

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD
MINUTES TO MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2026

In attendance were Chairman Peter Georgantas, Vice Chairman Mark Lemay, Selectman Jim Craig, Selectman Joshua Douglas, and Selectman Richard Manzo.

Also present were Town Administrator Derek Horne, Assistant Town Administrator Danielle Basora, Fire Chief Benjamin Sellecki, and Information Systems Director Brian Rae.

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Georgantas called the Select Board Regular Meeting to order on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance/Correction of Minutes

01/12/26 Public Minutes

Motion: Motion by Vice Chairman Lemay to accept the January 12, 2026 public minutes with corrections if needed, seconded by Selectman Craig. No corrections were noted.

VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

01/20/26 Public and Non-public Minutes

Motion: Motion by Vice Chairman Lemay to accept the January 20, 2026 public and non-public minutes with corrections if needed, seconded by Selectman Craig. No corrections were noted. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

Chairman Georgantas reminded residents interested in running for elected town or school district positions that the candidacy filing period is currently open. Filings are received at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM). Any candidacy filings delivered after regular business hours will be receipt-dated as the next regular business day. Candidates filing on the last day (Friday, January 30, 2026) must appear in person per RSA 66:13. The Town Clerk's office will remain open from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM on the last filing date to accept declarations of candidacy. More information is available on the town's website.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Fire Chief

Hazard Mitigation Program Grant – High School Generator

Fire Chief Selleck presented information about assisting the high school in obtaining a generator through a hazard mitigation grant. He explained that the town currently uses the middle school as the evacuation location, but it's not ideal due to accessibility issues. The

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high school would be more suitable but lacks a generator. Since schools cannot directly apply for emergency management grants, the town must apply on their behalf.

Chief Selleck noted the project would cost over half a million dollars, primarily due to the high school's outdated electrical infrastructure requiring extensive upgrades. The grant would be a 75/25 match, with the school covering the 25% match portion. There would be no cost to the town's operating budget.

The board deliberated on various facets of the project, noting: The generator is planned to primarily supply power to the first floor, which includes the gymnasium, cafeteria, and 100 wing. The generator will operate using diesel and will have appropriate containment provisions. Responsibility for the generator's maintenance will rest with the school. The extensive upgrades to the electrical infrastructure will offer benefits additional to emergency power needs.

Motion: Motion by Selectman Craig to give permission to the Fire Chief to submit the HMGP generator project grant application on behalf of GHS/SAU 19, seconded by Selectman Douglas. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Fire Master Box System

Chief Selleck requested direction regarding the town's master box fire alarm system, which dates back to 1908 with the last documented infrastructure replacement in the 1940s. Maintenance of the system was discontinued in 2011, and it has become increasingly unreliable with frequent outages. The town currently operates three circuits: Village District, Pinardville District, and Grasmere District.

Chief Selleck explained that the Grasmere circuit (Circuit 3) has been particularly problematic, with outages totaling 36 days in 2025. Most outages were due to rain events or commercial vehicles catching low-hanging wires. The repair company is based in Massachusetts, cannot provide same-day or weekend response, and charges for travel time. The department's maintenance budget for the system was exceeded in 2025.

The Chief proposed removing Circuit 3 as soon as possible, followed by Circuits 1 and 2 next year. This phased approach would allow stakeholders, particularly the schools, to make alternative arrangements. He noted that the town currently pays nothing for monitoring but does incur maintenance costs of approximately \$15,000 annually.

The Board reviewed the financial impact, observing the following points: The expense for removing Circuit 3 is estimated at \$7,800; The annual cost for private monitoring of town facilities is approximately \$360 per building; Grasmere Town Hall, the public works compactor, and Mountain View Middle School are the town-owned buildings on Circuit 3; Chief Selleck has communicated the prospective alteration with both the school and the Department of Public Works.

Motion: Motion by Selectman Douglas to approve the Fire Chief to approach and remove Circuit 3 so long as Mountain View Middle School and the SAU collectively are prepared and have budget for it this year, and to come back with additional costs for Circuits 1 and 2 to discuss, seconded by Vice Chairman Lemay. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

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Town Administrator's Report

DPW – Household Hazardous Waste & Used Oil Grant

Town Administrator Horne presented a request from the Department of Public Works to apply for the annual household hazardous waste and used oil grant through the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The town budgets for this revenue source of approximately \$4,800 annually.

Motion: Motion by Selectman Craig to apply for and accept household hazardous waste and used oil collection grant funds and to enter into grant contracts with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and to further authorize the DPW Director to execute any documents which may be necessary for these grant applications and contracts, seconded by Vice Chairman Lemay. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Dept – Department of Justice Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification

Town Administrator Horne explained that the Goffstown Police Department participates in law enforcement efforts with federal partners and receives a share of federal forfeiture proceeds. The department needs to track when money is spent and received, requiring annual approval of the equitable sharing agreement.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chairman Lemay to approve the annual equitable sharing agreement between the Goffstown Police Department and the Department of Justice and to authorize the chair to sign the agreement, seconded by Selectman Craig. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Changes to Parks & Recreation Fees

Town Administrator Horne presented proposed changes to Parks and Recreation fees, which were recently approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission. He requested these fee changes be added to the public hearing scheduled for February 9th, which will also address ambulance fees. He noted that other departments will bring forward their fee updates in February.

The Board requested information on how the proposed fees compare to other towns, which Administrator Horne said would be provided before the public hearing.

Motion: Motion by Selectman Douglas to take the proposed Parks and Recreation fees to public hearing on February 9th, seconded by Selectman Craig. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Select Board Discussion

Action Matrix

Town Administrator Horne presented the action matrix, which did not include the F550 vehicle that had an incident the previous day. The Board discussed that three DPW vehicles

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are currently out of service, including two plow trucks. Selectman Douglas expressed concern that even if the recently damaged plow truck is repaired, its replacement would not arrive until next season, leaving the town with reduced plowing capacity for the entire winter. The Board requested that Administrator Horne ask the DPW Director about potential options for leasing, renting, or contracting out plowing services if needed.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3, II, (a) employee compensation and (e) legal matters.

Motion: Motion by Vice Chairman Lemay to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for employee compensation and (e) for legal matters, seconded by Selectman Douglas. ROLL CALL VOTE: Vice Chairman Lemay-aye; Chairman Georgantas-aye; Selectman Craig-aye; Selectman Douglas-aye; and Selectman Manzo-aye. 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

6:43 p.m. Motion: Vice Chairman Lemay moved to exit non-public session. Selectman Douglas seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Vice Chairman Lemay moved to seal the minutes of non-public session. Selectman Douglas seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Vice Chairman Lemay-aye; Chairman Georgantas-aye; Selectman Craig-aye; Selectman Douglas-aye; and Selectman Manzo-aye. VOTE: 5-0-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

6:44 p.m. p.m. Motion: Selectman Manzo made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Douglas seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Derek M Horne, Town Administrator (prepared with assistance of AI, ClerkMinutes.com)

These minutes are subject to approval by the Select Board.