	1935
Write-In	

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years	*Vote for One*
Paul Laperle	1051
Catherine Whooten	1118
Write-In _____	

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 3 Years	*Vote for One*
Suzanne Tremblay	2023
Write-In _____	

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years	*Vote for One*
Kenneth Rose	1963
Write-In _____	

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For3Years	*Vote for Two*
Denise M.Herman	725
Gail Labrecque	1156
Denis Pinard, Jr.	1098
Catherine Whooten	959
Write-In _____	
Write-In _____	

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend the definition of subdivision, adding before the last sentence of this definition: "A lot line adjustment, even though creating no new lots, is a subdivision. A lot merger, reducing the number of lots, is not a subdivision." And to amend Section 9.3.2.4 to read: "Manufactured home parks are subject to all provisions of the zoning ordinance that affect residential subdivisions, except in the case of conflicting standards, in which case those in this Section shall govern. Parks between 10 and 20 acres in size are not controlled by Section 12.5 Open Space Developments, but should be designed in a clustered form, to the extent practicable, in order to achieve meaningful open spaces and to minimize required infrastructure?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1671 **NO – 746** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 1.4 dealing with interpretation of terms so that the existing language becomes Section 1.4.1 and a new Section 1.4.2 is added to read: "Any proposed use which cannot satisfy the setback requirements enumerated in this ordinance shall be considered presumptively unreasonable"?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1565 **NO – 814** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 7.4.1 by exempting this requirement in the VC district; amend Section 7.4.2, requiring that driveways be at least 50 feet from street intersections; and amend Section 7.4.3 by exempting this requirement in the VC district?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1566 **NO – 800** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 7.5 dealing with alternative parking arrangements so that: (1) Create a new Section heading 7.5.4 Parking Requirement Reduction; (2) Relocate Sections 7.5.3.2, 7.5.3.2.1 and 7.5.3.2.2 under this new heading; (3) Add "The number of parking spaces may be further reduced provided the Planning Board finds that the characteristics of the principal uses are such that the parking spaces will be occupied at different times by the respective uses that are sharing them, and that concurrent attempts at occupancy of the spaces will not occur" at the end of Section 7.5.3.2.2; (4) Delete "Within the RSBO-2, VC and C districts, the Planning Board may waive some or

all of the parking requirements for the preceding reasons or in the event that the Board finds there to be sufficient parking in public parking lots, from on-street parking or from shared parking arrangements as described in Section 7.5.3, or from any combination thereof" from Section 7.5.2; (5) Add a new Section 7.5.4.2 to read; "Within the RSBO-1, RSBO-2, VC and C districts, the Planning Board may waive some or all of the parking requirements for the preceding reasons or in the event that the Board finds there to be sufficient parking in any combination from public parking lots, from on-street parking, or from shared parking arrangements as described in Section 7.5.3, and (6) Renumber Section 7.5.4 as 7.5.5?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1493 **NO – 834** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 8.4 dealing with outdoor lighting so that the last sentence reads: "The Planning Board may grant exceptions within Goffstown and Pinardville and Grasmere Village Centers, as defined by the Planning Board, and for outdoor recreational facilities and for historic purposes by Conditional Use Permit. In addition to Section 14.4.1 Conditional Use Standards, exceptions should perform some public purpose, for example, lighting a public sidewalk or other facility?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1763 **NO – 620** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 9.3.2.3 dealing with manufactured homes and manufactured home parks, deleting the words "except in the case of age restricted housing when maximum density shall be 125% of that density", and "Age restricted housing shall be that which requires one resident over 55 years of age and prohibits residents under 18 years of age," thereby removing any density bonus for age restricted housing?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1579 **NO – 767** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 12.2 Flood Hazard (FH) District, amending the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 2006 **NO – 373** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to add a new Section 4.5 to read as follows:

4.5 Emergency Housing

4.5.1 An emergency, and its duration, shall be as defined by the Board of Selectmen.

4.5.2 Manufactured housing and trailers, as defined in the glossary, which are licensed and ready for highway use, may be used as temporary housing during a declared emergency.

4.5.3 The Building Inspector may issue permits for emergency housing.

4.5.3.1 Permitting of emergency housing may be off site with appropriate property owner agreements.

4.5.3.2 Permitting of emergency housing shall include consideration of appropriate sewer and water availability, on or off site, and how such is to be provided in order to insure public health.

4.5.3.3 Permitting of emergency housing shall include appropriate consideration of flooding or other natural hazards in order to insure public health?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 2084 **NO – 349** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 3.10B by adding a new use: "Cemetery and burial ground" after Church and synagogue", to be allowed by Conditional Use Permit in the Agricultural district, with the addition of Supplemental Standards 5.22 to read as follows:

5.22.1 Cemeteries to be a minimum of 1 acre in size.

5.22.2 Cemeteries to be accessed by a class V, or better, public road.

5.22.3 Burial lots to be a minimum of 100 feet from any dwelling house, school house or school, store or other place of business.

5.22.4 Cemetery shall be provided with a fence and necessary gates.

5.22.5 There shall be a plan for suitable care and maintenance of the cemetery, which shall be provided to the Goffstown Cemetery Trustees.

5.22.6 There shall be a plan for operations and management of the cemetery, which shall be provided to the Goffstown Cemetery Trustees.

5.22.7 Records shall be kept in accordance with RSA 289, as amended, including (1) the location of a burial site shall be recorded in the deed to the property upon transfer of the property to another person, (2) there shall be records of every burial showing the date of burial and the name of the person buried, the lot, plot or part of such plot and lot in which the burial was made, and (3) such records shall be provided to the Goffstown Cemetery Trustees?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1918 **NO – 489** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 3.11-A, Accessory to Principal Residential Use, adding Residential Wind Turbine as a new accessory use allowed by Conditional Use Permit in the CO and A districts, with an asterisk referring to Supplemental Standards Section 5.23; and to add a new Section 5.23 to read as follows:

5.23 Residential Wind Turbine:

5.23.1 Towers are limited to one per property.

5.23.2 Towers are limited to 80 feet in height.

5.23.3 No part of the use, tower, guys or associated equipment, shall be within a required front, side or read yard setback. The fall-zone of the tower, generator and blades shall, likewise, not be within these setbacks.

5.23.4 Noise of a normally operating wind turbine shall be certified by the equipment manufacturer to not exceeding 57 decibels at the closest neighboring inhabited dwelling.

5.23.5 Certification by the manufacturer or an engineer, that the system, its tower, base and footings, as well as equipment, all meet the requirements of the currently adopted edition of the International Building Code.

5.23.6 If connected, evidence shall be provided that the utility company has been notified of the applicant's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator.

5.23.7 The Planning Board may require wildlife and other surveys in determining location appropriateness?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1805 **NO – 675** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: to amend Section 5.9 Dwellings in a Building Accommodating Non-Residential Uses, changing its title to: "Mixed Use Development", and adding the criteria that in the C and CIFZ Districts where multi-family dwelling units are also allowed in residential buildings, or on the ground floor within a mixed occupancy building, the gross square footage of the residential use shall not be larger than the gross square footage of the non-residential use?

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES – 1582 **NO – 793** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars ($2,537,000) for the purpose of designing, constructing and installing a water distribution system which is more particularly described in an overall project plan dated October 18,

2006, which is intended to bring a water distribution system to the area of the Town of Goffstown known as the Lynchville and Danis Park areas, said improvements to be installed at the direction of and in accordance with the established requirements of the Town of Goffstown?

And to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million Six Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Fifty Dollars ($1,649,050) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes 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; to authorize municipal officials to raise a minimum of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($850,000) in grants and aid; and furthermore, to authorize municipal officials to utilize interest earnings on the invested bond proceeds of approximately Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars ($37,950). Summary of proposed funding sources: $1,649,050 (bond) + $850,000 (grants/aid) + $37,950 (bond interest) = $2,537,000 (appropriation).

Without impairing in any way the fact that the bonds will be general obligations of the Town, it is the intent to repay this bond issuance by charging an Accessibility Fee to each property benefiting from this water distribution system. This project is contingent on effectuating an acceptable Inter-Municipal Agreement with Manchester Water Works and a successful expansion of Manchester Water Works franchise area. (60% Ballot Vote required to pass).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

(Needed 1516 votes to pass)

YES – 1490 NO – 1036 FAILED

ARTICLE 14

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 Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Three Dollars ($16,789,463)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Sixteen Million Six Hundred Seventy One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars ($16,671,929), 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 and Budget Committee.

YES – 1320 NO – 1171 PASSED

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventy Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five Dollars ($1,473,665) 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 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 14.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES – 1436 **NO – 1030** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to include the Road Plan appropriation in the operating and default budgets beginning in 2008?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

YES – 1327 **NO – 1096** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand dollars ($100,000) to be deposited into the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

YES – 718 **NO – 1746** **FAILED**

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund as provided by RSA 35:15? *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

YES – 1062 **NO – 1333** **FAILED**

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 14.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES – 1383 **NO – 1063** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 72:39-(a) and (b), modify the elderly exemption 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, $45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, $60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older $80,000? 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 3 consecutive years preceding April 1 in the year the exemption is claimed, 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 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income in each applicable age group of not more than $35,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less $50,000; and own net assets, whether married or not, not in excess of $150,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

YES – 1823 **NO – 706** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars ($295,438) for the purpose of hiring ten (10) full-time firefighters? This amount is for six months, beginning July 1, 2007. These new positions added to current staff will provide coverage at one fire station 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Staffing will be a minimum of five (5) full-time firefighters per shift.

Said appropriation to be funded as follows:

1) Reallocation of Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars ($49,178) from the call firefighter related account lines to full-time employee related account lines in the 2007 Fire Department operating budget;
2) Reallocation of Eighty Thousand One Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars ($80,169) from EMS wage related account lines in the EMS operating budget to full-time employee related account lines in the 2007 Fire Department operating budget; and
3) The remaining One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Ninety Two Dollars ($166,092) to be raised by taxes.

The annualized (12 month) cost of hiring 10 full-time firefighters is Five Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Five Dollars ($557,335).

Implementation of this article is contingent upon negotiating an agreement with the exclusive bargaining unit representative.

(These calculations are based on 2005 wage and cafeteria plan rates.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 14.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES – 1106 **NO – 1430** **FAILED**

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 162-K:1, adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K relative to Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts so that the town will thereafter have all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in that chapter?

Presented by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Planning Board.

YES – 1166 **NO – 1163** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 23

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 22, shall the town, pursuant to RSA 162-K:3 & 5, resolve that the adoption and implementation of the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan will serve a public purpose as the same as is contemplated in RSA 162-K:5 and to adopt the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan?
Presented by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Planning Board.

YES – 1028 NO – 1349 FAILED

ARTICLE 24

Assuming the adoption by the Town of Article 23, shall the town, pursuant to RSA 162-K:5, create and establish the Tax Increment Financing District described in the Mast Road Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Development District Plan and, in addition to establishing the district, establish the development program and tax increment financing plan more particularly set forth in said plan?
Presented by the Board of Selectmen upon the recommendation of the Planning Board.

YES – 981 NO – 1368 FAILED

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town, in accordance with RSA 32:15, increase the number of the Budget Committee elected at large members from nine (9) to twelve (12)?
Presented by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Budget Committee.

YES – 1225 NO – 1215 PASSED

ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Goffstown?

These actions include:

1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Goffstown encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article

shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

Submitted by petition.

YES – 1426 **NO – 1057** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town direct that records (including official minutes) of transactions and undertakings of all public bodies of the Town of Goffstown and of any and all Town public proceedings as defined in N.H. RSA 91-A:1-a are to include descriptive information reflecting the affirmative or negative vote cast and noted by each individual member of such public body on all matters for which a vote is taken, such that member votes are recorded by name and subject matter of each vote?

Submitted by petition.

YES – 1879 **NO – 585** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town direct the Selectmen to study the effects of privatizing medical ambulance services to establish twenty-four (24) hour coverage for the whole Town?

Submitted by petition.

YES – 1307 **NO – 1171** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 29

Shall the Town deposit 100% of 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.

YES – 1221 **NO – 1208** **PASSED**

ARTICLE 30

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars ($245,000) for the purposes of acquisition of land conservation easements and costs associated therewith to support the goals of conservation and open space? These funds will expire at the end of 2007 if they have not been used.

Submitted by petition.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

YES – 1440 **NO – 1075** **PASSED**

2007 MARRIAGES

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
JAN					
6	Spellman, James P	Goffstown, NH	Maruszak, Donna L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
6	Guidry, Michael J	Manchester, NH	Odesse, Rebecca M	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
FEB.					
10	Ruel, Gary R	Goffstown, NH	Beaupre, Francine L	Manchester, NH	Goffstown
14	Eldridge, Mark L	Goffstown, NH	Halenar, Lyn-Dee	Goffstown, NH	Jackson
MAR.					
3	Hook, Anthony P	Goffstown, NH	Marcoux, Karen M	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
10	McGraw, William G	Nashua, NH	Woody, Kristen M	Goffstown, NH	Wolfeboro
16	Frascone, William N	Goffstown, NH	Brown, Candice K	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
17	Blondeau, Maurice A	Goffstown, NH	Prendergast, Mary B	Goffstown, NH	North Conway
APRIL					
8	Blanco, Luis A	Goffstown, NH	Douville, Peggy T	Goffstown, NH	Hillsborough
21	Williams, Mark T	Manchester, NH	Gusta, Margaret L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
21	Goodreau, Allen M	Goffstown, NH	Gamache, Lisa A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
MAY					
5	Derochemont, Orville D	Exeter, NH	Meservey, Doreen A	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
6	Stanley, Carl J	Goffstown, NH	Huot, Stacy L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
12	Besong, Jacob R	Goffstown, NH	Janes, Melissa A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
19	Zackeroff, William E	Goffstown, NH	Nightingale, Katherine M	Goffstown, NH	Newfields
19	Gregory, Stewart H	Goffstown, NH	Sowa, Allison M	Goffstown, NH	Meredith
19	Mancino, Christopher M	Goffstown, NH	Forristall, Jamie N	North Aurora, IL	Manchester
29	Tower, Douglas A	Boscawen, NH	Tower, Linda C	Goffstown, NH	Boscawen
JUNE					
3	Sifferman, John A	Goffstown, NH	Sasseville, Renee A	Bedford, NH	Derry
9	Lepicier, Jerry F	Manchester, NH	Pottle, Shanna L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
9	Dopson, Jonathan E	Goffstown, NH	Beaudoin, Lisa M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
15	Williams, Timothy J	Goffstown, NH	Renaud, Cheryl S	Goffstown, NH	Portsmouth
18	Murphy, Marc S	Goffstown, NH	Ferguson, Sarah K	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
23	Zivitski, Daniel	Goffstown, NH	Riddell, Kelly A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
23	Lacroix, Tracy L	Goffstown, NH	Pennell, Alice M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
30	Rumore, John D	Goffstown, NH	Chandonnais, Karianne L	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
30	Markievitz, Thomas P	Goffstown, NH	Dorval, Jodi-Lynne	Goffstown, NH	Hampstead
30	Delude, Joseph D	Goffstown, NH	Archambault, Jacqueline	Goffstown, NH	Loudon
30	Raiche, John W	Goffstown, NH	Erickson, Lynn A	Nashua, NH	Nashua
30	Small, Brian M	Goffstown, NH	Mohney, Katherine E	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown

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JULY					
1	Weir, Ralph E	Goffstown, NH	Labree, Jia-tz	New Boston, NH	Peterborough
6	Pelletier, Mark J	Rochester, NH	Horgan, Emily A	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
7	Demers, Steven P	Goffstown, NH	Holbrook, Debbie I	Goffstown, NH	Auburn
7	O'Leary, Brian E	Manchester, NH	Brennan, Margaret R	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
7	Lavoie, Norman P	Goffstown, NH	Gosselin, Rachael L	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
7	Greene, Jeffrey R	Goffstown, NH	Beck, Lisa R	Goffstown, NH	Tilton
21	Smith, Dennis B	Goffstown, NH	Adamsky, Peni D	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
21	Bechard, Matthew C	Goffstown, NH	Anzalone, Amber J	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
21	Haertel, David E	Goffstown, NH	Dobbs, Emily E	Goffstown, NH	Hollis
22	Lewis, Jeffrey S	Goffstown, NH	Boissonneault, Silvia E	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
28	Wass, Ralph K	Goffstown, NH	Fox, Gail M	Goffstown, NH	Campton
28	Calhoun, Christopher S	Goffstown, NH	Mace, Bonnie H	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
28	Boucher, Christopher D	Goffstown, NH	Hooper, Christine E	Hooksett, NH	Hooksett
28	Sousa, Justin P	Goffstown, NH	Hull, Elizabeth J	Goffstown, NH	Milford
AUG.					
4	Royce, Andrew M	Goffstown, NH	Ruskowski, Sheena L	Goffstown, NH	Winchester
11	Leibig, Bruce E	Bedford, NH	Gelfand, Linda A	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
11	Croasdale, Guy E	Goffstown, NH	Kmon, Joanne K	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
11	Gilliland, Michael J	Manchester, NH	Tetreault, Jennifer M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
11	Quimby, Samuel E	Goffstown, NH	Poltack, Tina A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
11	Phelps, Zachary A	Goffstown, NH	Saari, Mellissa K	Goffstown, NH	Gilford
11	Raymond, Matthew A	Goffstown, NH	Morris, Kendra B	Goffstown, NH	Candia
11	Roberts, Christopher L	Merrimack, NH	Schier, Lindsey A	Goffstown, NH	Concord
18	Small, Nathan J	Goffstown, NH	Hulse, Jocelyn	Goffstown, NH	Hudson
23	Bedard, Paul E	Goffstown, NH	Shea, Lisa A	Goffstown, NH	Portsmouth
25	Ryan, David A	Goffstown, NH	Merrill, Ruth C	Manchester, NH	Manchester
31	Brassard, Paul R	Goffstown, NH	Lemay, Sarah J	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
SEPT.					
1	Ross, Neill G	Goffstown, NH	Connors, Bethany L	Goffstown, NH	Derry
8	Hunter, Matthew J	Goffstown, NH	Cochrane, Heather A	Goffstown, NH	Plymouth
8	Hansche, Lee A	Goffstown, NH	Lemire, Nicole C	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
8	Pomerleau, Matthew L	Goffstown, NH	Larsen, Jannine M	Goffstown, NH	Plymouth
8	Nickerson, Christopher	Exeter, NH	Courtemanche, Beth A	Goffstown, NH	Laconia
8	Desjardins, Shawn J	Goffstown, NH	Marcotte, Amanda L	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
8	Paulhamus, Joshua L	Goffstown, NH	Mignault, Melissa M	Goffstown, NH	New Boston
9	Brooks, James A	Goffstown, NH	Sarette, Jessica R	Goffstown, NH	Meredith
14	Siik, Nicholas L	Goffstown, NH	Femino, Melissa K	Goffstown, NH	Manchester

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Sept.					
16	Wornica, David J	Raymond, NH	Ward, Kristine A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
19	Marousek, Dustin W	New Boston, NH	Chess, Christa R	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
22	Charron, Michael J	Goffstown, NH	Morency, Jennifer L	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
22	Ripa, Michael R	Goffstown, NH	Dussault, Amanda E	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
24	Puglisi, Matthew R	Manchester, NH	Desrochers, Rebecca J	Goffstown, NH	Meredith
29	Nickerson, Alfred C	Goffstown, NH	Niswander, Denise A	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
29	Enman, Chad E	Goffstown, NH	Mara, Amy E	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
29	Meharg, Justin A	Goffstown, NH	Lapointe, Carol D	Goffstown, NH	Hollis
29	Proulx, Gerald S	Goffstown, NH	Hansen, Alisha M	Goffstown, NH	Hooksett
29	Helwig, Michael E	Goffstown, NH	Caron, Sara A	Goffstown, NH	Hudson
29	Canney, Paul M	Stoneham, MA	Modesto, Jamie K	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
OCT.					
1	St Pierre, Kevin P	Goffstown, NH	Kaad, Kathy L	Litchfield, NH	Salem
6	Nault, Joshua m	Goffstown, NH	Anderson, Leigh D	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
7	Reid, Peter L	Goffstown, NH	Nesheim, Kristen A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
12	Dobens, Brett J	Goffstown, NH	Slason, Laura E	Goffstown, NH	Laconia
13	Brown, Thomas B	Goffstown, NH	Dichiara, Melissa L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
13	Chaput, Brian G	Bedford, NH	Omer, Annette M	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
27	Phillips, Jeffrey R	Goffstown, NH	Duchesne, Michelle C	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
27	Fairhurst, Aaron S	Goffstown, NH	Cohen, Rachel M	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
NOV.					
3	Ciardullo, Lucas J	Goffstown, NH	St Pierre, Amanda L	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
24	Hart, Lowell A	Goffstown, NH	Lamy, Michelle A	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
DEC.					
5	Burke, Mathew L	Goffstown, NH	Paquette, Amy L	Goffstown, NH	Hooksett
21	Mabrouk, Majid	Goffstown, NH	McComiskey, Marie P	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
22	Staiti, Michael B	Greenfield, NH	Tucker, Jillian B	Goffstown, NH	New Boston
24	Dinovo, William J	Goffstown, NH	Barrett, Amanda E	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
25	Fredericks, William A	Goffstown, NH	Johnson, Elaine D	Gulfport, FL	Goffstown
29	Morency, Troy J	Goffstown, NH	Sweezy, Kirra L	Goffstown, NH	Concord
31	Dionne, Marc E	Goffstown, NH	Lepore, Alicia R	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
	TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES:		93		

2007 BIRTHS

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH
JAN.			
11	Alatalo, Melania Elena	Alatalo, Robert and Elena	Manchester, NH
28	Lopez, Sofia Ximena	Lopez, Carlos and Echeverria, Zelma	Manchester, NH
FEB.			
28	Dillon, Andrew Anthony	Dillon, John and Plotas, Jean	Manchester, NH
14	Bernatchez, Ayva Lue	Bernatchez, Justin and Jillian	Nashua, NH
MAR.			
5	Brooks, Jack Sidney	Brooks, Jeremy and Kristen	Manchester, NH
6	Velez, Alexander Joel	Velez, Aguayo Jose and Lizabeth	Manchester, NH
7	Seward, Nicholas Powell	Seward, Mathew and Ann	Concord, NH
20	Jukes, Ryan Thomas	Jukes, Bruce and Lisa	Manchester, NH
22	Cate, Jillian Lynne	Cate, Richard and Ann	Manchester, NH
23	Peters, Gavin Ryan	Peters, Gary and Kimberly	Manchester, NH
APRIL			
4	Garceau, Sophia Rose	Garceau, Kenneth and Wendy	Manchester, NH
12	Gallien, Sophia Marie	Gallien, Jamie and Charron, Jonnalee	Manchester, NH
12	McAndrew, John Anthony	McAndrew, Thomas and Karen	Nashua, NH
12	Booth, Ayva Elizabeth	Booth-Willmann, David and Verville, Samantha	Manchester, NH
18	Labonville, Aubrie Marie	Labonville, Timothy and Girard, Marissa	Manchester, NH
22	Dykens, Conor Robert	Dykens, Sean and Linda	Manchester, NH
MAY			
13	Lucas, Avah-Mae Francis	Lucas, David and Nikki	Manchester, NH
19	Bennett, Brock Tyler	Bennett, David and Alison	Nashua, NH
30	Hodge, Hannah Mary	Hodge, James and Christine	Manchester, NH
JUNE			
5	Plourde, Rebecca Christina-Munro	Plourde, Philip and Kelly	Manchester, NH
9	Gray, Sean Ryan	Gray, Ryan and Heather	Manchester, NH
14	Follansbee, Drew Wadsworth	Follansbee,David and Erika	Manchester, NH
20	Brown, Madison Grace	Brown, Richard and Jennifer	Manchester, NH

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH
JULY			
24	Brule, Connor Jeffrey	Brule, Jeffrey and Tiffanyrose	Concord, NH
26	Bolduc, Norman Bassett	Bolduc, Norman and Drusendahl, Stephanie	Lebanon, NH
30	Sutton, Hayden Riley	Sutton, Eric and Mandi Jo	Derry, NH
AUG.			
5	McCarthy, Brody Clinton	McCarthy, Ryan and Jillian	Concord, NH
20	Bridgeman, Maxwell Thomas	Bridgeman, David and Kathleen	Manchester, NH
22	Gagne, Jacob Eric	Gagne, Jonathan and Kimberly	Manchester, NH
22	Phelps, Katherine Alice	Phelps, Norton and Linda	Manchester, NH
28	Recillas-Cieslik, Jaike Thomas	Cieslik, John and Recillas, Veronica	Nashua, NH
31	Fitzgerald, Joshua Paul	Fitzgerald, Mark and Nicole	Manchester, NH
SEPT.			
2	Bouchard, Abby Lynn	Bouchard, Brian and Elizabeth	Manchester, NH
4	Campbell, Dylan Jacob	Campbell, Jason and Barnes, Mindy	Manchester, NH
17	Sullivan, William Charles	Sullivan, David and Ainsworth, Stephanie	Manchester, NH
OCT.			
5	Rule, Shane Matthew	Rule, Shane and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
6	Lucente, John Robert	Lucente, Dominic and Meredith	Manchester, NH
9	Stewart, Aidan Michael	Stewart, Michael and Michelle	Manchester, NH
14	Adrian, Kelsey Sarah	Adrian, Craig and Kristen	Concord, NH
21	Cooper, Gary Stanley	Cooper, Joseph and Stanley, Jenny	Manchester, NH
24	Starck, PhillipAllan	Starck, Edward and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
24	Chabot, Anna Mildred	Chabot, David and Carla	Manchester, NH
25	O'Connor, Landon Kenneth James	Ricci, Bryanna	Manchester, NH
30	Apar, Lauren Paige	Apar, Shawn and Erin	Nashua, NH
NOV.			
1	Moore, William Bruce	Moore, Jonathan and Kapetanakis-MooreVirginia	Nashua, NH
2	Coimbra, Carolina Anne	Coimbra, Carlos and Amanda	Manchester, NH
DEC.			
12	Crisa, Samuel David	Crisa, David and Michelle	Lebanon, NH

TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS:47

2007 DEATHS

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
JAN.				
4	Caverly, Virginia	Goffstown	Smith, Burton	Eaton, Marjorie
5	Schultz, Florence	Manchester	Puff, Edward	Roedel, Lillian
5	Lawlor, Evelyne	Goffstown	Lachapelle, Joseph	Goss, Alice
8	Becker, Elva	Goffstown	Becker, Joseph	Unknown, Olivine
12	Coffey, Joan	Merrimack	Collins, George	Grover, Ethel
13	Goodwin, Anita	Goffstown	Bolduc, Edward	Blais, Anna
22	Clement, Romeo	Goffstown	Clement, Alfred	Rivard, Amanda
23	Cloutier, Wilfrid	Manchester	Cloutier, Joseph	Boulanger, Clarina
23	Rousseau, Joseph	Manchester	Rousseau, Apolinaire	Lampron, Clara
27	Brennan, Barbara	Goffstown	Nelson, Henry	Roth, Barbara
30	Concannon, Irene	Goffstown	Darrah, Clarence	Enwright, Anne
FEB.				
3	Williams, Lempi	Bedford	Oikari, Ellias	Maki, Julia
4	Daniel, Therese	Goffstown	Clement, Alfred	Rivard, Amanda
7	McKnight, David	Manchester	McKnight, Frederick	Larrabee, Charlotte
8	Christian, Theresa	Goffstown	Olcik, Pius	Basanavich, Anna
9	Wood, Colbert	Goffstown	Wood, Wilfred	Drown, Goldie
18	Hanson, Sharon	Manchester	Hanson, Richard	Hillsgrove, Pauline
21	Hughes, Frances	Goffstown	McDonald, Daniel	McLaughlin, Rose
25	Lacourse, Marc	Goffstown	Lacourse, Robert	Landry, Rita
26	Dickey, Alice	Goffstown	Dickey, Elias	Towne, Bessie May
MAR.				
2	Politz, Lawrence	Concord	Politz, Jack	Shapiro, Helen
4	Cooper, Cecil	Bedford	Cooper, Cecil	Smith, Edith
7	Vigneault, Gertrude	Goffstown	Grimmer, August	Sheehy, Gertrude
11	Montgomery, Margery	Goffstown	Moora, Shelton	Wentz, Lucille
23	Watts, Logan	Manchester	Watts, Matthew	Thompson, Deborah
23	Brodeur, Antoinette	Goffstown	Provencher, Adelard	Demers, Rosa
24	Foote Sr, Herbert	Goffstown	Unknown	Guilmette, Dora
27	Caron, Helen	Goffstown	Spencer, Vinal	Fortier, Helen
29	Schricker, Florence	Bedford	Gage, Charles	Kendrick, Cora
30	Lesmerises, Ronald	Manchester	Lesmerises, Lionel	Dupont, Lillian
APRIL				
1	Flores, Pranee	Merrimack	Yimlamai, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
5	Karam, Ruth	Goffstown	Carter, John	Canada, Lillie Mae
8	Colbert, Elizabeth	Goffstown	Carlin, Edward	Reed, Ethel

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
APRIL				
8	McGarry, Francis	Goffstown	McGarry, Frank	Florand, Jeanette
10	Thibault, Lauretta	Goffstown	Masse, Henri	Cote, Antoinette
13	Franke, Mary	Goffstown	Sosnowski, Wasyl	Dudziak, Ksenia
14	Roux, Roland	Manchester	Roux, Donat	Broux, Blanche
15	Brown, Evelyn	Goffstown	Brown, George	Tibbetts, Marion
21	Carr, Mary	Goffstown	Woods, Leslie	Fallon, Mary
21	Smith, Joseph	Goffstown	Smith, Harry	Brady, Catherine
27	Cook, Mary	Goffstown	Cayer, Abdon	Lambert, Clara
28	Spiller, Wilfred	Goffstown	Spiller, Charles	French, Marion
MAY				
1	Spellman, James	Goffstown	Spellman, Richard	Lejeune, Elaine
2	Riley, Eleanor	Bedford	Goodell, Ernest	Lamb, Wilma
2	Babin, Gary	Goffstown	Babin, Abraham	Churney, Musia
3	MacDougall, John	Goffstown	MacDougall, Roy	Hawkins, Velma
7	Bazin, Francoise	Goffstown	Fortin, Ernest	Cote, Marie
13	Field, Ronald	Concord	Field, Archie	Stacey, Ruth
13	Labrie, Armand	Manchester	Labrie, Francois	Lambert, Rita
16	Josselyn, Herbert	Manchester	Josselyn, Herbert	Machpherson, Dorothy
19	Dempski, Gerald	Manchester	Dempski, Andrew	Horgan, A
21	O'Toole, Julia	Goffstown	O'Toole, Michael	Quail, Kathryn
21	Allison, Arthur	Goffstown	Allison, Onesime	Hall, Mildred
23	Goss, William	Manchester	Goss, Philip	Upham, Mary
23	Leslie, Michele	Concord	Beaulieu, Roland	Beland, Pauline
23	Miles, Jennifer	Manchester	Kelly, Michael	Patterson, Carla
24	Beauvais, John	Goffstown	Beauvais, John	Bellemare, Lena
25	Sheehan, Patrick	Concord	Sheehan, John	Storey, Shirley
28	Manzler, Lorna	Goffstown	Manzler, Everett	Unknown, Beatrix
JUNE				
4	Merrill, Gordon	Manchester	Merrill, Frederick	Hall, Madeline
7	McArdle, Audry	Goffstown	Klement, Frank	Sussmann, Pauline
7	Rogers, Dorothy	Goffstown	Jones, Charles	Reuther, Frieda
17	Danis, Donald	Wolfboro	Danis, Alfred	Barbeau, Olivine
21	Parkhurst, Pamela	Manchester	Dube, Oscar	Beland, Lucille
22	Boisvert, Edmond	Goffstown	Boisvert, Victor	Belanger, Esther
29	Cracraft, Lloyd	Bedford	Cracraft, Berlin	Chambers, Epsie
29	Buxton, George	Goffstown	Buxton, George	Cass, Ruth
30	Kallander, Paul	Goffstown	Kallander, John	Jameson, Joan

	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
JULY				
1	Longval, Pauline	Manchester	Laro, Donald	Sussams, Freda
2	Williams, Lillian	Goffstown	Boilard, Wilfrid	Barbeau, Blanche
5	Veitch, Theresa	Goffstown	Smith, Michael	Taylor, Barbara
6	Wilkinson, Lance	Manchester	Wilkinson, William	Nelson, Jeanette
10	Peterson, Robert	Concord	Peterson, Oscar	Johansson, Helga
15	Lafayette Jr, Jesse	Goffstown	Unknown	Gustin, Nellie
16	Stack, Marjorie	Goffstown	Nelson, Olaf	Curtis, Helen
19	Kelley Jr, William	Goffstown	Kelley Sr, William	Bailey, Bertha
21	Pokigo, Jane	Manchester	Swayer, Earl	Morin, Mary
25	Biron, Leo	Manchester	Biron, Bertrand	Pepin, Jeannette
26	Allard, Yvette	Goffstown	Olivier, Wilfred	Sevigny, Eva
26	Sharek, Hazel	Manchester	Unknown	Unknown
27	Locker, Rita	Manchester	Mead, William	Hanfelt, Catherine
29	Soucy, Lea	Goffstown	Laurendeau, Alfred	Lemay, Florence
30	Lallier, Marie	Goffstown	Dubuc, Alfred	Tessier, Antonia
30	Bailey, Rose	Manchester	Moffitt, Wilson	Stark, Maud
31	Laliberte, Roger	Goffstown	Laliberte, Lucien	Letendre, Diana
AUG.				
1	Barton, Anthony	Goffstown	Barton, Raymond	Walsh, Mary
2	Kos, Michael	Manchester	Kos, Frederick	Anderson, June
2	Berning, Nivelle	Manchester	Berning, Hubert	Hackenmueller, Veronica
11	Pion, Irene	Goffstown	Messier, Toussaint	Faucher, Laura
12	Konieczny, Leon	Lebanon	Konieczny, Joseph	Rup, Mary
12	Cates, Herbert	Goffstown	Cates, William	Lebalnc, Gertrude
17	Mrozek, Helene	Goffstown	Bernier, Patrick	Jolicoeur, Marie
18	Doucet, Lorette	Goffstown	Lemay, Eugene	Lemay, Aldea
20	Walker, Amy	Canterbury	Walker, Gary	Klug, Jill
23	Gagnon, Alice	Goffstown	Bourgeois, Arthur	Boiley, Mathilda
28	Coburn, Sophie	Merrimack	Klapsa, Walter	Gaj, Victoria
30	Deasy Jr, Edward	Goffstown	Unknown	Medige, Ernestine
SEPT.				
3	Boucher, Louise	Manchester	Jowers, William	Demovial-Cotton, Josie
8	Johnson, Alfred	Goffstown	Johnson, George	Unknown, Mabel
8	Caldwell, George	Manchester	Caldwell, George	Kelly, Veronica
22	Abramson, Willie	Manchester	Abramson, Isadore	Slovec, Annie
23	Eaton, David	Goffstown	Eaton, Theodore	Topping, Barbara
23	Hunter, Bruce	Manchester	Hunter, Robert	Burdick, Elizabeth
27	Freitas, Helen	Bedford	Lombard, Arthur	Wescott, Hazel

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
30	Dolan, John	Exeter	Dolan, John	O'Neil, Rosemary
OCT.				
1	Glen, William	Manchester	Glen, William	Boulay, Unknown
2	Hobin, Mary	Manchester	Kennedy, Joseph	Devine, Mary
6	Waterhouse, Beverlee	Merrimack	Barkman, Arthur	Langlois, Yvette
11	Upton, Viena	Goffstown	Little, George	Halme, Helvi
12	Pare, Francis	Goffstown	Pare, Gerard	Raymond, Sybil
15	Valade, Vincent	Manchester	Valade, Edmond	Pinette, Doris
17	Raymond, Jessie	Goffstown	Lamy, Ephriam	Boutot, Eleanor
19	Denningham, John	Goffstown	Denningham, Frederick	Leavitt, Mary
25	Horan, Dorothy	Manchester	Carrigan, Richard	Delangis, Marion
29	Sullivan, Marie	Goffstown	Morin, William	Knorr, Mary
29	Barss, Evelyn	North Haverhill	Smith, Alvin	Butterfield, Florence
30	Nadeau, Rita	Goffstown	Delage, Arthur	Vallandry, Mabel
31	Sims Jr, Rupert	Goffstown	Sims Sr, Rupert	Oakes, Mabel
NOV.				
2	Froman, Catherine	Goffstown	Herbert, Jacob	Lugar, Marguerite
2	Vincent, Pauline	Goffstown	Comeau, Lucien	Doucette, Marie
4	Harden, Wilma	Manchester	Pollard, Herman	McCrillis, Mary
5	Vaillancourt, Richard	Bedford	Vaillancourt, Gerard	Barbeau, Mireille
13	Croteau, Ruth	Goffstown	Case, Ernest	Allen, Bernice
13	Pomeroy, Birdena	Goffstown	Sawyer, Artemus	Yates, Alice
14	Leeds, Alden	Goffstown	Leeds, Clarence	Whipple, Jessie
26	Beaupre, Claire	Manchester	Beaupre, George	Marcotte, Marie Ange
DEC.				
7	Blumberg, Lynda	Manchester	Barrett, Walter	Squiers, Mary
8	Foster, Kendall	Goffstown	Foster, Frank	McClenning, Elsie
9	Poulin, Jean	Manchester	Poulin, Henry	Dupont, Julienne
14	Rusinski, Constance	Goffstown	Degennaro, Joseph	Schiro, Francis
16	McGrade, Harold	Manchester	McGrade, Harold	Cliff, Doris
18	Deshaies, Laurent	Manchester	Deshaies, Alfred	Huard, Beatrice
19	Desroche, Keith	Manchester	Desroche, George	Bunce, Jane
22	Crosby, Doris	Goffstown	Carr, Arthur	Weeks, Ida
24	Jenkins, Janice	Manchester	Lovell, Howard	Blackstone, Florence
25	Avery, Charlotte	Manchester	Fletcher, George	Brown, Flossie
26	Carle, Genevieve	Goffstown	Turcotte, Frank	Boisvert,Ernestine
30	St John, George	Manchester	St John, Armedeus	Johnson, Gladys

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS:138

2007 INTERMENTS

Date of Burial	Name	Age	Died	Cemetery
1/5/2007	Garfield, Doris P.	85	12/31/2006	Hillside
1/12/2007	Redman, Douglas A.	39	1/7/2007	Westlawn
1/22/2007	Nickerson, William	63	12/4/2006	Westlawn
1/22/2007	Becker, Elva Claire	98	1/8/2007	Westlawn
1/24/2007	Heafield, Lorraine Anita	63	1/19/2007	Westlawn
1/27/2007	Brennan, Barbara	81	1/27/2007	Westlawn
4/3/2007	Schricker, Florence	93	3/29/2007	Westlawn
3/27/2007	Watts, Logan J.	2	3/23/2007	Shirley Hill
4/30/2007	Colbert, Roger & Elizabeth	76/89	7/29/1991	Shirley Hill
5/2/2007	Carr, Mary Teresa	86	4/21/2007	Westlawn
5/30/2007	Allison, Arthur J.	94	5/21/2007	Westlawn
5/26/2007	Goss, William H.	68	5/23/2007	Hillside
6/7/2007	Leslie, Michele	51	5/23/2007	Shirley Hill
6/29/2007	Parkhurst, Pam	59	6/21/2007	Shirley Hill
7/3/2007	Cracraft, Lloyd	80	6/29/2007	Westlawn
6/11/2007	Rogers, Dorothy Mae	91	6/7/2007	Westlawn
7/31/2007	Locker, Rita Marie	72	7/27/2007	Westlawn
7/18/2007	Karanikas, Alexander	90	11/30/2006	Westlawn
9/7/2007	Whipple, Elsie Ryder	94	7/14/2007	Westlawn
8/12/2007	Vincent, Alice		3/28/2007	Westlawn
8/17/2007	Perrault, Yvonne	89	7/16/2007	Hillside
8/16/2007	Konieczny, Leon	72	8/12/2007	Westlawn
7/10/2007	Marcott, Thelma I	71	6/25/2005	Shirley Hill
9/14/2007	Filleul, Dorothy	85	8/31/2007	Westlawn
9/11/2007	Johnson, Alfred L.	95	9/8/2007	Westlawn
9/28/2007	Pokigo, Jane S.	83	7/21/2007	Westlawn
10/5/2007	Glen, William B.	75	10/1/2007	Westlawn
10/18/2007	Champagne, Gary F.	46	10/5/2007	Westlawn
11/8/2007	Harden, Wilma H.	81	11/4/2007	Westlawn

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

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February 23, 2007

Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal accounting control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Selectmen, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other then these specified parties. After you have had an opportunity to consider our comments and recommendations, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

CURRENT YEAR ISSUE:

1. Improve Controls in the Town Clerk's Office

During testing of the Town Clerk's Office, we noted the following:

a. Maintain Petty Cash at Authorized Limit

During testing of Town Clerk and Registration Offices' petty cash balance, we noted a combined balance of $646. However, the Town Clerk and Registration Office have a combined authorized petty cash limit of $250, which leaves a combined excess petty cash balance of $396. We noted the following amounts:

Petty Cash Type	Authorized	Unauthorized	Total
Cash drawers (5@$50)	$250	$ -	$250
Change bank	-	104	104
Over/under cash	0	286	286
Other change in safe	-	6	6
Total	$250	$396	$646

We recommend that the Town Clerk deposit excess cash with the Treasurer.

b. Report Over/Under Cash Drawer Balance Rather than Use Petty Cash to balance Drawer

The Town Clerk and Registration Office maintain an over/under petty cash, which is used to balance shortfalls in each clerk's cash drawer at the end of the day. While this may seem to be a good practice, it hides potential cash shortages that may never be discovered by management.

We recommend the Town Clerk deposit the over/under cash fund with the Treasurer. Further, we recommend clerks report to management the actual over/under collections as part of their cash drawer reconciliation.

c. Place All Town Clerk Receipts into One Cash Box

As an example of good collection controls, each clerk in the Registration Office has a cash drawer and records revenues into an automated collection system upon receipt. The Town Clerk, however, has a folder for each revenue type, such as marriage licenses and death certificates, where receipts are placed into each folder prior to deposit. Further, the Town Clerk does not record receipts into a receipt log upon receipt, until the end of each month. At the end of the month, the Town Clerk removes receipts from each folder, notating the receipt type onto a form that is submitted to the Finance Office. The folder is then filed with supporting documentation in a filing cabinet prior to being placed into storage. During testing, a check was found in a filing cabinet, where that folder could have been placed into storage.

We recommend that the Town Clerk place receipts in a cash drawer and record the receipt into a receipt log upon request.

d. Improve Reporting of Registration Numbers in the Collection System

All motor vehicle registrations use a unique identification number that is specified by the State, which is called a UDF number. We tested March 2, 2006 transactions and noted that the same UDF number was used for two separate transactions. We noted in other tests that the collection system will supplement changes to customer accounts to historical reports. However, this is not the situation here, where we were able to verify the duplication of UDF number by verifying cash or check was received by each registrant. Additionally, two registrations were entered without a UDF number.

We recommend that the Town Clerk review daily records and test transactions to verify the accuracy of registration numbers in the collection system.

e. Improve Filing of Motor Vehicle Registrations

We selected several motor vehicle registrations from the collection system and traced them to supporting documentation. We noted that clerks had difficulties finding several registrations within supporting documentation. The Town Clerk, however, was able to locate the registrations several days later.

We recommend the Town Clerk either improve the registration filing system or train employees to locate registrations within the filing system.

f. Discuss Internal Control Entry Problem with the Computer System

The computer system allows a clerk to generate a permit, such as dog licenses, without recording the transaction in the computer system. To accomplish this, a clerk would have to first enter information into the computer system, print the permit, and then escape out of the transaction. As a result, errors or irregularities could occur and not be detected.

We recommend the Town Clerk discuss this issue with the computer system vendor.

g. Discuss Accuracy of Historical Reports with Software Vendor

During testing of Town Clerk receipts, we noted that historical reports from the computer system dropped several dog licenses. As a result, we could not verify the accuracy of historical dog license information within the computer system.

We recommend the Town Clerk also discuss this issue with the computer system vendor.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Goffstown's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown, as of December 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 23, 2007 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Melanson Heath & Company
Nashua, New Hampshire
February 23, 2007

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Goffstown, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Goffstown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

A. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements comprise of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net assets presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, and library and recreation. The business-type activities include sewer enterprise operations.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are maintained as follows:
Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. Specifically, enterprise funds are used to account for sewer operations.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail.

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that are essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information, which is required to be disclosed by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by $ 21,969,698 (i.e., net assets), a change of $ 1,353,577 in comparison to the prior year.

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $ 5,657,101, a change of $ 1,351,380 in comparison with the prior year.

- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was $ 1,446,529, a change of $ 104,141 in comparison with the prior year.

- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current fiscal year was $ 3,882,418, a change of $ (618,311) in comparison to the prior year.

C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current and prior fiscal year (in thousands):

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Current and other assets	$16,002	$13,470	$2,153	$2,482	$18,155	15,952
Capital assets	9,642	9,699	8,358	9,018	18,000	18,717
Total assets	25,644	23,169	10,511	11,500	36,155	34,669
Long-term liabilities outstanding	3,251	3,621	1,880	1,859	5,131	5,480
Other liabilities	8,945	8,087	109	487	9,054	8,574
Total liabilities	12,196	11,708	1,989	2,346	14,185	14,054
Net assets:						
Invested in capital assets, net	9,381	9,274	6,503	6,798	15,884	16,072
Restricted	1,213	822	-	-	1,213	822
Unrestricted	2,854	1,365	2,019	2,356	4,873	3,721
Total net assets	$ 13,448	$ 11,461	$ 8,522	$ 9,154	$ 21,970	$20,615

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, total net assets were $ 21,969,698, a change of $ 1,353,577 from the prior year.

The largest portion of net assets $ 15,884,224 reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net assets $ 1,212,543 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets $ 4,872,931 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governmental Activities		Business Type Activities		Total	
Revenues	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	1,228	$1,008	957	$699	2,185	$1,707
Operating grants and contrib.	1,168	863	210	21	1,378	884
Capital grants and contributions	357	534	-	-	357	534
General revenues:						
Property Taxes	26,954	24,842	-	-	26,954	24,842
Motor vehicle permits	2,515	2,543	-	-	2,515	2,543
Penalties, interest, and other taxes	225	361	-	-	225	361
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	921	873	-	-	921	873
Investment income	234	93	11	12	245	105
Permanent Fund contribution	325	5	-	-	325	5
Interfund	159	-	(159)	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	109	357	-	116	109	473
Total Revenues	34,195	31,479	1,019	848	35,214	32,327
Expenses						
General government	1,612	1,658	-	-	1,612	1,658
Public safety	6,178	5,648	-	-	6,178	5,648
Public works	4,960	6,250	-	-	4,960	6,250
Health and welfare	80	58	-	-	80	58
Library and recreation	970	888	-	-	970	888
County assessments	1,571	1,540	-	-	1,571	1,540
School district assessments	15,422	14,084	-	-	15,422	14,084
Interest on long-term debt	85	94	-	-	85	94
Miscellaneous	1,330	295	-	-	1,330	295
Sewer Operations	-	-	1,651	1,949	1,651	1,949
Total Expenses	32,208	30,515	1,651	1,949	33,859	32,464
Change in net assets	1,987	964	(632)	(1,101)	1,355	(137)
Net assets - beginning of year (as restated)	11,461	10,497	9,154	10,255	20,615	20,752
Net assets - end of year	$13,448	11,461	$8,522	$9,154	21,970	$20,615

Governmental activities. Governmental activities for the year resulted in an increase in net assets of $ 1,985,745. Key elements of this increase are as follows:

Activities	Governmental
General fund operating results (see D)	$924,666
Non-major fund	426,714
Property tax revenue used to purchase capital assets	470,272
Other GAAP accruals	164,093
Total	$ 1,985,745

Business-Type Activities. Business-type activities for the year resulted in a change in net assets of $ (632,168). During the year, the Sewer Commission approved a rate increase that has begun to reverse the operating deficit. The reversal is evident when comparing the prior year change in net assets, which is $(1,100,693), to the current year. The result of the comparison is an improvement of $ 468,525.

D. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental funds. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of $ 5,657,101, a change of $ 1,351,380 in comparison with the prior year. Most of this decrease was attributable to:

	Governmental Funds
General fund, as disclosed below	$ 924,666
Nonmajor funds – accrual basis	426,714
Total	$ 1,351,380

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was $ 1,446,529, while total fund balance was $ 3,333,373. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unreserved fund balance and total

fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unreserved fund balance represents 4.48% of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 10.34% of that same amount.

The fund balance of the general fund changed by $ 924,666 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

	General Fund
Revenue in excess of budget	$ 16,867
Budget in excess of actuals	560,172
Use of fund balance to reduce taxes	(500,000)
Excess of tax collections over Net assessments	(61,591)
Excess of CY encumbrances over PY	820,524
Other	88,694
Total	$ (924,666)

Proprietary funds. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the enterprise funds at the end of the year amounted to $ 2,019,300, a change of $ (337,097) in comparison with the prior year. Other factors concerning the finances of proprietary funds have already been addressed in the entity-wide discussion of business-type activities.

E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

There are no differences between the original budget and the final amended budget.

F. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital assets. Total investment in capital assets for governmental and business-type activities at year-end amounted to $ 18,000,224 (net of accumulated depreciation), a change of $ (714,460) from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and system, improvements, and machinery and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

Computer Servers	$ 15,402
Traffic Control Sign	$ 33,000
Trash Truck	$187,927

Pickup Truck	$ 34,760
Police recorder	$ 25,204
Three cruisers	$ 71,940
Police communications console	$108,682

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding was $ 3,882,418, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Additional information on capital assets and long-term debt can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report represents a condensed version of the Town of Goffstown's financial statements for FYE 12/31/06. **Not all schedules and footnotes are presented in this town report version.** Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Janice O'Connell, Finance Director
Town of Goffstown
16 Main Street
Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045

L-R: Evelyn Redmond, Bookkeeper, Linda Moody, HR Bookkeeper, Treasurer Jean Mayberry, Seated: Janice O'Connell, Finance Director.

Statement of Net Assets – December 31, 2006

ASSETS: Current	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Cash and short-term investments	$12,859,498	$1,571,430	$14,430,928
Investments	1,115,603	-	1,115,603
Receivables, net of allowance for un-collectibles:			
Property Taxes	1,817,976	-	1,817,976
User Fees	83,540	113,251	196,791
Special Assessments	-	38,613	38,613
Intergovernmental	-	112,587	112,587
Other assets	44,716	-	44,716
Non-current:			
Receivables, net of allowance for un-collectibles:	80,341		80,341
Spec. Assessment & Intergovernmental	-	317,434	317,434
Capital assets, net of accumulated deprec.	9,642,104	8,358,120	18,000,224
TOTAL ASSETS	**$ 25,643,778**	**$10,511,435**	**$ 36,155,213**
LIABILITIES: Current:			
Vouchers payable	$378,242	$71,315	$449,557
Accrued liabilities	219,939	37,394	257,333
Due to school district	8,335,086	-	8,335,086
Due to other governments	1,387	-	1,387
Other current liabilities	10,526	21,726	32,252
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	253,311	360,000	613,311
Other liabilities	57,469	-	57,469
Non-current:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	1,774,107	1,495,000	3,269,107
Other liabilities, net of current portion	1,166,433	3,580	1,170,013
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**$12,196,500**	**$1,989,015**	**$14,185,515**
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	$9,381,104	$6,503,120	$15,884,224
Restricted for Permanent funds:			
Nonexpendable	727,528	-	727,528
Expendable	485,015	-	485,015
Unrestricted	2,853,631	2,019,300	4,872,931
TOTAL NET ASSETS	**$13,447,278**	**$8,522,420**	**$21,969,698**

Notes to financial statements available through financial office.

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets 12/31/06

	Governmental Activities	Business Type Activities	TOTAL
Taxes	$ 26,953,876	-	$ 26,953,876
Motor vehicle permits	$ 2,514,573	-	$ 2,514,573
Penalties, interest, and other taxes	$ 224,603	-	$ 224,603
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	$ 921,345	-	$ 921,345
Investment income	$ 234,614	$ 11,835	$ 246,449
Miscellaneous & Interfund	$ 268,632	$ (159,146)	$ 109,486
Permanent Fund Contributions	$ 324,632	-	$ 324,632
TOTAL Rev. & Contributions	$ 31,442,275	$ (147,311)	$ 31,294,964
Change in Net Assets	$ 1,985,745	$ (632,168)	$ 1,353,577
Beginning of year	$ 11,461,533	$ 9,154,588	$ 20,616,121
End of year	$ 13,447,278	$ 8,522,420	$ 21,969,698

Notes to financial statements available through the Finance Office.

FIDUCIARY FUNDS - DECEMBER 31, 2006
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

	Private Purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds
ASSETS		
Cash and short term investments	$ 18,083	$ 741,200
Investments	344,312	-
Total Assets	362,395	741,200
LIABILITIES		
Escrow deposits	-	741,200
Total Liabilities	-	741,200
NET ASSETS		
Total net assets held in trust	$ 362,395	$ -

Notes to financial statements available through the Finance Office.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

		Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Grants and Contributions Oper.	Grants and Contributions Capital	Government Activities	Business Type Activity	Total
Governmental Activities:							
General government	1,611,943	428,739	2,264	-	$ (1,180,940)	-	(1,180,940)
Public safety	6,177,788	582,262	196,643	-	(5,398,883)	-	(5,398,883)
Public works	4,960,164	213,550	968,726	356,594	(3,421,294)	-	(3,421,294)
Health and welfare	79,779	-	-	-	(79,779)	-	(79,779)
Library & rec.	969,648	3,103	-	-	(966,545)	-	(966,545)
County assessments	1,571,433	-	-	-	(1,571,433)	-	(1,571,433)
School district assessments	15,422,498	-		-	(15,422,498)	-	(15,422,498)
Debt service	84,832	-	-	-	(84,832)	-	(84,832)
Miscellaneous	1,330,326	-	-	-	(1,330,326)	-	(1,330,326)
Total Governmental Activities	32,208,411	1,227,654	1,167,633	356,594	(29,456,530)	-	(29,456,530)
Business-Type Activities:							
Sewer services	1,650,881	956,510	209,514	-	-	(484,857)	(484,857)
Total	33,859,292	2,184,164	1,377,147	356,594	(29,456,530)	(484,857)	(29,941,387)

SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO AUDITORS

August 6, 2007

Melanson Heath & Company, P.C.
102 Perimeter Road
Nashua, New Hampshire 03063-1301

Dear Auditors:

The following is the response from the Board of Selectmen to the Management Letter comments dated February 23, 2007, prepared by Melanson Heath & Company. The comments in your Management Letter pertain to issues surrounding the audit for year ending December 31, 2006.

CURRENT YEAR ISSUE:

a. Improve Controls in the Town Clerk's Office Maintain Petty Cash at Authorized Limit

   Response: The Town Clerk and the Registration Office are now maintaining the correct and authorized petty cash limits established by the Finance Director and the Treasurer.

b. Report Over/Under Cash Balance Rather than Use Petty Cash Balance Drawer

   Response: The Town Clerk and the Registration Office are now reporting and depositing with the Treasurer, any over/under petty cash funds received as part of their cash reconciliations.

c. Place All Town Clerk receipts into One Cash Box

   Response: The Town Clerk is now placing receipts in one cash drawer and recording the receipt into a receipt log upon receipt.

d. Improve Reporting of Registration Numbers in the Collection System

   Response: The Town Clerk is now making an effort to consistently review daily records and test transactions to verify the accuracy of registration numbers in the collection system.

e. Improve Filing of Motor Vehicle Registrations.

Response: The Town Clerk is reviewing her filing procedures with staff in the Registration Office. Consideration is being given to changing the filing process and providing additional training to staff.

f. Discuss Internal Control Entry Problem with the Computer System and Software Vendor

Response: The software used in the Registration Office has been updated by our software vendor and the problem has been resolved.

g. Discuss Accuracy of Historical Reports with Software Vendor

Response: The software used in the Registration Office has been updated by our software vendor and the problem has been resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John A. Caprio, *Chairman*
Nicholas Campasano, *Vice Chairman*
Vivian Blondeau
Philip D'Avanza
Scott Gross

MS-1 Summary Inventory Of Valuation for Year 2007

		ASSESSED VALUATION TAXABLE	TOTAL
LAND			
Current Use (incl. Conser. Restr.)		$ 827,630	
Conservation Restriciton Assessment		0	
Discretionary Easement		1,200	
Residential		403,630,900	
Commercial/Industrial		48,586,900	
Total Taxable Land			$453,046,630
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable (est.)			24,468,600
BUILDINGS			
Residential		$ 696,422,700	
Manufactured Housing		26,483,800	
Commercial/Industrial		64,669,200	
Discretionary Preservation Easement		13,200	
Total of Taxable Buildings			$787,588,900
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable			87,850,600
PUBLIC UTILITIES			
Electric		$ 21,466,100	
Gas		582,900	
Total Public Utilities			$22,049,000
TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS			$1,262,684,530
EXEMPTIONS:	**NUMBER**		
Certain Disabled Veterans	2	$371,300	
School Dining/Dorms/Kitchen	1	150,000	
Blind	17	255,000	
Elderly	210	13,120,000	
Total Exemptions	227	13,375,000	
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION RATE IS COMPUTED			$1,248,788,230
NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED			$1,226,739,230

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
SCHOOL				
4/103	16 Maple Avenue	157,200	2,708,600	2,865,800
5/14/1	251 Elm St – Kindergarten	280,300	1,127,200	1,407,500
5/97	Wallace Road - GAHS	14,100		14,100
5/98	27 Wallace Road - GAHS	406,200	10,990,100	11,396,300
8/74	Tibbetts Hill Rd. - MVMS	937,200	8,243,600	9,180,800
17/182	689 Mast Road - Bartlett	531,300	1,213,700	1,745,000
34/138	11 School St – Upper El	128,000	219,500	347,500
SCHOOL TOTALS:		**2,454,300**	**24,502,700**	**26,957,000**
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT				
1/37	Back Mountain Road	472,000		472,000
1/38	Back Mountain Road	967,500	88,700	1,056,200
4/11	off Merrill Road	70,600	5,600	76,200
4/16/2	Mountain Road	102,000		102,000
7/2	Mast Road	42,200	11,000	53,200
7/5	North Mast Road	219,100	104,300	323,400
7/8/1	North Mast Road	103,600		103,600
7/106/2	High Street	60,700		60,700
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT TOTALS:		**$2,037,700**	**209,600**	**2,247,300**
TOWN & CONSERVATION				
1/35	Back Mountain Road	291,800		291,800
2/39/4	off Back Mountain Rd	12,300		12,300
2/64/28	Shirley Hill Road	29,900		29,900
3/9	off School House Road	26,600		26,600
4/61	off New Boston Road	28,500		28,500
5/14	Goffstown Back Road	267,900		267,900
5/15/3	Elm St	20,000		20,000
5/15/4	Elm St	50,000		50,000
5/24	404 Elm Street	362,000	811,300	1,173,300
5/38/39	Juniper Drive	38,400		38,400
6/39/1/A	326 Mast Road	81,000	627,500	708,500
7/3/1	off Mast Road	17,300		17,300
7/72	Mast/Autumn Street	450,700		450,700
8/44	off Locust Hill	13,500		13,500
9/29/1	289 Tirrell Hill Road	76,600	171,300	247,900
10/11	Tenney Road	6,500		6,500
12/10A	Montelona Rd (off)	118,500		118,500

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
TOWN & CONSERVATION (cont.)				
15/58	Rosemont Street	80,600		80,600
15/59	Rosemont Street	5,800		5,800
15/57A	Rosemont Street	90,000	103,400	193,400
15/73A	31 Rosemont Street	6,000		6,000
17/37	656 Mast Rd.	87,500	439,000	526,500
17/238	36 Laurier Street	171,500	12,500	184,000
19/15	19 Channel Lane	17,000	2,000	19,000
19/47	off Sharon St	250,000		250,000
21/85	60 Cove Street	59,200		59,200
21/64A	Riverside Drive	26,400		26,400
24-37	Andre/Russell	15,900		15,900
24/44	Rem Drive	7,400		7,400
24/44R/6	Rem Drive	15,100		15,100
24/59A	Lynchville Park Road	31,700		31,700
26/13A	Mast Rd./Henry Bridge	10,700		10,700
27/23	Henry Bridge Road	23,400		23,400
27/25	86 Center Street	45,000	2,000	47,000
28/28	87 Center St	58,800	149,000	207,800
30/81	Barnard Lane	134,800	146,100	280,900
30/25A	Pineridge Road	10,000		10,000
30/29/A	Highland Avenue	11,100		11,100
31/19	155 S Mast St	75,500	142,200	217,700
31/22	off Mast Road	51,800		51,800
32/26E/18	Hermsdorf Avenue	11,600		11,600
32/26E/19	Hermsdorf Avenue	11,700		11,700
32/26E/22	Hermsdorf Avenue	11,600		11,600
32/26E/30	Janice Drive	11,600		11,600
32/26E/55	Thomas Drive	11,900		11,900
34/83	16 Main Street	212,900	588,400	801,300
34/96	Church Street	117,800	12,700	130,500
34/99	Church Street	147,200		147,200
34/107	2 High Street	176,100	276,300	452,400
34/129	Mill Street	34,100		34,100
34/148	Main Street	176,000	9,200	185,200
34/152	Main Street	138,400		138,400
34/177	East Union Street	105,300	69,000	174,300
35/48	Island on Glen Lake	250,400		250,400
37/9	N Mast St	45,000		45,000
38/13	18 Church Street	159,500	261,500	421,000
40/1	Crescent Lane	48,700		48,700

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
TOWN & CONSERVATION (cont.)				
40/8	Perimeter Road	4,500		4,500
40/11	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/12	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	33,000		33,000
40/14	Crescent Lane	4,600		4,600
40/15	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/16	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/17	Cresent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/18	Cresent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/19	Cresent Lane	4,300		4,300
40/20	Cresent Lane	4,300		4,300
40/21	Cresent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/22	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/23	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/24	Cresent Lane	4,500		4,500
40/25	Cresent Lane	4,900		4,900
40/27	Perimeter Road	4,600		4,600
40/29	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/34	Summit Road	4,400		4,400
40/35	Summit Road	4,400		4,400
40/42	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/4A	Uncanoonuc Mtn.	26,600		26,600
40/47	197 Perimeter Road	30,800	300	31,100
40/50	off Perimeter Road	5,000		5,000
40/51	S. Uncanoonuck Mtn.	4,600		4,600
40/52	S. Uncanoonuck Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/53	Beech Lane	4,400		4,400
40/54	Summit Avenue	4,400		4,400
40/56	Maple Lane	4,400		4,400
40/57	Maple Lane	4,400		4,400
40/58	Summit Road	4,400		4,400
40/59	Maple Lane	4,600		4,600
40/60	41 Crescent Lane	4,400		4,400
40/61	Chestnut Lane	4,400		4,400
40/63	Chestnut Lane	4,400		4,400
40/64	Chestnut Ln/Summit	4,600		4,600
40/65	Beech Lane	4,600		4,600
40/66	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/67	Beech Lane	4,400		4,400
40/68	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/69	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
TOWN & CONSERVATION (cont.)				
40/70	Chestnut Lane	4,400		4,400
40/71	Chestnut Lane	4,500		4,500
40/72	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,300		4,300
40/73	off Perimeter Road	4,400		4,400
40/74	Chestnut Lane	4,700		4,700
40/76	Birch Lane	4,400		4,400
40/77	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/78	Birch Lane	4,300		4,300
40/79	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,400		4,400
40/80	Birch Lane	4,400		4,400
40/81	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,400		4,400
40/82	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/83	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/85	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/86	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/87	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/88	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/89	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/90	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/91	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/92	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,500		4,500
40/93	Cedar Lane	4,300		4,300
40/94	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/95	Uncanoonuc Mountain	4,600		4,600
40/97	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/98	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,500		4,500
40/99	Pine Lane	4,600		4,600
40/101	Pine Lane	4,700		4,700
40/103	off Perimeter Road	4,400		4,400
40/104	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/105	Summit Ave.	4,700		4,700
40/106	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/107	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	4,400		4,400
40/113	Perimeter Road	122,100	61,600	183,700
40/115	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	163,500		163,500
40/47A	off Perimeter Road	4,500		4,500
40/50A	off Perimeter Road	4,300		4,300
41/6	Forest Avenue	9,000		9,000
41/7	36 Incline Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/9	Incline Avenue	9,200		9,200

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
TOWN & CONSERVATION (cont.)				
41/14	Mountain/Park Ave.	10,600		10,600
41/16	Mountain Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/17	Mountain Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/19	Uncanoonuc Avenue	9,000		9,000
41/21	Park Avenue	15,500		15,500
41/22	Crown Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/23	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,500		8,500
41/24	Uncanoonuc Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/29	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/30	Incline Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/31	S. Mountain Base	8,800		8,800
41/32	Kaoka Avenue	9,900		9,900
41/33	Kaoka Avenue	13,800		13,800
41/34	Chocorua Avenue	23,100		23,100
41/35	Wonolancet Avenue	13,000		13,000
41/36	Wonolancet Avenue	25,700		25,700
41/37	*Mascoma* Avenue	17,900		17,900
41/37A	Mascoma Avenue	9,900		9,900
41/38	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/39	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/40	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/41	Chocorua Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/42	Chocorua Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/43	Chocorua Avenue	11,600		11,600
41/45	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/46	Kaoka Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/47	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/48	Kaoka Avenue	10,000		10,000
41/49	Kaoka Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/50	Kaoka Avenue	9,200		9,200
41/51	Mascoma Avenue	44,400	5,000	49,400
41/56	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/59	Mascoma Ave	4,400		4,400
41/61	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/62	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
41/69	46 Incline Avenue	45,200	14,400	59,600
41/75	S. Mtn. Base/RR Ave.	14,200		14,200
41/76	Railroad Avenue	9,300		9,300
41/77	Railroad Avenue	11,300		11,300
41/78	Railroad Avenue	5,200		5,200

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
TOWN & CONSERVATION (cont.)				
41/79	Mascoma Avenue	9,300		9,300
41/80	S. Mtn. Base Road	9,200		9,200
41/64A	Uncanoonuc Avenue	8,900		8,900
42/2	Railroad Avenue	9,700		9,700
42/4	Railroad Avenue	8,400		8,400
42/5	off Railroad Avenue	9,600		9,600
42/6	3 Orr St	46,800	8,000	54,800
42/12	Incline Avenue	8,900		8,900
42/15	Mountain Avenue	9,200		9,200
42/18	Mountain Avenue	10,200		10,200
42/19	Orr Street	9,200		9,200
42/22	Park Ave	11,700		11,700
42/23	Crown Avenue	12,800		12,800
42/24	Chestnut Slope	120,000		120,000
42/25	Chestnut Slope	9,200		9,200
42/28	165 Mountain Base Road	8,800		8,800
42/29	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/30	169 Mountain Base Rd	45,900		45,900
42/31	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/32	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/33	Chestnut Slope	9,200		9,200
42/35	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/36	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/37	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/40	off Mtn. Base Road	9,200		9,200
42/41	Chestnut Slope	8,800		8,800
42/42	Chestnut Slope	8,900		8,900
42/45	Lake Uncanoonuc	9,100		9,100
42/51	Railroad Avenue	5,200		5,200
43/24/1	Arrowhead Dr	66,000	20,000	86,000
TOTAL TOWN & CONSERVATION:		**$6,581,800**	**3,932,700**	**10,514,500**
GRAND TOTAL		**$11,073,800**	**28,645,000**	**39,718,800**

REPORT OF ASSESSING OFFICE

In response to the State of New Hampshire's requirement to take values anew at least every five years, the Town of Goffstown Assessing Office updated all assessed values as of April 1, 2003. This was an update of values only with no inspections of properties. The last inspection of commercial and industrial properties was in 1998; the last inspection of residential properties was in 1988. The Department of Revenue Administration reviewed the 2003 assessments and found the Town's assessment practices and the quality of assessments to be within acceptable limits, with the exception of the data quality, i.e., measurements and listings of individual properties.

The Town has responded by starting a cyclical re-measure and list of all taxable properties located in the Town of Goffstown. This process was started in 2006 and is expected to be complete in 2010. As of December 31, 2007, approximately 2,500 out of 6,250 properties have been visited.

For the 2008 tax year, the Town will be conducting another update of value, similar to the one performed in 2003. This update of value will apply to all properties, whether inspected or not. This update of value must be performed in order to meet the State's requirement that all values are taken anew at least every five years. Once the cyclical re-measure and list is completed in 2010, the Town will review the assessed values, and if necessary update values for the 2010 tax year as well.

The Assessing Office is attempting to improve the quality of its assessments without causing undue disruption to neither taxpayers nor large increases in the budget. A complete revaluation of all properties located in the Town could cost as much as $500,000. By spreading the work out over a five year period and performing a large portion of the work in-house, the Assessing Office can reduce the total cost and spread that cost out over a longer period.

The Assessing Office asks for the understanding and cooperation of its citizens. Both the cyclical re-measure and list and the valuation updates can cause changes in taxes. It is the intent to make all assessments as equitable as possible. The participation of taxpayers in this process is not only welcomed, but encouraged.

Respectively Submitted,

Scott W. Bartlett, CNHA
Assessor

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION				
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION				
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487				
MS-4		(603) 271-3397	DUE SEPTEMBER 1	
Town:	GOFFSTOWN		FY 2007	
REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J: 34)				
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.	For Use By Municipality	Reserved for Use By DRA
	TAXES			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	14	8,108	
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Timber Taxes	14	11,776	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	14	190,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)			
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	14	5,150	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	14	2,557,269	
3230	Building Permits	14	42,056	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	14	24,721	
3311-3319	**FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**	14	160,404	
	FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenues	14	105,427	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	14	747,292	
3353	Highway Block Grant	14	344,455	
3354	Water Pollution Grant	14	129,820	
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax) State Grants	14	126,316	
3379	**FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**			
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401-3406	Income from Departments	14	394,833	
3409	Other Charges	14	140,817	

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.	For Use By Municipality	Reserved for Use By DRA
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	14	3,000	
3502	Interest on Investments	14	159,479	
3503-3509	Other	14	246,877	
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRASFERS IN			
3912	Special Revenue Funds: EMS & Sewer	14	475,322	
3913	Capital Projects Fund			
3914	Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer - (Offset)	14	1,533,395	
	Water - (Offset)			
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
3915	Capital Reserve Fund			
3916	Trust & Agency Funds	14	10,499	
3917	From Conservation Fund			
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
	SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES	14	7,417,016	
	General Fund Balance**			
	For Municipal Use			
	Unreserved Fund Balance (audited) $2,747,422.			
	Less Emergency Approp. (RSA 32:11) $0.			
	Voted from “surplus”		0	
	Fund Balance - Retained $2,747,422.			
	Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes		500,000	
	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		$7,917,016	
	REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)		$60,000	
	Janice M. O'Connell, Finance Director		8/27/2007	
	PREPARER'S SIGNATURE AND TITLE		DATE	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN - 2008

MS-7

		PRIOR YEAR		APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR			
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRI-ATIONS AS APROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPEND-ITURES	SELECT-MEN'S RECOM-MENDED	NOT RECOM-MEND-ED	BUDGET COMMIT-TEE's RECOM-MENDED	NOT RECOM-MEND-ED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Executive (incl. IT budget)	13	679,934	662,223	734,642		734,642	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics (Town Clerk)	13	202,764	191,649	235,192		235,192	
Financial Administration (incl. Tax Office budget)	13	357,280	357,988	386,598		386,598	
Revaluation of Property	13	171,972	174,688	202,983		202,983	
Legal Expense							
Personnel Administration							
Planning & Zoning & Economic Dev.	13	280,084	293,726	291,728		291,728	
General Government Buildings							
Cemeteries	13	97,687	103,080	99,589		99,589	
Insurance							
Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
Other General Government	13	23,715	16,900	22,121		22,121	
PUBLIC SAFETY							
Police (expen. incl. grant awards)	13	3,692,673	3,510,821	3,769,738		3,769,738	
Ambulance: Emergency Med. Srvcs							
Fire (expen. incl. grant awards)	13	1,953,488	1,796,595	2,048,000		2,048,000	
Building & Health Inspection	13	117,081	115,760	122,394		122,394	
Emergency Management	13	4,001	4,840	3,501		3,501	
Other Public Safety (including communications)							
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS							
Admin., Highway. & Streets (expen. incl. Grant awards)	13	3,138,403	3,060,281	3,152,590		3,152,590	

		PRIOR YEAR		APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR			
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRI -ATIONS AS APROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPEND- ITURES	SELECT- MEN'S RECOM- MENDED	NOT RECOM -MEND -ED	BUDGET COMMIT -TEE's RECOM- MENDED	NOT RECOM -MEND -ED
Bridges							
SANITATION							
Administration & Solid Waste Collection	13	1,221,158	1,197,198	1,093,940		1,093,940	
Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup							
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
Administration & Water Services							
Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
ELECTRIC							
Administration & Generation							
Purchase Costs							
Electric Equipment Maintenance							
Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH							
Administration & Pest Control							
Health Agencies, Hospitals & Other							
WELFARE							
Administration & Direct Assistance	13	68,058	57,366	71,462		71,462	
Intergov. Welfare Payments							
Vendor Payments & Other							
CULTURE & RECREATION							
Parks & Recreation	13	342,263	331,375	355,962		355,962	
Library	13	593,371	561,276	617,810		617,810	

		PRIOR YEAR		APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR			
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRI -ATIONS AS APROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPEND- ITURES	SELECT- MEN'S RECOM- MENDED	NOT RECOM -MEND -ED	BUDGET COMMIT -TEE's RECOM- MENDED	NOT RECOM -MEND -ED
Public Access TV	13	51,578	49,473	58,210		58,210	
CONSERVATION							
Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
Other Conservation							
Redevelopment & Housing							
Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE							
Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	13	253,311	253,311	253,311		253,311	
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	13	79,778	79,778	69,265		69,265	
Interest on TANs	13	1	0	1		1	
Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
Land & Improvements (incl. Road Plan Improv.)	13	921,150	907,734	2,037,000		2,037,000	
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	13	428,000	385,196	677,899		677,899	
Buildings	13			122,000		122,000	
Improv. Other than Land & Bldgs.	13	121,544	115,979	213,000		213,000	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
To Special Revenue Fund: EMS	13	326,954	287,670	363,295		363,295	
To Capital Projects Fund							
To Enterprise Fund							
Sewer-	13	1,663,215	1,322,652	1,651,503		1,651,503	
To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							

		PRIOR YEAR		APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR			
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRI -ATIONS AS APROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPEND-ITURES	SELECT-MEN'S RECOM-MENDED	NOT RECOM-MEND-ED	BUDGET COMMIT-TEE's RECOM-MENDED	NOT RECOM -MEND-ED
To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1	13	16,789,463	15,837,559	18,653,734		18,653,734	
Please note: "Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles", which are addressed below.							
FIREFIGHTERS CONTRACT	14			73,078		73,078	
AMBULANCE FR. EMS SPEC. REV. FUND	17			185,000		185,000	
MAIN STREET PROGRAM	18	15,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	
RED CROSS	19			2,150		2,150	
SUBTOTAL 2				275,228		275,228	
Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes;							
3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as non-lapsing or nontransferable article.							
ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN		1,473,665	1,473,055				
CONSERVATION LAND EASEMENTS		245,000	245,000				
BOND FOR LYNCHVILLE-DANIS WATER	12			2,537,000		2,537,000	
BOND FOR LAND ACQ.,DEV., & CONS. EASEMENT	11			2,000,000		2,000,000	
FIREFIGHTER / EMT "SAFER" GRANT	15			72,274		72,274	
FIRE APPARATUS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	16			420,000		420,000	
SUBTOTAL 3				5,029,274		5,029,274	

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN -2008				MS-7
SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year (from MS4)	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE for Ensuing Fiscal Year
TAXES				
Land Use Change Taxes	13	8,108	42	440
Resident Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes	13	11,776	7,854	12,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
Other Taxes				
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	13	190,000	172,953	195,000
INVENTORY PENALTIES				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
Business Licenses & Permits	13	5,150	4,682	5,150
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	13	2,557,269	2,455,888	2,608,883
Building Permits	13	42,056	36,602	62,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	13	24,721	24,892	25,342
FROM FEDERAL GOV. (FEMA & other)	13 & 15	160,404	143,276	61,372
FROM STATE				
Shared Revenues	13	105,427	116,137	105,427
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	13	747,292	747,292	702,853
Highway Block Grant	13	344,455	344,555	358,509
Water Pollution Grant	13	129,820	129,820	47,011
Housing & Community Development				
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
Flood Control Reimbursement				
Other (Including Railroad Tax) State Grants	13	126,316	240,501	48,927
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	13	394,833	367,102	558,381

Other Charges	13	140,817	190,114	148,513
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property	13	3,000	0	5,000
Interest on Investments	13	159,479	149,733	151,080
Other	13	246,877	250,275	286,112
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
Special Revenue Funds: EMS & Sewer	13 & 17	475,322	480,575	715,248
Capital Projects Fund				
Enterprise Fund				
Sewer - (Offset)	13	1,533,395	1,533,395	1,604,492
Water - (Offset)				
Electric - (Offset)				
Capital Reserve Fund				
Trust & Agency Funds	13	10,499	10,499	32,950
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	11 & 12			4,537,000
Amounts Voted from "Surplus"				
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year r to Reduce Taxes		500,000	500,000	
TOTAL REVENUES		7,917,016	7,906,187	12,271,690
BUDGET SUMMARY		SELECTMAN	BUDGET COMMITTEE	
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)		18,653,734	18,653,734	
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)		275,228	275,228	
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)		5,029,274	5,029,274	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended *		23,958,236	23,958,236	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)		12,271,690	12,271,690	
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised		11,686,546	11,686,546	
Passage of Individual Warrant article # 14 will reduce appropriations by $37,640.				

2007 TAX RATE CALCULATION

	Town Portion		
Appropriations	$ 18,523,128		
Less: Revenues	7,917,016		
Less: Shared Revenues	111,651		
Add: Overlay	64,449		
War Service Credits	456,000		
Net Town Appropriation		11,014,910	
Municipal Tax Rate			**8.81**
	School Portion		
Net Local School Budget	24,660,554		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(6,463,633)		
State Education Taxes	(3,516,121)		
Net School Appropriation		14,680,800	
Local Education Rate			**11.76**
State Education Taxes		3,516,121	
State Education Rate			**2.87**
	County Portion		
Due to County	1,585,153		
Less: Shared Revenues	(15,195)		
Approved County Tax Effort		1,569,958	
County Tax Rate			**1.26**
Total Tax Rate			**24.70**

Total Taxes Assessed	30,781,789
Less: War Service Credits	(456,000)
Total Property Tax Commitment	**$30,325,789**

Proof of Rate:	**Net Valuation**	**Tax Rate**	**Tax Assessment**
State Education Tax	$1,226,739,230	2.87	3,516,121
All Other Taxes	$1,248,788,230	21.83	27,265,668
			$ 30,781,789

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

DEBIT

Levies of:	2007	2006
Uncollected Taxes		
at Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes		$1,456,739
Land Use Change		$10,700
Yield Taxes		
Taxes Committed this Year:		
Property Taxes	$30,349,334	
Land Use Change	$98,820	
Yield Taxes	$49,200	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	$44,359	$9,154
Interest and Cost Collected on		
Delinquent Tax:	$20,656	$35,658
TOTAL DEBITS	**$30,562,369**	**$1,512,251**

CREDIT

Remittance to Treasurer:	2007	2006
Property Taxes	$28,695,339	$941,949
Land Use Change	$73,270	
Yield Taxes	$7,854	
Interest & Costs	$20,656	$35,658
Conversion to Lien		$504,715
Abatements Made:		
Timber Taxes	$41,346	
Property Taxes	$13,510	$7,992
Deferrals		$21,937
Uncollected Taxes		
End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	$1,684,844	
Land Use Change	$25,550	
Yield Taxes		
TOTAL CREDITS	**$30,562,369**	**$1,512,251**

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007

DEBIT

	Levies of: 2006	2005	2000-2004
Unredeemed Lien Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year:		$229, 361	$105,322
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	$546,334		
Interest & Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	$15,656	$23,015	$39,260
Refunds of Liened Property:	$1,856		
TOTAL DEBITS	**$563,846**	**$252,376**	**$144,582**

CREDIT

Remittance to Treasurer	2006	2005	2000-2004
Redemptions:	$258,216	$100,482	$101,916
Interest/Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	$15,656	$23,015	$39,260
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes:	$1,775		
Liens Deeded to Municipality:	$590	$568	$2,103
Unredeemed Lien Balance at End of Year:	$287,609	$128,311	$1,303
TOTAL CREDITS	**$563,846**	**$252,376**	**$144,582**

2007 TAX YEAR: APRIL 1, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2008

Once again, the Tax Department wishes to thank the taxpayers of Goffstown for all of your cooperation in 2007. We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Gail L. Lavallee

Tax Collector

BALANCE SHEET
TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

Unaudited for Year Ending 12/31/2007

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 11,264,777
Investments	204,509
Taxes receivable	2,307,952
Accounts receivable	17,685
Overlay	(158,392)
Due from other governments	434,627
Due from others	56,155
Total Assets and Other Debits	$ 14,127,314

LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	$ 843,011
Due to School District	7,696,921
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	216,052
Total Liabilities	$ 8,755,984
Equity and Other Credits:	
Fund balances:	
Reserved for encumbrances	$ 2,544,615
Unreserved - undesignated	2,826,715
Total Equity and Other Credits	$ 5,371,330
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	$ 14,127,314

TREASURY REPORT

Unaudited for Year Ending December 31, 2007

Cash on Hand - January 1, 2007	$11,616,472.69
Deposits, Transfers & Adjustments	36,587,569.37
Total Cash	48,204,042.06
Disbursements, Transfers & Adjustments	36,735,760.20
Cash on Hand - December 31, 2007	$ 11,468,281.86

Citizens Bank	$11,263,773.06
MBIA	45,679.24
Bank of America	158,829.56
	$ 11,468,281.86

Standing L-R, Town Clerk Donna Bergeron, Stephanie Barrett, Karen LeClerc
Seated L-R: Tax Collector Gail Lavallee, Deputy Tax Collector Renee Millson

DEBT SCHEDULE

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1990 General Obligation Bond – Sewer			
2008	105,000	24,806	129,806
2009	105,000	17,719	122,719
2010	105,000	10,631	115,631
2011	105,000	3,544	108,544
Total	420,000	56,700	476,700
1994 General Obligation Bond – Sewer			
2008	25,000	3,931	28,931
2009	25,000	2,363	27,363
2010	25,000	788	25,788
Total	**75,000**	**7,081**	**82,081**
1998 General Obligation Bond – Sewer			
2008	55,000	15,975	70,975
2009	55,000	13,363	68,363
2010	55,000	10,750	65,750
2011	55,000	8,000	63,000
2012	55,000	5,250	60,250
2013	50,000	2,500	52,500
Total	**325,000**	**55,838**	**380,838**
2001 General Obligation Bond – Sewer			
2008	75,000	30,713	105,713
2009	75,000	27,488	102,488
2010	75,000	24,206	99,206
2011	75,000	20,831	95,831
2012	75,000	17,456	92,456
2013	75,000	14,081	89,081
2014	75,000	10,631	85,631
2015	75,000	7,163	82,163
2016	75,000	3,600	78,600
Total	**675,000**	**156,169**	**831,169**
Total SEWER BONDS:			
TOTAL:	**1,495,000**	**275,788**	**1,770,788**

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2001 Landfill Closure Bond			
2008	164,000	55,018	219,018
2009	164,000	48,905	212,905
2010	164,000	42,792	206,792
2011	164,000	36,679	200,679
2012	164,000	30,566	194,566
2013	164,000	24,452	188,452
2014	164,000	18,339	182,339
2015	164,000	12,226	176,226
2016	164,000	6,113	170,113
TOTAL	**1,476,000**	**275,090**	**1,751,090**
2001 Supplemental Landfill Closure Bond			
2008	4,311	1,497	5,808
2009	4,311	1,347	5,658
2010	4,311	1,198	5,508
2011	4,311	1,048	5,359
2012	4,311	898	5,209
2013	4,311	748	5,059
2014	4,311	599	4,910
2015	4,311	499	4,760
2016	4,311	299	4,610
2017	4,311	150	4,460
TOTAL	**43,110**	**8,233**	**51,341**
2004 Municipal Curbside Recycling Bond			
2008	85,000	12,750	97,750
2009	85,000	8,500	93,500
2010	85,000	4,250	89,250
TOTAL	**255,000**	**25,500**	**280,500**
General Fund Total Principal & Interest			
TOTAL:	**1,774,108**	**308,823**	**2,082,931**

TOWN CLERK TRANSACTIONS

		2006		2007	
		Quantity	$	Quantity	$
Motor Vehicle Permits:					
Automobiles		19,890	$2,467,178.59	19,714	$2,396,129.81
Municipal Agent Fees		19,122	$47,805.00	19,066	$47,665.00
Title Fees (CTA's)		3,376	$6,782.00	3,383	$6,766.00
Mail-In Fees		15,118	$15,118.00	15,409	$15,409.00
Boat Registrations		293	$3,999.36	320	$3,835.06
Boat Agent Fees		290	$435.00	328	$492.00
E-Registrations **		152	$387.70	201	$508.35
Protested Check Fees		33	$1,056.00	30	$960.00
Dog Licenses	Civil Forfeit.	46	$1,250.00	70	$1,900.00
	Licenses *	1,179	$7,361.00	1,249	$7,930.00
	Late Fees		$1,094.00		$1,322.00
Filing Fees					
Articles of Agree.		3	$15.00	1	$5.00
Game Licenses		11	$925.00	13	$1,450.00
Pole Licenses		5	$50.00	5	$50.00
Filing Fees		17	$264.38	17	$220.77
Candidate Filings		23	$37.00	6	$6.00
UCCs		248	$3,700.00	193	$2,890.00
Wetland Permits		9	$90.00	7	$70.00
Vital Records:					
Birth Certificates *		259	$2,868.00	337	$3,704.00
Death Certificates *		518	$4,700.00	563	$5,176.00
Marriage Licenses *		62	$2,790.00	73	$3,285.00
Marriage Certificates *		197	$1,900.00	182	$1,832.00
Civil Union Licenses *				4	$180.00
Divorce Certificates *				14	$164.00
Postage			$97.32		$42.21
Copies			$159.00		$121.98
Cash Overage					$292.49
Amount Remitted to Treasurer			$2,570,062.35		$2,502,406.67
Refunds Issued			$743.50		$3,322.00

* Revenues collected prior to payments to the State of New Hampshire
2007 vital record fees payable to State of NH = $9987; Town Revenues = $4354
2007 dog fees payable to State of NH = $2841; Town Revenues = $5089
** Revenues payable to Interware

TOWN CLERK OFFICE

The Town Clerk is located in room 210 and the Registration office is in room 201. On September 10th town hall office hours changed to Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, expanding our hours open to the public from 37 hours to 40 hours each week.

State RSAs and Administrative Rules regulate the Town Clerk and Registration offices. The policies that we have established in these offices are for your protection. Privacy laws prohibit us from releasing information over the telephone. We will no longer renew a motor vehicle registration unless you have your previous registration or the mail-in renewal form. Only a person whose name is on a motor vehicle registration can be given information about the registration. If you are a new resident, you must bring proof of residency with you and you must bring your previous registration.

For a small servicing fee you may take advantage our on-line "E-Reg" method to renew your registrations. Simply go on-line to www.goffstown.com, click on the moose plate and follow the instructions. "E-Reg" also allows you to "Get an Estimate" based on the information you supply. We continue our mail-in registration renewal program. Notices are mailed by the State by the 25th of the month prior to your registration expiration. Please, read the instructions on the notice carefully and send two checks and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Please remember to change your address with the State Motor Vehicle Licensing Bureau even if you are moving within the Town of Goffstown. Mail-in forms are not forwarded. You are always welcome to renew in person.

For a $1.50 processing fee we can register and renew your boat registrations and Goffstown benefits by retaining the town portion of those registration fees. If you mail your payment to the state, all funds are retained by the state. Please be sure to bring your state renewal form or previous registration and your driver's license.

Residents may register to vote at the Town Hall during regular office hours or with the Checklist Supervisors when they are in session. Residents may also register to vote on election day in the appropriate polling district. Proof of residency is required in the form of a photo ID such as a New Hampshire driver's license, with the Goffstown address imprinted on it. Without such imprinted address, a second proof of residency will be required (i.e. – utility bill, lease agreement). Goffstown has two (2) polling locations:

District 1 - Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown: Includes residents living in the Goffstown Village and Grasmere area (from Route 114/114A intersection westerly to the Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton town lines and includes residents on the east side of the Piscataquog River.

District 5 – Bartlett Elementary School, 689 Mast Road, Pinardville: Includes residents from the Route 114/114A intersection to the Piscataquog River and easterly to the Manchester line.

For more voting information and a complete listing of streets and their voting districts, go to www.goffstown.com and click on elections.

State law mandates that all dogs over the age of four (4) months must be licensed annually. Dog licenses are effective May 1 to April 30 regardless of when the license is issued. Failure to comply results in a penalty of $1.00 per month after May 31st and you may be subject to a $25.00 unlicensed dog fine. A puppy needs to be registered as soon as it receives its first rabies shot. Dog registration fees are $6.50 for a spayed/neutered animal; if they have not been neutered the fee is $9.00. Residents must present a current rabies certificate and certificate of neutering (if applicable) in order for us to process a dog license.

You may renew your dog's registration via mail. A renewal form is available on our town websiteThe staff in the Town Clerk and Registration offices is here to help you in any way we can.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Bergeron, Town Clerk

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

L-R: Chair Patricia Wynne, Suzanne Tremblay, Absent: Christine Daniels

Since this is the first time we are being included in the town report, I will start with a little background information. There are 3 elected Supervisors of the Checklist. Each term is for 6 years and positions are staggered so that one term expires every other year. We are charged with the duties of maintaining the voter checklists for the town. The checklists are also used by the state for the Jury Selection Pool.

Over the years, the system has undergone numerous changes – from a strictly paper system when voter registration cards were brought to the polls for verification – to a local town computer system to the current statewide computer system.

The statewide system was implemented approximately 2 years ago and the training and cleaning up of records is still going on today. As of 1/4/2008, prior to the presidential primary, we had 11,282 registered voters in Goffstown (4736 undeclared, 2708 democrats and 3838 republicans).

On election days, we are at both polling places registering new voters and accepting changes to names/addresses and when allowed party affiliation. After any election day is when most of our "work" begins. All information must be input into the system, reports run and forwarded to the state, letters sent to individuals when necessary to clear up any issues and notices sent to other states advising them that their "voter" is no longer in their state and to remove from their voting list.

Every ten years, there is a mandatory statewide purge of the system. Anyone who hasn't voted in an election within the past 12 months is sent a letter advising them that they will be removed. The next purge is scheduled for 2009.

We also meet at special sessions, prior to all elections, so that you can register if you are unable to make it to town hall during normal business hours. Watch the newspaper for the notices of dates and times.

In 2007 we had only the town election, so most of the year was spent on getting the kinks out of the new system, training and cleaning up files. In 2008, however, we will be quite busy with 5 elections and all the additional work that comes with each election.

Tricia Wynne
Chairman

SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

This office has the following responsibilities: General Assistance administration, Administrative Liaison to Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission and Community Access TV Committee, Annual Report and special projects.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE: The Town of Goffstown, along with the other municipalities in New Hampshire, has the responsibility of relieving and maintaining any persons in town who are poor and unable to support themselves. Eligibility for the voucher-facilitated assistance is determined according to guidelines established by the Board of Selectmen. This community is fortunate in having organizations such as the Goffstown Salvation Army, Goffstown Food Network, Vestree Shop, Harvest Christian Church Food Pantry, Clergy

Association, Lions Club and St. Matthew's Outreach program that help immensely in meeting this need for assistance.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Applicants	96	88	98	71
Total Recipients	28	34	32	32
Total Assistance	$ 27,646	$ 27,819	$ 30,551	$ 23,968
Assistance used for housing	$ 20,640	$ 22,035	$ 23,864	$ 18,197
% of total for housing costs	74.7%	79.2%	78.1%	75.9%

SPECIAL PROJECTS: The floods caused water damage in the town hall for the 2nd year and had to undergo repairs. We secured a grant of $29,285 from the NH Bureau of Trails and $1,000 from PSNH to begin developing a portion of the Goffstown Rail Trail. Volunteers from the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail began clearing brush and debris in the fall. In December we started work on an application for a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant from FEMA for acquisition of flood damaged properties in the "Parks" regions along the Piscataquog River. This office continues to identify grant opportunities that will assist the town committees in achieving their goals to improve our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Bingham, Assistant Town Administrator

Seated L-R: Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux, Executive Sec. Kathryn Fisher, Standing L-R: Bldgs Supervisor Marc Tessier, Asst. Town Administrator Jim Bingham, IT Director Neil Funcke.

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

L-R: Calvin Pratt, Chairman Kenneth Rose, & Earl S. Carrel

Increases to the town's trust funds during 2007 have brought the total portfolio managed by the Trustees to over $2 Million. The increases came principally from two sources. In December, the Trustees received another $300,000 from the School District that was approved by voters for the upcoming improvements to the Bartlett Elementary School.

We also received a very generous donation from Mrs. Elizabeth Merrill, contributing shares of stock for the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration project and for the Library. The Pinardville Optimists Club also donated $1,800 to assist with the Bartlett Elementary School renovations.

The generosity of these and past benefactors to our Town has made our lives and those of future generations much richer. The Trustees of the Trust Funds wish to thank this year's benefactors for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

During 2007 US Trust, now part of Bank of America Private Wealth Management, continued to provide financial planning services, as Agents for the Trustees of the Trust Funds per an agreement dated April 30, 1992. These services cover the portion of the common investment funds under the custody of the Trustees. The Trustees believe that the agents at US Trust have positioned our current investment portfolio to continue to generate a positive yield into the future. The capital reserve funds are maintained in separate accounts with the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool at MBIA Asset Management. The primary objective is to preserve capital and at the same time generate a reasonable return.

The Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, as represented on the following pages, details the various Trust Fund Accounts that were under the custody of the Trustees as of December 31, 2007.

Trustees of the Trust Fund:
Kenneth Rose, Earl Carrel, Calvin Pratt

DECEMBER 31, 2007

	DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	Ending %	PRINCIPAL: ORIGINAL BALANCE AT COST	PRINCIPAL: BEGINNING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL: Reallocation	PRINCIPAL: ADDITIONS/ NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL: CURRENT GAIN OR LOSS ON SECURITIES	PRINCIPAL: WITH-DRAWALS	PRINCIPAL: BALANCE YEAR END AT COST	INCOME: BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	INCOME: Journal	INCOME: GAIN/LOSS INCOME CURRENT	INCOME: ALLOCATED EXPENSES	INCOME: INCOME EXPENDED	INCOME: BALANCE YEAR END	TOTAL: PRINCIPAL AND INCOME
1	1897	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.07026	39,645.62	60,701.32		-	1,361.52	-	62,062.84	(576.68)		2,760.05	224.60		1,958.77	64,021.61
2	1960	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.03118	17,597.00	26,943.09		-	604.33	-	27,547.42	5,672.87		1,225.09	99.69		6,798.26	34,345.68
		TOTAL			0.10143	57,242.62	87,644.41	-	-	1,965.85	-	89,610.26	5,096.19		3,985.14	324.29	-	8,757.03	98,367.29
		1957 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
3		Unknown		Common	0.00131	219.04	1,132.33		-	25.40	-	1,157.73	196.12		51.49	4.19		243.42	1,401.14
4		Lovell Fund		Common	0.00066	110.00	568.58		-	12.75	-	581.33	28.97		25.85	2.10	18.00	34.72	616.05
5		Herman Koening		Common	0.00060	100.00	516.86		-	11.59	-	528.45	39.62		23.50	1.91	29.00	32.21	560.66
6		Robert St. Pierre		Common	0.00030	50.00	258.42		-	5.80	-	264.22	19.98		11.75	0.96	9.00	21.77	285.99
7		Cora Cook		Common	0.00030	50.00	258.42		-	5.80	-	264.22	19.98		11.75	0.96	9.00	21.77	285.99
8		Edgar S. Rodes		Common	0.00120	200.00	1,033.76		-	23.19	-	1,056.95	64.90		47.00	3.82	54.00	54.08	1,111.03
9		Beverly Eaton		Common	0.00028	46.00	237.76		-	5.33	-	243.09	18.39		10.81	0.88	8.00	20.32	263.41
10		Lorenzo Bean		Common	0.00090	150.00	775.30		-	17.39	-	792.69	44.77		35.25	2.87	34.00	43.15	835.84
11		Emily Harden		Common	0.00030	50.00	258.36		-	5.79	-	264.15	19.97		11.75	0.96	9.00	21.76	285.92
		TOTAL OF 1957 FUND			0.00583	975.04	5,039.79	-	-	113.04	-	5,152.83	452.70		229.16	18.65	170.00	493.21	5,646.04
		1977 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
12		Mrs. Ricard Daneault		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
13		Joseph A. Smith		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
14		Mrs. Clifford Stone		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
15		Mrs. Clarence Hunter		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
16		Joseph P. Smith		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.50		-	6.00	-	273.50	20.72		12.16	0.99	10.00	21.89	295.39
17		Mrs. Peter Boetsky		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
18		Christie Karanikas		Common	0.00049	275.00	421.04		-	9.44	-	430.48	32.55		19.14	1.56	22.00	28.14	458.62
19		Mrs. Francis O'Brian		Common	0.00097	550.00	842.13		-	18.89	-	861.02	53.40		38.29	3.12	43.00	45.58	906.59
20		Mrs. H. Duane Rowley		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
21		Elmer Nickerson		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
22		Stanley M. Gordon		Common	0.00049	275.00	421.04		-	9.44	-	430.48	32.55		19.14	1.56	22.00	28.14	458.62
23		Arthur Blouin		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
24		Phillip Shepard		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.96		-	6.01	-	273.97	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.90
25		Alber W. Hill Jr.		Common	0.00011	60.00	91.86		-	2.06	-	93.92	7.13		4.18	0.34		10.97	104.89
26		Mrs. Carl Friborg		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.80		-	6.01	-	273.81	20.74		12.18	0.99	10.00	21.93	295.73
		TOTAL OF 1977 FUND			0.00547	3,085.00	4,723.01	-	-	105.94	-	4,828.95	353.75		214.75	17.48	197.00	354.03	5,182.97
		1978 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
27		Harry E. Batty		Common	0.00031	175.00	267.04		-	5.99	-	273.03	20.69		12.14	0.99	10.00	21.84	294.87
28		Robert S. Harris		Common	0.00151	850.00	1,301.44		-	29.19	-	1,330.63	72.91		59.18	4.82	62.00	65.27	1,395.90
29		Mrs. Alan McKernan		Common	0.00049	275.00	421.04		-	9.44	-	430.48	32.55		19.14	1.56	22.00	28.14	458.62
30		Edith Colson Estate		Common	0.00044	250.00	382.78		-	8.59	-	391.37	29.56		17.40	1.42	19.00	26.55	417.91
31		Carl P. Barton		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.42		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.80	580.71
32		David L. Borque		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.42		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.80	580.71
33		Howard A. Thayer		Common	0.00075	425.00	650.73		-	14.60	-	665.33	53.71		29.59	2.41	43.00	37.89	703.22
34		Joseph P. Goudreault		Common	0.00018	100.00	153.12		-	3.43	-	156.55	11.88		6.96	0.57		18.28	174.83
		TOTAL OF 1978 FUND			0.00492	2,775.00	4,247.93	-	-	95.28	-	4,343.21	304.14		193.15	15.72	218.00	263.57	4,606.78
		1979 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
35		Gardner Brown		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.43		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.81	580.72
36		Docas O'Neil		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.43		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.81	580.72
37		Doris Purvis		Common	0.00035	200.00	306.20		-	6.87	-	313.07	23.67		13.92	1.13	13.00	23.46	336.53
38		Hammon Woodbury Jr.		Common	0.00075	425.00	650.74		-	14.60	-	665.34	33.16		29.59	2.41	23.00	37.34	702.68
39		Arthur Baril		Common	0.00075	425.00	650.74		-	14.60	-	665.34	33.16		29.59	2.41	23.00	37.34	702.68
40		Mrs. Roy Durmer		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.43		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.81	580.72
41		Mrs. Bertrand Bourgault		Common	0.00049	275.00	421.05		-	9.44	-	430.49	32.55		19.14	1.56	22.00	28.14	458.63
42		Donald E. Hall		Common	0.00097	550.00	842.13		-	18.89	-	861.02	53.66		38.29	3.12	43.00	45.84	906.85
43		John Haefield Jr.		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.43		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.81	580.72
44		Clinton E. Smith		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.43		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.81	580.72
45		Luther M. Jackson		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.43		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.81	580.72
46		Mrs. Donovan Stevens		Common	0.00066	375.00	574.18		-	12.88	-	587.06	8.20		26.11	2.12		32.18	619.24
47		Mrs. Ralph Foss		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.34		-	10.30	-	469.64	35.53		20.89	1.70	25.00	29.72	499.36
48		Joseph P. Goudreault		Common	0.00018	100.00	153.12		-	3.43	-	156.55	11.77		6.96	0.57		18.17	174.72
49		Mrs. Robert Beauchemin		Common	0.00049	275.00	421.10		-	9.45	-	430.55	32.59		19.15	1.56	22.00	28.18	458.72
		TOTAL OF 1979 FUND			0.00890	5,025.00	7,693.94	-	-	172.57	-	7,866.51	512.87		349.84	28.47	357.00	477.24	8,343.75
		1980 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
50		Arthur Grant		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.43		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.81	580.72
51		Peter Jenkins		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
52		John Fletcher		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
53		Mr. Phillip Nault		Common	0.00049	275.00	421.06		-	9.44	-	430.50	32.57		19.15	1.56	22.00	28.16	458.66
54		John Hills		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.42		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.80	580.71
55		Marvin Akerly		Common	0.00062	350.00	535.89		-	12.02	-	547.91	41.42		24.37	1.98	31.00	32.80	580.71
56		Albert Wakefield		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.29		-	10.30	-	469.59	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.70	499.30
57		Marjorie Stanyan		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
58		Despou Kokulis		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
59		Alice Vincent		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
60		John Parker		Common	0.00106	600.00	918.69		-	20.61	-	939.30	56.47		41.77	3.40	46.00	48.84	988.14
61		William Goss		Common	0.00089	500.00	765.57		-	17.17	-	782.74	44.34		34.81	2.83	34.00	42.32	825.06
62		Arol Charbonneau		Common	0.00018	100.00	153.13		-	3.43	-	156.56	11.88		6.96	0.57		18.28	174.84
		TOTAL OF 1980 FUND			0.00766	4,325.00	6,622.01	-	-	148.53	-	6,770.54	482.65		301.10	24.50	345.00	414.25	7,184.79

	DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND		Ending %	PRINCIPAL: ORIGINAL BALANCE AT COST	BEGINNING BALANCE	Reallocation	ADDITIONS/ NEW FUNDS	CURRENT LOSS OR GAIN ON SECURITIES	WITH-DRAWALS	BALANCE YEAR END AT COST	INCOME: BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	Journal	GAIN/LOSS INCOME CURRENT	ALLOCATED EXPENSES	INCOME EXPENDED	BALANCE YEAR END	TOTAL: PRINCIPAL AND INCOME
		1981 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
63		Alfred & Helen Duval		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.53		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.72	499.34
64		Arol Charbonneau		Common	0.00035	200.00	306.21		-	6.87	-	313.08	23.68		13.92	1.13	13.00	23.47	336.55
65		Pauline Emery		Common	0.00027	150.00	229.66		-	5.15	-	234.81	17.76		10.44	0.85	7.00	20.35	255.16
66		Reul B. Hall		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
67		Byron Rollins		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
68		Dana R. Chase		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
69		George E. Holden		Common	0.00031	175.00	268.26		-	6.02	-	274.28	20.76		12.20	0.99	10.00	21.97	296.24
70		Thelma Deplitch		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.53		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.72	499.34
		TOTAL 1981 FUND			0.00359	2,025.00	3,100.73	-	-	69.55	-	3,170.28	239.82		140.99	11.47	155.00	214.34	3,384.61
		1982 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
71		J & R Coughlin		Common	0.00124	700.00	1,071.77		-	24.04	-	1,095.81	75.16		48.73	3.97	65.00	54.93	1,150.74
72		Raymond Brian		Common	0.00049	275.00	421.06		-	9.44	-	430.50	32.57		19.15	1.56	22.00	28.16	458.66
73		Evelyn Bissonnette		Common	0.00115	650.00	995.21		-	22.32	-	1,017.53	62.52		45.25	3.68	52.00	52.09	1,069.62
74		Ray Durmer		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	35.52		20.88	1.70	25.00	29.71	499.33
75		Ethel C. Stone		Common	0.00035	200.00	306.21		-	6.87	-	313.08	23.68		13.92	1.13	13.00	23.47	336.55
76		Jane Sherman		Common	0.00027	150.00	229.66		-	5.15	-	234.81	17.76		10.44	0.85	7.00	20.35	255.16
		TOTAL 1982 FUND			0.00403	2,275.00	3,483.23	-	-	78.13	-	3,561.36	247.21		158.38	12.89	184.00	208.70	3,770.06
77	Various	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.00846	4,775.00	7,311.49		-	164.00	-	7,475.49	1,628.90		332.45	27.05		1,934.30	9,409.78
78	Various	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.04323	24,395.21	37,354.06		-	837.84	-	38,191.90	8,685.67		1,698.47	138.21		10,245.92	48,437.83
79		Bessie Emery		Common	0.00877	4,946.49	7,574.10		-	169.89	-	7,743.99	1,520.80		344.39	28.02	500.00	1,337.16	9,081.15
80		Ethel Graer		Common	0.02608	14,714.78	22,531.34		-	505.37	-	23,036.71	2,833.37		1,024.49	83.37	1,250.00	2,524.49	25,561.20
81		T. Butterfield		Common	0.00177	1,000.00	1,531.19		-	34.34	-	1,565.53	171.12		69.62	5.67	161.00	74.06	1,639.61
82	1957	Surplus Revenue A/C	Perpetual Care	Common	0.00053	300.00	461.60		-	10.35	-	471.95	35.62		20.99	1.71		54.90	526.85
83	1983	John Sellers Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.00018	100.00	153.14		-	3.43	-	156.57	11.88		6.96	0.57		18.28	174.85
		TOTAL			0.08901	50,231.48	76,916.92	-	-	1,725.23	-	78,642.15	14,887.36		3,497.36	284.60	1,911.00	16,189.12	94,831.28
		1983 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
84		Fred A. Hamilton		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.35		-	10.30	-	469.65	35.54		20.89	1.70	25.00	29.73	499.38
85		Kenneth Harden		Common	0.00124	700.00	1,071.86		-	24.04	-	1,095.90	78.13		48.74	3.97	68.00	54.90	1,150.80
86		Gerald Nichols		Common	0.00080	450.00	687.88		-	15.43	-	703.31	35.05		31.28	2.55	25.00	38.78	742.09
87		Mrs. R.H. Rogers		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.35		-	10.30	-	469.65	35.54		20.89	1.70	25.00	29.73	499.38
88		Robert Wike, Sr.		Common	0.00066	375.00	574.19		-	12.88	-	587.07	44.42		26.11	2.12	34.00	34.40	621.47
89		Henry Wagner		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.45		-	10.31	-	469.76	35.53		20.89	1.70	25.00	29.72	499.48
90		Mrs. John Scanlon		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.35		-	10.30	-	469.65	35.53		20.89	1.70	25.00	29.72	499.37
		TOTAL OF 1983 FUND			0.00483	2,725.00	4,171.43	-	-	93.56	-	4,264.99	299.74		189.67	15.43	227.00	246.98	4,511.97
		1984 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care																
91		Virginia Boulet		Common	0.00031	175.00	266.36		-	5.97	-	272.33	20.61		12.11	0.99	10.00	21.74	294.07
92		Leslie/Yvonne Fellows		Common	0.00101	575.00	875.27		-	19.63	-	894.90	53.01		39.80	3.24	43.00	46.57	941.47
93		Mrs. Richard Kohle		Common	0.00066	375.00	570.82		-	12.80	-	583.62	44.13		25.95	2.11	34.00	33.97	617.60
94		Alfred F. Lively		Common	0.00101	575.00	875.27		-	19.63	-	894.90	53.01		39.80	3.24	43.00	46.57	941.47
95		Gloria P. McKenne		Common	0.00053	300.00	456.66		-	10.24	-	466.90	35.32		20.76	1.69	25.00	29.39	496.30
96		Lorenzo J. Perry		Common	0.00026	150.00	228.33		-	5.12	-	233.45	17.65		10.38	0.84	7.00	20.19	253.64
97		Wilfred s. Whittier		Common	0.00100	565.00	860.04		-	19.29	-	879.33	52.33		39.11	3.18	42.00	46.25	925.58
98		Julian Vanoudenhover		Common	0.00066	375.00	570.82		-	12.80	-	583.62	44.13		25.95	2.11	34.00	33.97	617.60
99		Mrs. John Loveren		Common	0.00031	175.00	266.42		-	5.98	-	272.40	20.63		12.11	0.99	10.00	21.76	294.15
100		Albert Gilbert		Common	0.00066	375.00	570.82		-	12.80	-	583.62	44.13		25.95	2.11	34.00	33.97	617.60
101		J & P Goudreault		Common	0.00066	375.00	570.82		-	12.80	-	583.62	44.13		25.95	2.11	34.00	33.97	617.60
		TOTAL OF 1984 FUND			0.00707	4,015.00	6,111.63	-	-	137.08	-	6,248.71	429.08		277.89	22.61	316.00	368.36	6,617.07
102	1989	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.00338	2,150.00	2,920.24		-	65.50	-	2,985.74	491.21		132.78	10.81		613.19	3,598.93
103	1993	K.Joller/Westland Cemetery*	Perpetual Care	Common	0.06714	40,000.00	58,008.81	2,839.62	-	1,301.13	-	62,149.56	5,679.25	(2,839.62)	2,637.62	214.64	2,491.00	2,771.62	64,921.17
		* 1/2 of income to be retured to principal annually																-	-
104	1952	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.01862	3,345.00	16,090.22		-	360.90	-	16,451.12	3,584.41		731.61	59.54		4,256.49	20,707.61
105	1955	Cemetery Fund		Common	0.00747	1,867.65	6,452.53		-	144.73	-	6,597.26	1,610.19		293.39	23.87		1,879.71	8,476.97
106	Unknown	Ethel Greer Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.00095	1,325.00	822.87		-	18.46	-	841.33	109.05		37.42	3.04	99.00	44.42	885.75
107	Unknown	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	Common	0.00027	70.00	232.64		-	5.22	-	237.86	18.00		10.58	0.86		27.72	265.58
108	1955	Cemetery Fund		Common	0.02521	2,783.65	21,777.66		-	488.47	-	22,266.13	4,705.85		990.22	80.58		5,615.49	27,881.62
		TOTAL			0.12302	51,541.30	106,304.97	2,839.62	-	2,384.40	-	111,528.99	16,197.96	(2,839.62)	4,833.62	393.34	2,590.00	15,208.62	126,737.61
		Flower Funds																	
115	1984	Ethel Greer Fund	Flowers	Common	0.00106	600.00	918.68		-	20.61	-	939.29	406.92		41.77	3.40	116.46	328.83	1,268.12
116	Unknown	Cemetery Flower Fund		Common	0.00911	4,305.52	7,873.57		-	176.60	-	8,050.17	2,114.59		358.01	29.13	116.46	2,327.00	10,377.18
117	1993	K. Holler Flower Fund		Common	0.00074	500.00	636.72		-	14.28	-	651.00	(288.85)		28.95	2.36		(262.25)	388.75
118	1995	Marion S. Foss Fund		Common	0.00151	1,000.00	1,301.98		-	29.20	-	1,331.18	159.96		59.20	4.82	116.46	97.88	1,429.07
119	1987	Woodeson/Greer Flower Fund		Common	0.00167	1,000.00	1,446.88		-	32.45	-	1,479.33	1,606.65		65.79	5.35	116.46	1,550.63	3,029.96
120	1983	Roy Durmer Fund		Common	0.00053	300.00	459.32		-	10.30	-	469.62	395.09		20.88	1.70	116.46	297.82	767.44
121	1983	Verna Bartlett Fund	Gravestone	Common	0.00035	200.00	306.21		-	6.87	-	313.08	161.55		13.92	1.13		174.34	487.42
122	1983	Ethel Cilley Stone Fund	Flowers	Common	0.00035	200.00	306.21		-	6.87	-	313.08	89.48		13.92	1.13		102.27	415.35
123	1996	M/M Clayton Sargent Fund		Common	0.00075	500.00	650.99		-	14.60	-	665.59	36.30		29.60	2.41		63.49	729.08
124	Unknown	Ethel Greer Gravestone Fund		Common	0.00018	100.00	153.13		-	3.43	-	156.56	665.06		6.96	0.57	116.45	555.01	711.57
125	1989	Beasle Emery/Westlawn Cemetary		Common	0.00047	300.00	407.45		-	9.14	-	416.59	148.88		18.53	1.51	116.45	49.45	466.04
126	1989	Estate-Hedley Pingree Flower Fund		Common	0.00079	500.00	679.05		-	15.23	-	694.28	306.97		30.88	2.51	116.45	218.88	913.16
127	1989	Albert Wakefield Flower Fund		Common	0.00079	500.00	679.05		-	15.23	-	694.28	306.43		30.88	2.51	116.45	218.34	912.62
128	1989	Wiliam Parker Flower Fund		Common	0.00079	500.00	679.05		-	15.23	-	694.28	308.10		30.88	2.51	116.45	220.01	914.29
129	1997	William Parker Flower Fund		Common	0.00074	500.00	643.65		-	14.44	-	658.09	85.57		29.27	2.38		112.45	770.54
130	1999	J Robert Merrill Flower Fund		Common	0.00069	500.00	594.40		-	13.33	-	607.73	58.90		27.03	2.20		83.73	691.46
150	2005	Philbrick/Ellison Family	Westlawn	Common	0.00617	5,000.00	5,332.90		-	119.62	-	5,452.52	456.18		242.48	19.73	116.45	562.48	6,015.00
		TOTAL FLOWER FUNDS			0.02670	16,505.52	23,069.24	-	Page 2 of 3	517.44	-	23,586.68	7,017.78		1,048.94	85.36	1,281.00	6,700.37	30,287.04
		TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS			0.39	202,745.96	339,129.24	2,839.62	-	7,606.60	-	349,575.46	46,521.25		15,419.99	1,254.81	7,951.00	49,895.81	399,471.28

	DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND		Ending %	PRINCIPAL: ORIGINAL BALANCE AT COST	BEGINNING BALANCE	Reallocation	ADDITIONS/ NEW FUNDS	CURRENT LOSS OR GAIN ON SECURITIES	WITH-DRAWALS	BALANCE YEAR END AT COST	INCOME: BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	Journal	GAIN/LOSS INCOME CURRENT	ALLOCATED EXPENSES	INCOME EXPENDED	BALANCE YEAR END	TOTAL: PRINCIPAL AND INCOME
		LIBRARY FUNDS																	
109	1997	Library Improvement Fund*	Improvements	Common	0.00643	5,321.32	5,557.24	283.16	-	124.65	-	5,965.05	283.16	(283.16)	252.68	20.56		232.12	6,197.17
		*all of principal expendable																	
110	1910	Parker Fund	Books	Common	0.00664	3,745.17	5,734.31		-	128.62	-	5,862.93	283.64		260.74	21.22	283.64	239.52	6,102.45
111	1932	Goodwin, Hazeltine, Knox Tibbet & Greer Fund	Books	Common	0.00635	3,581.32	5,483.41		-	122.99	-	5,606.40	271.24		249.33	20.29	271.24	229.04	5,835.44
112	1933	T. Butterfield Fund	Books	Common	0.00177	1,000.00	1,531.11		-	34.34	-	1,565.45	75.97		69.62	5.67	75.97	63.95	1,629.41
113	Unknown	Ethel Greer Fund	Books	Common	0.00095	1,325.00	822.74		-	18.45	-	841.19	40.97		37.41	3.04	40.97	34.37	875.56
114	Unknown	Trust Fund	Books	Common	0.00027	70.00	232.62		-	5.22	-	237.84	11.81		10.58	0.86	11.81	9.72	247.55
155	2007	Elizabeth Merrill*	Childrens Lib	Common	-	6,329.35			6,329.35			6,329.35				-		-	6,329.35
		*all of principal expendable																-	
		TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS			0.02241	12,305.67	19,361.43	283.16	6,329.35	434.27	-	26,408.21	966.79	(283.16)	880.35	71.64	683.63	808.71	27,216.93
		SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS																	
131	1992	Paul Lemery		Common	0.00682	4,626.17	5,894.79		-	132.22	-	6,027.01	162.70		268.03	21.81	150.00	258.92	6,285.93
132	1992	Doris Bailey		Common	0.01599	10,745.25	13,816.54		-	309.90	-	14,126.44	3,402.00		628.23	51.12	750.00	3,229.11	17,355.55
137	1996	Kunitachi Fund		Common	0.00119	400.00	1,025.08		-	22.99	-	1,048.07	285.09		46.61	3.79		327.91	1,375.98
148	2003	William Marston Scholarship Fund		Common	0.00787	6,318.56	6,803.23		-	152.60	-	6,955.83	74.75		309.34	25.17	175.00	183.92	7,139.74
149	2004	R.S. Watt Scholarship Fund (1)		Common	0.01234	10,000.00	10,665.79		-	239.23	-	10,905.02	747.61		484.97	39.46	600.00	593.11	11,498.13
151	2005	Sand A. Ellison Trust*		Common	0.34039	70,000.00	294,088.80	3,241.58		6,596.35	-	303,926.73	6,483.17	(3,241.58)	13,372.03	1,088.15	3,200.00	12,325.47	316,252.20
		* Terms of bequest - 1/2 of Income to be retured to principal annually																	
		TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS			0.38455	102,089.98	332,294.23	3,241.58	-	7,453.29	-	342,989.10	11,155.32	(3,241.58)	15,109.21	1,229.52	4,875.00	16,918.43	359,907.53
		VARIOUS FUNDS																	
133	1947	W. Richards Fund	Barnard Plgrmd	Common	0.00089	500.00	765.55		-	17.17	-	782.72	415.72		34.81	2.83		447.70	1,230.42
134	1947	W. Richards Fund	Hist. Society	Common	0.02127	12,000.00	18,373.36		-	412.11	-	18,785.47	937.09		835.43	67.98	937.09	767.44	19,552.91
135	1987	W. Richards Fund	Hist. Society	Common	0.03014	18,000.00	26,044.07		-	584.16	-	26,628.23	1,328.28		1,184.21	96.37	1,328.28	1,087.84	27,716.08
136	1976	TriCentennial Fund	Celebration	Common	0.00058	255.00	497.10			11.15	-	508.25	1,393.69		22.60	1.84		1,414.45	1,922.70
139	2001	Reserved for Future Trust		Common		100.00	113.69	(113.69)	-	-	-	-	8.81	(8.81)	-	-		-	-
140	Unknown	Trust Fund	Barnard Plgrmd	Common	0.00027	70.00	232.62		-	5.22	-	237.84	38.41		10.58	0.86		48.13	285.96
141	Unknown	Trust Fund	Hist. Society	Common	0.00700	1,785.00	6,049.41		-	135.69	-	6,185.10	470.78		275.06	22.38	470.78	252.68	6,437.78
143	1999	Goffstown Main Street		Common	-					-		-			-	-		-	-
		Program Trust Fund		Common	-	4,320.00	-		-		-	-	133.04			-		133.04	133.04
		TOTAL VARIOUS FUNDS			0.06027	37,030.00	52,075.80	(113.69)	-	1,165.50	-	53,127.61	4,725.82	(8.81)	2,362.68	192.26	2,736.15	4,151.28	57,278.89
		MILDRED STARK FUNDS																	
144	1968	Town Hall Fund	Maintain Town	Common	0.09775	55,160.54	84,456.76		-	1,894.35	-	86,351.11	143,502.80		3,840.20	312.50	25,911.61	121,118.89	207,470.00
145	1968	Town Hall Fund	Maintain Town	Common	0.00004	25.00	38.06		-	0.85	-	38.91	(2.90)		1.73	0.14		(1.31)	37.60
146	1968	H.S. Library Fund	Books/H.S. Lib	Common	0.02127	12,000.00	18,373.35		-	412.11	-	18,785.46	936.20		835.42	67.98	936.20	767.44	19,552.90
147	1988	H.S. Scholarship Fund	Scholarship	Common	0.02127	12,000.00	18,373.35		-	412.11	-	18,785.46	571.04		835.42	67.98	500.00	838.48	19,623.94
		TOTAL MILDRED STARK FUNDS			0.14031	79,185.54	121,241.52	-	-	2,719.42	-	123,960.94	145,007.14		5,512.77	448.60	27,347.81	122,723.50	246,684.44
		TOTAL COMMON FUNDS			1.00	433,357.15	864,102.22	6,250.67	6,329.35	19,379.09	-	896,061.33	208,376.32	(3,533.55)	39,285.01	3,196.83	43,593.59	194,497.74	1,090,559.07
		GRASMERE TOWN HALL																	
138	1997	Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund (2)	Restoration	US Trust Separate Acct		5,853.45	19,085.15	113.69	6,429.35	(41.20)	21,100.00	4,486.99	5,948.80	8.81	971.78	74.45	2,000.00	4,854.94	9,341.93
		GOFFSTOWN COMMON PRESERVATION TRUST																	
		**Both Principal and Income can be expended																	
142	1999	Goffstown Common Preservation Trust	Restoration/ Improvement	Citizens Bank		4,320.00	5,561.05		-		5,533.69	27.36			-				27.36
		CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS																	
		**Both Principal and Income can be expended																	
152	2003	Conservation Capital	Conservation	MBIA		240,000.00	263,369.67			-	100,000.00	163,369.67			11,834.04			11,834.04	175,203.71
153	2005	Capital Reserve	Cap Reserve	MBIA		100,000.00	104,870.63			-	-	104,870.63			5,338.01			5,338.01	110,208.64
154	2006	Bartlett Elem Sch Reserve	Cap Reserve	MBIA		300,000.00	313,416.74			300,000.00		613,416.74	-		16,113.94			16,113.94	629,530.68
		TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				640,000.00	681,657.04		-	-	-	881,657.04	-		33,285.99		-	33,285.99	914,943.03
		TOTAL TRUST FUNDS				1,083,530.60	1,570,405.46		12,758.70	19,337.89	26,633.69	1,782,232.72	214,325.12		73,542.78	3,271.28	45,593.59	232,638.67	2,014,871.39

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH
12/31/2007

No of Shares/ Units	Description	Beginning Balance	Add/ Delete	Income/ Purchases	Expended/ Proceeds From Sales	Realized Gains/ Losses	Balance Year End	Market Value Year End
	Principal Account							
	Cash/Cash Equivients	47,992.74		1,921.83	2,608.45		102,009.82	102,009.82
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25,000	Chemical Bk NY NY 6.125% 11/01/08	23,012.75		1,531.26			23,012.75	25,239.00
15,000	Citicorp 7% 7/1/07	15,021.00		1,050.00	15,000.00	(21.00)		
20,000	Fed. Home Ln Mtg. Corp. 5.75% 1/15/12	20,064.20		1,150.00			20,064.20	21,406.20
25,000	Fed. Home Ln Bks. 3.87% 2/12/2010	25,120.25		968.76			25,120.25	25,148.50
25,000	Fed Home Ln Bks 5.25% 6/11/2010	25,168.25		1,312.50			25,168.25	25,953.25
20,000	Fed. Nat'l Mtg Assn 5% 1/15/07	20,165.00		500.00	20,000.00	(165.00)	-	-
25,000	Fed Natl Mtg Assn 5.125% 4/15/2011	25,087.50		1,281.26			25,087.50	26,125.00
25,000	Fed Natl Mtg Assn 4.05% 3/30/2010		24,780.75	(90.00)			24,780.75	24,976.50
25,000	Fed. Home Ln Mtg. Corp. 5.0% 6/19/2008	25,000.00		1,250.00	25,000.00	-		
25,000	Fed Farm Credit Bks 4.25% 10/10/2008	24,775.50		1,062.50			24,775.50	25,015.75
25,000	Fed Farm Credit Bks 5.10% 9/18/2012	25,028.25		1,275.00			25,028.25	26,226.50
25,000	Fed Farm Credit Bks 5.125% 8/25/2016		24,825.50	733.17			24,825.50	26,148.50
25,000	Fed Home Ln Mtg Corp 5.50% 2/22/2013		24,987.25	454.51			24,987.25	25,019.00
25,000	Fed Home Ln Mtg Corp 5.00% 7/15/2014	24,890.25		1,250.00			24,890.25	26,242.25
15,000	Proctor & Gamble 6.875% 9/15/09	14,846.70		1,031.26			14,846.70	15,705.15
25,000	U.S. Treas Nts 4.25% 10/31/2007	24,969.73		1,062.50	25,000.00	30.27		
25,000	U.S. Treas Nts 4.125% 08/15/2008	24,887.70		1,031.26			24,887.70	25,105.50
25,000	U.S. Treas Nts 4.0% 06/15/2009	25,209.96		1,000.00			25,209.96	25,326.25
20,000	U.S. Treas Nts 5.00% 8/15/2011	20,280.46		1,000.00			20,280.46	21,187.60
25,000	U.S. Treas Nts 4.25% 08/15/2013	25,274.41		1,062.50			25,274.41	25,912.00
	Total Fixed Income	388,801.91	74,593.50	19,916.48	85,000.00	(155.73)	378,239.68	390,736.95
200	Alltel Corp Com	8,898.80		100.00	14,300.00	5,401.20	-	-
180	Air Prods & Chems Inc	9,293.40		266.40			9,293.40	17,753.40
103	American Intl Group		6,329.35				6,329.35	6,004.90
150	Amgen Inc.	8,925.00			8,559.61	(365.39)	-	-
400	AT&T	9,692.00		568.00			9,692.00	16,624.00
200	Baker Hughes Inc Com	5,164.00		104.00			5,164.00	16,220.00
350	Baxter Intl	13,192.00		379.59			13,192.00	20,317.50
1,088.346	Blair, William Fds Intl Small Cap Cl I	10,000.00	4,000.00	109.13		1,128.34	14,000.00	15,247.73
220	BP Amoco PLC - Sponsored ADR	9,039.97		558.36			9,039.97	16,097.40
189	Citigroup	5,225.06		408.24			5,225.06	5,564.16
100	Colgate Palmolive Co.	5,897.00		140.00			5,897.00	7,796.00
62	Discover Financial Services	1,062.36		3.72	1,316.04	253.68	-	-
300	E M C	4,353.00					4,353.00	5,559.00
300	Ecolab Inc	5,221.50		138.00			5,221.50	15,363.00
250	Emerson Electric	7,938.44		271.89			7,938.44	14,165.00
1,968.504	Excelsior Large Cap Growth Fd	20,000.00	5,000.00				25,000.00	29,464.44
401.929	Excelsior Value & Restructuring Fd	20,000.00	5,000.00	298.57		248.35	25,000.00	27,685.72
645.661	Excelsior Small Cap Fd	12,500.00	4,000.00			1,246.70	16,500.00	15,645.05
225	Exxon Mobile	9,436.50		308.25			9,436.50	21,080.25
150	FPL Group	4,728.75		492.00			4,728.75	20,334.00
250	General Elec Co	8,717.50		280.00			8,717.50	9,267.50
250	Home Depot	9,303.75		168.75	8,201.12	(1,102.63)	-	-
150	Illinois Tool Works	3,007.50		199.50	7,737.63	6,233.88	1,503.75	8,031.00
100	IBM	3,261.56		150.00			3,261.56	10,810.00
615	Ishares EAFE Index Fd	34,468.18					34,468.18	48,277.50
213	Ishares Tr Cohen & Steers Realty Majors Index Fund	20,436.29		447.26			20,436.29	16,856.82
150	Johnson & Johnson	8,164.50		243.00			8,164.50	10,005.00
1,446.132	Julius Baer Invt Fds Intl Equity	20,000.00	4,000.00	286.92		455.47	24,000.00	28,978.47
150	Kimberly Clark	5,823.57		312.00			5,823.57	10,401.00
-	Kraft Foods, Inc.	4,698.00		75.00	4,962.67	264.67	-	-
742.574	Lazard Emerging Markets Portfolio	15,000.00		213.85		2,375.34	15,000.00	17,732.67
225	Medtronics	10,047.69		105.76			10,047.69	11,310.75
-	Microsoft	5,418.00		20.00	5,780.91	362.91	-	-
430	Midcap Spdr	48,532.43	13,629.48	823.90			62,161.91	75,999.00
125	Morgan Stanley	5,431.39		135.00			5,431.39	6,638.75
200	Pepsico	5,557.34		270.00			5,557.34	15,180.00
1,163.112	Royce Opportunity Fund	12,500.00	9,000.00	128.66		2,650.64	21,500.00	16,885.26
300	Stryker	4,406.81		66.00			4,406.81	22,416.00
100	Suntrust Banks	7,924.50		292.00			7,924.50	6,249.00
-	Sysco Corp.	5,229.00		66.50	5,879.02	650.02	-	-
200	Target Corp.	6,684.00		104.00			6,684.00	10,000.00
100	UPS	5,488.25		164.00			5,488.25	7,072.00
400	US Bankcorp Del	10,848.00		640.00			10,848.00	12,696.00
150	Wal Mart Stores	7,181.00		124.13	6,912.64	(268.36)	-	-
400	Wells Fargo	4,622.50		472.00			4,622.50	12,076.00
225	Weight Watchers Intl Inc.	9,740.25		157.52			9,740.25	10,165.50
	Total Equities	453,059.79	50,958.83	10,091.90	63,649.64	19,534.82	451,798.96	637,969.77
Total Principal Account		889,854.44	125,552.33	31,930.21	151,258.09	19,379.09	932,048.46	1,130,716.54
	Income Account							
	Cash/Cash Equivalents	33,097.27		948.82	588.38		9,106.28	9,106.28
		-					-	
725	Ishares Lehman Agg Bond	75,229.00		3,534.11			75,229.00	76,705.00
725	Ishares Lehman Treasury	74,298.00		2,871.87			74,298.00	73,348.25
		-					-	
		-					-	
Total Income Account		182,624.27	-	7,354.80	588.38	-	158,633.28	159,159.53
Total Common Investments		1,072,478.71	125,552.33	39,285.01	151,846.47	19,379.09	1,090,681.74	1,289,876.07
	Grassmere Town Hall Restoration							
	Cash/Cash Equivalents	14,960.50	100.00	930.58	74.45		2,889.74	2,889.74
485	Intel	10,073.45		41.20	10,031.91	(41.54)	-	-
103	American Intl Group		6,329.35				6,329.35	6,004.90
Total Grasmere Town Hall Restoration		25,033.95	6,429.35	971.78	10,106.36	(41.54)	9,219.09	8,894.64
Total all US Trust Accounts		1,097,512.66	131,981.68	40,256.79	161,952.83	19,337.55	1,099,900.83	1,298,770.71

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

Seated L-R: Christi Garrison, Bill Hart, Chairman Daniel Cloutier, John Hikel, Sel. Rep .Scott Gross. Standing L-R: Bill Gordon, Suzanne Tremblay, Philip Ploude, Eric Geissenhainer, Steve Fournier, Dick Fletcher, Philip Kendall, Absent: Roger Richard, Keith Allard

A majority vote on Article 34 of the 2006 annual warrant reduced the number of elected committee members from twelve to nine. According to the RSA, this change occurs the following year. A majority vote on Article 25 on the 2007 annual warrant increased the number of elected committee members back to twelve. This is the reason we have three members to be elected for two-year terms this year. Since another member resigned during the year, there is one member to be elected for one year. Four members have already served their three year terms and thus we need to elect / re-elect four members for three years. Budget Committee members are unpaid and thus volunteer their time for the citizens of Goffstown.

There is a lot of time and effort needed to prepare a budget. RSA 32 governs our town's creation of a budget. It is the Budget Committee's recommended budget that is used at the Town deliberative session. But the Budget Committee would have a very difficult time presenting a budget to the voters of Goffstown without the Board of Selectmen and the Goffstown School Board. Each of these elected boards delivers detailed budget documents to the Budget Committee who then use that information as the basis for their work.

Again this year, the Selectmen invited the Budget Committee to meet with them to hear the department heads deliver their proposed budgets. The school board also invited the budget committee this year to join them in hearing the presentation of the school budget from the Superintendent of Schools. Having these joint meetings saved many hours that would have otherwise taken many addition evenings for the Budget Committee to prepare to begin work on those budgets.

The Budget Committee met this year as a committee of the whole to review and deliberate both the town and school budgets. For the second time in at least five years, we concluded our deliberations to go forward to public hearing at least the week before Christmas. Past years had us working to the day before Christmas Eve before deciding on the final budget details.

Many thanks to the Board of Selectmen, town administration, department heads, school board, SAU staff, and principals for providing the necessary information to help the Budget Committee do the work the people of Goffstown have elected them to do.

The Goffstown Budget Committee meets on a regular basis on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Mildred Stark room at town hall. The meetings are always public and public comments are welcomed and normally heard towards the beginning of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Cloutier, Chairman
Goffstown Budget Committee

CABLE TELEVISION COMMUNITY ACCESS

Seated L-R: Ivan Beliveau, Chairman Rosemary Garretson, Bill Wynne, Standing L-R: PEG Coordinator, Dick Gagnon, Ryan Casey, School Board Rep, Hank Boyle, Vice Chair Donald Gagnon, Mike Przekaza. Absent: Jim Pingree, Patrick Tucker, Alt., Barbara Doody, Alt.

Goffstown Community Television has had a productive year. We added two additional part time employees: Dave Suitor as Studio Technician and Marie Boyle as Outreach Coordinator. Dave, who works in the studio, joined us in July. Marie, who works both in and out of the studio, joined us in August. As a result of the extra help, the studio is now open Monday to Thursday from 7 pm to 11 pm, Friday from 3 pm to 6 pm, and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Residents can now access the broadcast schedules for both channel 16 and 22 via the Town of Goffstown website or by going to GTV's website: www.goffstown-tv.com, which also provides additional information about Goffstown TV.

The committee added a representative from the School Board this year as well as continuing with representation from the School District and Town. In order to accommodate the School Board representative's attendance, we changed our meeting date from the first Monday of the month to the second Monday. In addition to that, the School Board meetings are now being aired live on Channel 16 on the first and third Mondays of the month.

In August, we prevailed upon the Board of Selectmen to relocate to the Mildred Stark Room for their meetings so that we would be able to determine the cause of the broadcast problems experienced in the Selectmen's Room. The Board of Selectmen later chose to continue meeting in the Mildred Stark Room, thereby eliminating any broadcast problems. The transmission equipment from the Selectmen's Room is being used in a variety of other locales within the broadcast system.

The committee has also spent several months working on a revised agreement Between the School District and the Town for use of the studio. That agreement has been forwarded to the Board of Selectmen and School Board for their acceptance.

As always, we encourage you to come in to the studio to learn how your TV studio operates. We are continually looking for volunteers to record and produce programs. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact GTV at 497-5707.

Respectfully submitted

Rosemary Garretson, Chair

Capital Improvements Program Committee

Standing L-R: Patrick Tucker, Sel. Rep Nicholas Campasano, Fred Cass, Planning Adv. Steve Griffin, Seated L-R: School. Bd. Rep Henry Boyle, Plan. Bd. Rep. Tim Redmond, Chairman Fred Plett, Recording Sec. Anne- Marie Moran , Absent: Earl Carrel, Eric Geissenhainer, Budget Rep.

The Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Committee, governed by State Statute RSA 674:6, is a subcommittee of the Planning Board charged with creating a six-year projection of capital expenditures. The CIP Committee meets with town and school officials to review capital cost items in excess of $25,000. We then make recommendations to the Planning Board that prioritize expenditures and provide stability. We take into account the real needs of the town for capital items, with an eye on affordability as we look to smooth the expenditures from year to year to keep a reasonably steady tax rate. The CIP Committee may recommend various methods of financing for very expensive items.

Last year, the voters approved a capital budget of $5,722,778 (town and school combined), including money directed to the Conservation Commission from land coming out of current use, per prior year voter approval. This budget had been pared back considerably from the Planning Board figure of $7,021,278. Part of the cutback included a purportedly one-time reduction in the road program of $600,000. Adding back that $600,000, and allowing 3% for inflation, one would have a target 2008 expenditure of about $6.5 million, and the CIP recommended a figure right in line with that, $6,455,506. The remaining year recommendations (2009-2013) are $6,582,395, $7,982,107, $6,891,464, $6,948,644, and $5,175,963 respectively. The 2010 figure of $7,981,107 would need additional work to bring it down to a lower figure as we approach that year. To accomplish the above results, the CIP Committee recommended a specific

capital reserve for fire apparatus (except ambulances) of $420,000 in 2008 and $500,000 per year for 2009 through 2012.

Since the submission of the CIP recommendation to the Planning Board, the Planning Board approved the CIP recommendation and passed the CIP Matrix on to the Governing Bodies (Selectmen, School Board, Water Precincts and Sewer Commission), and to the Budget Committee. It is the CIP understanding that the Selectmen pared back almost $1 million from the CIP recommendation, with a sharper eye on affordability this year. Much of this reduction came from DPW in the road program and engineering for a North Mast Road – Main Street program. The concern is that these cutbacks will worsen the financial situation in future years, or, in the alternative, the town will live with roads that are not what they should be.

Respectfully Submitted
Fred Plett, Chairman

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Seated L-R:, Sewer Admin. Asst. Marilyn Hozney, Bldg Inspector Ed Neveu, Bldg Sec. Sue Soule. Standing L-R: Assessor Scott Bartlett , Assessing Sec. Mary Lavallee Zoning Code Enforcement Officer Derek Horne, Planning Asst. Patty Gale, Planning & Econ. Dev. Coord. Steve Griffin.

Goffstown, in coordinating its land related planning, development and regulation activities, is now reporting them as a single activity under the title of community development. These activities include the Planning Office, the Code Enforcement Office and the Building/Health Inspection Office. The citizen board and council community development participants are still listed separately,

which includes the Economic Development Council, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

PLANNING OFFICE

In 2004, plan proposal activity dropped toward the 1998–1999 level, and remained fairly level in 2005-2006. In 2007, the level of activity dropped below this level. The table below shows the number of subdivision, site plan and conceptual plan applications submitted for Planning Board review each year:

Applications Reviewed by the Planning Board							
Type	**2001**	**2002**	**2003**	**2004**	**2005**	**2006**	**2007**
Subdivision	26	37	25	22	25	26	18
Site Plan	12	14	19	15	15	20	10
Conceptual	15	31	16	5	7	8	5
Total	53	82	60	42	47	54	33

Of these 18 subdivisions in 2007, 27 lots were approved for single-family units. The 10 site plans, in addition to non-residential development, represent an additional 12 multi-family units. Reflecting the national housing market, however, new home construction has continued to drop from the high in 2003. It continues to appear that new single-family housing starts are not speculative, but only for homes that have actually been sold.

Permitted Residential Dwelling Units					
	2003	**2004**	**2005**	**2006**	**2007**
1 and 2-Family Units	95	64	59	38	20
Multi-Family Units	0	0	0	24	0

With this continuing lower level of home construction, Goffstown will have a temporary reprieve. In the long run, however, Goffstown will continue to face the challenges of growth, particularly of increased residential development, as well as additional pressures on our roadways, due to the development of our neighboring communities to the west and north.

Additionally, residential development continues to become an ever-larger portion of Goffstown's total tax base. Since the 2003 revaluation, the proportion of nonresidential to residential tax base has continued to trend slightly downward.

In addition to plan reviews, the planning staff worked on a number of projects, which have been adopted by the Planning Board. These include (1) completion of the required study implementing Public Safety Facilities Impact Fees, and (2) an updating of the Board's Development Regulations. Staff also drafts the Planning Board's proposed zoning amendments for Town Meeting consideration.

Total and Non-Residential Assessed Value (Millions)						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Assessed Value	649	1,190	1,218	1,236	1,251	1,262
Non-Residential Assess Value	81	111	113	113	113	113
Equalization Ratio	57.5%	97.1%	85.7%	77.2%	76.5%	80.0%
Equal Total Assess	1,129	1,226	1,421	1,600	1,636	1,578
Equal Non-Residential Assess	142.2	115.0	131.9	145.7	147.5	141.5
Non-Resident = % of Total	12.6%	9.4%	9.3%	9.1%	9.0%	8.9%

2007 also saw the Planning Staff in a lead role in the Board of Selectmen's Rail Trail Steering Committee, composed of town staff and members of the Friends of Goffstown's Rail Trail. In this capacity, the rail trail right-of-way has been surveyed and engineering work is underway by contract. The Board of Selectmen has adopted trail development standards, and there has been coordination with other staff and volunteers for trail work and grant applications.

The Planning office serves as staff to several boards and committees, including the Planning Board, Capital Improvements Program Committee, Economic Development Council and Technical Review Committee. All planning is coordinated with the Board of Selectmen and the Goffstown Main Street.

BUILDING INSPECTION

New residential construction was a reflection of the housing market in general. The town issued 20 permits for new homes and 0 permits for new non residential.

The April 16th flood, the 2nd major in 11 months created a challenge for the department. The floods destruction has caused many homeowners to raise their houses above the base flood elevation and out of harms way.

Permit / Fee Source	2005		2006		2007	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
School Impact Fees	51	166,114	47	134,137	28	95,886
Road Impact Fees	46	23,555	46	11,846	27	13,095
Recreational Impact Fees	25	20,620	42	59,900	28	20,866
Public Safety Facilities Impact Fees	-	-	-	-	0	0
Other Recreation Fees	0	0	2	2,000	2	2,000
TOTALS		$210,289		$207,883		$129,847

Permit / Fee Source	2005		2006		2007	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
New 1 and 2 - Family Units	59	22,028	40	13,425	20	6,290
Condo/Multi-Family Units	0	0	25	6,958	0	0
Misc. Buildings Permits	798	37,476	751	34,718		21,112
New Commercial Permits	0	0	12	6,218	0	0
Misc. Commercial Permits	17	1,130	32	2,896		7,354
Child Car / Assembly Insp.	8	285	6	245	7	350
Health Inspection	11	0	14	0	16	0
Junkyard Inspection	3	75	0	0	1	25
Mobile Home Inspection	4	400	0	0	4	400
Sign Permits	20	770	18	480	12	430
ZBA Applications	55	8,245	48	6,488	34	7,902
Planning Board Application	-	19,497	-	35,910		26,988
Misc. Fees / Sales	-	1,155	-	802		1,528
TOTALS		$91,061		$108,140		$72,379

HEALTH

The floods created health issues in flooded homes. Well water contamination and mold growth being the most prevalent.

ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer enforces the provisions of the zoning ordinance, as well as specific approval conditions attached to action taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Planning Board, and Historic District Commission.

Investigations into possible zoning violations are largely complaint driven, although all violations observed are also investigated. Once notified of a violation, the majority of property owners take corrective action to bring their property into compliance. When compliance cannot be achieved, the Zoning Officer works with the Town Prosecutor to pursue legal action through District Court. In addition to enforcement in 2007, the Zoning Officer coordinated the review of modified FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps, and participated in Department of Environmental Service training for new junkyard certification and future changes to the Comprehensive Shore land Protection Act.

The Zoning Officer serves as staff to the ZBA; assisting applicants, preparing the Board's monthly agenda, providing a review of NH Supreme Court decisions, and serving as a liaison between the public and the Board. The Zoning Officer reviews building permit applications to ensure zoning compliance, assists the Building Inspector/Health Officer, and performs such other duties as may be assigned.

IMPACT FEES

The Impact Fees is assessed when a building permit is issued and is collected when the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Concurrently, projects expanding

capacity are approved, thereby becoming qualifying projects for which impact fees might provide funding or future reimbursement. Impact fees may not be used for maintenance projects. The following tables indicate fees collected, qualifying projects and fees disbursed.

RECREATION IMPACT FEES - [Initiated February 13, 2003]				
Impact Fees and Interest Collected Through:	Recreation Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	$ Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/04		$2,000.79		
12/31/05		$22,708.77		
12/31/06		$60,692.79		
12/31/07		$83,310.54		
SCHOOL IMPACT FEES - [Initiated March 13, 2001]				
Impact Fees and Interest Collected Through:	School Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	$ Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/01		$22,979.19		
12/31/02		$128,533.42		
12/31/03		$456,024.45		
12/31/04		$620,785.35		
	Expand parking and fields at High School		$186,390	
	Kindergarten: portion authorized by 2005 school meeting vote to come from impact fees.		$436,769	
12/20/05				$623,159
12/31/05		$213,655.47		
	Kindergarten: portion authorized by 2005 school meeting vote to come from new taxes.		$256,202	
	Kindergarten: portion authorized by 2005 school meeting vote to come from unreserved fund balance.		$400,000	
12/31/06		$367,101.20		
	Kindergarten: additional funding authorized by 2006 school meeting to come from impact fees.		$306,510	
12/31/07		$473,054.17		

ROAD IMPACT FEES - [Initiated March 13, 2001]				
Impact Fees and Interest Collected Through:	**Road Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees**	**Available Funds (Fees and Interest)**	**$ Cost of Qualifying Expansion**	**Date and Amount Transferred**
12/31/04		$26,842.84		
	2005 Road Reclamation Project		$17,430	9/1//05 $17,429.66
12/31/05		$9,413.18		
12/31/06		$24,571.07		
12/31/07		$38,467.12		

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES IMPACT FEES – [Initiated December 20, 2007]				
Impact Fees and Interest Collected Through:	Public Safety Facility Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	$ Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/07		$0		$0

Also, after 14 ½ years in the Building and Health Office, the Building Inspector / Health officer has decided to retire.

Respectively submitted,

Stephen B. Griffin, AICP
Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

PLANNING BOARD

While new development dropped significantly this year, Goffstown will continue to face the challenges of growth. Single-family residential development remains the dominant form of growth. At the same time, increasing suburbanization of our neighboring communities to the west and north, while also slower this year, continues to add commuting traffic through Goffstown, further straining our road capacity. That increased traffic volume, in turn, will attract new commercial development along major road corridors.

The Planning Board plays three roles in addressing the Town's growth. Additionally, the Board met jointly with the Board of Selectmen and the other land-use boards to discuss common concerns and issues, affecting how it played these roles.

First, looking at the near time-frame and taking up most of its meeting time, the Board reviews applications for subdivision and site plan approval. The Board also updated its Development Regulations utilized in application evaluation, and approved a Public Safety Facilities Impact Fee, allowing residential growth to fund added facility capacity that it requires.

Second, the Board looks at long range planning issues to accommodate both the Town's growth and outside growth pressures. The Board's major planning activities in 2007 involved coordination within the region through the CTAP program, developed by NHDOT in response to the impact evaluation of widening I-93. These efforts and use of the previously adopted Master Plan Update, the Board's focused on how to preserve open space in the town's rural areas, balancing the denser development at its center. Zoning amendment proposals are another tool at the Board's disposal.

Third, the Board looks to budgeting and other financial techniques to implement its plans. For example, each year, the Capital Improvement Committee, a subcommittee of the Planning Board, prepares and the Board adopts a schedule of recommended capital improvements for the town.

The planning staff is available at the planning office to assist you with questions on land use and development. The Planning Board public hearings are typically held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:00 P.M., in the Town Hall. We welcome your attendance and participation.

Respectively submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy
Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Goffstown Conservation Commission continued its mission for the protection and preservation of Goffstown's wetlands. The last two years of extreme flooding and resulting road and bridge damage has heightened our concerns for responsible development. We continue to conduct site walks for proposed development for the Planning Board and to make comment as to the suitability, with respect to wetlands impact and potential erosion issues, of the proposed plans for the land. Commission members have attended clinics, conferences, and workshops on various conservation issues such as: best storm management practices, inventories of natural resources, wetland ordinances and the importance of wetland buffers, smart growth in relation to the expansion of I-93, and land acquisition and conservation easements. The Commission held in-house workshops to evaluate the town's wetland ordinance and made suggestions to the Planning Board for modifications, clarifications, and additions.

Our newly formed Open Space Committee is composed of dedicated volunteers who have educated themselves to assist interested landowners who wish to add their land to Goffstown's open space /conservation land. The Open Space Committee helps the landowners in making formal assessments of their land and it's natural resources, review tax implications for landowners, writes grants, promote and support land conservation issues on the ballot, and write conservation easements. Through their strong working relationship with The Society For The Protection of New Hampshire Forests and our local, Piscataquog Watershed Association, they connect landowners with the most appropriate organization to craft and hold their conservation easement.

This year, the Open Space Committee has assisted five landowners to preserve their land as open space and restrict development. Some landowners have made outright gifts of their land to the town or to a conservation organization. Other landowners have been assisted to preserve their land through conservation easements. Conservation Easements of private land delineate the terms and conditions of the easements and the permitted use of this land and are on file at the Town Clerk’s office for inspection by any citizen. These conservation easements will be available on –line at the Town website in the near future.

The Conservation Commission is here to assist you if you have any concerns or interests in land protection or preservation. Please contact the town hall and they will direct you to one of our volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Miller,
Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

L-R Standing: Bill Wynne, Catherine Whooten, Alt., Gail Labrecque,. L-R Seated: Vice Chair Wayne Richardson, Chairman Anthony Marts, Denise Herman, Alt., Absent: Denis Pinard.
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The New Hampshire legislature provides that planning, zoning and related regulations are legislative tools that enable municipal government to more effectively meet the demands of evolving and growing communities, enhance the public health, safety and general welfare, and encourage the reasonable and appropriate use of land. One of those tools is the zoning ordinance, which provides the framework for the development of private property consistent with the Town's view of how it should grow. To ensure the ordinance is applied equitably to all property the legislature requires that every zoning ordinance include provisions for the establishment of a zoning board of adjustment, to act as a "constitutional safety valve".

When Goffstown adopted its zoning ordinance at Town Meeting, March 14, 1961, the ordinance included provisions for a zoning board of adjustment. Since its inception, the Goffstown Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) has acted as an interpreter of the ordinance, as well as a safety valve against overly strict application of the ordinance. The ZBA hears requests for variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and appeals from decisions based on interpretation of the ordinance, made by administration, the Planning Board, and/or the Historic District Commission.

The ZBA is put in the position of attempting to apply the Zoning Ordinance as applicable state law allows, while balancing the rights of landowners with the potential impacts on the community and abutters. In addition to statutory law, the ZBA must apply ever-changing "case law" handed down by the NH Supreme

Court. Unfortunately, the zoning ordinance, statutory law and case law do not often provide clear answers or any bright line test to determine which developments and proposals are allowed and which should be restricted. The ZBA strives to hear all sides and apply the law to the facts and circumstances of each case.

The ZBA is thankful for the service of members Julie Grandgeorge and Marie Boyle, both of whom had terms expire this past year. Julie was an active participant during zoning amendment hearings and as a member of the Planning Board's Village Planning Committee in 2005. Marie served as the ZBA's secretary for the past ten years, in addition to her time spent on the Economic Development Council, Master Plan Update Committee, Cable TV Access Committee, and other charitable and civic organizations throughout Goffstown. Their experience will be greatly missed.

The ZBA is a 5-member elected board with up to 5 alternate members appointed to assist the board. This year, the ZBA welcomes Gail Labrecque and Denise Herman as its newest elected members and Catherine Whooten as an appointed alternate member. The ZBA meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony Marts, Chairman

HERITAGE COMMISSION/ HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

L-R Top: Sel. Rep. Nicholas Campasano, Lionel Coulon, Library Rep. Sandy Whipple, L-R Middle: Elaine Emerton, Alice Rohr, Alt. L-R Bottom: Phil D'Avanza, Mary Sullivan, Chairman Elizabeth Dubrulle. Absent: Charles Carr, Ruth Gage, Alt, William Wynne, Alt., Rodney Stark, Alt.

The Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission has spent the year immersed in on-going projects that celebrate the past, present, and future of Goffstown. To assist in our endeavors, we welcomed several new members and alternates, who have contributed not only their expertise but their energy and enthusiasm as we promote our mission of raising historical awareness among Goffstown residents and overseeing the town's three local historic districts.

In the spring of 2007, the National Register of Historic Places named the Goffstown Main Street Village a national historic district, as it illustrates the evolution of a typical New England village over the course of more than 200 years of American history. This designation offers many benefits, including national recognition for the village area and tax incentives for property owners in the village seeking to renovate their buildings.

The HDC has also launched an effort to erect historical markers at appropriate locations around town, including the new national historic district in the village, the forthcoming rail trail, and the proposed John Stark Scenic Byway. The first of these historic markers should start appearing around town in 2008.

In conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Goffstown Garden Club, the HDC helped design the center of the Grasmere Circle and are in the process of raising funds for a statue for this historic spot, which was part of the meeting ground for the town's militia during the Revolutionary War.

Our historic house plaques and the Goffstown t-shirts and hats remain popular fundraisers that contribute to community pride and recognition of the

town's historic past. A recently discovered caché of 1772 maps of the town, which had been reprinted in 1961 for the town's bicentennial, offer residents another way to support the HDC's efforts and learn about the town's development. We were also happy to encourage the town in forming a committee to organize the celebration of Goffstown's 250th anniversary in 2011.

The commission continued to watch over its three historic districts—Carr Court, Parker Station, and Grasmere. There were no hearings held this past year regarding construction or demolition in any of the districts.

Our primary focus remains the restoration of the Grasmere Town Hall. Over the summer, the front of the building was resided and painted, giving the structure a much-needed facelift. Concurrently, we have continued with our efforts to educate the public about this wonderful community resource through various public events such as the Pumpkin Regatta, the Lions Club Craft Fair, and Merri-Loo Family Fun Days. We have also investigated new and innovative funding sources to complete the restoration of the second-floor theater, which will allow it to open for groups of up to 50 people. Once this stage of the restoration is complete, we can turn our attention to the final phase of the renovation—the construction of an addition to the building that will house an elevator for handicapped access, a second restroom, and storage space. When complete, the second-floor theater of the Grasmere Town Hall will hold 225 people for a wide variety of community, cultural, and artistic events that will enrich the quality of life for Goffstown residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Dubrulle,
Chairman

SOUTHERN NH PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided in a timely manner by professional staff at the request of the Planning Board or the Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members annually.

Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series, which were attended by Goffstown officials;

2. Conducted traffic counts at 27 locations in the Town of Goffstown and forwarded data to the Planning and Economic Development Coordinator;
3. Coordinated Flexible Road Design Standards and Amendments to Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable meetings, which were attended by Goffstown officials;
4. Coordinated and facilitated region-wide Water Supply Task Force meetings on May 19, 2007 and October 17, 2007, on the Merrimack River Basin and Groundwater Studies, which was attended by Goffstown officials;
5. Facilitated region-wide Brownfields Advisory Committee meeting on October 30, 2007;
6. Completed a presentation on the I-93 Expansion for the Goffstown Rotary Club;
7. Completed a presentation on the Manchester Airport Access Road for the Goffstown Rotary Club;
8. Participated in the review process for four proposed developments submitted to the Town;
9. Hosted New Zoning Board Member Training on February 29, 2007, which was attended by Goffstown officials;
10. Sponsored three Planning Forums: Food Security and Agricultural Sustainability on October 9, 2007; Energy Sustainability on November 5, 2007; and Transit Oriented Development on April 19, 2007;
11. Adopted, printed, and distributed copies of the Regional Comprehensive Plan to Goffstown officials;
12. Participated in regional economic development discussions with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce regarding Metro Center, which was attended by Goffstown officials;
13. Facilitated and coordinated the Conservation Commission Institutes, including Wildlife Action Plan, Natural Services Network, Open Space Planning and Conservation Easements, on June 21, 2007, September 20, 2007, and November 29, 2007, which were attended by Goffstown officials;
14. Digitized land use based on 2005 orthophotography into a GIS database for all of the SNHPC communities;
15. Coordinated review process for proposed developments of regional impact affecting the Town; and
16. Hosted a Legislative Open House in Concord for Legislative officials on March 20, 2007;

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission

Henry C. Boyle	Jo Ann Duffy
Barbara J. Griffin	Anthony Marts – Alt.

Goffstown's Executive Committee Member: Barbara J. Griffin, Treasurer

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

L-R Seated: Town Admin Rep. Steve Griffin, Chair Al Desruisseaux, Marie Boyle, Recording Sec.
L-R Standing: Richard Bruno, Sel. Rep. Nick Campasano, Bryan King, Alt., Dan Reidy, John Hikel.
Absent: Bill Wynne, John E. Neville, Alan Yeaton, Planning Bd. Rep.

Goffstown Economic Development Council continues its work to foster the commercial and industrial development of the community, and to retain and strengthen its tax base. This year the council was pleased to see completion and adoption of a number of plans by the Planning Board, providing a framework in which to work.

In terms of other areas of the community, the Council has continued to be involved with recreational planning to promote economic activity and tourism. This has included support for the rail trail, hiking trails and access to the Piscataquog River. The Council had also been supportive of the now approved National Register Historic District designation within the village and the on-going effort to include a federal Scenic Byways designation within Goffstown.

The Council continues to follow up its earlier business survey responses and its developer interest contacts, staying in contact with existing businesses and developers relative to their needs and expansion potential. In this vein, we have participated in the Greater Manchester Economic Development Roundtable, recognizing our place within the larger economic marketplace. This recognition has led to a review of Goffstown's relationship with the Manchester Transit Authority and the Authority's service extension to Shaw's in Goffstown Plaza last July.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Desruisseaux,
Chairman

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Goffstown Fire Department stands ready at all times to serve the Town's residents, business owners and visitors. The Department provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous material and disaster response, rescue response, community services (such as responding to calls about flooded basements and issuing burn permits), and fire prevention / public education and inspections. We are a Combination-type Fire Department made up of Full-time and paid On-Call Fire / EMS Personnel. In 2007, we had 14 Full-time members and 49 On-Call and/or part-time Members providing services 24-hours / day. Our community can be proud of the level of professionalism and dedication from their responders.

PERSONNEL

After 20 years of service to Goffstown, Firefighter / Paramedic Steven Miller resigned in 2007. The Department also had one other full-time employee resign, leaving 2 vacancies. Recently, the Department hired Firefighter / EMT William Rancourt. The second vacancy is anticipated to be filled in January 2008. The Department also had 4 Call Firefighters leave their post, however hired 9 more members in 2007! The Fire Department is constantly looking for dedicated members of the community interested in joining our On-Call force. The Department will be conducting its next On-Call Firefighter Recruit Program in the Spring 2008. In July, I was proudly appointed the position of Fire Chief. Deputy Chief Mark Hurley was appointed to the role of Acting Fire Chief until my appointment. I look forward to the challenges of the position as we plan and prepare for the needs of our community. I also look forward to working with the men and women of the Department whose daily actions contribute in making a difference of our quality of life here in Goffstown.

TRAINING

What makes the Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) so unique from most other public agencies is the amount of training that is required to become knowledgeable and educated on all aspects of the types of emergencies and hazards we may face every day. In 2007, Department personnel completed nearly 3000 staff-hours of EMS training (approximately 1500 of the hours were completed by members on their own – outside of the fire station). In addition, members performed over 3,600 staff-hours of Fire / Haz-Mat Training – nearly 1,200 of the hours were completed at other training sites or at the NH Fire Academy. The Department takes pride in the continual commitment of its members to provide the highest level of care and services to our community.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

The Goffstown Fire Department provides emergency medical services and transportation to the Town with its 2 equipped ambulances. The Fire Department

provides levels of care ranging from EMT-Basic to Paramedic-level care. EMS in Goffstown is provided by several staffing levels. Monday through Friday 6 am – 6 pm, the ambulances are staffed by our full-time personnel. Evenings/Nights (6 pm – 6 am) are staffed by a part-time EMS contingent. Our On-Call Firefighter / EMTs supply the coverage on weekend days and support the daytime and evening personnel as needed. It is our goal to make sure that our residents and visitors requiring emergency medical care receive the highest level of care possible in the shortest amount of time. The Department prides itself in making sure our ambulances are outfitted with some of the best life-saving equipment available.

In 2007, the Fire Department received a portion of the Patricia Stips Estate. In her estate, she donated $34,029.62 to the Department's Ambulance Services. The Department put this money to use by helping our responders do their jobs more efficiently. With this money, the Department installed mobile computers in each of the Department's ambulances. This will enable EMS crews to record all patient data electronically, and be able to retrieve potentially lifesaving data from a computer in the ambulance. This extreme leap forward in technology would not have been made possible without the generosity of Patricia Stips.

EQUIPMENT / APPARATUS

In 2007, the Fire Department continued, as in years past, to focus on upgrading and replacing obsolete fire/rescue equipment. The Department invested in a new Res-Q-Jack system that aids rescuers in stabilizing vehicles and structures in order to remove victims safely. In fact, within weeks of purchasing this system, Department personnel deployed the system successfully at a scene where a vehicle had crashed into a house, causing extensive damage to the house.

The Department also retrofitted 2 of the Department vehicles to better serve the Department's mission. Engine 4 was retrofitted with a longer body and larger water tank, allowing it to be utilized as a front-line Pumper Unit. Hose 1 was retrofitted with an all-purpose body and smaller water tank. This unit is now called 'Squad 1'. Squad 1 is a support unit for many larger incidents; from major car accidents, rescues, to large fires. Squad 1 is a smaller unit allowing it to rapidly respond to and maneuver into congested incidents.

Department administration also crafted a 30-year vehicle replacement plan that helps us prepare and budget for significant capital purchases. The Department has made significant measures to extend the lifespan of our aging apparatus. In 2007, we completed extensive body repairs to Ladder 1 and Engine 1 in hopes to prolong the time before vehicle replacement becomes a necessity.

FIRE PREVENTION

The Fire Prevention Division was very busy in 2007. Lt. Bill Connor, the FD's Fire Prevention Officer, reports that along with the regular building and construction activities, the division has committed a significant amount of time to flood related inspections. Regular fire prevention inspections and activities were

suspended during and for a short time following the flooding to allow our inspector to focus on the immediate needs of the community.

There has been an increased interest in alternative fuels and heating systems in Town recently following the climbing petroleum prices. As typically happens when petroleum product prices get higher, consumers turn to alternative heating systems like coal, wood, and pellet stoves. These systems tend to be less convenient and require a higher level of regular maintenance.

Residents who choose to use these systems are reminded:

- New heating appliances must have a mechanical permit prior to installation and must be inspected by the Fire Department before use.
- Chimneys and flues must be appropriate for the appliance in both size and configuration. In most cases, the flues cannot be shared by different fuel types.

Before using a solid fuel appliance for the first time:

- Have the chimney professionally cleaned and inspected. Many chimney sweeps now offer a service with a camera that allows for thorough visual inspection of the chimney's interior.
- Read and follow all of the manufacturer's instructions
- Have appropriate safety equipment on hand: fire extinguisher, working smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detection.

Annual Inspection Activity- 2007

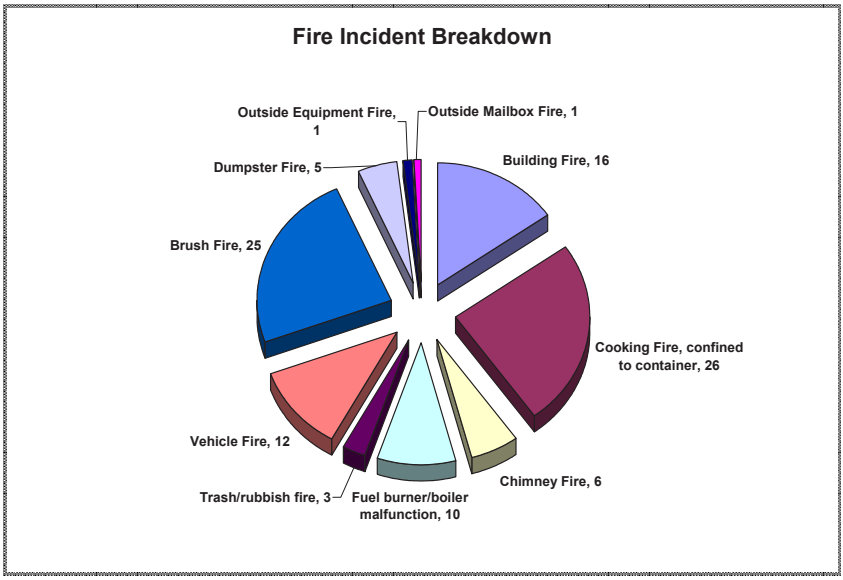
Construction Related Inspections	680
Life Safety Inspections	118
Fire Prevention – Misc.	603
Permits	934
Total:	2,335*

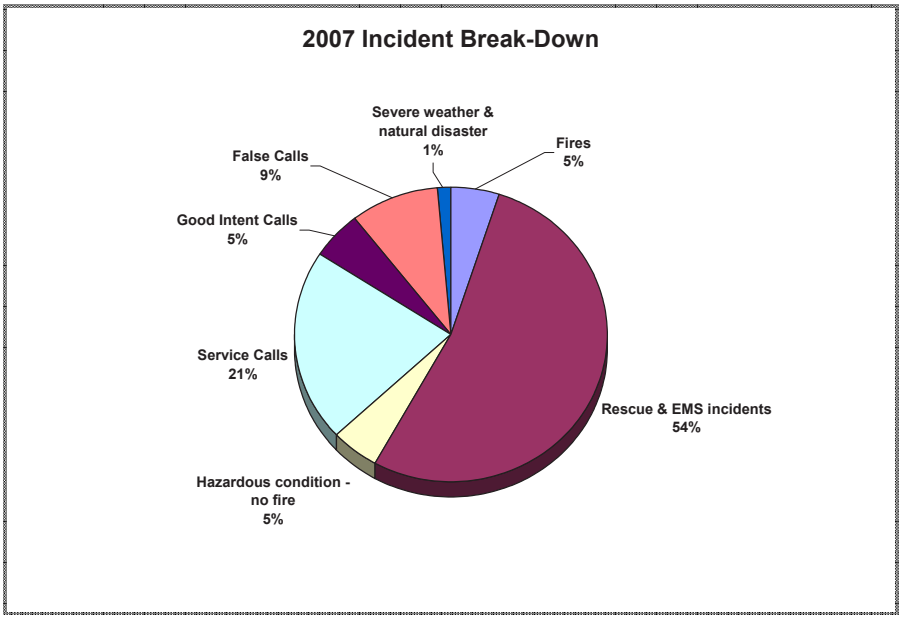
*** Total does not include the life safety and hazard inspections immediately following the spring floods.**

RESPONSE ACTIVITY

2007 was another busy year for the Fire Department. The Department responded to 2,119 calls for service. Although it is a decrease from 2006's 2,231 calls, the trend of calls is increasing overall. In fact, we are seeing more simultaneous calls occurring, causing our resources to be stretched thin. We have found that the Department had to respond to simultaneous calls 25% of the time! 2007 had another major flooding event that struck the Town, however this event did not require as many responses to assist residents. We feel many residents that were affected by the floods in 2006 were more prepared in 2007 by purchasing

portable pumps and making plans and preparations prior to the waters rising again.





GRANT FUNDING

Whenever possible, the Fire Department will attempt to seek out grant funds to improve our services through better equipment and staffing. In 2007, the Fire Department received a Community Grant from Wal-Mart, Inc. The $500 grant was used to purchase specialized rescue equipment. We have also applied for several other grants, including Department of Homeland Security Grants. These extremely competitive grants focus on areas such as Firefighter Safety, Fire Prevention, and Adequate Firefighter Staffing. The following grants were applied for in 2007 and are pending award:

- Dept. of Homeland Security-SAFER Grant (Firefighter Staffing)
- Dept. of Homeland Security-Fire Prevention Grant
- Dept. of Homeland Security-Assistance to Firefighters Grants
- US Smokeless Tobacco-Polaris Ranger Grant Program

SUMMARY

In closing, the Fire Department will continue to plan for the future needs of Goffstown; whether considering equipment, staffing, apparatus, or new facilities. I especially want to thank the residents of Goffstown, Board of Selectmen, Fire / Rescue Association, and Town Departments for their continued support of your Fire Department. Most of all, I commend the dedicated men and women of the Department – making a difference everyday.

As the demand for our services grows with our community, the Fire Department will continue to strive to meet and exceed the level of services residents expect.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard S. O'Brien, CFO
Fire Chief

FLOODING ON CHURCH STREET - APRIL 27, 2007

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

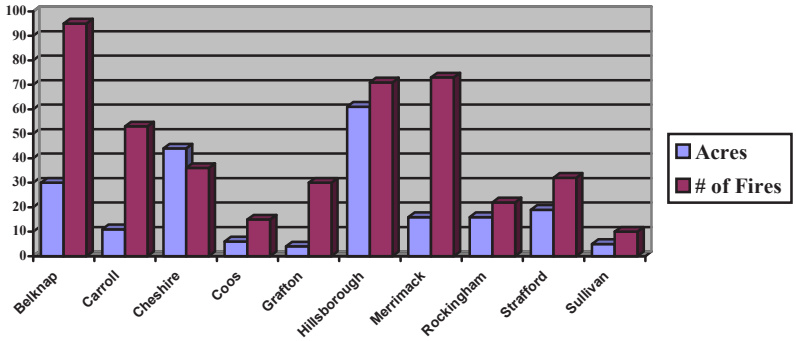
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Goffstown Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The NH Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of the 2007, particularly late April into early May. A very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield in May. Our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home such as keeping roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around the home Additional information is available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)
(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	30	95
Carroll	11	53
Cheshire	44	36
Coos	6	15
Grafton	4	30
Hillsborough	61	71
Merrimack	16	73
Rockingham	16	22
Strafford	19	32
Sullivan	5	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED			Year	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arsen	5		2007	437	212
Debris	197		2006	500	473
Campfire	38		2005	546	174
Children	22		2004	482	147
Smoking	41		2003	374	100
Railroad	5				
Equipment	3				
Lightning	7				
Misc.*	119	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department is a full-service 24-hour per day, seven day per week law enforcement department that provides the initial primary response in most emergency situations. The department responded to 17,399 calls for service during 2007. There were 2,968 criminal and motor vehicle arrests, an average of 8.1 enforcement actions per day. A listing of the more significant categories of calls and arrests can be found at the end of this report.

In 2007, domestic violence situations increased by 27 to 165 cases. Burglary cases reported increased by 19 to 187 cases. Narcotics complaints continue to rise with 86 incidents report, an increase of 20 over those reported in 2006.

Calls involving the illegal possession of alcohol by minors, and other alcohol offenses increased by 40 reported incidents from 86 in 2006 to 126 in 2007. In addition to these offenses, there were an additional 102 Driving while Intoxicated arrests made during the year. Of these 102 arrests, ten involved traffic crashes.

Traffic crashes increased from 653 in 2006 to 683 in 2007. The number of crashes with personal injury increased from 59 in 2006 to 60 in 2007.

PROGRAMS: The department continues its community policing initiatives, using a problem-solving model in a cooperative effort with individuals, schools, town departments, and community groups in an effort to deter and prevent incidents before they occur.

The second department Open House in May allowed citizens the opportunity to view the equipment and facilities and meet with officers and support services personnel.

The D.A.R.E. Program has returned to the Mountain View Middle School. School Resource/Community Officer Katie Walsh, and Patrol Officer Elyse Regan attained certification as instructors and now offer this program to sixth grade students.

In its ninth year, the Citizen's Volunteer Program has been beneficial in assisting the department in its day-to-day operations so that officers can concentrate on other duties requiring sworn status. These trained volunteers assist the department by answering the business phones, filing, property management and witness coordination in the District Court. In 2007 these dedicated individuals contributed 972.5 hours of volunteer efforts to the community.

The department coordinated another successful Halloween Safety Day and a Public Service Safety Day at Hannaford's. On Halloween night members of the department and our volunteers distributed over 4500 "glow sticks" to trick-or-treaters to enhance visibility and safety. These "glow sticks" were provided through the generosity of the Police Association and local merchants. The Public Safety Day gave citizens the opportunity to see demonstrations by Police, Fire, and Public Works, along with the Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross.

A new program this year was the autism registration program. This program, the vision of communications specialist Heidi Roberge and Lt. Rob Browne allows families to provide advance information concerning their children with this affliction so that an immediate appropriate response by police and fire can be made.

PERSONNEL: This past year there were significant personnel changes. Several veteran employees retired in 2007. Captain Glenn DuBois retired in April after

33 years of service; Sergeants Sue LeBel and Mark Young retired in February and May after 28 and 22 years respectively. In addition, Officer Brian O'Leary left the department and the School Resource Officer position to work in the City of Manchester. Officer Katie Walsh became the new School Resource Officer at the start of the new school year.

Captain Michael Sullivan assumed the role of Executive Officer, and Sergeants Rob Browne and Patrick Sullivan were promoted to Lieutenant. Officers Keith Chauvette and David Rivard were promoted to Sergeant in the patrol division.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Communications Center serves as a Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch for the Town. In addition, we provide after hours communications for the Goffstown Water Department and the Department of Public Works and Saint Anselm College Security.

Also, on a contractual basis, we provide Emergency Services Dispatching (Police, Fire, EMS) for the Towns of New Boston and Weare. Goffstown realizes approximately $49,000 in annual revenue from these contracts.

Eight communications specialists and one supervisor provide coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to staff the Center. Over 21,000 calls for service are communicated from this division each year, along with approximately 130,000 telephone calls and over 300,000 radio transmissions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: The Police Department is responsible for the Emergency Management function for the Town of Goffstown. Our mission is to coordinate and prepare the Town's emergency readiness and response capabilities in the event of a natural or man made disaster.

Twelve more citizens completed initial Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in cooperation with the NH Office of Emergency Management and the Goffstown Fire Department. There are now 39 specially trained civilians available to assist first responders in unusual circumstances.

The CERT Team was activated several times during the year. The most notable being the floods in April. With the assistance of Volunteer New Hampshire, the CERT Team now has an equipment trailer stocked with items necessary for a response to community needs in time of emergency.

CERT VOLUNTEER CLASS

Kneeling L to R: Pamela Garrity, Anthony Lakis, Sunny Mulligan-Shea and Lt. Jesse Koch GFD (trainer)
Standing L to R: Jeanne Immel, John Porter, Susan Jutras (CERT Director), Doris Beaulieu, Tom Jesmer and Malcolm Beaulieu

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Goffstown Police Department for their hard work, dedication, and sacrifice in service to the law enforcement and safety needs of the community. It is their dedication and professionalism, along with your cooperation and support that makes Goffstown a great place to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael T. French, Chief of Police

Visit the Police Department's web page at www.goffstown.com for program postings and services.

POLICE DEPT. STATISTICS FOR 2007

DWI ARRESTS	102	DISORDERLY CONDUCT	350
JUVENILE OFFENSES	496	CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	256
ACCIDENTS	683	BAD CHECK/FRAUD	85
DWI Accidents	10	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	434
Injury Accidents	60	ALARMS	816
MOTOR VEHICLE		CRIME PREVENTION	758
Summons	2,154	ADMINISTRATIVE	529
Warnings	2,212	MUTUAL AID	1,209
SEX OFFENSES	15	OPERATIONS	1,180
ASSAULTS	185	POLICE COURTESY	1,065
BURGLARY/TRESPASS	187	MEDICAL COURTESY	923
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	126	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS/VEHICLE	307
LARCENY – THEFT	269	CIVIL	205
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	165	ORDINANCE VIOLATION	47
DRUG OFFENSES	86	HAZARDS	229

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Seated L-R: Kurt Lauer, Director Dave French, Chairman Robert Draper, and William Sullivan. Back Row L-R: Janet MacDougall, Phil Tatro, Susan Tucker, and Sel. Rep. John Caprio. Absent: Calvin Pratt, Budget Comm. Rep., J. Claude LaRoche Alt., D. Michael McKinnon.

In 2007 the Parks & Recreation Department continued to serve and increased the recreation opportunities for the community. Our youth basketball leagues continue to be a success with games and practices meeting 7 days per week. Our Boys travel teams continued to flourish while competing in the Merrimack Valley League and we added a school travel team for the MVMS Boys that competed in the Manchester Suburban League. The Girls Softball program expanded with an increase in participation. We offered several Senior Citizen Trips this past year and our Lacrosse program flourished with a State Championship. Attendance increased by 2% at our pools and our Playground program was full to capacity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parks & Recreation Commission for their continued dedication to the community and support for the department and staff. I would like to acknowledge both Mike Guerrette and Anastasia Hurley for their fine work over the past year as well as a thank you to our summer staffs as well as our over 195 volunteer coaches in our programs. I would like to extend my appreciation to Bob Corson, Matt Corson , Dave Turner, John Badasarian, Mike MacDonald for coaching our travel basketball teams this season as well as Jim Clark for his efforts on behalf of the Hershey Track & Field Program and Rheal Fallu for his efforts in park beautification.

Also, I would like to extend my appreciation to several organizations for their support over the past year including; Men's 30 & over Basketball, Uncanoonuc Mountaineers, Tri-Town Soccer, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Goffstown

Babe Ruth Baseball, Boy Scouts Troop #99, Goffstown Youth Football, and the Goffstown Grizzlies Grid-Iron Club for all of their efforts working with us and the community.

As always I want to thank the people of Goffstown who continue to support this department and participate in our programs. Finally to my family for their continued support and understanding. We continue to look forward to serving the people of Goffstown.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. French, Director

FACILITIES

RECREATION CENTER:
French Community Room: Groups Using: Karate, Gymnastics, Ballet, Jazz dancing, Tap dancing, Girls Basketball, Summer programs, Special Events, Youth Sports Registration, G.Y.F.A., Library Ski & Skate Sale, Open Gym.
Commissioners Room: Groups Using: Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Snowmobile Club, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball, G.Y.F.A., Tri-Town Soccer.
Skating Rink/Picnic Area @ Recreation Center,

Skateboard Park: Located on Church St.; open dawn to dusk to skateboarders
Church Street Park
John Sarette Recreation Complex: Softball/Baseball field, two soccer fields, one football field

Barnard Park:
John Brown Track & Field
Tennis Courts (4)
Stark Memorial Pool
Playground Area
Basketball Courts
Outdoor Volleyball Court

Roy Park:
Tennis Courts (3)
Softball/Baseball Field
Basketball Court
Playground Area
Roy Memorial Pool

Pool Attendance:	**2005**	**2006**	**2007**
Barnard Pool	12,257	12,619	13,020
Roy Pool	6,953	6,958	6,949
Total	19,210	19,577	19,969

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Standing L-R: Chairman Steve Brzozowski, Richard Chamberlain, Henry Boyle. Seated L-R: Judy Pancoast, Alt., Vice Chair Lisa Iodice, Director Dianne Hathaway, Absent: Mike Pelletier, Susan Plante, Ruth Anne Biron, Alt., Brenda Pfahnl, Alt., Sel. Rep. Vivian Blondeau, Budget Rep Calvin Pratt

2007 brought challenges to all of us with the transitions of staff and intense programming and planning. We did finish the year fully staffed and are happy with the additions of Patti Penick and Denise Schaaf to our "family" and look forward to the energy and ideas they will bring. We've also changed our focus a bit as we promoted Sandy Whipple to Adult Services and Outreach Coordinator in place of an assistant director. This position shows our commitment to reaching out into the community in a more innovative, nontraditional way.

Strategic Planning: The Board of Library Trustees voted at their November meeting to use a portion of the Patricia Stips bequest to fund a library consultant for strategic planning. It became obvious this year that between the board and me we did not have the time and expertise to complete a successful plan for the future on our own. In December the board contracted with Cheryl Bryan from Orleans, Massachusetts to work with the library staff and board of trustees to complete a plan in 2008. Community members with questions about the process may email me at dianneh@goffstown.lib.nh.us.

GMILCS, Inc.: The Goffstown Public Library is a member of a twelve library, multitype library consortium that is also a nonprofit corporation. Pronounced

"gee-milks," it is the only one of its kind in NH and has been in existence for more than twenty years. I completed my first year as president of the consortium in 2007, which also turned into an exciting, intense time for the organization. Our automated circulation system and catalog are due for replacement in 2008 so the members of GMILCS embarked on a time-consuming process to look at other systems in the marketplace. At the end of 2007 a committee had narrowed the search to two vendors; the work will continue until February, 2008 when we are hoping to make a decision. Since the cost of a new system can be in the range of $250,000 to $300,000 we are being conscious and careful how we spend that money. There will be more to come in 2008 so keep in touch through our web site and weekly newspaper column.

Downloadable Audio: 2007 completes our first full year using the NH Downloadable Audio Service through the NH State Library. This service allows a cardholder to download audio books to their home computer, transfer them to an MP3 player, or burn selected titles onto a CD for listening on the go. I am happy to report that 424 books were downloaded by the Goffstown community in 2007. The service is getting stronger due to an increase in the number of NH libraries subscribing and to an increase in the content available to borrow. More information is available by checking out our site at www.goffstown.lib.nh.us and then linking to "Downloadable Audio Books."

The Finlay Challenge: In early December all library directors in NH were invited to attend a press conference and luncheon sponsored by the Robert & Karin Finlay Foundation. The foundation has challenged every museum and public library in the state to increase their membership between November 1, 2007 and October 31, 2008. As an incentive, the museum, historical society and library with the greatest percentage growth will receive $25,000 each. The initiative was designed to "energize the cultural workforce and spark new interest and ideas to raise awareness of these facilities." The staff at the library will make sure our application highlighting the incentives we offer is returned before the March 1, 2008 deadline. If you are reading this and don't have a library card please consider stopping by to help us win the $25,000 grant!

Our Annual Numbers: After a very busy 2006 with growth in most areas, we are seeing a decline in 2007. We made great strides during our annual summer reading program with good growth in program attendance but we could not keep up the numbers throughout the year. During the summer months we hold many programs outside our library building where there is a greater capacity and we can offer fewer programs but with greater attendance. The rest of the year most of our programs are held in our own building with the challenges of space, noise and parking. Interestingly, our statistics involving our patrons checking out materials from other libraries increased in 2007 by more than 2% and our interlibrary loan numbers by almost 12%. It looks like we are reaching a saturation point with space, budget and collection size in our current facility. The

other areas of growth are in the use of our computer network and the use of our web site links and services. The use of our subscription databases has dropped but I suspect that has more to do with better searching skills by users and improvements in those interfaces than with less usage. As you can see we will be keeping a close watch on all these numbers in the year to come.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Friends of the Library for their energy and advocacy as well as their commitment to fundraising for our Museum Pass Program and all the extras. Thank you! I am thankful to have had a wonderful Board of Library Trustees chaired by Steve Brzozowski that supported me and the rest of the library staff in many ways. Finally, give a round of applause to the library staff that has served the Goffstown community this year: Sharon Archambault, Alyssa Bartlett, Erika Hamel, Christine Kantrowitz, Diane Lewis, Kelly McAndrew, Marsha McKay, Patti Penick, Molly Poole, Denise Schaaf, Barbara Schuler, Jessica Stevens, Jerry Theriault, Sandy Whipple and Chris Willmott. They are the best!

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne G. Hathaway,
Library Director

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES REPORT

January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2007

Revenues		Expenses	
Fines	$ 4,492.83	Books/Subscript	$ 7,258.15
Interest	24,752.02	Other Expenses:	
Fundraising	683.63	Programs	185.88
Other Revenue:		Vietnam Moving Wall (final)	5,297.04
Grants	816.28	Camcorder Project	1,480.70
Gifts/Donations	85,272.60	Miscellaneous	656.42
Miscellaneous*	2,157.15	Total Expense	$ 14,878.19
Total Revenue	$118,174.51		
Net	$103,296.32		
* Fees collected for library cards, lost books			

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Once again we experienced a year dominated by the April 2007 Flood. This was supposed to be a catch up year. Though we certainly did not get hit as hard as in 2006 we did get a late start on all of our normal construction activities. I want to personally thank my Assistant Director Mike Hillhouse for stepping in during those floods while I was away with my children during the April school vacation.

Once the flood damage was under control we resumed work on the Center Street & Henry Bridge Road project. We want to thank the community for their patience. The amount of traffic traveling through the intersection makes a project like that very difficult to manage. The final product is an attractive centerpiece to Grasmere Village that seems to be working very well. I would like to thank the Garden Club and Historic District Commission for coming together to design and construct the landscaping in the center of the roundabout. I am sure that next summer with all the flowers in bloom it will be beautiful.

When we completed the Grasmere project we spent a considerable amount of time catching up on many maintenance items that had been on hold for the past couple of years. We also got several projects out to bid and had contractors assist us with the workload.

We began construction on Phase I of the Mountain Road project, which was reclamation of the bottom portion and the replacement or rehab of 3 bridges. As soon as our contractor got started on that project we discovered some previously undiscovered damage to a bridge on Bog Road. The damage was so severe the bridge needed to be closed which delayed the bridge installations on Mountain Road due to traffic detouring issues with the Bog Road bridge shut down. Fortunately, NHDOT was able to free up a bridge maintenance crew to work with DPW to make the repairs so that the Bog Road Bridge could be re-opened as soon as possible.

We also began the Rosemont Street Drainage Project. The contractor on that job ran into many unforeseen conditions which is fairly typical for jobs in such congested streets as Mast Road. Both of these projects will be completed in the spring.

Unfortunately our public works family lost some members this year. Long-term employee Mike Kos passed away suddenly. Mike will be greatly missed. Armand LaBrie who served the department for many years and retired a few years ago passed away. We also had to say good-bye to Bruce Hunter who served for many years as the Selectmen Representative to DPW.

To end the year we were hit with the largest December snowfall in NH history. The guys did a great job dealing with back-to-back storms and an extreme amount of time spent away from their families. Again, thank you to the community for their patience and understanding throughout the year and to the DPW team for their hard work as always.

Submitted By,

Carl L. Quiram, P.E.
Director

Grasmere Center Roundabout

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

Seated L-R: Env. Proj. Mgr. Tom Fatcheric, Andre Roy, Selectman Rep. Nicholas Campasano, Standing L-R: Chairman Fred Plett, & Wayne Perrault. Absent: Russell Day, Paul LePerle, Tammy Gross, Donald Tuttle, I. Richard Schaffner..

In 2007, the Solid Waste Commission continued to publicize recycling to boost the recycle rate, which had been fairly steady at about 27% of the waste stream since shortly after the inception of the single stream recycling 2004. The EPA estimates that 60% or more of the waste stream is recyclable.

The Chair wrote a series of letters to the Editor of the Goffstown News delineating what items are recyclable in "Big Blue", vs. that which is recyclable, only at the transfer station. We will continue this series of letters to go through a list of compostable items, which is acceptable in the green trash totes, and those, which must be brought to the transfer station for disposal. We added two new members to the Commission, Tammy Gross and Wayne Perreault, who each have big ideas for working with the education establishment to boost recycling, and for a Web site (www.goffstownrecycles.org) and other promotional ideas, respectively. We also thank J. R. Champagne for his service to the SWC. He recently stepped down due to other time commitments.

Our three-year contract with Haycore, in Drummondville Quebec for disposal of the single stream recycling materials ended as of December 31, 2007. When we undertook the agreement with Haycore in 2004, they were the only single stream option available. We could have signed an option year with Haycore, at a cost of $47 a ton, which would have cost $95,000 from the transfer station. We went out to bid to five new vendors and with Selectman approval, signed a three year agreement with Integrated Paper Recyclers in North Andover, Massachusetts. Instead of a $95,000 cost, the cost is zero, and we have a return

to the town of approximately $13,000, with a likely low of $3,000 and high of $21,000, based on the price of newspaper. In the absolute worst case of paper prices collapsing, the cost to the town will be zero.

This new single stream recycle agreement brings new financial incentive to recycle, because it saves Goffstown residents money. It costs $68 a ton to dispose of the trash from the transfer station, whereas we get paid approximately $6 a ton for recyclables, a net reduction of about $74 a ton. Because the total waste stream is about 7,500 tons per year, each 10% shift from trash to recycling, 750 tons, would save the town about $55,000 per year. Given EPA estimates, the potential additional savings could be $175,000 or more for Goffstown.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Plett,
Chair

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Members: Linda Reynolds-Naughton, Jean Walker, Joan Konieczny.

The Goffstown Cemetery Trustees are extremely pleased that all three Goffstown cemeteries now fly the American flag with the final installation this year at Shirley Hill prior to Memorial Day. Landscaping and a small monument were also added to complete the flag area at Hillside.

Currently, preparations are moving forward for the planning of the Westlawn Extension. The Trustees hope to meet with the Board of Selectmen soon to review the status of remaining plot availability at Westlawn so that appropriate steps can be taken in a timely manner that would allow the new section to be phased in as needed. Of note also, total burials for 2007 indicated that cremations exceeded vault burials for the first time.

Chairman Leon Konieczny successfully negotiated with the state to build a buffer to improve the area separating Westlawn from state property to make it more aesthetically attractive. In August, the DOT cleaned out the entire area and planted a stretch of 8' American Arborvitae along the fence. The Trustees are extremely grateful to the DOT for both the donation of the shrubs and the right-of-way given for the construction of Veterans Memorial. Both were at no cost to the town. The Cemetery Foreman landscaped the Church Street entrance to Westlawn Cemetery with Trust Funds established for this purpose.

The Attorney General's Office indicated at the NH Cemetery Association Meeting that the issuance of **the right-to-inter**, rather than cemetery deeds needs to be complied with in order to prevent individuals from assuming they have purchased a parcel of property. When spelled out in detail this will avoid misunderstandings that one has purchased the entire parcel and make them aware that they are subject to established cemetery rules and regulations preventing "graveside decoration" since the legal title to the underlying property remains with the town. The Trustees thank both the DPW and the general public for continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Goffstown Cemetery Trustees

GOFFSTOWN SEWER COMMISSION

L-R: Admin. Assist. Marilyn Hozeny, Chairman Stephen Crean, Mike Walton, Sewer Foreman, Catherine Whooten. Absent: James Bouchard, Selectman Rep. John Caprio, Mike Yergeau, DPW Engineering Tech.

The Goffstown Wastewater Facility Plan Update, previously contracted to Hoyle, Tanner & Assoc. Inc., continues to be a work in progress. Several meetings between the Commissioners and staff were held in 2007 with Hoyle Tanner's representative, Mike Trainque, to review and update the Sewer Use Ordinance for presentation and comment at a future public hearing. In November, the Commissioners met with the City of Manchester for the annual meeting of the MWWTP facility network to discuss the facility's two-step plan to increase capacity at the Manchester facility; 1) maximize the current facility's capacity by upgrading the present facility operating system and, 2) expand the existing size of the facility to accommodate projected increased capacity.

In 2007, the Lynchville Park/Danis Park Wastewater Project continues to be on hold. In 2006 a committee was formed by the Board of Selectman to investigate the project's eligibility for Federal and State Grants. A committee meeting was held in April 2007 to consider and discuss various options of wastewater removal and will meet again in 2008.

This year several new projects were undertaken. In July, the Commission accepted, with agreements, a plan for a sewer line extension by a private developer beginning at the intersection of Knollcrest Road/Mountain Road to Washington Street. In September 2007 the Larch Street project was awarded to J. A. Brown Excavating of Goffstown, NH. And, in December, the Commission awarded the "trenchless lining project" to Green Mountain Pipeline Services of Bethel, Vermont. This project will encompass several different areas and will improve the sewer line infrastructure.

And last, but not least, the Sewer Commission said goodbye to one of their longest serving Commissioners, Paul LaPerle. Paul served from 1976 until March 2007 as a Sewer Commissioner as well as a committee member serving on the Budget Committee, Parks and Playground, and CIP. Paul was a Fire Warden from 1984 to 1987 and is presently serving on the Solid Waste Committee. Throughout the years he has been known to hold the title as "The Mayor of Pinardville". The Sewer Commissioners and staff that have known and worked with Paul, thank him for his many years of dedication and time to help with the successes of the Goffstown Sewer Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen R. Crean, Chairman
James A. Bouchard, Commissioner
Catherine Whooten, Commissioner

SEWER COMMISSION BUDGET

ADMINISTRATION	2007 BUDGET	2007 UNAUDITED	2008 BUDGET
SALARIES/BENEFITS	74,539.00	74,706.44	77,438.00
EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	100.00	0.00	100.00
AUDIT	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	5,000.00	5,447.88	10,000.00
CONTRACTED SVCS (ADMIN)	7,044.00	6,861.25	7,383.00
INSURANCE	7,491.00	1,709.67	7,848.00
POSTAGE	4,486.00	4,135.47	4,543.00
SUPPLIES	1,340.00	1,057.42	1,340.00
COMPUTER	2,951.00	1,951.00	3,600.00
TELECOMMUNICATION	600.00	600.00	600.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
INTEREST	93,267.00	93,265.64	75,427.00
PRINCIPLE	360,000.00	360,000.00	260,000.00
SUB TOTAL	**562,318.00**	**554,234.77**	**452,779.00**
SEWER OPERATIONS			
CONTRACT SVCS (DPW)	56,900.00	58,793.53	56,000.00
SEWER PROJECT	500.00	0.00	5,000.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT/REPAIR	4,000.00	2,657.98	4,000.00
PERSONNEL EQUIP	3,000.00	401.44	3,000.00
MNTNCE/SUPPLY	228,000.00	162,196.13	228,000.00
MNTNCE/LABOR (VAC)	3,000.00	5,696.49	17,000.00
SEWER OPERATION (O&M CHRG)	731,372.00	499,101.81	815,133.00
SUB TOTAL	**1,026,772.00**	**728,847.38**	**1,128,133.00**
SEWERAGE/PUMP STATION			
CONTRACTED SERVICES	7,000.00	1,160.25	5,000.00
SUPPLIES	11,200.00	6,430.22	8,900.00
ELECTRICITY	19,000.00	14,951.93	20,000.00
PROPANE GAS	3,224.00	3,230.65	3,140.00
WATER	700.00	499.52	800.00
TELEPHONE ALARM SYS	3,000.00	2,447.25	3,000.00
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1.00	0.00	1.00
CHEMICALS	1,000.00	0.00	750.00
DIESEL FUEL	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
PUMP REPAIRS	25,000.00	9,850.24	25,000.00
SUB TOTAL	**74,125.00**	**38,570.06**	**70,591.00**
TOTAL	**1,663,215.00**	**1,321,652.21**	**1,651,503.00**

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

Standing L-R: Supt. Lee Minnich, Henry Boyle, Chairman Allen D. Gamans, Seated L-R: Rick Coughlin, Ray Tabor, Linda Reynolds-Naughton, Clerk. Absent: Richard Fletcher

Our water distribution system still has some components that have been working for a long time and a replacement program has been in effect for a few years. The Precinct was set up in 1890 and now has over 1100 subscribers in Goffstown Village. Separate programs service Grasmere and Pinardville. We continue to prepare emergency operation planning including discussions with other water systems plus state authorities. Engineering studies and mutual assistance programs are in place if needed whereby we can give or receive help as needed.

Spring flooding at the wells damaged one motor but it was repaired and returned to service. Several requests for water in the future are in process for single and multi-use construction. Each will receive consideration based on actual requirements. Growth in number of subscribers and average usage amounts will require additional water sources and could result in another well or facility soon.

NH Department of Environmental Services did a survey of Precinct facilities reviewing water sources, treatment, distribution, and management facilities. Lead and copper content testing was preformed recently and passed very well. The well-head protection program is carefully monitored. The DES summary states the system is well operated by trained and dedicated personnel. Projects this year included water main replacement completed on Hunter Court and Hillsdale Drive.

The Water Commissioners conduct an open meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at the Precinct office, 183 No. Mast Street, Goffstown.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen D. Gamans, Chairman

THE ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2008

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Precinct qualified to vote on Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Village Precinct Office in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 17, 2008, at 7:00 in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I
To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE II
To elect one (1) member to the Board of Commissioners for a term of five (5) years.

ARTICLE III
To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the report of the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Eighty-one Thousand and, Eight Hundred Seventy Five Dollars for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE IV
To hear the reports of the various officers of the Precinct and to pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE V
To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 8th day of January 2008.

Richard Fletcher, 2009	Richard Coughlin, 2012
Allen Gamans, 2010	Henry Boyle, 2008
Raymond Taber, 2011	

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

EXPENDITURES:	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD Un-audited	2008 BUDGET
EXECUTIVE	**$ 116,000.00**	**$ 114,917.00**	**$ 122,000.00**
Salaries	116,000.00	$ 114,917.00	122,000.00
FINANCIAL ADM	**9,660.00**	**$ 7,925.00**	**5,670.00**
Audit	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Bus. Supplies	2,200.00	2,371.00	2,200.00
Office Equip	5,000.00	3,003.00	1,000.00
Personnel supp	400.00	481.00	400.00
Safe Box	60.00	70.00	70.00
PERSONNEL ADM	**$ 62,135.00**	**$ 62,208.00**	**$ 68,135.00**
FICA	8,568.00	8,790.00	9,400.00
Health ins	46,000.00	45,916.00	52,500.00
W/C Ins	2,437.00	3,009.00	3,400.00
Retire. Fund	5,100.00	4,477.00	2,800.00
U/C Ins	30.00	16.00	35.00
BUILDING MAINT.	**$ 4,000.00**	**$ 6,239.00**	**$ 3,000.00**
Office repairs	1,000.00	631.00	1,000.00
Filtr.bldg.	1,000.00	2,600.00	1,000.00
Well bldgs.	1,000.00	3,008.00	500.00
Tank	1,000.00	-	500.00
INSURANCE	**$ 3,400.00**	**$ 3,324.00**	**3,400.00**
Liab/Prop Ins	3,200.00	3,124.00	3,200.00
Bond Ins.	200.00	200.00	200.00
LEGAL	**1,500.00**	**-**	**1,500.00**
ADV/REG.ASSOC.	**$ 1,750.00**	**$ 1,355.00**	**$ 3,500.00**
Advertising	500.00	255.00	500.00
Assn Fees	500.00	570.00	500.00
License fees	250.00	200.00	2,000.00
Meeting Exp.	500.00	330.00	500.00
OTHER GEN. GOVT	**$ 15,800.00**	**18,074.00**	**$ 17,500.00**
Vehicle exp.	3,500.00	5,658.00	3,500.00
Off. heat/electric.	3,500.00	2,449.00	3,500.00
Tel/Comm	4,500.00	4,607.00	5,100.00
Postage	2,700.00	3,165.00	3,200.00
Forestry	-	-	-
Engineer	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Comp. Support	600.00	695.00	700.00
WATER SRVCS.	**$ 34,700.00**	**$ 30,816.00**	**$ 34,700.00**

EXPENDITURES:	2007 BUDGET	2007 YTD	2008 BUDGET
Contract Labor	6,000.00	2,368.00	6,000.00
Hydrant repairs	3,000.00	10,291.00	3,000.00
Dam repairs	500.00	1,451.00	500.00
Service repairs	5,000.00	4,125.00	5,000.00
Main repairs	14,700.00	11,010.00	14,700.00
Meter repairs	200.00	-	200.00
Pump repairs	1,500.00	798.00	1,500.00
Equip. repairs	1,000.00	773.00	1,000.00
Road repairs	500.00	-	500.00
New Services	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Thawing	300.00	-	300.00
WATER TREATMENT	**$ 66,600.00**	**$ 61,080.00**	**$ 68,600.00**
Chemicals	12,000.00	13,657.00	12,000.00
Electric	24,000.00	24,350.00	24,000.00
Heat	4,500.00	3,737.00	4,500.00
Glenview	3,600.00	3,126.00	3,600.00
Gen. Supplies	3,000.00	1,581.00	3,000.00
Water Tests	4,500.00	2,566.00	6,500.00
Mtn. Laurel water	15,000.00	12,063.00	15,000.00
SEWAGE	**$ 13,000.00**	**$ 8,741.00**	**$ 13,000.00**
DEBT SERVICE	**$ 89,670.00**	**$ 89,670.00**	**$ 86,520.00**
Bond principal	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
Bond int.	29,670.00	29,670.00	26,520.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
LAND & IMPROV.	**$190,909.00**	**$ 180,584.00**	**$ 200,000.00**
Conting. Fund	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
Cap. Replac.	10,000.00	8,611.00	10,000.00
Main/sys. Upgrades	167,909.00	165,388.00	179,000.00
Bldg upgrade	3,000.00	6,585.00	1,000.00
MACH/EQUIPMENT	**$ 5,000.00**	**$ 430.00**	**$ 41,000.00**
House meters	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Equipment	3,000.00	430.00	3,000.00
Vehicle		-	36,000.00
TO CAP. RES. FUND	**$ 18,350.00**	**$ 18,350.00**	**$ 13,350.00**
Mtn Laurel Septic	13,350.00	13,350.00	13,350.00
Vehicles	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
TRANS to SAVINGS	-	**12,929.00**	-
TOTAL	**$632,474.00**	**$ 616,642.00**	**$ 681,875.00**

REVENUE	2007 BUDGET	YTD 2007 (unaudited)	2008 BUDGET
WATER CHARGES	**$ 516,190.00**	**$ 505,882.00**	**$ 516,190.00**
Metered water	358,190.00	346,844.00	358,190.00
Flat rate	100,000.00	101,038.00	100,000.00
Hydrants	58,000.00	58,000.00	58,000.00
OTHER	**65,790.00**	**70,326.00**	**96,000.00**
Booster Station	4,500.00	3,513.00	4,500.00
Thawing	350.00	75.00	350.00
Forestry	-	-	30,000.00
Hyd repair	2,900.00	3,777.00	2,900.00
New Services	8,000.00	400.00	8,000.00
On/Off	300.00	240.00	300.00
Service reapir	2,000.00	977.00	2,000.00
Meter repair	40.00	294.00	50.00
Mtn Laurel H2O	18,000.00	24,814.00	18,000.00
Engineering	-	-	-
Mtn Laurel Septic	26,400.00	27,317.00	26,400.00
NH security grant	-	3,720.00	-
Pool fills	300.00	649.00	300.00
Misc.	3,000.00	4,550.00	3,200.00
SAVINGS INTEREST	**$ 9,000.00**	**$ 14,009.00**	**$ 12,000.00**
SHARED REVENUE	**$ 26,424.00**	**$ 26,424.00**	**$ 25,461.00**
SUBTOTAL	$ 617,404.00	616,641.00	$ 666,875.00
SAVINGS TRANSFER	**$ 15,070.00**		**$ 17,224.00**
Cap. Res. Vehicle Fund			**$ 15,000.00**
TOTAL	**$ 632,474.00**	**$ 616,641.00**	**$ 681,875.00**

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

Seated L-R: Clerk Diane Rand, Chair Christine Daniels, Treasurer Bruce Rand, William Swanson
Standing L-R: Supt. Keith Moore, Ray St. Pierre

The year 2007 saw a lot of road construction in the Grasmere Village Water Precinct area. Keith Moore represented the Precinct in all the necessary digging near our water lines.

Keith and Christine attended different workshops related to licensing and best business practice management for the Precinct.

The Mast Road water main upgrade did not proceed this year due to cost factors.

The Precinct's agreement with Greystone Development still stands, if they receive approval from the Town. Water will be extended up Tirrell Hill Road and Goffstown Back Road with no cost to the Precinct.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Daniels, Chairman
Grasmere Village Water Precinct

2008 WARRANT
THE GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

To the members of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct in the Town of Goffstown, in the Country of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, you are hereby notified to meet in the Grasmere Town Hall in the Village of Grasmere at seven p.m. (7 p.m.) o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE #1

To choose a Commissioner for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

ARTICLE #2

To see if the Precinct will vote to approve the budget as proposed by the Commissioners and approved by the Budget Committee to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and sixty four cents ($228,569.64) for the ensuring year.

ARTICLE #3

To hear the reports of the Treasurer and Clerk for the year 2007.

ARTICLE #4

To discuss and act upon any other business which may rightfully come before said meeting.

This is the Precinct's annual meeting and it is hoped that all members of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct will attend and support the Precinct.

Christine Daniels _____

William Swanson _____

Raymond St. Pierre _____

Commissioners of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Given this Twelfth (12) day of January 2008, under our hands.

Grasmere Water Precinct

EXPENDITURES:	2007 BUDGET	2007 EXPENDED	2008 BUDGET
EXECUTIVE	**$36,473.46**	**$35,429.29**	**$37,569.64**
SALARIES	$36,473.46		$37,569.64
FIN. ADMIN	**$2,400.00**	**$828.97**	**$2,400.00**
AUDIT	$1,200.00	$0.00	$1,200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	$500.00	$337.97	$500.00
POSTAGE	$700.00	$491.00	$700.00
POST OFFICE BOX	$0.00	INCL.	INCL.
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	**$200.00**	**$0.00**	**$200.00**
INSURANCE		**$1,297.47**	
LIABILITY/PROPERTY	**$1,400.00**	$1,297.47	**$2,250.00**
LEGAL	**$1,000.00**	**$0.00**	**$1,000.00**
	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00
ADV./REG. ASSOC.	**$750.00**	**$210.00**	**$750.00**
TRAINING	$500.00	$50.00	$500.00
ASS.FEE	$250.00	$160.00	$250.00
OTHER GEN/GOV	**$3,500.00**	**$3,738.44**	**$7,700.00**
TELEPHONE	$500.00	$649.13	$700.00
ELECTRIC	$3,000.00	$3,089.31	$7,000.00
WATER SERVICES	**$110,400.00**	**$97,422.37**	**$136,700.00**
MANCHESTER WW	$93,000.00	$75,827.33	$105,000.00
SERVICE REPAIRS	$700.00	$581.45	$11,000.00
CONTRACT LABOR	$10,000.00	$16,200.39	$10,000.00
HYDRANT REPAIRS	$800.00	$2,895.80	$800.00
METER REPAIRS	INCL.	INCL.	INCL.
NEW SERVICES	$3,000.00	$0.00	$3,000.00
WATER TESTS	$2,400.00	$1,450.00	$2,400.00
MAINT. SUPPLIES	$500.00	$467.40	$4,500.00
SNOW PLOWING	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
SUBTOTAL	**$156,123.96**	**$138,926.54**	**$188,569.64**
DEBT SERVICE	**$10,000.00**	**$10,000.00**	**$0.00**
CAPITAL PROJECTS	**$40,000.00**		**$40,000.00**
RT 114 MAIN/ BACK RD.	$40,000.00		$40,000.00
	$206,123.46	**$148,926.54**	**$228,569.64**

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

	2007 BUDGET	2007 REVENUE	2008 BUDGET
WATER CHARGE	**$157,023.46**	**$137,390.87**	**$162,469.64**
BASE	$140,385.96	$121,578.29	$145,005.04
FIRE PROTECTION	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
HYDRANT RENTAL	$16,537.50	$15,750.00	$17,364.60
MISC	$100.00	$62.58	$100.00
OTHER	**$4,300.00**	**$7,205.20**	**$21,300.00**
HYDRANT REPAIR	$800.00	$3,428.70	$800.00
SERVICE REPAIR	$200.00	$2,364.50	$200.00
ON/OFF	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00
NEW SERVICE	$3,000.00	$1,362.00	$20,000.00
METER REPAIR	$200.00	$50.00	$200.00
SERVICE CONTRACT	**$4,800.00**	**$4,800.00**	**$4,800.00**
SUB TOTAL	**$166,123.46**	**$149,396.07**	**$188,569.64**
TRANSFER FROM FUND BALANCE	**$40,000.00**	**$40,000.00**	**$40,000.00**
TOTAL	**$206,123.46**	**$189,396.07**	**$228,569.64**

OFFICIAL BALLOTS
for the
Town of Goffstown
&
Goffstown School District

2008 Official Town Ballot
March 11, 2008

ARTICLE 1

SELECTMAN 1 for 3 years
Philip D'Avanza ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE 1 for 1 year
Roxann Hunt ☐
Theresa Walton ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE 3 for 2 years
Ivan Beliveau ☐
David Pierce ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE 4 for 3 years
"Cathie" Donovan-Simard ☐
Christi Garrison ☐
William Hart ☐
John Hikel ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE 1 for 3 years
Linda R. Naughton ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 3 for 3 years
Jennifer Foley ☐
Brenda L. Pfahnl ☐
Susan Plante ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

PLANNING BOARD 2 for 3 years
James Raymond ☐
Lowell VonRuden ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

SEWER COMMISSION 1 for 3 years
Stephen R. Crean ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

SUPRVSR OF CHECKLIST 1 for 6 years
Denise Lemay ☐
Tricia Wynne ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

TOWN CLERK 1 for 3 years
Cathleen "Cathy" Ball ☐
Donna A. Bergeron ☐
Karen LeClerc ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

TOWN MODERATOR 1 for 2 years
Roxann Hunt ☐
Rodney Stark ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

TOWN TREASURER 1 for 3 years
Jean Mayberry ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS 1 for 3 years
Earl Carrel ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2 for 3 years

Wayne Richardson ☐
Catherine Whooten ☐
Write-In _____ ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

1 for 1 year

Theresa Walton ☐
Write-In _____ ☐

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?
Add the following definitions to the Glossary:
Commercial Kennel – a use of property where any number of dogs are domiciled for a fee, or from which dogs are regularly sold as a business.
Seasonal Dwelling Unit – A dwelling unit not suitable for year round occupancy due to the presence of any of the following conditions: (1) water supply and/or waste water pipes, pumps or other associated facilities susceptible to freezing; (2) no central year round heating system; (3) NHDES restriction of septic system to less than year round use; (4) lot is too small to adequately support on-site water and/or waste water services; or (5) lot access is inadequate for appropriate fire and other emergency services. If uncertainty exists, the Building Inspector shall determine the seasonal or year round status of a dwelling unit.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?
Amend Section 3.6.1 to read:
3.6.1-Non-Residential Uses and Multi-Family Dwelling Units. Multiple principal uses may be established on a single lot for multiple non-residential uses and/or multifamily dwelling units as part of a mixed use project in accordance to Section 3.10, Table of Principal Uses, and the relevant Supplemental Standards.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?
Amend section 3.10.B so that:
The principal use "Church and synagogue" is not an allowed use in the Industrial district, and would be allowed in the Commercial district by Conditional Use Permit, and the principal use "Kindergarten, elementary or secondary school" is not an allowed use in the Industrial district, and change name of use to "Church or other Place of Worship".

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?
Amend section 3.10.D.3 so that:
The principal use "Nursing home and special care home" includes "Residential Care Home" and "Supported Residential Health Care Home".

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?
Amend Section 6.2, amending the last sentence so that it reads:
The requirements Section 8, Outdoor Lighting, and of the Building and Electrical Codes are also applicable to signs.
And amend Section 6.4.2, under prohibited signs, by adding the following sentence:
Signs, for which sign content is changed mechanically or electronically more frequently than once in 24 hours, are defined as moving or creating an illusion of movement.
And amend Section 6.13, temporary signs, so that it reads:
Banners and other temporary signs for commercial establishments, for a commercial event, or meant to be temporary until replaced by a permanent sign at some future date, are allowed by sign permit, with the following restrictions for any one business: (a) the total of all signs may not exceed 24 square feet, (b) signs shall be wall mounted, (c) signs may be permitted for no more than four occasions in any one calendar year, and (d) signs may not be in place for more than 10 days for any one occasion. The Planning Board may grant exceptions to the four occasions in any one calendar year restriction by Conditional Use Permit, with a finding of a unique situation resulting in a specific hardship and, at the same time, not imposing an unreasonable impact on a neighboring or nearby property.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?
Amend Section 8.4 by adding "approved public and private street and sidewalk lighting" as one of the listed exemptions.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Insert a new Section, renumbering as required, between the existing Sections 11 and 12, to read:

Section 12 - STORM WATER

12.1 Intent - It is the intent of this section to regulate activity that alters the condition, direction or velocity of storm water in response to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR 122, and to insure the proper use of natural resources, and to promote the health and general welfare.

12.2 Specifications - Specifications for dealing with storm water in accordance with section 12.1 shall be adopted by the Goffstown Planning Board as part of its Development Regulations, which specifications, at a minimum, shall be sufficient to implement NPDES standards.

12.3 Building Permit - No building permit that would result in activity altering the condition, direction or velocity of storm water shall be issued, except in conformance with Section 12.2.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 12.3, Wetland Conservation District, replacing the Wetland Conservation District (WCD) with a Wetland and Surface Water Conservation District (WSWC District); retaining existing wetland setbacks, but adding wetland setback application to residential uses within the C, I, RSBO-2 or VC zoning districts, requiring a 100' buffer from surface waters as defined in USGS maps on all lots; decreasing the uses allowed within the buffer area and increasing the level of finding required for relief. The full text of Proposed Amendment #8 is available in the Town Clerk's Office and Planning Office.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend Section 14.3.7.2 so that:

No request for ZBA action shall be placed on the agenda of any meeting unless received at least fifteen (15) days prior to that meeting.

Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) for the purpose of acquiring, subdividing, developing land for municipal purposes including but not limited to recreational fields and to acquire conservation easements? To authorize the purchase of a 27± acre portion of Map 5 Lot 39 (70 Center St.) for the sum of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars ($700,000). The current property owners (Barnards) will retain ownership of the house and 2.6 acres. To authorize expending up to Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand ($250,000) for conservation easements.

Furthermore, to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials 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; and to authorize municipal officials to seek grants to offset the amount to be bonded. (60% Ballot Vote required to pass).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars ($2,537,000) for the purpose of designing, constructing and installing a water distribution system which is more particularly described in an overall project plan dated October 18, 2006, which is intended to bring a water distribution system to the the Lynchville and Danis Park areas, said improvements to be installed at the direction of and in accordance with the established requirements of the Town of Goffstown? **This appropriation does not impact the town's tax rate.**

And to authorize the issuance of not more than Two Million Five Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars ($2,537,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33) and to authorize the municipal officials 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; and to authorize municipal officials to seek grants to offset the amount to be bonded.

Without impairing in any way the fact that the bonds will be general obligations of the Town, it is the intent to repay this bond issuance by charging an Accessibility Fee to each property benefiting from this water distribution system. This project is contingent on effectuating an acceptable Inter-Municipal Agreement with Manchester Water Works and a successful expansion of Manchester Water Works franchise area. **This appropriation does not impact the town's tax rate.** (60% Ballot Vote required to pass).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 13

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 Eighteen Million Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars **($18,653,734)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Eighteen Million Three Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Nine Dollars **($18,327,209)**, 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. Upon passage of this article and passage of Article 14, there will be a reduction of Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars ($37,640) to this article in the Fire Department Operating Budget.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Goffstown Board of Selectmen and Local 3420 of the International Association of Firefighters representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Fire Department?

Year	Estimated Increase
2008	$73,078
2009	$71,651
2010	$42,832

And to raise and appropriate Seventy Three Thousand Seventy Eight Dollars ($73,078) for 2008, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in 2007? **Upon passage of this article and passage of Article 13, there will be a reduction of Thirty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars ($37,640) to Article 13 in the Fire Department Operating Budget.** (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $72,274 for the purpose of hiring two (2) additional Firefighter/EMT's and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract for, accept and expend Federal Homeland Security – Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (S.A.F.E.R.) Grant in the amount of $34,324 to be applied against said appropriation? The SAFER Grant

obligation period is five years, and the cost estimates for the years 2 through 5 are as follows:

Year	Gross Appropriation	Town Share	SAFER Grant
2	$131,768	$60,088	$71,680
3	$142,185	$87,375	$54,810
4	$148,870	$115,125	$33,745
5	$153,325	$140,660	$12,665

When and if the Town receives the contemplated grant, the Town will be obliged by the terms of the grant and failure to adhere to terms of the grant could result in returning the grant funding to the federal government. If this article passes, then the town will include the costs of these two additional positions in future operating and default budgets. If this article fails, it is expressly intended not to impair the traditional authority of the Selectmen to control staffing levels of fire personnel within the limits of the operating budget appropriation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of two years (RSA 32:7). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Apparatus; raise and appropriate Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollar ($420,000) to be placed in this fund; and appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town raise and appropriate One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars ($185,000) from the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance? **This appropriation has no tax impact.** (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars ($15,000) for the purpose of supporting the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars ($2,150) for the purpose of supporting the Greater Manchester Red Cross? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 13.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town appoint the Selectmen **and** Historic District Commission as agents to expend from the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2005?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town require the numerical tally of all votes of the Budget Committee and Selectmen be printed next to each appropriation article on the Annual Warrant in accordance with RSA 32:5 V-a and RSA 40:13 V-a?

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to determine the location of the election polls due to special circumstances?

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-E?

ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to pass an ordinance that states that water is a part of the commons and essential for life and that the People of the Town of Goffstown have the duty to safeguard the water both on and beneath the earth's surface and to hold it in public trust as a common resource for the benefit of Goffstown residents and the natural ecosystem and further that any large water withdrawal must be approved by a majority vote of the legislative body of the town (i.e. the Voters) at an annual or special meeting, before it shall become effective? Large water withdrawal shall be defined as stated in RSA 485 C2 IX-a and shall apply to both ground and surface water withdrawal.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town authorize the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor?

Resolved: We as citizens of Goffstown, NH call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to have an open discussion covering all revenue options.

Submitted by petition.

2008 Official Ballot
Annual School District Election
Goffstown, New Hampshire
March 11, 2008

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.

SCHOOL BOARD - 3 for 3 years

Henry C. Boyle
Philip Pancoast
Sara Ann Sarette

To choose one School District official for one year.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER - 1 for 1 year

Lissa Winrow

ARTICLE 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($816,000.00) to begin Phase I upgrade and expansion of the Bartlett Elementary School and authorize the withdrawal of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($600,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose? The balance of TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($216,000.00) is to come from school impact fees. Furthermore, shall the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund? 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 School District raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($300,000.00) to be added to the existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for Phase II of the upgrade

and expansion of the Bartlett Elementary School? Furthermore, to fund this trust from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2008? 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 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 THIRTY FOUR MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS ($34,822,651.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND, EIGHTY DOLLARS ($34,566,080.00), 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).**

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Seated L-R:, Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon , Chair Keith Allard, , Sara Ann Sarette, Jeff Tate. Standing L-R: Phillip Kendall, Lorry Cloutier, Jason DeYoung, Student Rep., Vice-Chair Philip Pancoast, Kent Nolan, Henry Boyle,

On behalf of The Goffstown School Board, I am pleased to present the 2007 Town Report overview. Two-thousand-seven proved to be both rewarding and challenging for the school district, which is comprised of three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school including an alternative high school and an evening diploma program. The charter school, New Heights Academy, once hosted at the high school was dissolved in the spring of 2007 due to the elimination of state funding. In 2007, the school board continued their mission of developing and supporting an educational community that advances rigorous standards of learning for all students, resulting in high student achievement from pre-school to high school. The Goffstown School Board views its mission as one to set policy and develop clear, definitive, and measurable goals while providing an ongoing review in the progress of achievements.

Continuous progress and improvement is evident in the Goffstown schools. The community has a great deal to be proud of regarding our educational system and the many accomplishments of our students and staff. One especially significant event in 2007 was the reaccredidation of Goffstown High School by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, Inc. (NEASC). The NEASC is the nation's oldest regional accrediting association serving more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the six states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. Currently Mountain View Middle School is beginning the process for its inaugural accreditation from NEASC and will have its first visit from the accreditation team in the fall of 2008.

It is evident that our school system exemplifies success and achievement, but we also realize the importance of an ongoing process of self evaluation to continuously provide a quality education. Fortunately Goffstown is blessed with a talented student body, devoted volunteers, dedicated teachers and staff, and a community filled with support. As a former school board member, Ellen Vermokowitz, would often share her belief that it is our obligation and promise to the families of Goffstown to continuously strive for excellence and to provide the opportunity for even greater levels of success for all students. We have kept that thought in mind as we progressed through 2007 and continued to define our goals and policies.

Over the past ten years our school district has been working on the development of technology in education, establishing curriculum with standards and benchmarks, obtaining the necessary learning materials, maintaining our buildings, and hiring quality staff. This included providing laptop computers to all of our teachers and encouraging daily use of them in our students' studies. It is our obligation to prepare our students with the ability to perform and excel in a world that has become more dependent on technology. This same technology is being used to improve communication with the community and parents with improvements to the school district website, increased technology training for all staff, additional computers and related technologies in all of our schools, the addition of electronic access for parents with the Power School Software, and encouraging staff to continuously evaluate how to better incorporate technologies into the curriculum. Beginning in September School Board meetings were once again televised live on GTV16 and DVDs were made available at the Public Library.

One of our primary goals of last year was to promote academic rigor for all of our students. We have made strides to this effort in 2007 by continuing to focus on literacy skills in our elementary schools and at MVMS. We have continued to encourage parents to assist with the educational development of their children and stress the importance of being involved in the child's education. At Goffstown High School, several enhancements to the course offerings are being made to promote academic rigor at all levels. A more structured honors program was introduced and has been well received by students. This has lead to increasing academic rigor not only for the students enrolled in the honors program but excitement and expectations have spilled over to the entire academic body. In addition, Goffstown High School continues to offer a full array of opportunities for all students to learn and prepare themselves to be lifelong learners. Programs such as the GAP, Team I, and the Alternative Education Program are prime examples. The GAP program continues to expand and touch increasing numbers in our community under the leadership of Ray Dumais. An expanded SAT prep course has been added to assist students with being prepared for SAT testing. In the fall, a more educationally conducive space was acquired to host the Alternative Education Program which will allow for future growth and improved effectiveness.

This past year, as it has been for several years, state adequacy aid continues to be in a state of flux. It has been increasingly more difficult to predict the amount of money the Goffstown School District will receive each year. This year Goffstown received $6,463,633, an increase of just over $1,400,000 from last year's $5,058,937 (this amount was a decrease in state adequacy aid Goffstown received from previous years). The increase in state adequacy aid along with effective cost controls from the school administration has resulted in the school tax rate to drop from $12.35 per thousand in 2006 to $11.76 per thousand in 2007, a savings of $0.59 per thousand of property evaluation.

Currently the State Legislature is attempting to determine how to fund an adequate education and the manner in which the funds should be distributed to the communities of New Hampshire. Not all proposed legislation would benefit Goffstown. Possible proposals could actually significantly reduce the amount of state adequacy aid that Goffstown would receive each year, transferring an additional tax burden onto the residents of Goffstown. The School Board and SAU Administration have been vocal at the State level about our concerns and have also urged residents to also contact their state representatives and senators to address the problems over education funding.

In March 2007 the Goffstown School Board saw two dedicated and talented members retire from our Board. A third vacancy was created earlier in the year due to a resignation. Both Ellen Vermokowitz and Scott Gross chose not to seek reelection. Ellen continues to serve the educational community as a special educator in the Weare School District and Scott now serves as a Selectman in our community. On behalf of the entire Board, I thank them both for their dedication and service to the children of Goffstown. These openings were filled with three new and talented members Phil Kendal, Jeff Tate (both former Budget Committee members), and Hank Boyle (former Selectman of Goffstown). Jason DeYoung was reelected by the high school student body to serve as the student representative to the School Board and continues to be an active participant.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and efforts of my fellow Board Members who serve to provide continuous improvement to the education of our children. It has been a pleasure to serve on the School Board this past year and an honor to continue to serve as Chairman. I look forward to continuing to work with the dedicated administrators, teachers, staff, volunteers, and residents that make the Goffstown School District a point of pride to the community.

Keith Allard, Chairman
Goffstown School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

On behalf of School Administrative Unit #19, I present this 2006-2007 report of the Superintendent of Schools. This was a gratifying and demanding year. The seven schools serving the districts of Dunbarton (one elementary school), Goffstown (three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school which includes an alternative high school and an evening diploma program), and New Boston (one elementary school), continue to enrich and enhance the lives of the students from our three districts. The Glen Lake School in Goffstown opened on October 2, 2006 completing our efforts to provide public kindergarten in each district. The New Heights Charter School opened its doors to high school students in the fall. Unfortunately, lack of continued state and federal funding led to its closure in June of 2007.

The Goffstown High School underwent an NEASC Accreditation visit this past year. The work of students, staff, board members and community members in this process was highly valued. We are pleased to report that the school received full accreditation.

Student enrollment data is available in a separate table within each Town/School report. The student numbers included are from the October reports to the NH Department of Education.

During this school year the SAU #19 districts revised their professional development master plan, the *Integrated Model for Advancing Student Learning*. The *Integrated Model* outlines how we plan and evaluate professional learning goals, whether at the individual or system-wide level. The heart of that process is analysis of student achievement and documentation of how our instruction has impacted that achievement.

During 2006-07, a Data Leadership Team was formed to systematically study how data is being used to set goals and document student progress across the SAU. The group identified what data is available to whom and in what form – whether from formal assessments, grades, attendance, perception data, or classroom assessments. Each has a role in systematic, data-driven goal setting.

A central piece of district-wide data analysis is, of course, test scores. For example, analysis of high school SAT scores has led to more emphasis on higher order thinking skills and writing across the curriculum. Analysis of both state and national achievement tests (NECAP and NWEA MAP tests), as well as teacher input to the Data Leadership Team, has led to the Data Leadership Team's priority focus on classroom-level use of data. Overall, scores in all of our schools meet or exceed expectations, but some student subgroup scores or individual scores do not. Our priority is to systematize efforts to identify student needs at the classroom level, adjust instruction, and document progress. This

will allow us to accelerate the progress of those individuals or subgroups of students who are not meeting target scores, and also provide more challenge for those who are already achieving at high levels. The Data Leadership Team's priority is to coordinate with all schools on efficient, effective data use at the classroom level along with supportive professional development activities. The Leadership Team will also outline a calendar and data inquiry process for school and district-wide goal setting and accountability reporting.

Other curriculum development projects in 2006-07 involved over sixty teachers and administrators. Working in grade level and grade span groups, teachers revamped the Grade Level Expectations (GLE's) for Science. They began designing *Assured Learning Experiences* for each grade level and high school course, to maintain a consistent focus on the essentials across classrooms and schools. Teachers also began to organize GLE's into logical units of study, each specifying the "big ideas" to be taught, the GLE's, and appropriate teaching resources and assessments.

Updated teaching and student resources were selected as part of the science curriculum revision. The new materials strongly emphasize the skills of scientific inquiry along with the content knowledge of earth/space, life and physical sciences. SAU #19's Math-Science Partnership grant with SNHU has also provided high quality teacher reference materials, workshops on how to use them and how to build science process skills, and an opportunity to collaborate with nine other neighboring districts. 2006-07 was the second year of this valuable three-year partnership grant.

Next steps in curriculum development include refining the new K-8 Science units of study, and the assessments we use in both Science and Technology to ensure that students have mastered material. Also, teachers will revise Social Studies, World Language, and Wellness curriculum, ensuring that each is aligned with the latest New Hampshire and/or national standards.

K-12 technology standards for teachers and students were also revised in this past year during the review and updating of our Technology Plans. Technological literacy has become a new basic skill, and the technology plans in each district outline new resources and the training to develop it. Some highlights from 2006-07 include: Each middle and high school student has his/her own personal log-on and network space to store work digitally. All Dunbarton and Goffstown teachers have Macbook laptop computers. Each school in the SAU has mobile labs for student use in classrooms. Powerschool, a web-based student management system instituted in Goffstown schools, allows parents of students to easily access grades, lunch account balances, school news updates, and teacher contact information.

We will continue to expand the use of web-based productivity tools, including calendaring systems, online spreadsheets, and web-based writing tools offered by

service providers such as Google, and many others. We will also continue with the well-received technology integration courses and workshops to ensure that teachers have support to remain technologically literate and to build literacy in students.

In the area of Special Education, we continue to grow and nurture the skills of our teachers and students throughout the SAU. Special Education continues to be an ever expanding area that we must monitor and establish effective programs and services for the needs of our students. As needs change, so does our programming. Some of the more significant changes that have happened in our SAU include:

- All buildings have begun to establish processes for a "response to intervention" model (RtI). This model provides supports and services when a student is struggling within the regular education classroom. Supplemental services usually begin with focused differentiated instruction or extra support in the classroom and may even move towards individual or small group instruction on a specific task or skill. The goal of RtI is to help support students in the learning process and keep them on target for academic success.
- Professional Development is vital in the area of special education. As student's needs change, so does the information that our staff need to know. As such, we are continually engaging in professional conversations around disabilities, programming, and meeting the needs of all students whether in the classroom or in a special education setting. Some of the professional development activities that staff have been doing include specific reading program instruction, differentiated instruction, co-teaching, and understanding of the laws and regulations of special education.
- Based upon information collected during the 06-07 school year, Goffstown High School worked diligently to develop much more inclusive educational programs for our special education students for the 2007-2008 school year. We explored and developed the ability to limit the number of Applied Classes and increase the amount of time that special education teachers are available to consult, collaborate and co-teach with regular education teachers. We developed the concept of "learning centers" in each content area. These learning centers will provide individual tutoring, small group instruction and reinforcement of skills to all students.

These examples are just a small sample of the changes that are happening in special education. In addition, this summer brought about a proposal for the revision in the New Hampshire Rules for Special Education. This revision is currently in process, with a tentative approval date in the spring of 2008. Many of the changes in the proposed rules are substantial and will require school districts to go well beyond those regulations that are federally mandated by the Federal Special Education Law – IDEA 2004. To learn more about these

changes, do not hesitate to contact a school-level special education facilitator or Stacy Buckley, Assistant Superintendent.

During the past year, our Goffstown school principals began a series of meetings with members of the Budget Committee. Agendas for these meetings included reviews of monthly operating expenditures, a discussion of events and happenings within our schools and a general overview of the development of the annual operating budget from the school perspective. Our school principals in turn were able to learn about the workings of the Budget Committee, the people serving on the committee and those issues which tend to shape and influence the final budget decision making process for the entire community. This new partnership between the Budget Committee and the schools is proving to be a beneficial one. The back and forth flow of information at the school level serves as an enhancement for both sides as they conduct the business of running a school and monitoring overall budget performance. The school district hopes that the information gained at the school level will prove useful for the Budget Committee as they conduct their responsibilities surrounding budget evaluation and deliberation.

Dunbarton voters authorized an appropriation to furnish and install a standby diesel generator at the Dunbarton Elementary School. Trees were cleared and the exterior pad mounted generator was installed this past summer.

The Goffstown School Board took the necessary action to form a Bartlett Building Study committee comprised of community members, parents, Bartlett teachers and administrators. This committee's charge was to prepare and present an overview of the renovation work proposed for the Bartlett School to the Goffstown community and other interested individuals. This public presentation was made during June 2007. The Goffstown School District voters' acceptance of Article 2 on the District Warrant in March 2007 added $300,000 to the Bartlett Capital Reserve Fund which had been established during the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year. A Bartlett Building Committee was also established by the Goffstown School Board and will bring forth a proposal for Phase One of the building project in the next budget cycle.

New Boston voters approved dollars to conduct a survey of the school district property and to conduct an architectural study of the feasibility of adding facilities for expansion of the elementary school (such exploration to include the possibility of including grades 7 and 8). Todd Land Use Consultants has completed the survey of the existing property. Dignard Architectural Services is as of this writing completing the feasibility study. This report will be available at both the NBCS and the SAU #19 office.

Four teachers retired from our schools at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. We send thanks for their years of service and best wishes in their next endeavors

to Lisa Rothman of New Boston Central School, Linda Lambert and Jean Walker of Maple Avenue Elementary; and Nancy Killeen of Mountain View Middle School. Anne Christoph, school nurse at the New Boston Central School and Micheline Lambert, principal's secretary at Goffstown High School, also retired.

Multi-year master agreements for teachers were approved in both New Boston and Goffstown in March of 2007. Goffstown also approved a multi-year support staff agreement.

Each year the SAU focuses on hiring and retaining the highest quality staff to meet the unique learning needs of the community of learners. In the spring, we conduct a professional staff job fair and a support staff job fair. All applicants are screened and interviewed. These events have become more successful each year, resulting in recruitment of almost twenty percent of the new teachers and many support staff members.

The Goffstown Board awarded Cornerstone Awards to Cheryl Nault (Food Service Staff member at Bartlett Elementary School) and Deborah Prive (fourth grade teacher at Maple Avenue Elementary School). They awarded Dream Keeper Awards to Diane Macon for her work with our students in the Destination Imagination program and Bruce Rand for his tireless support of the school and community girls' softball programs.

We also wish to extend our thanks to several School Board members for their years of service. Members completing Board service during the 2006-2007 year were - in Dunbarton, Brian Little - New Boston, David L. Smith – and Scott Gross and Ellen Vermokowitz in Goffstown. Ellen Vermokowitz deserves extended recognition for her years of service as an officer on the SAU School Board as well.

On behalf of our students, school boards and staff, I would like to extend thanks to our communities for the continued support of Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston public education programs. Your support is appreciated!

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Deliberative Ballot Determination Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Moderator, James Raymond called the 2007 School District Deliberative Session to order at 7:03 p.m. There were 135 registered voters in attendance out of a total of 11,205 registered voters. Charlie Carr, Peter Jenkins, Felix Pelchat and Jane Raymond were sworn in as counters.

J. Raymond: It is nice to see you all here on a cold night. There are lots of great things happening in the Goffstown schools. One of the jewels is the GHS Musical Department. In two weeks they are putting on Guys and Dolls. To help us open the session, the cast has agreed to join us.

The cast from Guys and Dolls, sang the National Anthem, and performed a brief selection from the musical performance, which will be performed at Goffstown High School.

J. Raymond: This has been the first School District Meeting since the Normandy invasion that Larry Emerton has not been the School District Moderator. I took good notes. Unfortunately, last week, my dog ate them.

J. Raymond then introduced the Goffstown School Board members:

Chairman Keith Allard, Vice-Chairman Ellen Vermokowitz, Scott Gross, Phil Pancoast, Ginny McKinnon, Lori Cloutier, Kent Nolan, and student representative Jason DeYoung.

J. Raymond then introduced members of the Budget Committee:

Chairman Dan Cloutier, Phil Kendall, Jeff Tate, Steve Fournier, John Hikel, Eric Geissenhainer, Calvin Pratt, Dick Fletcher, Bill Hart, Bill Gleeson and Scott Gross (School Board Representative).

J. Raymond also introduced Superintendent Dr. Darrell Lockwood. Dr. Lockwood introduced the SAU staff: Assistant Superintendent Kathy Titus; Assistant Superintendent Stacy Buckley, Business Administrator Ray Labore; Principals, David Bousquet, Marc Boyd, Leslie Doster, Jim Hunt and Frank McBride and Facilities Director Jerry Agate;

J. Raymond: We have a few awards and presentations. I think it is an important function that we recognize these members of our community.

Keith Allard: We have two School Board members who will be leaving in March.

Ellen Vermokowitz served on the School Board since 1997. What is even more important than the positions she served in is how she served. There absolutely no doubt in my mind that she always served from the heart. Ellen has faithfully served since 1997. She has been the School Board Chair and has also

served on and chaired numerous committees during her 10 years of service. Ellen has always made time to be active and represent the School Board on other local committees and boards, including serving as the School Board Representative on the New Heights Charter School Board. One of the first public charter schools in NH. Among the many hats she wore during her tenure on the Board, is Chair Person of the SAU 19 Board, which is comprised of Goffstown, New Boston, and Dunbarton. Ellen was never afraid to advocate for what she truly believed in and was always dedicated to helping the children of Goffstown. Ellen you certainly have made a difference and left a mark in the Goffstown School District.

The next School Board member leaving is Scott Gross. He has served on the Board since 2000. During the past seven years he has chaired the School Board as well as numerous committees and recently served as the School Board Representative the Budget Committee. Scott has devoted a tremendous amount of his energy and countless hours to the School District, town and community. This in great part is due to his family's willingness to allow him to spend many evenings away from home. For this we thank his wife and two daughters. Scott has continuously challenged us to think outside of the box and view things with a different set of eyes. He has been willing to do this even when faced with opposition. Over the past four years, I have learned to respect his opinion and value his input. While we will be losing Scott as a member of the School Board, it is clears that he plans to stay active in the community in several ways. The Board wishes him the best for his future and would like to present this plague as a token of our gratitude.

The purpose of the Cornerstone Award Program is to recognize outstanding support of student learning to individuals who have performed their duties in such an outstanding manner that has significantly contributed to the goals of the Goffstown School District of Advancing Student Learning. This award is open to all members of the Goffstown staff and school community who have been employed or dedicated to the district for at least one full school year.

Cheryl Nault has been working at Bartlett School since 1996 originally as the assistant cook and now the head cook. What makes Cheryl stand out is her commitment to the children and staff of Bartlett School. She puts forth the extra effort to make each day special with little touches like a different flavor of coffee each day for the staff to start their day with. She takes advantage of holidays to incorporate special food that has significance and broadens the children's knowledge. A fine example is the Martin Luther King Day menu, which is devised using foods from many diverse cultures. Cheryl has reached out into the community with events like Grandparent's lunch. Since Cheryl has been at Bartlett School, a breakfast program has been implemented to ensure that each day the children can start the day with a nutritious breakfast. Her involvement in the community has lead to Bartlett receiving several donations to provide needed items.

Whether Cheryl is in the Cafeteria cooking or out front as the crossing guard, the most important thing Cheryl does everyday is share her smile and joy with everyone around her.

Deborah Prive is a Fourth Grade Teacher at Maple Avenue School. She has been a teacher since I attended Maple Avenue School in the mid seventies-by no means am I implying she may old, because I believe we must have hired her fresh out of school. The staff, students, and families of Maple Avenue School have used the following words to describe Ms. Prive:

"Exceptional educator, Committed to the students, A leader, Respected peer, Awe for her ability to work with children, Advocate for technology in the class room, Strong supporter for Student Government, Excellent communicator, Willing volunteer."

Finally it was said that she is thought of as Mrs. Maple Avenue Elementary School. So it was not only an easy decision for the School Board to award Ms Prive with a Cornerstone Award, but an honor. Ms. Prive, will you please come up and accept this award as recognition of a job well done.

Scott Gross: The DreamKeeper award is for someone who has made a significant contribution to the Goffstown Community. Our first winner is Diane Macon. Diane was involved with the Odyssey of the Mind program, which has been changed to DI. Diane Macon became the coordinator and we went from having a few teams to having six or seven. She has been a coach and has taken two teams to global finals. Our next DreamKeeper Award winner is Bruce Rand. Most of you probably know Bruce. In case any of you want the best hotdog in Goffstown, you can find that at the Girls' Softball Field. Bruce is a tireless volunteer in our community. He has been the leader of the volunteer efforts for the Girls Softball improvements. Bruce was not able to be here tonight, so I will accept the aware on his behalf.

At this time, J. Raymond introduced Fred Plett, Assistant Moderator; Larry Emerton, School District Treasurer; and Jo Ann Duffy, School District Clerk.

J. Raymond: There is a custom that non-residents need to be recognized in order to speak. I will allow them to speak on certain questions, unless it is the pleasure of this group that they not.

J. Raymond explained the rules of procedure. Before 1995 at the School District Meeting there were three functions. The meeting would discuss and debate articles in the warrant. You could amend articles and you would vote on articles. In 1995, the state legislature decided to offer to the towns the official ballot referendum system, known as SB2. Towns could adopt the official ballot system on all matters. Everything would be voted on by ballot. The Town and the School District adopted that system. We will have a chance to debate, discuss and amend. The amended article goes to the written ballot, which will go to the election on the second Tuesday in March. Everything on the warrant will appear on the ballot as either written, or amended. This group does not need to take any action unless you wish to amend it. When we get to each article, there will be a motion made by a School Board member and a second to bring it before the group. If there are motions to be made, we will discuss it. If there are none, we

will move onto the next article. Tonight we will follow Raymond's rules of fairness and good citizenship. If you want to be heard, you need to come forward, be recognized by the moderator and then you can speak. There are a few rules. A request for a written secret ballot must be made by five voters before the vote is taken in writing. Someone may request a recount before we move to the next article and the margin is not more than 10%, and then you may have a recount. You may question a non-ballot voice vote and ask that it be a secret ballot vote. There are no legal requirements to read the entire warrant. I will read the introduction and attest it has been properly posted.

Article 1

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

Article 2

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($300,000.00) to be added to the existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. Furthermore, to fund this trust from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2007. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the Operating Budget Article**. (Majority vote required). (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)**

***MOTION*: Keith Allard moved, seconded by Scott Gross to move this article forward.**

This article asks voters for permission to place $300,000 into the existing Capital Reserve Fund established for the renovation of the Bartlett Elementary School. There is no additional impact to the tax rate since this amount will be transferred from the projected, undesignated fund balance, which will be available to the school district on July 1, 2007.

K. Allard: We are looking at doing this in two phases. This has gone through CIP and approved by the Planning Board. We plan to form a committee in the spring of 2007 to do a study. We want to look at funding $300,000.

No comments were received, and the Moderator closed discussion on Article 2.

ARTICLE 2 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

Article 3

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2007 – 08	$180,551
2008 – 09	$206,087
2009 – 10	$163,480
2010 – 11	$168,603

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS ($180,551.00) for the 2007-08 fiscal year, by taking TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS ($21,286.00) from the Food Service Revenue accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS ($159,265.00) to come from taxation for the purpose of funding the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget. **(Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article)**

MOTION: Phil Pancoast moved, seconded by Kent Nolan to move Article 3 forward.

This article asks voters for permission to approve the cost items associated with the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Goffstown School District and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Association. This agreement includes modest annual increases in hourly wages over a four year period, along with gradual increased cost sharing of health insurance costs. The salary grid increases by 1% in each of the first two years and 1.5% and 1.25% in the third and fourth years. The GESSA Contract limits access to the District's most costly health insurance plan and provides incentives that should, over the life of the agreement, reduce or entirely eliminate the number of employees enrolled on that plan. The new GESSA Contract eliminates some of the disparities in the District's wage scale and provides for more modest, level and predictable wage increases.

P. Pancoast: The agreement before you balances the need to address the ongoing escalating of health insurance and wages for the employees who have served us and will continue to serve us. Some of the funds come out of the food service revenue lines. This is self-sustaining, self-funded program. The amount the taxpayers will be expected to pay is $160,000 in the first year. That is also true for each additional year of the contract, although, the numbers would be different.

Collis Adams: I have a comment on this article and the subsequent article. I have two children in the system, and they have both received excellent educations. However, myself, like many others in town, have lamented about our taxes. There have been many discussions around our table about what we can do about this. I think our teachers and support staff are fully deserving of raises.

My wife and I made a commitment to each other that we would vow to not support anything that increases our tax bill. I am faced with a dilemma. How do I vote for our teachers and support staff and still be committed to my no tax increase vow.

Russell Day: I have a particular interest in the schools of our town. Both of my children went through the schools here. The concern I have had for a long time is we seem to not be jarred for a need for other expenditures for infrastructure, yet when it comes to education, we are all too ready to cut back on the education budget for teachers and support staff and other parts of the school system. I really disagree with that. I think we are entrusting our future to the students here in the schools, and we hope for the best for the students, yet we turn around and let other segments of the town government be funded. I would speak for maintaining the agreed upon contracts and the budget as it has been prepared.

E. Vermokowitz: Speaking as a taxpayer, I think all of us ask the questions that Collis Adams has asked this evening. The budget we are discussing tonight is an extremely good one. The contracts have excellent clauses in them. I can't help but wonder when the State will adequately fund education and the Federal government will fund special education mandates, and let's broaden our tax base. Last year we voted down the TIF District. Unless we are ready to move and make decisions to bring businesses here, and get the State to fund their portion of education responsibly. It is disheartening to hear people say "what can we cut". What don't you want done? There is a lot that active citizens can do on the budget side of the ledger.

ARTICLE 3 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

Article 4

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2007-2008	$671,670
2008-2009	$701,828
2009-2010	$711,959
2010-2011	$686,914
2011-2012	$719,360

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS ($671,670.00) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

***MOTION*: Scott Gross moved, seconded by Kent Nolan to move Article 4 forward.**

This article is asking voters for permission to approve the cost items associated with the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Goffstown Education Association (teachers) and the Goffstown School Board. The GEA contract provides for modest salary increases with increased cost sharing by the employees of health insurance costs in the first year. The salary grid increases by 2.25% each year. The contract enhances the starting salary, allowing the District to remain competitive as it seeks to recruit new teachers and retain current teachers. The contract limits access to the District's most costly health insurance plan and provides incentives that should, over the life of the agreement, drastically reduce or entirely eliminate the number of employees enrolled in that plan.

S. Gross: I would like to thank the Budget Committee. We all had diverse opinions, but I can say, no one argued and yelled at each other. I was one of the negotiators for the teachers' contract with Keith Allard and Karen Pratt. One of the goals was we wanted to retain and attract quality teachers. S. Gross gave a brief overview of what was included in this contract.

S. Gross: When you look at the support staff and teachers' contracts, there is a wide variety of worst and best case scenarios.

Mark Campbell: I had a great opportunity to be a teacher at GHS. I am employed as an Assistant Principal in another school district. This district is looked upon as being progressive. I have two children in this school district. I am pleased with this town and the education my children receive. I think the administration is first class. I think we have an abundant amount of teachers and support staff that make the schools the way they are. If we don't maintain their salaries, we will loss them. This will become a training ground. When there is such a discrepancy in pay, we will go to the district that pays more. As far as the tax bill, we have to look at other ways to secure more revenue in our town, but that is a whole other debate. I think we need to continue our support. Over the last 5-10 years of the positive gains we have made, we will go backwards.

ARTICLE 4 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

Article 5

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
THIRTY THREE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS ($33,257,417.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY THREE MILLION, NINETY FOUR THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS

($33,094,921.00) 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.)**

***MOTION*: Keith Allard moved, seconded by Ginny McKinnon to move Article 4 forward.**

The School Board and the Budget Committee have worked on budget development over the past five months knowing that this year, the school district needed to ratify and present two labor contracts to the town's voters for adoption. The general fund portion of the operating budget is, in essence, a maintenance budget; funded at the same level as current appropriations for 2006-07. The general fund supports a scheduled cycle of curriculum revision and technology integration.

K. Allard: The majority of the increases are absorbed into the budget. They include health insurance, dental insurance, professional staff retirement, support staff retirement, special education tuition, special education transportation, regular transportation and heating fuel oil. The state aid is anticipated to increase this year. We have put down the best case scenario and the worst case scenario. If all warrant articles pass, the increase would be .59 per $1,000. If state aid received is $1,770,923, the total tax impact would decrease by .81 per $1,000.

Angie Battey: I feel bad for the teachers in this town that we put their necks on the chopping block. Last year you proposed to spend for administration $2 million, but we spent $1.5 million. Guidance proposed spending $950,000, and the actual was $875,000. Special education proposed $6.2 million, and spent $4.8 million. When you add those up, it comes up to more than what the increase in the contracts would be. Are the numbers real that you are giving the town? They seem to be inflated ever so slightly across the board. Is the Adult Ed self-sufficient completely with the salaries and everything?

S. Gross: I believe you are looking at the 2005-06 actuals.

Dr. Lockwood: I believe the number you are referring to is a previous year expended from years ago.

S. Gross: The School Board signs off on all financials with a penalty of perjury. It is taken very seriously. You had also asked about the Adult Education. The GAP is not a self-sustained program. Although, we do get substantial revenues from students who take classes there.

Angie Battey: Would it make sense to make sure the Adult Ed is self-sufficient? If a child does not do well that we make sure they pick up the cost at the complete rate as opposed to giving them a break?

S. Gross: It is an excellent question and has been asked many times. The enrichment programs are all self-funded. The part you are mentioning is when a student does not pass a class. The district would have to give them the

opportunity to take it again during the way, which would increase the class sizes. Some of these kids learn better in the evening and our not causing disruptions in class during the day.

Kurt Lauer: Care and upkeep of the grounds and increase in administration – I would hate to see all the time and money put into fields, etc., and not maintained properly.

Sue Tipton: The buildings are heated through the night. We do have an Adult Ed program and we allow the students to come in and take advantage of this. The GAP program is a great benefit and it is a good thing for our town to know we have that available.

C. Adams: I hope there will be some answers to some of these questions. I really want to get to a comfort level where I can support the budget and warrant articles without taking a big hit in the wallet. What we are looking at is a level funded operating budget.

K. Allard: Yes, we did a reallocation of some of the funds.

C. Adams: There was $950,000 increase in operational costs. So I assume they were absorbed somewhere so we were able to make adjustments so there is reason in here. I appreciate Ellen Vermokowitz's comments to look for additional revenue, but that is more flash than substance. People in the community would take action to try to get that level up, but I would appreciate it if the School Board take some action to move that forward. What is your level of confidence that the state aid will increase?

S. Gross: Care and upkeep of grounds had a decrease. Last year the voters approved a tractor. We are not buying one this year. The School District and the Budget Committee were in the middle of where we are transitioning to a new financial package. We will get some more information on administration and we will get back to you. The School Board has not had an increase since 1987. The current stipend is $500. They set up a committee and we looked into the stipends for different boards in the surrounding areas as well as Board of Selectmen. The School Board does not receive a travel stipend. There was an increase from $500 to $1500.

Christy Harrison: Even if it was two years back, what was the total increase for the administrative costs?

Mark Campbell: As far as state aid, I hope we get the $1.8 million. I find it astonishing the Board only gets $500 to do this. $1,500 is possibly not enough either. I think this is long over due.

Larry Emerton: I am on the House Finance Committee. We don't know what we will be financing for the school budgets. We have not received the Governor's budget yet. To my knowledge, I have never seen so many legislative specials.

Dr. Lockwood: I believe the question was about the administration's budget from 2005-06. There is an increase of principal, secretary, facilitator of curriculum and special education. Shift in teacher at school level with Power School maintenance now included in the budget. I can certainly provide a breakdown for the other residents who asked the question. As Mr. Emerton just presented to you, there is a lot going on at the State level. Keith Allard spoke

about current levels versus best-case scenarios. I do intend to put pressure on the legislators. At a minimum, you want the legislators to fund the current law.

ARTICLE 5 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.

Moderator Raymond stated that being there was no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: ***K. Allard moved, seconded by S. Gross to adjourn the 2007 Goffstown School District meeting. So voted.***

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy
Goffstown School District Clerk

ELECTION RESULTS

Goffstown, NH School District
March 7, 2006

ARTICLE 1

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

School Board (3 years)	
Lorry D. Cloutier	1740
Philip E. Kendall II	1675
Jeffrey A. Tate	1696

To choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing year.

School Board (1 year)	
Henry C. Boyle	1914

Article 2

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($300,000.00) to be added to the existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. Furthermore, to fund this trust from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2007. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the Operating Budget Article. **(Majority vote required). (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)**

Yes 1360 No 1105

Article 3

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2007 – 08	$180,551
2008 – 09	$206,087
2009 – 10	$163,480
2010 – 11	$168,603

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS ($180,551.00) for the 2007-08 fiscal year, by taking TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX DOLLARS ($21,286.00) from the Food Service Revenue accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS ($159,265.00) to come from taxation for the purpose of funding the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget. **(Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article)**

Yes 1427 No 1101

Article 4

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the five-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2007-2008	$671,670
2008-2009	$701,828
2009-2010	$711,959
2010-2011	$686,914
2011-2012	$719,360

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS ($671,670.00) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget. **(Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)**

Yes 1299 No 1232

ARTICLE 5

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
THIRTY THREE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS ($33,257,417.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY THREE MILLION, NINETY FOUR THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS ($33,094,921.00) 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.)**

Yes 1282 No 1222

Jo Ann Duffy
Goffstown School District Clerk

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2008 WARRANT

SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING
February 4, 2008
The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Monday, the Fourth day of February 2008, in the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium at Goffstown High School, at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subject and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the Eleventh day of March 2008, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 11, 2008, at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Central polling 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

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

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

To choose one School District Treasurer for the ensuing one year.

Article 2

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($816,000.00) to begin Phase I upgrade and expansion of the Bartlett Elementary School and authorize the withdrawal of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($600,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ($216,000.00) is to come from school impact fees. Furthermore, to see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund. 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

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($300,000.00) to be added to the existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund for Phase II of the upgrade and expansion of the Bartlett Elementary School. Furthermore, to fund this trust from the year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2008. 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 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 THIRTY FOUR MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS ($34,822,651.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND, EIGHTY DOLLARS ($34,566,080.00) 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.)**

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2008.

Keith Allard, Chair
Philip Pancoast, Vice Chair
Henry Boyle
Lorry Cloutier
Phillip Kendall
Virginia McKinnon
Kent Nolan
Sara Ann Sarette
Jeffrey Tate

SCHOOL BOARD

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OCTOBER 1 PUPIL ENROLLMENT 2003 - 2007

School	Grade	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
BARTLETT	Pre-School	40	44	47	0	0
	1	42	57	44	44	45
	2	51	46	49	50	44
	3	55	55	51	47	44
	4	54	56	56	59	45
Total - Bartlett		**242**	**258**	**247**	**200**	**178**
Glen Lake School	Pre-School	--	--	--	46	42
	Kindergarten	--	--	--	94	118
		--	**--**	**--**	**140**	**160**
MAPLE AVE	Combination (2,3)	44	---	---	--	--
	1	111	127	133	93	130
	2	111	115	133	134	98
	3	115	133	117	133	139
	4	124	143	139	108	134
Total - Maple Avenue		**505**	**518**	**522**	**468**	**501**
MOUNTAIN VIEW	5	191	178	203	202	170
	6	208	197	182	204	205
	7	341	287	287	288	291
	8	343	324	288	288	285
Total - MVMS		**1,083**	**986**	**960**	**982**	**951**
GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL						
	9	320	356	336	358	338
	10	325	318	366	326	307
	11	346	319	348	361	303
	12	264	301	294	279	303
Total - GHS		**1,255**	**1,294**	**1,344**	**1324**	**1251**
GRAND TOTAL 2003- 2007		**3,085**	**3,056**	**3,073**	**3,114**	**3,041**

PROJECTED REVENUES 2008 - 2009

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	2006 - 2007 Approved MS 24	2007 - 2008 Approved MS 24	2008 - 2009 Proposed School Board	2008 - 2009 Proposed Budget Comm.
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES				
Adequacy Grant	5,058,937	6,463,633	6,463,633	6,463,633
School Building Aid	535,771	587,377	506,200	506,200
Kindergarten Construction Aid				
Area Voc. Sch. Transportation Aid	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Kindergarten Bridging Aid	180,000	108,000	108,000	108,000
Catastrophic Aid	460,000	485,000	415,000	415,000
Child Nutrition	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL. SOURCES				
IASA, Chapter I and II	596,680	596,680	500,000	500,000
Child Nutrition Programs	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES				
Tuition	4,829,850	4,600,000	4,900,000	4,900,000
Driver Ed. Program Receipts	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Earnings on Investments	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Food Service	795,691	816,286	825,000	825,000
Medicaid	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
School Impact Fees	0	0		
Reimbursement Spec. Ed.	306,510	185,000	185,000	185,000
SUBTOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	12,956,539	14,035,076	14,095,933	14,095,933
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Sale of Bonds				
GENERAL FUND BALANCE				
Reserved Fund Balance	300,000	300,000		
Unreserved Fund Balance	310,220	1,877,641	1,300,000	1,300,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	12,577,030	16,212,717	15,395,933	15,395,933
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	14,084,107	14,680,800	15,980,742	15,980,742
STATE ASSESSMENT	3,418,322	3,516,121	3,445,976	3,445,976
APPROPRIATION	30,079,459	34,409,638	34,822,651	34,822,651

-> Projected revenues are estimates and are subject to change.

-> Projected adequacy grant subject to change. State budget not enacted.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Debt Schedule - As of June 30, 2007

Years remaining on Goffstown School District's general obligation bonds.

Year	Principal	Interest	Amount Due
2007-08	1,305,000.00	491,530.00	1,796,530.00
2008-09	1,285,000.00	447,798.75	1,732,798.75
2009-10	1,275,000.00	402,605.00	1,677,605.00
2010-11	1,210,000.00	356,315.00	1,566,315.00
2011-12	900,000.00	314,300.00	1,214,300.00
2012-13	600,000.00	281,300.00	881,300.00
2013-14	600,000.00	252,800.00	852,800.00
2014-15	600,000.00	224,150.00	824,150.00
2015-16	600,000.00	194,750.00	794,750.00
2016-17	600,000.00	164,750.00	764,750.00
2017-18	600,000.00	134,750.00	734,750.00
2018-19	600,000.00	104,750.00	704,750.00
2019-20	600,000.00	74,750.00	674,750.00
2020-21	600,000.00	44,750.00	644,750.00
2021-22	595,000.00	14,875.00	609,875.00
Total Outstanding Bonds	$11,970,000.00	$3,504,173.75	$15,474,173.75

Bond	Principal Balance	Interest Balance	Amount Due
MVMS & Elementary Bond*	2,975,000.00	205,398.75	3,180,398.75
GAHS Renovation/Addition	8,995,000.00	3,298,774.50	12,293,774.50
Total Outstanding Bonds	$11,970,000.00	$3,504,173.25	$15,474,173.25

*Note:

Last Payments:	MVMS & Elementary Bond*	8/15/2011
	GAHS Renovation/Addition	7/15/2021

The MVMS & Elementary Bond was refunded in August 2003 resulting in a savings of $341,879 in interest cost over the life of the Bond.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	2006 - 2007 Actual	2007 - 2008 Appropriation	2008 - 2009 Proposed School Board	2008 - 2009 Proposed Budget Committee
Regular Education	13,168,093	13,639,057	14,088,306	14,088,306
Special Education	4,965,321	6,391,590	6,201,311	6,201,311
Vocational Programs	99,355	102,050	102,050	102,050
Co-Curricular & Athletics	510,778	559,270	569,913	569,913
Summer School Programs	16,419	21,587	27,194	27,194
Other Pupil Services	38,450	28,550	31,750	31,750
Adult Education Programs	65,359	89,842	83,590	83,590
Field Rental	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Guidance	867,494	1,001,081	1,098,307	1,098,307
Health Services	342,922	383,920	420,261	420,261
Speech Pathology and Audio	280,867	308,563	312,951	312,951
Curriculum Development	2,927	4,802	5,827	5,827
Staff Development	40,526	66,000	99,000	99,000
Information Center Services	461,254	480,456	525,976	525,976
Educational TV	245	3,700	3,700	3,700
Technical Support Services	228,342	220,535	207,453	207,453
School Board	34,638	46,458	51,424	51,424
Treasurer	3,155	2,848	2,954	2,954
District Meeting	1,371	4,174	4,174	4,174
Audit Services	6,500	6,825	7,865	7,865
Legal Services	23,290	10,000	10,000	10,000
SAU Services	1,026,537	1,042,538	1,080,905	1,080,905
Administration	1,854,609	2,105,383	2,168,276	2,168,276
OtherStudent Support Services	38,652	22,718	23,810	23,810
Building Operations	1,796,750	2,332,726	2,480,433	2,480,433
Care and Upkeep of Grounds	59,543	34,550	55,200	55,200
Equipment Maintenance	2,202	68,073	63,448	63,448
Transportation	881,515	965,102	992,232	992,232
Special Needs Transportation	590,269	655,769	730,750	730,750
Skills Center Transportation	38,071	31,860	43,740	43,740
Athletic Program Transport	56,706	60,172	63,497	63,497
Field Trip Transportation	12,978	32,700	39,405	39,405
Other Professional Services	26,258	9,749	13,000	13,000

GESS Course Reimbursement	7,696	9,000	9,000	9,000
Site Improvement	30,000	38,000	22,500	22,500
Architectural Engineering	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	1,854,093	1,796,530	1,732,798	1,732,798
Transfer to Capital Reserve	0	300,000	0	0
Allocation to Other Agencies	-45,632	0	0	0
Total General Fund	29,392,553	32,881,178	33,378,000	33,378,000
Federal Grants Fund	777,155	596,680	500,000	500,000
Capital Projects Fund	1,405,765	0	0	0
Food Service Fund	960,458	931,781	944,651	944,651
Total Goffstown School District *	32,535,931	34,409,639	34,822,651	34,822,651

* Note:
The proposed fiscal year 2008 - 2009 columns equal the operating budget warrant article.
Transfer to Capital Reserve is from Unreserved Fund Balance

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

GLEN LAKE SCHOOL
Leslie T. Doster, Principal

The 2006 – 2007 school year marked the long awaited opening of public kindergarten in Goffstown, NH. Glen Lake School opened its doors to students for the first time on October 2, 2006. The new school became home to public kindergarten as well as to the integrated preschool program, which had formerly been housed at Bartlett School. The year began with a total enrollment of 138 students, 46 in preschool and 92 in kindergarten. Both preschool and kindergarten are half-day programs providing both morning and afternoon sessions.

Although the school was brand new, over half of the staff came to Glen Lake from other buildings in the district. Teachers, paraeducators and support staff transferred from Maple Avenue, Bartlett and Mountain View Middle Schools. Our opening day roster included: Jennifer Guillemette and Alicia Carrier as preschool teachers, Kathleen Hon, Kathy Stoyle, Alcide Tisbert and Brenda White as kindergarten teachers, Jeanne Paskevich as speech language pathologist and Jean Clougherty as certified occupational therapy assistant. Scott Brannen,

special educator and Candy Roux, guidance counselor shared their time between Bartlett and Glen Lake Schools. Supporting the professional staff in paraeducator roles were: Heidi Bergeron, Kelly Bosse, Leslie Brigagliano, Kathy Flegal, Kathy Geshel, Barbara Hammond, Debra Perron, Carol Scionti, and Melissa Smith. Rounding out the staff were: Sandryn Taylor-Wysiekeirski as school nurse, Gail Kenney as school secretary and Leo Labrecque as school custodian. This staff was brimming with enthusiasm and commitment to student achievement from the moment the doors first opened and that enthusiasm and commitment only became stronger as the year progressed.

With the opening of the school in October, 2006 public kindergarten became the foundation upon which all subsequent years of a child's education are built. Hence, our primary goal at Glen Lake School is a solid academic foundation that provides each child with the skills and knowledge to be successful in 1st grade. Secondly we strive to foster in each child a lifelong love of learning. By providing a developmentally appropriate and nurturing learning environment, filled with exciting hands-on curriculum materials, we are able to spark a child's belief that school is a wonderful place to be.

To address the ever-expanding list of skills and knowledge expected from our youngest students Glen Lake School adopted consistent with those curriculum materials used at the elementary level. This approach to instruction provides children with a seamless transition when they move on to Maple Avenue or Bartlett Schools. Literacy skills are addressed with a balanced approach including the use of Fundations©, which is aligned with the district curriculum and addresses the essential components of reading instruction: phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. Students are also immersed in literacy through guided reading, shared and interactive writing, read aloud, and handwriting instruction. In the area of mathematics Glen Lake School provides the foundational year of Everyday Math©, which is then continued in the elementary schools. Science, social studies, social skill development and physical activity round out a very busy day for our students and staff.

One special group of people must be recognized for their hard work and commitment to the school during the 2006-2007 inaugural year. Under the leadership of Kathy Kendall the Glen Lake School Partnership or "GLSP" came to be. This volunteer group of parents and staff quickly banded together to support our fledgling school. As a result of their efforts the school received tremendous support in the form of volunteers in the school, monetary support for special activities, theme days and classroom supplies for teachers. GLSP organized a book fair, family math night and numerous evening programs for parents. As a staff we are grateful for all the positive support extended by parents and friends in the community.

The 2006 opening of Glen Lake School added the one missing piece to the Goffstown School District's educational continuum. The staff and I recognize the trust the community has placed in us, and we are dedicated to providing an exemplary early-childhood learning experience for all children. We are constantly working to make Glen Lake School a source of pride for the Goffstown community.

BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

David A. Bousquet, Principal

Educator Jacques Barzun wrote, "In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and remains so, maybe for twenty years." At Bartlett Elementary School we believe we provide an excellent foundation for each student to grow throughout their school years and into their adult years. Because of its small size and grade range (grades 1-4), Bartlett is an ideal school for academic and social growth and a source of community pride.

Bartlett has continued to see improvements in student achievement and best practices in instruction. On the Fall 2006 NECAP, both third and fourth grades scored on grade level in both Reading and Math. Academic growth is also evident on other assessments, including the computer-based NWEA. On this assessment, Bartlett Elementary students have consistently scored average or above in all areas, most notably in reading and math. Why have we seen such growth? Teachers, staff, parents, and administration all play an active role in positively impacting student success. For example, the year started with our theme of Circles and Cycles. This theme is to stress the interconnectedness of our world. Part of this includes a multicultural study. This was celebrated through our school-wide reading incentive program: Bartlett Reads Around the World. Our students also raised money for the Heifer Project, enough to buy a cow and chickens for a village in Africa. Michael Caduto was our Artist in Resident. He came in January and did multicultural tales about the earth and environment. Also, throughout the year, volunteers from the Rotary Club read in classrooms. This organization also donated many books to our library and classrooms.

Bartlett Elementary School continues to be involved in the PBIS program, which focuses on behavioral issues by modeling appropriate behavior and reinforcing positive behavioral choices. Students and staff have chosen to address the areas of *being respectful, being responsible, and being safe* throughout the school environment. Behavioral expectations were developed for each area of the school, for example, the hallways, the lunchroom, and the recess play area. These expectations are modeled and explained to the students at our monthly All-School Meetings. Children who are "caught" using these targeted positive behaviors are recognized with a special PBIS sticker or a "ribbon" for our PBIS tree. The school will continue its ongoing focus on behavioral expectations of all students and also focus on at-risk students or those with chronic discipline problems.

Students in grades three and four have the opportunity to participate in the strings program. These students receive lessons in violin, viola or cello from Muriel Orcutt, one of our music teachers. The program helps foster a love of music, provides an early exposure to instrumental music, helps build responsibility and makes students see the importance of practice.

We have continued our partnership with St. Anselm College. Bartlett has provided the opportunity for many of the college's students to complete course

requirements, such as observations, internships and service learning. We appreciate everything that St. Anselm College does for Bartlett Elementary School, including providing mentors for some of our students.

Throughout the year, many events and programs have taken place at Bartlett Elementary School in order to provide a well-rounded education to our students. Some of these programs included monthly All-School Meetings, Lunch With the Principal, McDonald's Student of the Month, Grandparents' Lunch, Constitution Day, Kids Voting, Martin Luther King Celebration, Dr. Seuss' Birthday, a Memorial Day Program, Fourth Grade Farewell, and our annual Talent Show and Bartlett Bash. The Bartlett community was involved in many community service activities this year. For example, during the holidays, food for the Network Food Drive and gifts for the Toys for Our Community were collected and distributed to area families during the holidays.

Positive and exciting things are happening at Bartlett. What it lacks in facility, it makes up in its dedicated, caring, and professional staff. The years of hard work and focused energy are evident in our student achievement and the energy and enthusiasm of our students. Our work is not complete, and there are always new challenges, but we are committed to meeting those challenges.

MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Marc Boyd, Principal

Our school theme this year is maximizing student achievement. At the Maple Avenue Elementary School, we believe that children learn and grow best in an environment where they feel safe, are valued and can experience a sense of belonging and ownership. It is essential that students are treated as individuals and given what they need to develop into healthy, well-rounded and self-reliant individuals.

To accomplish this, an emphasis has been placed on teaching grade level expectations in all curricular areas. Teachers have been immersed in planning for student success, beginning with clear goals. Using classroom data to determine if children have gained the understandings they need in order to apply new concepts, teachers are continually monitoring student learning. Also helping to ensure the development of each child, teachers are learning about and applying differentiated instruction concepts as a means to meet the diverse needs of children in each class.

Literacy instruction continues to be paramount. It is through a solid foundation in literacy that children will experience success not only in school, but throughout life. In addition to becoming skillful, strategic readers and writers, we are deeply concerned with establishing life-long literacy habits - creating competent readers who enjoy reading and writing and choose to do so! Providing high-interest independent reading books to children has been a step toward instilling in these children a love of reading that goes beyond our schoolhouse walls.

Supporting the work of the teachers, the Maple Avenue Elementary School Data Team has taken on a new direction with the goal of supporting teachers in their quest for increasing student achievement. In addition to the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) and the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) the data team is looking to provide helpful data to teachers in a timely manner. We have explored the role of the data team and are looking to expand on what has historically been its role. We will be working to develop an effective school action plan enabling us to effectively understand the needs of our school and our students through the use of data.

As we rise to the challenge of continual and on-going professional learning, staff members are invited to participate in "Lunch Box Learning", offered during the lunch period. These informal discussion forums are an opportunity for teachers with new, fresh or timely ideas to contribute their thoughts and knowledge with others who are interested in similar topics. Many teachers have shared informal presentations of interest and passion, ranging in content from gender gaps in literacy to technology.

Creating a collaborative, collegial professional environment continues to be a focus at our school. Teachers have had numerous opportunities to work together on curriculum matters and to look collaboratively at student work. It is through this exchange of ideas that student achievement is augmented while simultaneously enhancing teacher capacity and community. Establishing a sense of community allows our school to become a place of compassion where collectively we use each day to make a positive difference in the lives of children, parents and our Goffstown community.

The close of the 2006-2007 school year brought an end to the teaching careers of two staff members who have dedicated their professional life to the students of Goffstown and the Maple Avenue Elementary School. Linda Lambert and Jean Walker worked a combined 67 years at the school (Linda 24 years and Jean an amazing 43 years). If you visit the school you will find two plaques honoring these educators. Linda's states "A true American Patriot who instilled in the children a love of duty and country. A teacher who saw her role as more than just in the classroom as she helped those in need near and far." On Jean's you will find, "A passionate, positive influence for forty-three years in the second grade at Maple Avenue Elementary School. She not only taught basics but introduced many children to skiing and the love and care of the environment.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the incredible children we have at Maple Avenue, the wonderful staff who are truly committed to the children and their social and academic growth and our parent group the PFT under the direction of Lynn Fitzpatrick who are always there for the children and the staff.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

JAMES A. HUNT, PRINCIPAL

Whoever I am or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach. John W. Gardner

Our 2006-2007 School Year at Mountain View Middle School (MVMS) proved to be a wonderful year of discovery and opportunity as we focused our efforts on the work of *Advancing Student Learnin*g. We began our year with a preliminary overview of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) middle school accreditation process that is designed to *substantiate a school's value and worth to the public it serves and, at the same time, establish an on-going plan for growth.* As a means of identifying areas of strengths and needs, the MVMS Faculty completed a core beliefs workshop to determine how well our daily practices are aligned with our current MVMS Mission and Philosophy. With the same objective, parents attended two winter focus group workshops processed by two external facilitators to ensure a higher degree of objective feedback. The two exercises generated meaningful responses that we have incorporated into early phases of our emerging improvement plan. In 2007-2008 the MVMS faculty will fully engage the NEAS&C Accreditation Self-study process in preparation for a visiting team peer review in March 2009.

To better meet the challenge of exciting and engaging students of all ability levels, we discovered some exciting opportunities to expand our instructional strategies and programming. We confirmed a significant number of our sixth grade pupils' performance indicators in mathematics and critical thinking qualified them to begin a formal study of Algebra I in Grade 7. In collaboration with our feeder districts, MVMS Math Teachers and the MVMS and Goffstown High School Curriculum Coordinators, we designed a Grade 7 Algebra I program for 52 students for implementation in the 2007-2008 School Year.

A committee consisting of a cross section of 20 faculty members and administrators participated in a series of six extended-day meetings/workshops with the explicit task of advancing student learning in reading. Using the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) results as a baseline, the committee identified the following three objectives to advance the reading proficiencies of all student groups:

- MVMS will develop a tiered intervention approach to meet the needs of all students.
- Balanced literacy will be implemented across all grades. (Balanced literacy is defined as reading workshop, writing workshop and word study)
- Struggling students will receive whole group instruction, targeted small group instruction, and individual instruction as warranted/appropriate.

The SAU #19 K-12 Science Curriculum revision at MVMS moved forward with additional focus on the promotion and incorporation of inquiry-based instruction. Fourteen MVMS faculty volunteers journeyed to the Discovery Museums in Acton, Massachusetts to complete an Inquiry-based Learning Leaders' workshop. The MVMS Inquiry-based Learning Leaders joined with the Museums' Out-Reach Program and Education Directors to present and facilitate a full-day inquiry-based instruction workshop for the entire faculty. This training included hands-on simulations that underscored the value of increasing active learning by incorporating the elements of inquiry in daily instruction including: Observing and Noticing, Raising Questions, Gathering and Interpreting, Testing, Communicating and Representing, and Collaborating.

Adventure Learning Programs define experiential education as *a process through which a student constructs knowledge, skill, and value from direct experience*. Middle school students find learning more enjoyable and purposeful when they connect a skill or concept to their real world experiences. With the support of the Mountain View Partnership, and extraordinary effort and time of the MVMS faculty, 182 eighth grade students participated in learning adventure treks to Washington, D.C. or to Ferry Beach Ecology School in Saco, Maine. Both experiences served to stimulate student learning, build community, and promote lifelong interests.

Each day as our students cross our threshold to engage in another opportunity to learn and grow, I am reminded of the powerful words of Dr. Ruth Simmons, *". . .protect their hopes and dreams because it is their high aspirations that will have to (service) them through life in the quest of their dreams."* Let us aspire to nurture the dreams and hopes of our youth as we continue our work of *Advancing Student Learnin*g.

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

FRANK J. MCBRIDE, PRINCIPAL

I am extremely pleased to convey to you that the Commission on Public Secondary Schools has completed the accreditation process for Goffstown High School. The Commission reviewed the evaluation report from last spring's visit to Goffstown High School, the culminating event of the ten-year accreditation process, and voted to award the school continued accreditation in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Of the four actions that the Commission can take, we received the "Gold Star"-- Continued Accreditation: Two Year Progress Report. Receiving this great news from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a wonderful validation of the collaborative effort and remarkable transformation which has occurred over the past decade.

The "Report of the Visiting Committee", an 86-page document, can be found in its entirety at SAU#19, the Goffstown Town Hall, the Goffstown Public

Library, New Boston Central School, Dunbarton Elementary School, and our School District Website.

In our Follow-Up Seminar with the NEAS&C this fall, it was stated that on average a school could expect to receive 20-40 recommendations. We were thrilled to see that we received ten. It is our belief that these ten recommendations can be clustered into three action areas for the high school's continued growth: (1) gathering and reporting student achievement data as related to our mission statement, (2) providing high quality curriculum and instruction for ALL students, and (3) assuring personalization for ALL students.

I would like to thank several groups and individuals who have contributed to GHS' success.

The Goffstown taxpayers have delivered the school district five consecutive approved budgets. We also currently have multi-year contracts for both support staff and teachers. Recruiting and retaining top-notch educators is decidedly easier with contracts in place. And you cannot underestimate the positive effect on morale of an affirmative vote on the budgets and contracts. As Dr. Lockwood always mentions during his budget presentation, the average cost per pupil spent on Goffstown students is considerably less than the state average. The Goffstown cost per student for the 2005-2006 school year was $7,961.72--which was $1,748.38 less than the state average of $9,710.10. However, he is quick to point out that the amount that tax-payers pay is relatively high due to the tax-base structure in Goffstown. Taxpayers in Goffstown have consistently sacrificed to provide quality for our children.

We owe much to Dr. Darrell Lockwood, who is currently in his tenth year (which may be the longest tenure of any Superintendent in NH), for providing unwavering focus and commitment to improving the quality of education for all students in SAU #19. Dr. Lockwood's leadership in conjunction with the direction and collaboration of the Goffstown School Board has helped to create an environment where the staff at GHS has the resources and clear direction, vision and support to perform our challenging work at a high level.

The quality of the staff at Goffstown High School is outstanding. The kitchen, custodial, secretarial, para-educators, counselors, teachers, specialists and administrators are a mission driven and talented group.

Receiving the "Gold Star" on this decennial evaluation report is a well deserved "job well done" for the entire GHS community. Please accept my thanks, as the principal of GHS, for this most well deserved recognition.

As we celebrate, we'll continue to look at our areas of focus for the next ten years, so that—in the words of our mission statement—we can continue to be "a caring community of impassioned learners who will thrive in an ever-changing world."