

Budget Developmental Process

The Town of Goffstown is a Municipal Budget Act Town (Chapter 32) with an official Budget Committee which consists of 12 elected members and 4 representatives. Representatives include one member from each of the following boards: Board of Selectmen, School Board, Goffstown Village Water Precinct and Grasmere Village Water Precinct.

The Town of Goffstown is also an Official Ballot Town (RSA 40:13) which means that the Annual Town Meeting is divided into two sessions. The first session, known as the Deliberative or Ballot Determination Session, is held between the first and second Saturday following the last Monday in January (RSA 40:13 III) which this year is between 2/1/14-2/8/14. This meeting is typically held at Goffstown High School. At this meeting the articles are explained, discussed and debated. It is this meeting which determines what appears on the official ballot. The second session known as the Official Ballot Session is held at the polls (Bartlett Elementary School and Goffstown High School) on 3/11/14 (second Tuesday in March). At this time the voters will vote on the budget, all separate and special articles as well as elect candidates and any zoning ordinance amendments.

The budget process starts in July when Department Heads develop their budgets. In September the Department Heads present their budget requests to the Board of Selectmen. During October the Board of Selectmen develops their budget and sends it to the Budget Committee in early November. In November and December the Budget Committee reviews the Selectmen's budget, requests information from Department Heads, and develops their budget. The Budget Committee submits their budget by the budget submission deadline of 1/14/14 (second Tuesday of January) and schedules their required Public Hearing before 1/21/14 (third Tuesday of January). The Public Hearing is typically held at Goffstown High School. If there is a bond article, then the Board of Selectmen scheduled their Bond Hearing following the same timeline as the Budget Committee Public Hearing.

Department Head Budget & Presentation

[Department Heads Proposed 2014 Budget](#)

- [Parks & Recreation \(9/9/13\)](#)

- [Library \(9/9/13\)](#)
- [Public Works \(9/16/13\)](#)
- [Police \(9/23/13\)](#)
- [Fire \(9/23/13\)](#)

- [Fire - Cost of Doing Business Presentation](#)

- [Town Hall \(9/30/13\)](#)

Selectmen Budget

[Board of Selectmen Proposed 2014 Budget \(Concluded 11/07/13\)](#)

Budget Committee Budget

[Budget Committee 2014 Town Budget](#)

Budget Submission

Jan. 14, 2014 is the deadline for all budget submissions including the operating budget, separate warrant articles and special warrant articles. This includes petition articles and collective bargaining agreements.

Budget Committee Public Hearing

The Goffstown Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2014 (Snow Date: Jan. 21, 2014) on a \$4,565,000 Bond for the restoration and expansion of the Town's Fire Stations.

The Goffstown Budget Committee will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 pm on Jan. 16, 2014 (Snow

Date: Jan. 21, 2014) on the 2014 Budgets for the Town, School, Goffstown Village Water Precinct and Grasmere Village Water Precinct.

Both Public Hearings will be held in the Dr. Craig Heiber Auditorium at Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Rd., Goffstown, NH 03045. *Any person with a disability who needs a reasonable accommodation, please call 497-8990 ext 100 at least 72 hours in advance for arrangements.*

Annual Warrant Deliberative Session

Annual Warrant for Deliberative Session takes place between 02/01/2014 and 02/08/2014

Official Ballot

March 11, 2014