

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Acceptance/Correction Of Minutes

3. Announcements

4. Public Comment

For Goffstown residents at the beginning of each regular meeting

Documents:

[2.8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE BOARD MEETINGS - EXCERPT FROM PROCEDURES OF THE GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD REV 01.02.2019.PDF](#)

5. Select Board Review Of Citizen Submitted Petition Articles

The Select Board will review Citizen Petition Warrant Articles. Primary Petitioners (NH RSA 39:3) have been invited to present their article to the Select Board prior to the 2026 Warrant being finalized.

- Petition Article Seeking to Raise the Income Limit for the Elderly Tax Exemption (RSA 72:39-a)
- Petition Article Proposing Fund Balance Limitation
- Petition Article Proposing Restriction on Retail Sales of Nonregulated Intoxicating Substances
Kratom products, Hallucinogenic plants and fungi, and Poppers
- Petition Article Proposing Restriction for Retail Access to Nonregulated and Intoxicating Cannabis or Marijuana Products
Age Restriction, Packaging and Labeling Requirements, and Product Testing Requirements

Documents:

[SELECT BOARD REVIEW OF CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLES - 01.20.2026.PDF](#)
[HB228 - 2025 CHAPTERED LAW 173.PDF](#)
[CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLE - RAISE INCOME LIMIT ELDERLY EXEMPTION - 10.17.2025_REDACTED.PDF](#)
[CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLE - FUND BALANCE LIMITATION - 01.12.2026_REDACTED.PDF](#)
[CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLE - RESTRICTION ON NONREGULATED INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES - 01.13.2026_REDACTED.PDF](#)
[CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLE - THC CANNABIS MARIJUANA REGULATION - 01.13.2026_REDACTED.PDF](#)

6. Town Administrator's Report

6.I. Select Board Review And Recommendations On 2026 Annual Warrant

The Select Board will review and make final advisory votes (Recommend/Not Recommend) on each Article.

Documents:

[TA REPORT - SELECT BOARD REVIEW OF 2026 WARRANT -](#)

6.II. 2026 Default Budget (MS-DTB Form)

6.III. 2025 Budget Transfers

2025 Budget Transfers

- [53rd Payroll](#)
- [Fire Car 2 Reclassification](#)

Documents:

[NH RSA 32.10 TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS.PDF](#)
[MEMO TO SELECT BOARD FOR BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST 53RD PAYROLL - 01.20.2026.PDF](#)
[MEMO TO SELECT BOARD FOR BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST FIRE CAR 2 01.20.2026.PDF](#)

6.IV. Status Update – NHDES Removal Of Hadley Falls Dam

7. Public Comment

For Goffstown residents at the end of each regular meeting

Documents:

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8. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3,II

Documents:

[RSA 91-A.3 NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS.PDF](#)



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2.8 Public Participation in the Board Meetings

2.8.1 Each person desiring to speak during public comment shall state his/her name, street and if not a Goffstown resident, his/her town and shall fill out the roster provided by the Town Administrator.

2.8.2 The Presiding Officer shall schedule appropriate public comment time for Goffstown residents at the beginning and end of each regular meeting. The Presiding Officer, at his/her discretion, may allow other speakers for a germane topic. Public comment speakers are limited to three minutes each.

2.8.3 Agenda appointments with the Board may be made for a regular meeting through the Town Administrator, for Town-related business. The Presiding Officer has the discretion to schedule a different date and time.

2.8.4 Unless a concern expressed at the public comment period or an agenda appointment is an urgent matter, the Board may take up the concern at the next regular meeting under Old Business.

2.8.5 Special Board meetings shall not have public comment nor agenda appointments unless the appointment is the purpose of the special meeting.

Excerpt from the Procedures of the Goffstown Select Board and Committees appointed by the Select Board

Available:	https://www.goffstownnh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1447/2019-Select-Board-Procedures-rev-1_2_19
Adopted:	6/30/08
Revised:	3/23/09; 4/4/11; 6/20/11; 4/30/12; 5/21/12; 4/1/13; 3/24/14; 4/13/15; 6/29/15; 2/1/16; 4/23/18; 1/2/19

SELECT BOARD REVIEW OF CITIZEN PETITION ARTICLES

MEETING DATE: 01/20/2026

REQUESTED BY: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

ISSUE:

The Town received four (4) Citizen Petition Warrant articles for inclusion on the 2026. The primary petitioner for each petition article was invited to present the articles to the Select Board.

- Petition Article Seeking to Raise the Income Limit for the Elderly Tax Exemption (RSA 72:39-a)
- Petition Article Proposing Fund Balance Limitation
- Petition Article Proposing Restriction on Retail Sales of Nonregulated Intoxicating Substances; Kratom products, Hallucinogenic plants and fungi, and Poppers
- Petition Article Proposing Restriction for Retail Access to Nonregulated and Intoxicating Cannabis or Marijuana Products; Age Restriction, Packaging and Labeling Requirements, and Product Testing Requirements

PRIMARY PETITIONER (HB228, 2025 Chaptered Law 173 – Attached)

A 2025 law change provides for a Primary Petitioner and allows them 10 minutes to introduce the warrant article at the ballot determination session (“deliberative session”).

RECOMMENDATION:

Allow the primary petitioner to present the article and ask questions. The Select Board will review the 2026 Warrant later in the meeting and can vote to **Recommend/Not Recommend** the articles as submitted.

ATTACHMENT:

- HB228, 2025 NH Chaptered Law 173
- Redacted Petition Articles certified by Goffstown Supervisors of the Checklist

CHAPTER 173
HB 228-LOCAL - FINAL VERSION

05/22/2025 2165s

2025 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***228-LOCAL***

AN ACT relative to petitioned articles at annual or special town meetings.

SPONSORS: Rep. Pauer, Hills. 36; Rep. Burroughs, Carr. 2; Rep. Colcombe, Hills. 30; Rep. Harvey-Bolia, Belk. 3; Rep. W. MacDonald, Rock. 16; Rep. Sellers, Graf. 18; Rep. Veilleux, Hills. 34; Rep. Creighton, Hills. 30; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. McGough, Dist 11

COMMITTEE: Municipal and County Government

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes written applications for a petitioned article at an annual or special town or school board meeting to identify a primary petitioner who shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes to introduce their warrant articles.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

CHAPTER 173
HB 228-LOCAL - FINAL VERSION

05/22/2025 2165s

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT relative to petitioned articles at annual or special town meetings.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 173:1 Time for Holding Town Meetings and Warning Thereof; Articles. Amend RSA 39:3 to read as
2 follows:

3 39:3 Articles. Upon the written application of 25 or more registered voters or 2 percent of the
4 registered voters in town, whichever is less, although in no event shall fewer than 10 registered voters be
5 sufficient, presented to the selectmen or one of them not later than the fifth Tuesday before the day
6 prescribed for an annual meeting, the selectmen shall insert in their warrant for such meeting the
7 petitioned article with only such minor textual changes as may be required. Such corrections shall not in
8 any way change the intended effect of the article as presented in the original language of the petition. For
9 the purposes of this section, the number of registered voters in a town shall be the number of voters
10 registered prior to the last state general election. The right to have an article inserted in the warrant
11 conferred by this section shall not be invalidated by the provisions of RSA 32. In towns with fewer than
12 10,000 inhabitants upon the written application of 50 or more voters or 1/4 of the voters in town, whichever
13 is fewer, and in towns with 10,000 or more inhabitants upon the written application of 5 percent of the
14 registered voters in the town, so presented not less than 60 days before the next annual meeting, the
15 selectmen shall warn a special meeting to act upon any question specified in such application. The
16 checklist for an annual or special town meeting shall be corrected by the supervisors of the checklist as
17 provided in RSA 654:25-31. Those persons qualified to vote whose names are on the corrected checklist
18 shall be entitled to vote at the meeting. The same checklist used at a recessed town meeting shall be
19 used at any reconvened session of the same town meeting. In no event shall a special town meeting be
20 held on the biennial election day. ***The written application for a petitioned article for an annual or special***
21 ***meeting may identify one of the registered voters on the application as the primary petitioner. If no***
22 ***primary petitioner is identified, the primary petitioner shall be the first registered voter listed on the written***
23 ***application.***

24 173:2 School Meetings; Special. Amend RSA 197:2 to read as follows:

25 197:2 Special. A special meeting of a school district shall be held whenever, in the opinion of the
26 school board, there is occasion therefor, or whenever 50 or more voters, or 1/4 of the voters of the district,
27 whichever is less, shall have made written application to the school board therefor, setting forth the
28 subject matter upon which action is desired. No special school district meeting shall be held in
29 conjunction with the biennial election, except when a special school district meeting has been approved
30 by the court and a school district has adopted the official ballot referendum form of meeting pursuant to
31 RSA 40:14. ***The written application for a petitioned article for a special meeting may identify one of the***

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1 *registered voters in the application as the primary petitioner. If no primary petitioner is identified, the*
2 *primary petitioner shall be the first registered voter listed on the written application.*

3 173:3 School Meetings; Warrant and Articles. Amend RSA 197:6 to read as follows:

4 197:6 Warrant and Articles. Upon the written application of 25 or more voters or 2 percent of the
5 voters of the school district, whichever is less, although in no event shall fewer than 10 registered voters
6 be sufficient, presented to the school board or one of them not later than 30 days before the date
7 prescribed for the school district meeting or the second Tuesday in March, whichever is earlier, the school
8 board shall insert in the school district warrant for such meeting the petitioned article with only such minor
9 textual changes as may be required. No article may be inserted after posting of said warrant. Corrections
10 to petitioned warrant articles shall not in any way change the intended effect of the article as presented in
11 the original petition. The right to have an article inserted in the warrant conferred by this section shall not
12 be invalidated by the provisions of RSA 32. *The written application for a petitioned article for an annual*
13 *meeting may identify one of the registered voters in the application as the primary petitioner. If no primary*
14 *petitioner is identified, the primary petitioner shall be the first registered voter listed on the written*
15 *application.*

16 173:4 Government of Town Meeting; Debate. Amend RSA 40:7 to read as follows:

17 40:7 Debate. No person shall speak in any meeting without leave of the moderator, nor when any
18 person speaking is in order; and all persons shall be silent at the desire of the moderator, on pain of
19 forfeiting \$1 for each offense, for the use of the town. *The moderator shall provide a primary petitioner,*
20 *identified pursuant to RSA 39:3, RSA 197:2, or RSA 197:6, the opportunity to introduce the petitioned*
21 *article at the meeting. The primary petitioner shall be given a minimum of 10 minutes to introduce the*
22 *warrant article at the meeting. Upon written notice to the moderator, the primary petitioner may designate*
23 *any registered voter to act as the primary petitioner of a petitioned article.*

173:5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 15, 2025
Effective Date: September 13, 2025

Certified on November 24, 2025

*59 signature
approved*

**Goffstown Senior Residents
Petition to Raise the Elderly Income Limit to Qualify
For an Elderly Exemption
October 7, 2025**

*Denise Lemay SOC
Marie Mazer, SOC.*



The undersigned Goffstown residents submit this petition to raise the elderly income limit allowable under RSA 72:39a to qualify for an elderly tax exemption. The current limit is \$42,500 if single, or if married, a combined income of not more than \$60,000 (including Social Security). We seek through this petition to raise the income limit to \$47,000 if single, or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$66,000.

The income limit has been at the existing level since 2023. Inflation into 2026 is about 10% and that is reflected in the revised numbers above.

Signed,

Signature	Printed Name	Street Address	Date Signed
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Town of Goffstown



Petitioned Warrant Article – Fund Balance Limitation

Warrant Article

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following binding limitation on the total fund balance of the Town of Goffstown:

The combined total of the Town's assigned and unassigned fund balance shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the prior fiscal year's net assessed appropriations as defined under RSA 32.

Any amount in excess of this 10% limit shall automatically be applied to reduce the Town's tax rate for the following fiscal year and shall not be retained for any other purpose.

This provision shall remain in effect unless and until amended or rescinded by a future vote of the legislative body. No vote of the Select Board, nor any local policy or administrative action, may supersede or nullify this limitation.

Tax Impact Statement

The Town currently seeks to retain approximately 16% of the annual budget in fund balance. This article would cap the combined assigned and unassigned fund balance at 10%, with any amount above that limit automatically used to reduce the Town's property tax rate in the following year.

Based on current appropriations, the difference between 16% and 10% represents approximately \$1.8 million that would instead be returned to taxpayers through a reduction in the tax rate. This equates to an estimated decrease of approximately \$0.65 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

For a Goffstown home assessed at \$430,000, this would equal an estimated annual property tax savings of approximately \$280 per year.

Actual tax impact may vary depending on the final approved budget, total assessed property values, and the amount of fund balance available at the time the tax rate is set.

Certified on Jan 12, 2026
-Thuy Hoa SOC
-Dennis Dennis SOC

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- Naive Morgan

Name (Print)	Signature	Address

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Naive Morgan

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We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Goffstown, hereby petition to place the attached warrant article on the warrant for the next annual Town Meeting, pursuant to RSA 39:3 and RSA 40:13, IV■a.

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OK - Marie Morgan SOC, Kenise Kemay SOC

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Warrant Article X – Citizen Petition: Prohibited Activities.

- *Amanita pantherina*

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OK - Marie Morgan, SOC Denise Lemay SOC

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Shall the Town of Goffstown restrict retail access to nonregulated and intoxicating cannabis or marijuana related products.

This is how it will read on the town ballot in March 2026.

Warrant Article X – Citizen Petition: Prohibited Activities.

THC Regulation

Age Restriction

No person or entity shall sell, offer for sale, or distribute any THC products (natural or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol, which appear in any formulation, including delta-8 THC, delta-9 THC, or any other THC isomer variant) to a person under the age of 21.

Packaging and Labeling Requirements

All THC products shall be sold in tamper-evident, resealable, and child-resistant packaging. Packaging shall not resemble candy, snacks, or any product commonly marketed to children. No THC product shall be advertised using cartoons, toys, or imagery appealing to minors. No THC product shall be named or labeled in a manner that mimics non-cannabis food or beverage products.

All THC product labels shall include: I. THC content per serving and per package. II. The universal THC warning symbol. III. A warning stating "Keep out of reach of children." IV. Batch number and expiration date. V. A QR code linking to the Certificate of Analysis (COA) for the batch.

Product Testing Requirements

I. All THC products shall be tested by a licensed, independent laboratory prior to sale.

II. Testing shall include analysis for:

(a) Potency (THC, CBD, and other cannabinoids) (b) Pesticides (c) Heavy metals (d) Microbial contaminants (e) Residual solvents (for extracts)

Penalties- Those found in violation of this law will be subject to the penalties found in New Hampshire RSA 318-B.

***This warrant article would have no tax impact.**

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT SELECT BOARD REVIEW OF 2026 WARRANT

MEETING DATE: 01/20/2026

REQUESTED BY: TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

ISSUE:

The Select Board needs to review and make final advisory votes (Recommend/Not Recommend) on each Article.

The Articles the Board proposed have **Recommend** votes based on the Board's prior action. The Board can reconsider and modify the advisory (Recommend/Not Recommend) vote.

ATTACHMENT:

- 2026 Draft Warrant

Town of Goffstown

2026 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 Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at seven o'clock in the evening (7:00 p.m.) at the Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road, in the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium 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 10, 2026. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 10, 2026 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 10, 2026 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School, 689 Mast Road.

ARTICLE 1

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the definition of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADUs) in the Zoning Glossary as well as in Section 5.2, clarifying the definitions for attached and detached ADUs by allowing detached accessory dwelling units as adopted and mandated by the NH House Bill 577 (laws of 2025, Chapter 197)?

Recommended by the Planning Board (5-2-0).

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the provisions of Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADUs) in Section 5.2 and corresponding addition to Section 14.9 Non-Conforming Structures, clarifying ADU provisions and allowing additional flexibility for the homeowner as adopted and mandated by the NH House Bill 577 (laws of 2025, Chapter 197)?

Recommended by the Planning Board (5-2-0).

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ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, by allowing Multi-Family Dwelling Use on Commercially zoned land as adopted and mandated by NH House Bill 631 (laws of 2025, Chapter 201)?

Note: This change would require approved commercial use on the ground floor, except where the Planning Board grants a Conditional Use Permit. Also, this Amendment would include amending Section 3.11 Table of Uses as well as adding a Section under 4.4 Multi-Family Dwellings. The amendment also requires adequate infrastructure (roads, water and sewer) be provided. The intent of this amendment is to comply with NH House Bill 631, while retaining the requirement for commercial use on the ground floor in the Commercial Zone.

Recommended by the Planning Board (4-3-0).

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, by amending Section 7.2.5. Table of Off-Street Parking and Section 7.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements by requiring one (1) residential parking space per unit and removing all requirements for guest parking as adopted and mandated by NH Senate Bill 284 (laws of 2025, Chapter 258)? Also, adding ADU to the studio apartment category in Table 7.2.5 which also will have the requirement of one space per unit.

Recommended by the Planning Board (4-3-0).

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of No. 5 to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, by amending Accessory Dwelling Unit Provision Section 5.2.1 by increasing the square footage allowance of an Accessory Dwelling Unit *from eight hundred (800) square feet of gross floor area to nine-hundred fifty (950) square feet of gross floor area*, as allowed by NH House Bill 577 (laws of 2025, Chapter 197)?

Recommended by the Planning Board (5-2-0).

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of No. 6 to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, by amending the definition of Buildable Area as follows: Buildable Area - Any of the area of a parcel, except (a) submerged land area, (b) wetlands, (c) any land within 50 100 feet of wetlands of at least 2,000 contiguous square feet, (d) slopes in excess of 25 20%, (e) high-tension power line utility easements, and (f) the area of any proposed public or private street rights-of-way, and (e) special flood hazard areas as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for the County of Hillsborough, N.H" dated September 25, 2009 or as amended.?

Recommended by the Planning Board (6-1-0).

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ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of No. 7 to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board, by moving Section 13.5 Open Space Development from Section 13 Overlay Districts to Section 5 Supplemental Standards, creating a new Section 5.25 Open Space Development and by amending multiple sections under the provisions of RSA 674:16 and RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls as well as removing section 3.7.2? Note: full language available at the Goffstown Planning Department upon request.

Recommended by the Planning Board (7-0-0).

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town General Fund, the budget approved by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$27,519,425.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of \$7,362,236.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment:

“Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate as a General Fund operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$27,519,425?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$26,648,427, 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/Not Recommended by the Select Board _ - _ - _.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-5-0.

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ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, the budget approved by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$2,225,081.

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues collected from sewer use fees in the amount of \$2,225,081. This article is paid for by customers serviced by the Goffstown Sewer collection System, which operates as a municipal enterprise fund. This article (Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget) has no tax impact.

The motion on the sewer fund operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment:

“Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate as a Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget, 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 \$2,225,081?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Sewer Enterprise Fund shall be \$2,233,087, 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 is paid for by customers serviced by the Goffstown Sewer collection System, which operates as a municipal enterprise fund. This article (Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget) has no tax impact.

Recommended by the Sewer Commissioners 3-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between Select Board and the Public Works, Teamsters, Local 603 of NH which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026	\$47,020
2027	\$65,721
2028	\$79,931

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,020 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9).

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0.

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ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$450,000 for Goffstown's Road Improvement Program. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 9).
This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No new amount to be raised by taxation.
(Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-3-1.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$350,000 to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008. (This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget Article).

This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No new amount to be raised by taxation.
(Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-3-1.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Goffstown Public Library Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for building projects and matching grant funds and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in this fund and further to name the Library Board of Trustees as agents to expend from said fund. (This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget Article).

This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No new amount to be raised by taxation.
(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-1.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$430,000 for the purpose of purchasing a curbside solid waste packer. (This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget Article).

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-3-1.

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ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,323 for the purpose of funding monthly stipends for the members of the Select Board. (This appropriation is in addition to the Operating Budget Article).

(Majority vote required)

Recommended/Not Recommended by the Select Board _ - _ - _.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1-1.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for a Tax Credit for Service Connected Total Disability of \$3,000 per year. If adopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2026 property tax year.

If this article is not adopted, the Service Connected Total Disability Tax Credit will remain at \$2,400 per year and the veterans who qualify will lose the \$600 veteran credit.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise the elderly income limit allowable under RSA 72:39-a to qualify for an elderly tax exemption. The current limit is \$42,500 if single, or if married, a combined income of not more than \$60,000 (including Social Security). We seek through this petition to raise the income limit to \$47,000 if single, or, if married, a combined income of not more than \$66,000.

The income Limit has been at the existing level since 2023. Inflation into 2026 is about 10% and that is reflected in the revised numbers above.

(Majority vote required)

Submitted by petition.

Recommended/Not Recommended by the Select Board _ - _ - _.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following binding limitation on the total fund balance of the Town of Goffstown.

The combined total of the Town's assigned and unassigned fund balance shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the prior fiscal year's net assessed appropriations as defined under RSA 32.

Any amount in excess of this 10% limit shall automatically be applied to reduce the Town's tax rate for the following fiscal year and shall not be retained for any other purpose.

This provision shall remain in effect unless and until amended or rescinded by a future vote of the legislative body. No vote of the Select Board, nor any local policy or administrative action, may supersede or nullify this limitation.

(Majority vote required)

Submitted by petition.

Recommended/Not Recommended by the Select Board _ - _ - _.

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ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to restrict commercialization and retail sales for the following nonregulated intoxicating substances.

Prohibited Activities.

I. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, possess, purchase, attempt to purchase, sell, offer to sell, give away, deliver, or publicly display for sale any of the following substances or products containing such substances:

(a) **Kratom Products** containing mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine, which are the primary active compounds in kratom.

(b) **Hallucinogenic plants and fungi**, including but not limited to:

- Amanita muscaria
- Nymphaea caerulea (Blue Lotus)
- Egyptian Lotus (including Nelumbo nucifera if applicable)
- Salvia divinorum
- Amanita pantherina

(c) **Poppers**, defined as any "abusable volatile chemical" labeled with "VAPOR HARMFUL" under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, which when inhaled, ingested, or otherwise introduced into the body may affect the central nervous system, cause intoxication, hallucination, or elation, or distort eyesight, thinking, balance, or coordination. This includes but is not limited to **nitrous oxide** and **alkyl nitrites**, unless used in regulated medical or industrial contexts. This definition excludes regulated pesticides, food, drugs, cosmetics, or alcoholic beverages.

Penalties-

Those found in violation of this law will be subject to the penalties found in New Hampshire RSA 318-B and New Hampshire RSA 644:5-a. If a specific penalty is not outlined in RSA 318-B or RSA 644:5-a, refer to RSA 318-B:26 and apply the penalty associated with cannabis, based on the weight of the substance involved (e.g., ounces, grams, pounds, or milligrams).

This warrant article would have zero tax impact

Submitted by petition.

Recommended/Not Recommended by the Select Board _ - _ - _.

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ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to restrict retail access to nonregulated and intoxicating cannabis or marijuana related products.

Prohibited Activities.

THC Regulation

Age Restriction

No person or entity shall sell, offer for sale, or distribute any THC products (natural or synthetic tetrahydrocannabinol, which appear in any formulation, including delta-8 THC, delta-9THC, or any other THC isomer variant) to a person under the age of 21.

Packaging and Labeling Requirements

All THC products shall be sold in tamper-evident, resealable, and child-resistant packaging. Packaging shall not resemble candy snacks, or any product commonly marketed to children. No THC product shall be advertised using cartoons, toys, or imagery appealing to minors. No THC product shall be named or labeled in a manner that mimics non-cannabis food or beverage products.

All THC product labels shall include: I. THC content per serving and per package. II. The universal THC warning symbol. III. A warning stating "Keep out of reach of children." IV. Batch number and expiration date. V. A QR code linking to the Certificate of Analysis (COA) for the batch.

Product Testing Requirements

I. All THC products shall be tested by a licensed, independent laboratory prior to sale.

II. Testing shall include analysis for:

(a) Potency (THC, CBD, and other cannabinoids) (b) Pesticides (c) Heavy metals (d) Microbial contaminants (e) Residual solvents (for extracts)

Penalties

Those found in violation of this law will be subject to the penalties found in New Hampshire RSA 318-B.

This warrant article would have zero tax impact

Submitted by petition.

Recommended/Not Recommended by the Select Board _ - _ - _.

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ARTICLE 22

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this 20th day of January, 2026.

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD

Peter Georgantas, Chairman

Jim Craig

Mark T. Lemay, Vice Chairwoman

Joshua Douglas

Richard Manzo

TITLE III

TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES

CHAPTER 32

MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW

Expenditures

Section 32:10

32:10 Transfer of Appropriations. –

I. If changes arise during the year following the annual meeting that make it necessary to expend more than the amount appropriated for a specific purpose, the governing body may transfer to that appropriation an unexpended balance remaining in some other appropriation, provided, however, that:

- (a) The total amount spent shall not exceed the total amount appropriated at the town or district meeting.
- (b) Records shall be kept by the governing body, such that the budget committee, if any, or any citizen requesting such records pursuant to RSA 91-A:4, may ascertain the purposes of appropriations to which, and from which, amounts have been transferred; provided, however, that neither the budget committee nor other citizens shall have any authority to dispute or challenge the discretion of the governing body in making such transfers.
- (c) A statement comparing all legislative body appropriations against all expenditures shall be deemed adequate for purposes of the records required by subparagraph (b), so long as every expenditure has been properly authorized and properly classified and entered and any expenditures exceeding the original legislative appropriations are offset by unexpended balances remaining in other appropriations, in which case the governing body shall not be required to designate the specific source of each transfer.
- (d) Any amount appropriated at the meeting under a special warrant article, or to a capital reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:5, may be used only for the purpose specified in that article and shall not be transferred.
- (e) The town or district meeting may vote separately on individual purposes of appropriation contained within any warrant article or budget, but such a separate vote shall not affect the governing body's legal authority to transfer appropriations, provided, however, that if the meeting deletes a purpose, or reduces the amount appropriated for that purpose to zero or does not approve an appropriation contained in a separate article, that purpose or article shall be deemed one for which no appropriation is made, and no amount shall be transferred to or expended for such purpose.

II. As used in RSA 32:10, I(a)-(d), concerning transfers of appropriations and records thereof, "purpose" refers, in addition to its meaning in RSA 32:3, V, to individual line items in whatever detailed budget or chart of accounts is regularly used by the municipality. The general wording of a vote adopting a budget or portion of a budget shall not be considered a "purpose" to which an amount may be transferred. The definition of "purpose" as used in RSA 32:10, I(e) shall be the definition of "purpose" under RSA 32:3, V.

Source. 1993, 332:1, eff. Aug. 28, 1993. 1996, 214:4, eff. Aug. 9, 1996. 2004, 113:1, eff. July 16, 2004. 2017, 127:4, eff. Aug. 15, 2017.



GOFFSTOWN

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MEMO

To: Select Board

CC: Derek Horne, Town Administrator

From: Zachary A. Hofland, Finance Director

Date: January 13, 2026

Re: Budget Transfer Request – 2024 Aggregate Overage

Purpose: Reassign and transfer budgetary funds needed to cover the 53rd payroll elected for disbursement from the 2025 budget, where departments were over-expended as a result of this decision.

Background: It was identified during the 2026 budget preparation that the first payroll of 2026 would need to be paid out on 12/31/2025 as a result of the timing of New Years Day on Thursday. In an effort to mitigate timing issues, as well as provide some proposed budgetary savings in 2026, Administration elected to expend a 53rd payroll from the 2025 budget, to be covered by benefit cost savings as a result of various vacancies throughout 2025. **The Select Board approved this approach 09/22/25.**

In order to cover the budget deficit in several individual departments at year-end, a budget transfer is needed. Without the 53rd payroll expended from these departmental budgets, they would not otherwise be over-expended. Only departments already over-expended, or reasonably close to being over-expended, are covered with this transfer. Uncovered departments had sufficient room in their budget as a result of various vacancies within their department resulting in wage cost savings in 2025.

Financial Impact:

- Total of **\$184,594.97** would need to be transferred from 15500000-43110 Insurances-Benefits budget to the following departments:
 - o Fire Department (22010000): \$ 74,757.45
 - o Department of Public Works-Highways (31110000): \$ 62,938.23
 - o Department of Public Works-Garage (31900000): \$ 9,942.13
 - o Department of Public Works-Solid Waste (32300000): \$ 14,250.73
 - o Department of Public Works-Cemetery (19500000): \$ 1,995.28
 - o Parks and Recreation (52010000): \$ 6,915.94
 - o Library (55010000): \$ 13,795.21

Proposed Motion, if the Board concurs with the staff recommendations:

Motion to approve the budget transfer request for the reallocation of \$184,594.97 from Benefits line to the departmental wage, tax and retirement lines, as presented.





GOFFSTOWN

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MEMO

To: Select Board

CC: Derek Horne, Town Administrator

From: Zachary A. Hofland, Finance Director

Date: January 13, 2026

Re: Budget Transfer Request – 2025 Fire Department Car 2 CIP

Purpose: Reassign and transfer budgetary funds needed to cover the acquisition of the 2026 Tahoe PPV to replace Fire Department's Car 2, as previously approved on December 8, 2025.

Background: Vehicles acquisitions are generally classified under the CIP lines, where they are planned for purchase in each budget cycle according to the CIP plan. In an effort to keep on schedule with the CIP plan, the Fire Department proposed to purchase the Car 2 replacement in 2025. This purchase was approved, at cost up to \$85,500, on the regular scheduled Select Board meeting of December 8, 2025.

As an original budget was not established in the associated CIP line (90202201-53200 CIP | FD – Vehicles), a budget transfer is deemed necessary to cover those anticipated costs. Estimated cost is to be covered by savings in full-time benefits due to position vacancies throughout 2025.

Financial Impact:

- Total of \$85,500 would need to be transferred from 15500000-43110 Insurances | Benefits budget to 90202201-53200 CIP | FD – Vehicles.

Proposed Motion, if the Board concurs with the staff recommendations:

Motion to approve the budget transfer request for the reallocation of \$85,500 from Insurances-Benefits line to the Fire CIP Vehicles line, as presented.

Town Administrator's Note:

The Select Board voted 12/22/25 to transfer \$85,500 from Fire Operations into Fire CIP Vehicle. After the end of year invoices and payout of final payrolls of 2025, it is evident the Fire Operations does not have sufficient funds.

1. It is recommended the Board vote to reconsider the 12/22/25 budget transfer of \$85,500 from Fire Ops to Fire Vehicles.
2. The Board could then take the following action:

Motion to approve the budget transfer request for the reallocation of \$85,500 from Insurances-Benefits line to the Fire CIP Vehicles line, as presented.





Town of Goffstown

TOWN OFFICES

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2.8 Public Participation in the Board Meetings

2.8.1 Each person desiring to speak during public comment shall state his/her name, street and if not a Goffstown resident, his/her town and shall fill out the roster provided by the Town Administrator.

2.8.2 The Presiding Officer shall schedule appropriate public comment time for Goffstown residents at the beginning and end of each regular meeting. The Presiding Officer, at his/her discretion, may allow other speakers for a germane topic. Public comment speakers are limited to three minutes each.

2.8.3 Agenda appointments with the Board may be made for a regular meeting through the Town Administrator, for Town-related business. The Presiding Officer has the discretion to schedule a different date and time.

2.8.4 Unless a concern expressed at the public comment period or an agenda appointment is an urgent matter, the Board may take up the concern at the next regular meeting under Old Business.

2.8.5 Special Board meetings shall not have public comment nor agenda appointments unless the appointment is the purpose of the special meeting.

Excerpt from the Procedures of the Goffstown Select Board and Committees appointed by the Select Board

Available:	https://www.goffstownnh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1447/2019-Select-Board-Procedures-rev-1_2_19
Adopted:	6/30/08
Revised:	3/23/09; 4/4/11; 6/20/11; 4/30/12; 5/21/12; 4/1/13; 3/24/14; 4/13/15; 6/29/15; 2/1/16; 4/23/18; 1/2/19

TITLE VI

PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

CHAPTER 91-A

ACCESS TO GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS AND MEETINGS

Section 91-A:3

91-A:3 Nonpublic Sessions. –

I. (a) Public bodies shall not meet in nonpublic session, except for one of the purposes set out in paragraph II. No session at which evidence, information, or testimony in any form is received shall be closed to the public, except as provided in paragraph II. No public body may enter nonpublic session, except pursuant to a motion properly made and seconded.

(b) Any motion to enter nonpublic session shall state on its face the specific exemption under paragraph II which is relied upon as foundation for the nonpublic session. The vote on any such motion shall be by roll call, and shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of members present.

(c) All discussions held and decisions made during nonpublic session shall be confined to the matters set out in the motion.

II. Only the following matters shall be considered or acted upon in nonpublic session:

(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.

(f) [Repealed.]

(g) Consideration of security-related issues bearing on the immediate safety of security personnel or inmates at the county or state correctional facilities by county correctional superintendents or the commissioner of the department of corrections, or their designees.

(h) Consideration of applications by the business finance authority under RSA 162-A:7-10 and 162-A:13, where consideration of an application in public session would cause harm to the applicant or would inhibit full discussion of the application.

(i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.

(j) Consideration of confidential, commercial, or financial information that is exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV in an adjudicative proceeding pursuant to RSA 541 or RSA 541-A.

(k) Consideration by a school board of entering into a student or pupil tuition contract authorized by RSA 194 or RSA 195-A, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public or the school district that is considering a contract, including any meeting between the school boards, or committees thereof, involved in the negotiations. A contract negotiated by a school board shall be made public prior to its consideration for approval by a school district, together with minutes of all meetings held in nonpublic session, any proposals or records related to the contract, and any proposal or records involving a school district that did not become a party to the contract, shall be made public. Approval of a contract by a school district shall occur only at a meeting open to the public at which, or after which, the public has had an opportunity to participate.

(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

(m) Consideration of whether to disclose minutes of a nonpublic session due to a change in circumstances under paragraph III. However, any vote on whether to disclose minutes shall take place in public session.

III. Minutes of meetings in nonpublic session shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes of such sessions shall record all actions in such a manner that the vote of each member is ascertained and recorded. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present taken in public session, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself, or render the proposed action ineffective, or pertain to terrorism, more specifically, to matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life. This shall include training to carry out such functions. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. For all meetings held in nonpublic session, where the minutes or decisions were determined to not be subject to full public disclosure, a list of such minutes or decisions shall be kept and this list shall be made available as soon as practicable for public disclosure. This list shall identify the public body and include the date and time of the meeting in nonpublic session, the specific exemption under paragraph II on its face which is relied upon as foundation for the nonpublic session, the date of the decision to withhold the minutes or decisions from public disclosure, and the date of any subsequent decision, if any, to make the minutes or decisions available for public disclosure. Minutes related to a discussion held in nonpublic session under subparagraph II(d) shall be made available to the public as soon as practicable after the transaction has closed or the public body

has decided not to proceed with the transaction.

IV. (a) A public body or agency may adopt procedures to review minutes of meetings held in nonpublic session and to determine by majority vote whether the circumstances that justified keeping meeting minutes from the public under RSA 91-A:3, III no longer apply. If the public body determines that those circumstances no longer apply, the minutes shall be available for release to the public pursuant to this chapter.

(b) In the absence of an adopted procedure to review and determine whether the circumstances no longer apply for meeting minutes kept from the public, the public body or agency shall review and determine by majority vote whether the circumstances that justified keeping meeting minutes from the public under RSA 91-A:3, III no longer apply. This review shall occur no more than 10 years from the last time the public body voted to prevent the minutes from being subject to public disclosure. Meeting minutes that were kept from the public prior to the effective date of this paragraph that are not reviewed by the public body or agency within 10 years of the effective date of this paragraph shall be subject to public disclosure without further action of the public body.

Source. 1967, 251:1. 1969, 482:2. 1971, 327:3. 1977, 540:4. 1983, 184:1. 1986, 83:4. 1991, 217:3. 1992, 34:1, 2. 1993, 46:1; 335:16. 2002, 222:2, 3. 2004, 42:1. 2008, 303:4. 2010, 206:1, eff. June 22, 2010. 2015, 19:1; 49:1; 105:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2016; 270:2, eff. Sept. 1, 2015. 2016, 30:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2017; 280:1, eff. June 21, 2016. 2021, 48:7(I), eff. May 25, 2021; 163:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2022; 172:1, eff. Jan. 1, 2022. 2023, 189:1, eff. Oct. 3, 2023.