



2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Goffstown, New Hampshire



100th Anniversary
Goffstown Public Library

DEDICATION

Larry & Elaine Emerton



Larry and Elaine Emerton moved to Goffstown in 1961 and started serving their community from the start. Elaine worked as a Registered Nurse at the former Moore General Hospital, Hillsborough County Nursing Home and Camp Carpenter for five summers. Elaine began working for the Town of Goffstown in 1965 as a part-time clerk in the Town Clerk's Office. She recalls a time when everyone registered their motor vehicles once a year in March. She was elected Town Clerk for two terms in 1981 and 1984. Elaine has served as a Library Trustee and as School District Clerk. Currently, she serves as a member of the Goffstown Historic District Commission. She is a dedicated member of the Lions Club who provides transportation to PrimeTime for those unable to drive.

Larry Emerton has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication and enthusiasm for public service on the municipal level through his tenure on the Industrial Council, the Industrial Corporation, Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board, Town Government Review Committee, Charter Commission, and Planning Board. He has embraced other levels of public service as School District Moderator from 1986 to 2006 and on the state level as a Representative to the General Court from 1989 to 1992 and then again from 1994 to the present. Larry also served the greater community through his service with the Berlin and Goffstown Lions Clubs from 1959 to the present, distinguishing himself by becoming a Lions Club International Director (one of 31 in the world) from 1984 to 1986. He has also served as President of Junior Baseball and as a volunteer for Boy Scout Troop 99. The Board of Selectmen was so grateful for his 50 years of public and community service that they proclaimed June 2, 2009 as "Larry Emerton Day" in the Town of Goffstown.

It is with great honor that the Board of Selectmen dedicates the 2009 Annual Report to Elaine and Larry Emerton for all their years of service to the Goffstown community.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Fred Plett

In June 1974 Fred Plett selected the Town of Goffstown to live and to raise his family, and the Town has benefited from that decision. Fred's educational background and his expertise are great assets to all committees he has served on. He began volunteering in municipal government in 1984 when he was elected to the Planning Board where he served for 8 years, Chairman for 2 years. As the Assistant Town Moderator, he has assisted with elections and competently stepped up as the Town Moderator for Town Meeting when needed. He has served on the town's Solid Waste Commission for 6 years, 3 years as Chairman. In an effort to increase recycling in town he initiated and pursued the "Caught Doing it Right" campaign where he highlighted the recycling efforts of residents in the local weekly newspaper. He successfully advocated the town's efforts for curbside single stream recycling which became a reality in 2004. His economics and forecasting experience were best utilized when he served on the Budget Committee for 4 years and on the Capital Improvements Program for 11 years, Chairman for 2 years. He also was elected to the Town's Charter Commission in 2004 and served as Vice Chairman.

Fred was always willing to serve his town as evidenced by his work on several ad hoc committees such as Zoning Ordinance Re-write Committee, 24/7 Fire/EMS Committee, and Chairman of the ADA Committee.

In addition to serving municipal government, Fred has also been very active serving his church as a lectern, and in a variety of civic organizations such as the Goffstown Lions Club.

Fred's volunteerism has always been approached with a high degree of professionalism and objectivity. He is known for his sense of humor which includes the frequent use of puns often referred to as "Plett-ISMS". The Board of Selectmen is proud to honor Fred as our first "Volunteer of the Year".

IN MEMORIAM



Donna Bergeron

January 20, 1947 – January 20, 2009

Some of you met Donna when she served the town as Secretary to the Fire Wardens. Many of you met her when she was hired in 1993 as the full-time Executive Secretary for the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. But most of you met Donna when she served as Goffstown's Town Clerk from 1999 to 2008. We all have different memories of Donna, my memories are fond. She was always willing to take on any job that needed to be done. She would volunteer to take pictures for the Annual Reports, on her own time, using her own 35 mm camera. She would travel the town in search of photo opportunities. She also loved to cook and was known to bake cookies for Selectmen meetings. Her friends remember her always being there for them and her generosity in lending the use of her truck.

Donna belonged to the Goffstown Historical Society and was very interested in the history of Goffstown. She would frequent yard sales in search of Goffstown historic memorabilia, and then bring her "finds" to Town Hall to share with us. It was natural for her to help new visitors at Town Hall in their search for information. She loved this Town and its people. They were her family. Farewell Donna, we will always remember you!

Sue Desruisseaux

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TOWN INFORMATION

In 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4 but the settlement of the town did not begin in earnest until the 1740s. 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 1760s, 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 town.

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, and Town Clerk. Town Hall office hours are 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 each year. A dog must be licensed at 4 months of age. A rabies certificate is required. Fees are \$6.50 for neutered pets, \$9.00 unaltered. A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registrations, initiated at the Town Clerk's 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. The tax rate for 2009 was \$21.67 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, a decrease of \$1.02 per thousand from 2008.

Zoning: The Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Goffstown was originally adopted and made effective on March 14, 1961. The Ordinance regulates land use in town and zoning amendments are adopted at the Annual Town Meeting.

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 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, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm 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 9 member School Board governs the Goffstown School District; the Annual School District Meeting determines its budget. At the 1996 Annual Meeting voters 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 St. in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. The public schools within Goffstown School District consists of three (3) elementary schools – Glen Lake School at 251 Elm St. (pre-school and kindergarten), Maple Avenue Elementary School in the Village and Bartlett Elementary School in Pinardville (grades 1-4); Mountain View Middle School, located at 41 Lauren Lane, (grades 5-8), and Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Rd. (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, Thursdays 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 6:30 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Highway Safety Committee As needed

Historic District Commission

First Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Grasmere Town Hall.

Library Trustees

Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Goffstown 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 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Dept. of Public Works Building.

Trustees of the Trust Fund

Third Tuesday of even numbered months at 5:30 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

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 (2009-2010 Roster)

Russell C. Day

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.

John A. Hikel

Kevin D. Hodges

Randolph (Rip) Holden

Gary Hopper

Neal M. Kurk

Calvin D. Pratt

Board of Selectmen

Scott Gross, *Chair* 2010

Philip D'Avanza, *Vice Chair* 2011

Vivian Blondeau 2010

Nicholas Campasano 2012

Steve Fournier 2012

Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 2010

Town Clerk

Cathy Ball 2011

Town Treasurer

Janice O'Connell

Administrative Officers

Sue Desruisseaux, MPA

Town Administrator, Deputy Treas.

Patrick J. Sullivan, *Police Chief,*

Emergency Management Dir.

Richard O'Brien, *Fire Chief,*

Forest Fire Warden, Deputy

Emergency Management

Carl L. Quiram, *Public Works Dir.*

David L. French, *Recreation Director*

Dianne Hathaway, *Library Director*

Janice O'Connell, MBA, *Asst. Town*

Administrator/Finance Director

Gail Lavallee, *Tax Collector*

Renee Millson, *Dep. Tax Collector*

Karen LeClerc, *Dep. Town Clerk*

Scott Bartlett, *Assessor*

Marc Tessier, *Building Inspector,*

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.* 2010

Richard Hopf 2010

Jean Mayberry 2010

Wayne Richardson 2010

Theresa Walton 2010

Virginia McKinnon 2010

School Board Rep.

Henry Boyle, *Alt. School Bd. Rep.*

Budget Committee

Daniel Cloutier, *Chair* 2012

Ivan Beliveau 2010

Enid MacKenzie 2010

Dorine Olson 2010

David Pierce 2010

Roger Richard	2010
Christi Garrison	2011
William Hart	2011
John Hikel	2011
Cathie Simard	2011
Guy Caron	2012
Roxann Hunt	2012

Steve Fournier, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Keith Allard, <i>School Bd. Rep.</i>	
Richard Fletcher, <i>Goffstown Village Water Precinct Rep.</i>	
Bill Gordon, <i>Grasmere Village Water Precinct Rep.</i>	

Building Board of Appeals

Arthur Rose, Sr., <i>Chair</i>	2011
Norman Chauvette	2011
Darron Pierson	2010
Wayne Richardson	2009
David White	2009
Paul Lebrun, <i>Alt.</i>	2011

Cable TV Access Committee

Ryan Casey	
Barbara Doody	
Donald Gagnon	
Carole Klement Huxel	
James Pingree	
Michael Przekaza	
William Wynne	
Patrick Tucker, <i>Alt.</i>	
Neil Funcke, <i>Gov't. Advisor</i>	
Jeff Tate, <i>School Advisor</i>	
Richard Gagnon, <i>PEG Coordinator</i>	
<i>2 vacant alt. positions</i>	

Cemetery Trustees

Joan Konieczny	2012
Linda Reynolds-Naughton	2011
Jean Walker	2010

C.I.P. Committee

Tim Redmond, <i>Chair, Planning Board Rep.</i>	2010
Earl S. Carrel, <i>Comm. Rep.</i>	2010
Bill Gordon, <i>Comm. Rep.</i>	2010

Matthew Monahan, <i>Comm. Rep.</i>	2010
Fred Plett, <i>Comm. Rep.</i>	2010
Nick Campasano, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	2010
Roger Richard, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	2010
Suzanne Tremblay, <i>School Rep.</i>	2010
Henry Boyle, <i>Alt. School Rep.</i>	2010
Stephen Griffin, <i>Planning Adv.</i>	2010
Janice O'Connell, <i>Finance Adv.</i>	2010

Conservation Commission

Kimberly Peace, <i>Chair</i>	2011
Evelyn Miller, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2011
Kimberly Ricard, <i>Treasurer</i>	2012
Karen McRae	2012
David Nieman	2010
Susan Tucker	2012
Jean Walker	2010
Collis Adams, <i>Alt.</i>	2011
Amy Pollock, <i>Alt.</i>	2012
Kelly Von Ruden, <i>Alt.</i>	2012
Steve Fournier, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Patty Gale, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	
<i>2 Vacant Alt. Positions</i>	

Economic Development Council

Daniel Reidy, <i>Chair</i>	2011
Albert Desruisseaux, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2011
Richard Bruno	2012
John Hikel	2010
Stephen Langley	2012
John E. Neville	2010
Bryan King, <i>Alt.</i>	2012
Matthew Monahan, <i>Alt.</i>	2011
Scott Gross, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Stephen Griffin, <i>TA's Rep.</i>	
Alan Yeaton, <i>Planning Bd. Rep.</i>	

Goffstown Common Oversight Committee

David French, <i>P&R Dir., Chair</i>	
Larry Brown, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	
Carl Quiram, <i>Public Works Dir.</i>	
Mark Rynearson, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	
Scott Gross, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Allen D. Gamans, Jr. <i>Chair</i>	2010
Henry C. Boyle, <i>Treasurer</i>	2013
Richard Coughlin	2012
Richard Fletcher	2014
Raymond Taber	2011
Linda Reynolds-Naughton, <i>Clerk</i>	

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Christine H. Daniels, <i>Chair</i>	2012
Raymond St. Pierre	2010
William Swanson	2011
Diane Rand, <i>Clerk</i>	2010
Bruce Rand, <i>Treasurer</i>	2010
Bill Gordon, <i>Alt.</i>	2011

Highway Safety Committee

Patrick J. Sullivan, <i>Police Chief, Chair</i>	
Ruth E. Gage, <i>Community Rep.</i>	
Stephen Griffin, <i>Planning & Economic Dev. Coordinator</i>	
Carl Quiram, <i>Public Works Dir.</i>	

Historic District Commission

Elizabeth Dubrulle, <i>Chair</i>	2012
Mildred A. Wheeler-Pratt	2010
Lionel Coulon, <i>Corr. Sec.</i>	2012
Elaine Emerton	2010
Mary Sullivan, <i>Rec. Sec.</i>	2011
Ruth Gage	2012
Alice Rohr, <i>Alt.</i>	2010
Rodney Stark, <i>Alt.</i>	2011
Mark Collins, <i>Alt.</i>	2012
Philip D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Derek Horne, <i>Staff Liaison</i>	
2 Vacant <i>Alt. Positions</i>	

Library Trustees

Lisa Iodice, <i>Chair</i>	2010
Richard Chamberlin, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2012
Ruth Anne Biron	2010
Jennifer Foley	2011
Sara Santoro	2012
Michael Lawler	2012
Susan Plante	2011

Sally Booth, <i>Alt.</i>	2010
Teresa Marts, <i>Alt.</i>	2010
Scott Gross, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Roxanne Hunt, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	
1 Vacant <i>Alt. Position</i>	

Municipal Records Retention Committee

Cathy Ball, <i>Town Clerk</i>	2010
Scott Bartlett, <i>Assessor</i>	2010
Gail Lavallee, <i>Tax Collector</i>	2010
Janice O'Connell, <i>Treasurer</i>	2010

Parks & Recreation Commission

Robert P. Draper, <i>Chair</i>	2010
Mark Campbell	2011
Janet MacDougall	2010
D. Michael McKinnon	2012
William Sullivan	2011
Susan Tucker	2012
J. Claude LaRoche, <i>Alt.</i> ,	2010
Nick Campasano, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
William Hart, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	
1 Vacant <i>Position</i>	

Piscataquog Rivershed Local Advisory Committee (Goffstown Representatives)

John M. Turcotte	2010
Andrew Cadorette	2011

Planning Board

Lowell VonRuden, <i>Chair</i>	2011
Collis Adams	2012
Barbara Griffin	2010
James Raymond	2011
Timothy Redmond	2010
Alan Yeaton	2012
Steven Dutton, <i>Alt.</i>	2012
Philip D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
4 Vacant <i>Alt Positions</i>	

Sewer Commission

James Bouchard, <i>Chair</i>	2012
Stephen Crean	2011
Catherine Whooten	2010
Vivian Blondeau, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

Solid Waste Commission

David W. Packard, <i>Chair</i>	2012
Frederick Plett, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2012
John A. Burt	2012
Russell Day	2012
Tammy Gross	2010
Andre Roy	2010
Donald Tuttle	2011
Vivian Blondeau, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Carl Quiram, <i>Adv.</i>	
3 Vacant Positions	

So. NH Planning Commission

Henry C. Boyle	2010
JoAnn Duffy	2012
Barbara Griffin	2011
Anthony Marts, <i>Alt.</i>	2012

Supervisors of the Checklist

Suzanne Tremblay, <i>Chair</i>	2010
Denise Lemay	2014
Christine Daniels	2012

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Kenneth Rose, <i>Chair</i>	2010
Earl S. Carrel	2011
Scott Huddy	2012

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Jo Ann Duffy, <i>Chair</i>	2012
Kevin Reigstad, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2011
Gail Labrecque	2010
Leonard Stuart	2010
Catherine Whooten	2011
Edward J. Luppi, <i>Alt.</i>	2012
4 Vacant Alt. Positions	

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

**ADA Advisory Committee
(6/1/2009-9/28/2009)**

John Burt
Richard Hopf
Wayne Perreault (resigned 9/23/2009)
Fred Plett
Theresa Walton

Village Planning Committee

Cynthia Boisvert
John Denoncourt
Michael Lawler
Catherine Przekaza
Keith Allard, <i>School Board Rep.</i>
Vivian Blondeau, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>
Robbie Grady, <i>Goffstown Main St. Program Rep.</i>
Steve Griffin, <i>Planning & Eco. Dev. Coordinator</i>
Richard O'Brien, <i>Fire Chief</i>
Carl Quiram, <i>DPW Director</i>
Dan Reidy, <i>EDC Rep.</i>
Patrick Sullivan, <i>Police Chief</i>
<i>Planning Board Representatives:</i>
James Raymond
Lowell von Ruden

School Board

Keith Allard, <i>Chairman</i>	2012
Philip Pancoast, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2011
Henry Boyle	2011
Lorry Cloutier	2010
Phillip Kendall	2010
Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon	2012
Kent Nolan	2012
Suzanne Tremblay	2011
Jeffrey Tate	2010
Kyle Carreau, <i>Student Rep.</i>	2010

School District Clerk

Jo Ann Duffy	2012
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School District Moderator

James Raymond	2012
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School District Treasurer

Lissa Winrow	2012
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School District Administration

S.A.U. #19

Stacy Buckley
<i>Superintendent of Schools</i>

Brian Balke, *Asst. Superintendent*
Mary Claire Barry, *Asst. Superintendent*
Raymond Labore, *Business Mgr.*

Bartlett Elementary School
David Bousquet, *Principal*

Glen Lake School
Leslie Doster, *Principal*

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

Maple Ave. Elementary School
Suzanne Pyszka, *Principal*
Jessica Milligan, *Asst. Principal*

Mountain View Middle School
Jim Hunt, *Principal*
Jennifer Gillis, *Asst. Principal*
Travis Garrett, *Asst. Principal*

SELECTMEN ANNUAL REPORT

We look back at 2009 as a challenging year for our national, state and local economy. As a town we continue to responsibly manage our budget by carefully balancing the costs of providing the services our community expects. In late 2009 the Town of Goffstown was able to set an overall town tax rate which was \$1.02 lower than the previous year. However, this decrease was primarily due to the increase revenues realized on the school side. In addition, the Board of Selectman increased our unreserved fund balance to approximately \$4,000,000 by year end which will allow us to maintain an excellent credit rating and address potential revenue shortfalls in the future.

In 2009, Goffstown and many other communities across New Hampshire saw a decrease in the level of funding from the State of New Hampshire in terms of shared revenues. Additionally, we also experienced an increase in our share towards the State Retirement Fund. These shifts in cost from the state to the local level, coupled with substantial increases to our town employee health insurance premiums made for a difficult budget process.

On a positive note, 2009 was also a year of grant opportunities and Goffstown was very fortunate to capitalize on securing millions of dollars of infrastructure improvements funds. Due to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and votes at a Special Town Meeting in May 2009, the Town of Goffstown was able to receive 50% funding for some “shovel ready” projects. One major project undertaken by Manchester Water Works on behalf of Goffstown residents is the building of a municipal water system in Lynchville and Danis Parks which was estimated at \$2.5 million. The project is scheduled for completion in 2010. The property owners will pay the remaining 50% cost either by making a one-time payment of their fair share or a betterment assessment which will be billed twice a year with their property tax bill until the note is paid in full.

Another major project is the much needed \$2.5 million Sewer Upgrade Project on Mast Road in the Pinardville area of town.

Finally, the South Mast Green Drainage project between Wallace Road and Pineridge received ARRA funding and the project is underway. The low bidder was about \$114,514 above the estimated cost. However, we recognized the need to address drainage in this part of town following the 2006 and 2007 floods. Therefore, we went forward with awarding this project and planned to take the additional money from the road plan. We have been notified by DES that a second round ARRA money will be available in 2010. If we have authorization from Town Meeting, then we could receive 50% reimbursement for this portion of the project. Therefore, you will see this as Article 10 on the 2010 Ballot.

Although we had applied for the ARRA COPS grant which would have paid 100% wages and benefits for three years for two new police officers, at this time we have not received any notice of award.

This year we were fortunate to receive grants and donations which allowed for some improvements to the town's website. We would like to thank the Goffstown Industrial Corporation for their donation which allowed us to place Vision Appraisal online. This feature allows you to see property valuations and details on Goffstown properties. The town's Geographical Information System (GIS) should also be available online in the very near future. Finally, we have received a CTAP grant to promote economic development on the town website and a website update is in progress.

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 on 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.

I'd like thank the residents of Goffstown for their continued support.

The project to connect Lynchville-Danis Park with Manchester Water Works had been in the works for years. Thanks to the bond issued by the Town combined with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funding, the project has been completed. This will provide Manchester city water to the residents of this area and is an example of our taxpayer dollars at work.

We recognize that these are very difficult times and as always, depend on one another for support. With the difficulties also come opportunities and we must make every effort to take advantage of these opportunities as they appear. A note of very good news - dropout rates across the state have decreased with more students achieving a high school diploma. We know the value of education and appreciate the support of our community for the public school system.

Congratulations to our former Director of Recreation, Mr. French, on his retirement after 30 years of service to the community. He leaves behind a record of success and we wish him well in his retirement.

If you'd like to discuss a particular piece of legislation, or if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me. You can write to me at the State House, email me at dalas@leg.state.nh.us, or call my office at 271-2117.

Respectfully submitted,
Senator Lou D'Allesandro

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN NH

2010 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 Wednesday February 3, 2010 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown High School 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 9, 2010. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 4, 2010.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 9, 2010 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 9, 2010 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 2

Shall the Town adopt amendment #1, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 5.9 Mixed Use Development, by adding the following at the end of Section 5.9.1: This maximum percent limitation of residential use in mixed-use buildings or projects may be waived by Conditional Use Permit, with a finding that the proposed plan is reasonable given physical constraints of development sites and/or access limitations.

Planning Board voted 4-2-1 to recommend.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt amendment #2, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 15.3.1 Variances, to read as follows: The ZBA may grant a variance only after it specifically finds that the variance criteria of RSA 674:33,I(b), as amended, are met.

Planning Board voted 6-0-1 to recommend.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt amendment #3, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the zoning map to change to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) zoning from Industrial (I) zoning, on property abutting route 114 at the Goffstown-Bedford town line, identified as Map 3, lots 47-1, 47-2, 47-3, 47-4, 47-5, 47-6, 47-7, 47-8, 47-9 and 47-10.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt amendment #4, as proposed by petition, to amend Section 5.5 to read as follows: 5.5 Agricultural and Horticultural Operations – Farm buildings, farm animals, animal confinement areas, and areas used for maintenance and storage of animal waste shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any lot line.

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt amendment #5, as proposed by petition, to amend Section 5.6 to read as follows: 5.6 Commercial Kennel – Commercial kennels are permitted provided that they are located on lots of not less than two (2) acres, and that buildings or structures used for housing animals, animal runs, animal confinement areas, and areas used for maintenance and storage of animal waste shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any lot line.

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to not recommend.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt amendment #6, as proposed by petition, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, removing a portion of the area designated as a Historic District overlay zone so that the Parker Station District as identified in Section 13.4.3 would read: The Parker Station District includes seven (7) properties identified as Map 7 lots 40, 41, 61-1, 61-6, 62, 63 and a portion of 64, said portion bounded by Mast Road to its south, lot 63 to its west, lot 65 to its east, and to its north, the R-1/A zoning district boundary line, which is located 350 feet from the centerline of North Mast Street. This property’s address is 216 North Mast Street.

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt amendment #7, as proposed by petition, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of property identified as tax map 16, lot 21-2, from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial (C). This property’s address is 75 Daniel Plummer Road.

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 6-1-0 to not recommend.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred forty eight thousand dollars (\$948,000) for the purpose of purchasing three vehicles to replace a 1994 Fire Engine, a 1999 ten wheel dump truck, and a 2000 Solid Waste automated collection vehicle, and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred forty eight thousand dollars (\$948,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to vote to raise and appropriate up to \$219,965 for the first annual payment in 2010 and fund it with \$100,000 from the

Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) and up to \$119,965 from taxation. Assuming a five year note at 5% interest the estimated payment schedule would be as follows:

YEAR	PAYMENT FIRE CRF	FUNDING	
		TAXATION	
2010	\$219,965	\$100,000	\$119,965
2011	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2012	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2013	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2014	\$219,965	0	\$219,965

(3/5 ballot vote is required to pass). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-5-0.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fourteen thousand five hundred fourteen dollars (\$114,514) for the purpose of completing the original scope of the "green" drainage along South Mast Road between Pineridge Street and Wallace Road and to authorize the issuance of a note with the State Revolving Loan Fund for not more than one hundred fourteen thousand five hundred fourteen dollars (\$114,514) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 50% of the principal will be forgiven by the State of NH utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds, with the balance to be raised by taxation.

This drainage project was approved at the May 2009 Special Town Meeting in the amount of \$700,000. However, the bid came in \$114,514 higher. This article will provide the \$114,514 appropriation contingent on 50% reimbursement (\$57,257) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act thus saving the town \$57,257. (3/5 majority is required to pass).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0.

ARTICLE 11

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 Nineteen Million Two Hundred Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$19,208,477).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million Four Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$7,457,221).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Seven Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-one Dollars (\$1,729,721) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations requested in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven Dollars (\$419,837) 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 Nineteen Million Two Hundred Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$19,208,477)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$19,925,974), 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.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-2-1.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$360,000) for the purpose of purchasing about 25.46 acres of Map 5 Lot 39 (a portion of the Barnard property on Center Street) which abuts the town’s Public Works facility. This parcel will help meet the town’s long term need for sand and gravel. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0.

ARTICLE 13

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 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-2-0.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) for the purpose of supporting Namaske Lake Association’s effort to manage milfoil in Namaske Lake also known as the lower portion of the Piscataquog River. The Namaske Lake Association estimates the cost of the milfoil management project at \$47,000 which they plan to fund as follows: \$14,000 from the State of NH; \$5,000 donation from Enel North America (operator of the Kelly Falls Dam); \$5,000 from local residents and

Namaske Lake Association members; and \$23,000 from the Town of Goffstown. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to allocate a portion of the land use change tax to the administration of the Current Use program, by changing the previously approved allocation of 100% to 75% 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, IV, said funds to be used for conservation land and easement acquisition and costs associated therewith.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize snowmobiles shared use on the Goffstown Rail Trail for approximately ½ mile of its 5 1/2 mile length, from the power line right-of-way where the NH Snowmobile Trail Corridor #11 crosses the Rail Trail at Glen Lake, approximately opposite St. Claudine Villa Academy, to the gas station at Tatro Drive.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the town. Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect. (RSA 41:11-A III).

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to amend the town's Noise Ordinance as follows:

Under EXCEPTIONS, add "*or ice*" before "removal operations" and delete "*provided such operations are conducted within seventy two (72) hours of cessation of a snowstorm with an accumulation of at least three inches (3") of snow as recorded by the U.S. Weather Service.*" At the end of this section add "*These provisions shall not apply to the Department of Public Works while engaged in the regular collection of refuse or recycling.*"

Under PENALTIES, replace this current language "*Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable for a penalty of not more than one hundred \$100.00 dollars for the first offense, and up to the maximum penalty allowed by law for each subsequent offense.*" with this proposed language "*Unless otherwise stated,*

any person or unnatural person within the meaning of the Criminal Code, who violates an ordinance shall be guilty of a violation. Pursuant to RSA 502-A:11-a, the District Court shall have jurisdiction of the prosecution of any violation of the Town of Goffstown Ordinances. All fines collected shall be for the use of the Town. The Town may enforce to the maximum penalty allowed by law. The enforcement authority may issue a summons and complaint along with a notice of fine pursuant to the procedures for pleas by mail set out in RSA 502-A:19-b.”

Under VALIDITY, replace this current language “VALIDITY: If any section or part of a section, or paragraph of this Article is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this Article.” with

- VI. **WAIVERS:** The Board of Selectmen retain the authority to waive any or all provisions of this ordinance for emergencies at a duly noted meeting.
- VII. **SEVERABILITY STATEMENT:** If the provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is judged to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, or impair the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.
- VIII. **EXCLUSIONS:** These requirements shall not apply where such matters are otherwise governed by State Law.

(The full text of the ordinance is available in the Town Clerk’s Office or on the town’s website.)

***Presented at public hearings by the Board of Selectmen.
Petition for a vote at Town Meeting.***

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) for the purposes of acquisition of a land conservation easement and costs associated therewith to support the permanent conservation protection of 450± acres on Tax Map 2 Lot 59 (the Roberts Farm on Addison Road), to help stabilize the tax base, preserve the rural character of the Town and provide for passive recreation. These funds will expire at the end of 2012 if not used to protect this property.

Submitted by Petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-3-1.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) to purchase approximately 106.15 acres of property adjacent to the Goffstown High School, identified as Tax Map 5 Lots 61-1 and 95-1, with a conceptual design of 10 playing fields and 225 car parking spaces. This is a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3 VI (a), as a petitioned article, and as Special Warrant Article pursuant to RSA 32:3 VI (d), as a non-lapsing, non-transferable appropriation for a period of five years, pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI.

Submitted by petition.
Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.
Not recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1-0.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President.

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage".

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to put in place an ordinance to allow the use of snowmobiles on the Goffstown Rail Trail in accordance with the Trail Enhancement Grant received by the Town of Goffstown by the Federal Government and in accordance with state trail management guidelines starting at the intersection of Danis Park Rd. to the end of the trail at the center of town.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 24

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

ARTICLE 25

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this 21st day of January 2010.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Scott Gross, Chairman

Vivian Blondeau

Philip A. D'Avanza, Vice Chairman

Nicholas Campasano

Steve Fournier

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

Cathleen Ball, Town Clerk

TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4, 2009

Fred Plett stood in as moderator in the absence of Town Moderator Rodney Stark. His assistant moderator was Lionel Coulon.

There were 111 registered voters present, out of approximately 13,000 registered voters in the town.

Four ballot counters were sworn in – Hank Boyle, Eleanor Porritt, Barbara French and Mark Lemay.

Mr. Plett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The color guard, consisting of Police Explorers Sandro Dakalovic and Sarah Blanchette, under the direction of Police Sgt. Pierre Pouliot, presented the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Moderator Plett.

Moderator Plett introduced the head tables: To his left, Selectmen Nick Campasano, Scott Gross, Vivian Blondeau, John Caprio and Phil D’Avanza, Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux and Finance Director Janice O’Connell; to his right, assistant moderator Lionel Coulon. He also pointed out that Town Clerk Cathy Ball and Town Scribe Marie Boyle were seated in the audience.

The moderator also pointed out that state representatives John Hikel and Kevin Hodges were in the audience. He mentioned that State Senator Lou D’Allesandro couldn’t make it this evening, as he had a prior commitment.

Moderator Plett asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Town Clerk Donna Bergeron who passed away in December.

He recognized Selectman Campasano who asked that residents Hank and Marie Boyle come up front. Selectman Campasano congratulated the Boyles on their 53rd wedding anniversary and presented them with a bouquet of flowers.

Selectman Campasano also recognized a town resident who has been very active in town affairs. He expressed appreciation to Karen McRae who has been a state representative for 22 years, and has served on many committees, both in Concord and in the town. He presented Ms. McRae with a bouquet of flowers and a framed picture of Town Hall.

Moderator Plett then introduced Parks and Recreation Director David French.

Mr. French called Parks and Rec. Commission chairman Bob Draper and Lionel Cullerot up to the front for the presentation of the Robinson-Cullerot Volunteer Award.

Mr. French said that tonight is the 20th annual presentation of this award, which is named for Clint Robinson and Lionel Cullerot, and honors their combined 44 years of service to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Tonight’s recipient has been a parks and recreation basketball coach, has worked with Goffstown Jr. Baseball, with Tri-County Soccer, etc. In the past, he has played in the parks and recreation basketball league. This year’s winner of the Robinson-Cullerot Volunteer Award is John Riehl.

Mr. Riehl thanked the P & R Commission for the award; thanked his wife for her patience and understanding over the years; and thanked his sons Matt and Tim.

Moderator Plett noted the cards that registered voters received when they came into the hall this evening. These are to be used if there's a division of the house (standing) vote, as evidence that they are indeed registered voters. He pointed out the designated seating area where non-residents are seated.

He explained that since 1996, Goffstown has been operating under what's commonly called Senate Bill 2 (RSAs 40:12 and 40:13). He said we won't be passing or defeating anything tonight – just deciding what will appear on the ballot that we'll be voting on, on March 10, when the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Bartlett School and here at Goffstown High School.

He then laid out the ground rules for the conduct of the meeting. He asked that everyone who wishes to speak use the microphone and identify themselves. He also asked that if someone makes a point, someone else does not repeat the same point.

A request for a secret ballot must be made in writing on one of the forms up front. It must be signed by at least five voters who must be here and who must be registered on the checklist. After a voice vote is made and there's a division of the house, it's seven voters, not five.

After an article or amendment is discussed, anyone can cut off discussion by moving the previous question. A simple majority can pass that motion.

A motion to reconsider can only be made by someone on the winning side of the argument.

Moderators can establish rules of procedure – Roberts Rules of Order are not the final rule, but they can be used as a guide.

On Articles 11, 13 and 14, Moderator Plett said he served on the CIP committee. He will moderate through those articles, but will not discuss anything about them. If he does, assistant moderator, Lionel Coulon will moderate the meeting during that time.

Tonight we'll be discussing articles 10 through 15. If an amendment is passed, the article will be appearing on the ballot "as amended." If not, it will appear on the ballot as printed.

All questions and amendments must be directed to the moderator.

I have a request from the selectmen to take up Article 11 prior to Article 10, and I'm going to honor that request.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**(\$500,000)**) to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund which was established by vote of last year's Town Meeting. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10.)

Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 9-5-1 to recommend.

Selectman Scott Gross moved to place Article 11 on the ballot. Motion was seconded by Selectman Phillip D'Avanza.

Then Selectman Gross moved to amend Article 11 to read: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ZERO dollars to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, which was established by vote of last year's town meeting. Motion was seconded by Selectman Vivian Blondeau.

Sel. Gross said, last year voters placed \$420,000 in the capital reserve funds to replace fire equipment.

One piece was an aerial truck at 1 to 1.2 million dollars for purchase in 2010. Another was for 2011; \$500,000 for a diesel pumper, and then there is another \$500,000 for another pumper in 2012.

So why is the board decreasing this amount tonight? Earlier this year, the Fire Chief applied for a federal grant which was for approximately \$900,000. We have yet to receive final approval, but we have received some preliminary approvals, although not yet anything in writing.

The Board of Selectmen feels that we will be getting this grant.

Moderator Plett asked if anyone had any questions concerning this amendment.

Leonard Lunderville – I think we should keep this \$500,000 in there because someday we're going to be putting in a new fire station and the money could be used for that.

F. Plett – No, this has been set up specifically for fire apparatus.

Mark Lemay asked that the selectmen reconsider.

He said about 3 or 4 years ago, our former fire chief wanted three new fire trucks. The prices for these vehicles are going out of control.

I know we're in tight budget constraints. But a 1998 fire truck – we don't drive our own vehicles that long.

I'm asking the board to strongly reconsider to put some money back in, not only for the firefighters, but also for the people in the town.

James Kennedy – What if we don't get that grant?

F. Plett – Then we'll have about \$400,000.

J. Kennedy – I think we should keep that money in.

Hank Boyle – You're changing this on the premise that you might get a grant. This fund was set up for future years, not for any specific year. I don't think you should pass this.

Jason Sachs thanked the selectmen for being conscientious about people's budgets. He said maybe we should put it to \$50,000 or \$100,000, so we can at least put something into there for future years.

Gail Lavallee said she'd like to know what the fire chief thinks.

Fire Chief Richard O'Brien – First of all, when I approached the Capital Improvement Program back in 2007, we were faced with an aging fleet of apparatus.

Because of our aging fleet, the cost of maintaining it is astronomical. Our ladder truck failed inspection, and since they no longer make parts for these older vehicles, they're becoming more and more difficult to get.

We came to the CIP saying that we needed a plan to replace several pieces of apparatus. Today's price for a ladder truck is \$900,000 to \$1,000,000. A pumper is about half a million dollars.

The CIP thought that the capital reserve fund would be the best way to stabilize the tax rate.

We now have a grant pending from FEMA to replace a ladder truck. We'll be downsizing to just one ladder truck. We'll still need \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the purchase of the truck even if we do receive the grant.

We will be downsizing our fleet. We do have an aging fleet, and because of that we hope to replace another engine within a year or two. It takes about ten months or a year to manufacture a fire vehicle after we order one.

The fire department is doing its best in this economy. Keep your fingers crossed – we hope to get that grant. But nothing is certain.

S. Gross – I do want to acknowledge what a great job our fire chief is doing. He has been awarded several grants throughout the year.

One of the reasons the board took this action is because of the economic climate. And secondly, because we feel pretty confident that we will be getting this grant.

F. Plett said he's bringing this amendment to a voice vote – (the nays won).

The moderator went back to the original motion. He recognized Sel. D'Avanza.

Sel. D'Avanza moved to reduce the amount in this article to \$100,000; motion was seconded by Sel. Gross.

P. D'Avanza – In light of everything that has been said, this is a fund that was established a year ago. We know this is an ongoing fund. I think if we reduce it to \$100,000 it will still give us something to put away.

My biggest concern is, if we don't have matching money for the grant, then they won't give us that grant.

F. Plett – The amendment is to change the amount from \$500,000 to \$100,000. (Again, the nays won).

F. Plett - Article 11 will appear on the ballot as printed.

Sel. Gross motioned for restricted reconsideration to Article 11; motion was seconded by Sel. Caprio. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 10

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 Nineteen Million, Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (**\$19,362,358**).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Seven Million, Five Hundred Thirty Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (**\$7,530,959**).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million, Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (**\$1,654,293**) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations requested in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Thirty-Eight Dollars (**\$399,038**) 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 Nineteen Million, Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (**\$19,362,358**)? Should this article be defeated, the default Budget shall be Nineteen Million Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (**\$19,267,455**), 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.

Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 9-5-1 to recommend.

Sel. Nick Campasano moved that Article 10 appear on the ballot as printed – motion was seconded by Sel. Gross.

Sel. Campasano described the budget process – he said the department heads presented their budgets at a joint meeting between members of the Budget Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

The process started with last year’s default budget and adjustments were made to that. The Board of Selectmen presented that to the Budget Committee.

The whole process took about five months and the final budget we came up with is \$19,362,358. The board believes that this budget will allow the town to provide the same level of service in today’s economy.

Both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend this article.

(At this point, Moderator Plett introduced Budget Committee Chairman Dan Cloutier and the members of the budget committee who were present in the audience).

Dan Cloutier – I was just reading this verbiage – what is the actual default number?

(Sue Desruisseaux said, it's \$19,267,455. (The wording for the default budget had originally been incorrect in the article).

F. Plett – The correct number will have to be inserted into the article on the warrant.

Article 10 will go on the ballot as printed.

Sel. Caprio moved that Article 10 be subject to limited reconsideration – motion was seconded by S. Gross. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 12

To See if the Town will vote 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 10).

Board of Selectmen voted 4-1-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 11-2-1 to recommend.

Sel. D'Avanza moved that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as printed – motion was seconded by Sel. Blondeau.

Sel. D'Avanza - The town has financially supported the Goffstown Main Street Program over the last several years. The program uses a very interesting program – effective design, promotion, economic restraints, and others.

The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee both recommend this article.

The moderator asked if there were any questions on Article 12.

Bruce Normand spoke in support of the Main Street Program, noting the program's outstanding events, etc.

F. Plett – **Article 12 will appear on the ballot as printed.**

Sel. Gross moved that Article 10 be subject to restricted reconsideration; motion was seconded by Bruce Normand. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300,000** for the purchase of paying the purchase price as well as all related costs, (title search, closing costs, etc.) for the acquisition of a portion of Map 38, Lot 101, (12 High Street, land abutting the library, subject to an approved lot line adjustment), which property will be owned in the name of the Town, but will be used for library purposes and shall be managed and controlled by the Library Trustees; and further, to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw and expend all of said appropriated funds from available monies in unrestricted Library Funds; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into any and all necessary agreements and execute any documents to facilitate this purchase, with the understanding that none of said amount shall be raised by general taxation. (**Passage of this appropriation will not impact the tax rate.**)

Board of Selectmen voted 4-1-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 12-1-1 to recommend.

Sel. Blondeau moved that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded by Sel. J. Caprio.

V. Blondeau said the library has an opportunity to buy some land – and it won't affect the taxpayer. The land is on High Street, directly abutting the library.

The price is \$260,000 with \$40,000 to be used for the conveyance. The Library Trustees are using their unrestricted private donations to pay for all costs related to this conveyance. This is a great opportunity for the library – they're desperately in need of more parking spaces there.

This article won't have any impact on the Tax Rate. It's recommended by both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Moderator Plett recognized Jennifer Foley of the Library Trustees.

J. Foley presented a Power Point presentation on the library and its needs. The presentation showed the area of the library and the land that's being discussed.

She said that the trustees have saved this money from private donations the library has received in the past. She said the library is getting ready for its 100th anniversary, which means that the library has been in the same building for 100 years.

The library wants to grow over the next 100 years. So we're giving the money that the trustees have saved over the years to the town, so that the town can purchase this land and the taxpayers won't have to pay for it.

It's about .69 acres. We're over capacity now and we don't have enough room for people to come to all of our programs because our building is too small.

The master plan says we have to expand the library. The title to this building states that it can only be used as a public library. The expansion will be a very open process – we just want to get the land.

Remember, there is NO TAX IMPACT if this article passes. The Selectmen have to do the purchasing, but the library trustees will give them the funds.

Kevin Hodges – When do the jackhammers start? I'd like to know so I can sleep longer – I live in that general neighborhood.

J. Foley – We've hired a consultant – we have only begun to look at this. That's quite a ways off yet.

K. Hodges – If you purchase this in the next year, will it be available as a parking lot?

J. Foley – Our hope is to make some immediate parking changes. Right now, we just want to purchase the land.

Liz Dolan – I support this article. But when it says, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate – I think it confuses voters.

Maybe we could say to authorize the library trustees to withdraw the funds and use them for this purchase.

F. Plett – I think this should say \$300,000 somewhere. I was a little confused – now I see it.

J. Foley – The Library Trustees would like to be able to change that, but that language cannot be changed.

All we're doing is taking money from our funds and turning it over to the Board of Selectmen so they can buy this land.

Kelly Teevan – I am a great user of the library. For library purposes, can there be some outside spaces there? Something other than parking spaces?

J. Foley – The language, “library purposes” – is in there because this money has been given for library purposes. We need to use this language in order to make sure we'll do what our donors wanted.

We would love to have some picnic tables, etc. outside.

F. Plett – **Article 13 will appear on the ballot as printed.**

Sel. Campasano moved that Article 13 be subject to limited reconsideration – motion was seconded by Sel. D'Avanza – motion passed.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town, pursuant to RSA 149-M, will authorize the Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for the purpose of arranging for the disposal of the Town's recyclable solid waste, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Sel. Caprio: I move that Article 14 be placed on the ballot as printed. Motion was seconded by Sel. Gross.

Sel. Caprio – Goffstown is committed to recycling. We use the single-stream approach. The town contracts with a private vendor – under the present contract there's no provision for the contractor to charge the Town for the recyclables.

We're now aware of some other opportunities, and the purpose of this article is it concerns our ability to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Concord Cooperative.

Cooperative land has been purchased in the area of Franklin. The cooperative is inviting non-members to join – once they have the number they need, this invitation will be withdrawn.

The passage of this article will allow the selectmen to enter into that intermunicipal agreement. The Board of Selectmen encourages support of this article.

F. Plett – **Article 14 will appear on the ballot as printed.**

Sel. Campasano moved that Article 14 be subject to restricted reconsideration, motion was seconded by Sel. D'Avanza – motion passed.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2II.

The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the Town's General Fund unreserved fund balance. The

town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Parks and Recreation Commission (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreational purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Sel. Gross moved that Article 15 be placed on the ballot as printed, motion was seconded by Sel. Caprio.

S. Gross – Article 15 seeks to establish a non-lapsing revolving fund for Parks and Rec. It identifies the Parks and Rec Commission only as agents to spend from the fund.

Currently organizations using the facility make donations to the Friends of Parks and Recreation. The Friends then donate goods to Parks and Rec.

Hank Boyle said he'd like to have someone from the Parks and Rec Commission speak on this article.

Bob Draper, Parks and Rec Chairman – At our last meeting, Selectman Blondeau brought this article to our meeting.

We don't have a problem except for fees and charges. We've wrestled with it for a while. We do have some money from the Friends of Parks and Recreation.

This new thing – the way this board is made up now, we don't want to charge kids to play basketball – soccer – etc. We realize it's being done in other towns, but we don't want to do it here. We do have a travel team and we might have to charge for some of these extra things.

We want to provide a place for kids to play and compete, but we don't want to tell some kid that he or she can't play because they can't afford the charge. In the future we don't want to be charging our children to play.

James Kennedy – I have a similar concern. How would these fees be put into place at some future date?

S. Gross – Parks and Rec fees are no different from any other fees the town has.

This year the town reviewed all of our fees – they go through a public hearing process. This would be no different.

If somewhere there's a fee for a particular program it will go through the same process.

Sel. Blondeau – The reason is here – it doesn't say who sets the fees. I believe it would be the Board of Selectmen and I think it would be circumventing our taxes.

I feel that we, the taxpayers, need all the money we can get to defray our taxes. I'm voting against this. After a while where will we get our tax dollars if everybody has a revolving fund?

H. Boyle – I think that Selectmen Blondeau asks a good question.

My question would be who sets the fees? Does that mean there will be a decrease in taxes if they're being paid by fees?

F. Plett – The Board of Selectmen has the power to set all fees.

H. Boyle – Basically, if you're now charging fees that taxes are paying for, will this be a reduction in our taxes?

S. Gross – My intent on this – we're in tough economic times. Different groups are doing some things that I didn't think they would do, like parking lot fees at the high school.

With regards to this being the only revolving fund that isn't accurate. We have an ambulance fund. This is not unique. The reason it's worded the way it is, is that the money will go into a fund that the Parks and Recreation Commission will monitor.

One of the points I made – this economic climate – it probably won't change for a couple of years. Usually the Parks and Rec and library are at the bottom of the list. We have talked about the fields in the town. Will this generate hundreds of thousands of dollars? Probably not.

We have impact fees in this town – about \$90,000 for the Parks and Recreation department. I'm trying to establish something that I believe will generate income. That's the intent of this on my part.

I do appreciate the words of Bob Draper and Dave French – the devil is in the details. I hope they can expand and make their programs better.

N. Campasano – My feelings – I support this article because I like the transparency. In today's day and age people demand transparency. We want to see where the money goes. We use a facility – we accept a donation. These are revolving funds – I personally wouldn't accept anything about the fees.

I respect Hank Boyle's opinion – we might not like the wording of fees and charges. I support this article because I like the idea of transparency and accountability.

Jennifer Foley – I'm curious – on the property taxes page – it shows revenue for the Parks and Rec of \$28,000. What is that?

S. Gross – Those are impact fees that are charged to developers. The monies go to roads, schools, and parks and rec.

J. Foley - Why did it go from \$2,000 to \$28,000?

N. Campasano - That \$28,000 is the amount that will be utilized from the impact fees.

P. D'Avanza – The ambulance fund is not a revolving fund – you have to appropriate the money in the budget.

Impact fees are separate, they are not user fees. They're charged as developers come in and are put into a separate account. There's about \$18,000 in revenues now that are being used to offset taxes. The way I interpret it – that money does not go into the general fund.

I voted against this - I feel this article should be defeated and we should put a group together like we did with the ambulance fund. We worked for about a year and brought it up at a town meeting.

I'm not against transparency – but Parks and Recreation has been able to provide all these programs all these years at no additional cost to the taxpayers.

Len Lunderville – If they're going to do this, will they put up some new swings at Roy Park? We have to get a permit now to use the park. Years ago we didn't have to have a permit.

Now everything in Pinardville – you have to have a permit to use it. There's even a limit on the time you can use the tennis courts down there. I don't think this article changes anything.

Dave French – Those permits are being established for both Barnard and Roy Parks. We do have to manage the park schedules.

As far as facilities, we do have money in the budget for park maintenance and we do the best we can with that.

In the Capital Improvement Program, there's money put aside for different projects in the parks. This year there will be improvements at Roy Pool – about \$28,000 worth.

L. Lunderville – There's a swing that has been taken down at Roy Park – we had swings for little kids there. There are no little playground things there.

I think it's time that Parks and Rec fixes that park.

Jason Sachs – I have no problem with the article.

It just says we'll establish a fund and it doesn't establish any new fees and doesn't change the way the parks are run.

I would expect that future boards of selectmen will divert those funds to something else. It seems like a good thing to me.

Marc Kimball – Question – Is there somebody here who uses the parks and rec? If they donate money, parks and recreation can use it for what?

D. French – Are we talking about the revolving fund?

If somebody makes a donation to a particular program or gives money for the parks, it will go to that particular project or program.

We don't really charge for the use of our facilities, we just ask for donations.

M. Kimball – So people come and donate money to the parks and rec fund and who's in charge of that?

D. French – The Friends of Parks and Recreation.

The new fund that the selectmen have submitted will be different.

M. Kimball – Question for Mr. D'Avanza – we pay taxes so we do pay for participating in these things. It's only the people who do participate who would pay fees?

S. Gross – Years ago there wasn't any revolving fund – so there wasn't anything in place so if someone wanted to make a donation, that's why Friends of Recreation started years ago.

Now there's a mechanism to make it more transparent.

Guillermo Zabellos – I'm curious about the donations. Is that the way that things are currently? Parks and Recreation uses donations?

D. French – Our department's budget is from taxes.

Years ago there weren't any mechanisms to do this. If someone gave a donation, it went into the giant pot at Town Hall and we didn't see it.

Now if somebody wants to donate money for trees in the park, that's what they do with it.

G. Zabellos – What if somebody wants to use a basketball court?

D. French – There's no fee for that.

Lionel Cullerot – I was on the Parks and Recreation Commission for 29 years.

You talk about what happens to the money.

I don't know of any other department who returned any unused money to the town. But when I was on the board, if we didn't spend all of the money we had appropriated, we turned it back.

The Friends of Parks and Rec took some money and used it at Barnard Park to remember the contributions of Clint Robinson to the town.

F. Plett – **Article 15 will appear on the ballot as printed.**

Sel. Gross moved that Article 15 be subject to limited reconsideration - motion was seconded by Sel. Caprio – motion passed.

Dan Cloutier – Since there were no appropriation articles changed at this meeting, the meeting of the budget committee that had been scheduled for after this meeting is hereby cancelled.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and it passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE BOYLE
Town Scribe

OFFICIAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

MARCH 10, 2009

ARTICLE 1

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

<p>SELECTMEN</p> <p><i>2 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>Nicholas “Nick” Campasano 1213</p> <p>Steve Fournier 1000</p> <p>Bill Gordon 728</p> <p>8 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p><i>4 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>Guy Caron 995</p> <p>Daniel J. Cloutier 1127</p> <p>Steve Fournier 942</p> <p>Roxann R. Hunt 909</p> <p>Dorine L. Olson 863</p> <p>15 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>CEMETERY TRUSTEES</p> <p><i>1 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>Joan Konieczny 1438</p> <p>3 individuals w/<5 each (Write-in)</p> <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p><i>1 For 2 Years</i></p> <p>Mike Lawler 1401</p> <p>3 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p><i>2 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>Richard Chamberlin 1241</p> <p>Sara Santoro 1314</p> <p>3 individuals w/<5 each (Write-in)</p> <p>PLANNING BOARD</p> <p><i>2 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>Collis G. Adams 994</p> <p>Roxann R. Hunt 711</p>	<p>Alan H. Yeaton 940</p> <p>2 individuals w/<5 each (Write-in)</p> <p>PLANNING BOARD</p> <p><i>1 For 1 Year</i></p> <p>Steven J. Dutton 575</p> <p>Barbara Griffin 914</p> <p>1 individual w/<5 each</p> <p>SEWER COMMISSION</p> <p><i>1 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>James A. Bouchard 1384</p> <p>2 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p><i>1 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>Scott Huddy 1342</p> <p>4 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>ZBA*</p> <p><i>1 For 1 year</i></p> <p>Leonard “Len” Stuart 1343</p> <p>3 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>ZBA*</p> <p><i>1 For 2 Years</i></p> <p>Kevin Reigstad 1321</p> <p>2 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>ZBA*</p> <p><i>1 For 3 Years</i></p> <p>Jo Ann Duffy 884</p> <p>Denise M. Herman 547</p> <p>3 individuals w/<5 each</p> <p>*Zoning Board of Adjustment</p>
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ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 3 by inserting a new section between Sections 3.5 and 3.6, renumbering as appropriate, this new section to read:

3.6 Workforce Housing

3.6.1 In the event that an applicant intends to qualify for workforce housing under RSA 674:60I, the Planning Board may require agreements so that the units so designated would remain as workforce housing.

3.6.2 In order to evaluate the cost of complying with the conditions and restrictions and the effect on economic viability, under RSA 674:40II, the Planning Board would expect that the applicant’s submission would include, but not be limited to, square-foot size of dwelling units, number of bedrooms, property cost, site development cost, cost of off-site improvements, unit construction cost per square foot, architectural and engineering cost, legal cost, construction financing cost, developer’s profit, cost of conditions and restrictions.

Planning Board voted 5-2-0 to recommend.

YES – 1107

NO – 512

PASSED

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 4.3, Table of Dimensional Regulations, so that the footnote “Less setback or more building footprint by Planning Board Conditional Use Permit.” will also apply to the Residential Density-2 district.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

YES – 1179

NO – 439

PASSED

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 5.21, Residential Small Business Office-1, by adding a new Section 5.21.7 to read: The issuance of a demolition permit shall require a conditional use permit, with the Planning Board finding, in addition to Section 15.4.1 Conditional Use Standards, that there has been a fire, natural disaster or other casualty loss requiring building demolition, or that the proposed demolition will not be materially harmful to the stated intent of this district.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

YES – 1135

NO – 475

PASSED

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 5.23, Residential Wind Turbine in order to meet changes in State Statute, RSA 674:62 through 674:66, the full text of which is available at the Town Office.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

YES – 1245

NO – 370

PASSED

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 6.4.2, adding a new sentence reading: Signs, for which sign content is changed electronically, shall require a Conditional Use Permit.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

YES – 1127

NO – 486

PASSED

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 13.3 Wetland and Surface Water Conservation (WSWC) District by removing language relating to process which is more appropriately contained within the Planning Board’s Development Regulations, the full text of which is available at the Town Office.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

YES – 1137

NO – 444

PASSED

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #10 as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 15.3.1.1.2 to read: Granting the variance would not be contrary to the public interest.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

YES – 1207

NO – 375

PASSED

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment #11 as proposed by the Planning Board, to specifically include fencing as one of the items that would be reviewed in an Historic District, by amending Section 3.4.4: adding “fence” after the word structure in the first sentence and adding “or the erection, alteration or removal of any fence” at the end of this Section’s last sentence.

Planning Board voted 6-1-0 to recommend.

YES – 948

NO – 652

PASSED

ARTICLE 10

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 Nineteen Million Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$19,362,358)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$19,267,455), 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.

Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 9-5-1 to recommend.

YES – 900

NO – 780

PASSED

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to be placed in the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund which was established by vote of last year’s Town Meeting? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 10.)

Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 8-6-0 to not recommend.

YES – 763

NO – 971

FAILED

ARTICLE 12

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 10.)

Board of Selectmen voted 4-1-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 11-2-1 to recommend.

YES – 996

NO – 737

PASSED

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of paying the purchase price as well as all related costs, (title search, closing costs, etc.), for the acquisition of a portion of Map 38, Lot 101, (12 High Street, land abutting the Library), (subject to an approved lot line adjustment), which property will be owned in the name of the Town, but will be used for library purposes and shall be managed and controlled by the Library Trustees; and, further, to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw and expend all of said appropriated funds from available monies in unrestricted Library Funds; and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into any and all necessary agreements and execute any documents to facilitate this purchase, with the understanding that none of said amount shall be raised by general taxation? **(Passage of this appropriation will not impact the tax rate.)**

Board of Selectmen voted 4-1-0 to recommend.

Budget Committee voted 12-1-1 to recommend.

YES – 1249

NO – 504

PASSED

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 149-M, authorize the Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement for the purpose of arranging for the disposal of the Town’s recyclable solid waste, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town?

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

YES – 1320

NO – 375

PASSED

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B: 2 II? The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the Town’s General Fund unreserved fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Parks & Recreation Commission (no further town meeting approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreational purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other town funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

YES – 1158

NO – 540

PASSED

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES & RESULTS

MAY 27, 2009

Moderator Rodney Stark started the meeting at 7:06 p.m. There were 150 registered voters present.

Four counters were sworn in: Tim Redmond, Karen McRae, Chris McRae and Pam Manney.

The moderator welcomed everyone to this special town meeting. He explained that this 'old-fashioned' traditional town meeting has been authorized for this particular warrant.

He led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The moderator introduced the head table. To his left, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Scott Gross, Selectman Phil D'Avanza, Selectman Nick Campasano, Selectman Vivian Blondeau, Selectman Steve Fournier, Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux, Finance Director Janice O'Connell; to his right, Assistant Moderator Fred Plett, and Town Scribe Marie Boyle.

He said we have limitations to the sound system, so if anyone wishes to speak, please come to the podium and use the microphone.

He explained that Articles 1 and 2 both require a 2/3 majority for passage, since they are both bonding articles. Article 3 is not a bonding article, therefore it only requires a simple majority for passage.

He also said that he has received a written request for a secret ballot for Article 3, and he is granting that request. He also said that the polls must remain open for one hour after debating the articles, to give everyone a chance to vote.

He also explained the ballots for voting on the articles: For voting on Article 1, voters will receive an orange ballot – if you're in favor of the article, mark the YES square on the ballot; if you aren't in favor of the article, mark the NO square. For Article 2, you will receive a green ballot, and for Article 3, you will receive a purple ballot.

He also explained why registered voters received a card that said "Registered Voter" on it. In case of a standing vote, these cards should be held up, so counters can determine who the registered voters are.

The moderator stated that in order to expedite the evening, we will debate Article 1, and after debating, we'll start to vote on Article 1. All voters should pass through the voters' checklist and get an orange ballot. Once you vote on Article 1, we'll begin to debate on Article 2. With Article 3, same process.

Dan Cloutier – Because of the one-hour wait for the polls to close, will we have to wait an hour before we begin debate on the next article? I would propose that we not wait between votes. (Explained)

Moderator – I will announce when the ballot boxes are open and closed. If you're in the process of voting, and you wish to speak on the article that's being discussed, you'll have to step out of the voting line and maybe the person in front of you will let you back in. Otherwise you may have to go to the back of the line.

(There was quite a discussion about how to do this without having to wait one hour between each article.)

Moderator Stark said he has a manual which speaks about what to do during the one-hour when the polls have to remain open. He suggested that we discuss all three articles first, then vote on all three together. He was given a round of applause.

He asked the people what they thought of doing that and they all shouted, "YES."

Brad Parkhurst moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant and to take each of the articles in turn. Motion was seconded by Carl Quiram. Motion passed.

Moderator read Article 1:

"Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) (gross budget) for the purpose of upgrading portions of the sewer line on Mast Road and to authorize the issuance of a note with the State Revolving Loan Fund for not more than two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to accept American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds of one million, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,250,000) with the balance to be raised by the Sewer Fund?" (2/3 majority is required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0

Selectman Blondeau moved the article to the floor, motion was seconded by Selectman Gross.

Sel. Blondeau – This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen. We have the chair of the Sewer Commission here tonight to speak on this.

Jim Bouchard, Sewer Commission Chairman – This project involves an upgrade to the system on Mast Road, from McDonald's, near Daniel Plummer Road, to the Manchester line.

This system is at least fifty years old in some sections.

Mr. Bouchard said some of the pipes are falling apart. This project was presented to NH DES (N.H. Dept. Of Environmental Services) to see if they could get participation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and they were notified that this would be funded. DES has a revolving fund and the projects are taken out through the note program.

He noted that over 20 years DES will excuse 50 percent of the principle and interest due. This will be a 20-year note paid by 50% sewer funds and 50% from the Town. Over the project they expect to raise sewer user fees by about 10%. He noted that this will have no effect on the town's tax rate unless the sewer commission defaults, but they have never done that. He also explained that the Sewer Commission does not have the power to bond, thus they have to go to the town and use its bonding power.

He said they also have a situation where people have come before them asking to be connected to the sewer but the commission has had to refuse that because of a lack of capacity.

Mr. Bouchard said they're working with the Dept. of Public Works on this project. He explained the process they will be using.

He also talked about the funding process through DES. During the life of the bond, if there's a lower interest rate the commission will be constantly reevaluating it and will see if they can't get the lower rate, and hopefully lower the user fee.

DPW Director Carl Quiram asked that residents please be patient during this work. He said it will probably last quite a long time.

Karen McRae – Will the stormwater be separated from the sewage?

C. Quiram said all of the stormwater has already been separated. Last year we did find one cross connection, which will be rectified with this project.

J. Bouchard – We have a situation where the groundwater can seep into the pipes. Inflow is harder for the Sewer Commission to control. One of the problems is that some of the stormwater is on private property – we've been trying to explain to people that's against the law and it has to be corrected. That's why we have influx.

George Fullerton - The article talks about "municipal officials" being responsible for the bonding. Is that the board of selectmen? (Answer was yes).

Several other people asked questions of Mr. Bouchard, among them John Hikel who said the businesses along Mast Road were concerned about traffic problems on the road in front of their businesses. J. Bouchard said the road would remain open during the work.

Mr. Hikel also asked if all of the money that's being appropriated for this article will be spent on this sewer project only. Mr. Bouchard explained that anytime you do a project like this the utility has the responsibility to complete the project. But this won't incur anything from Goffstown's taxpayers.

Seeing as there were no more questions, Moderator Stark closed the debate on Article 1.

He read Article 2:

“Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) (gross budget) for the purpose of designing and constructing ‘green’ drainage along South Mast Street between Pineridge Street and Wallace Road, and to authorize the issuance of a note with the State Revolving Loan Fund for not more than seven hundred thousand (\$700,000) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Funds of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) with the balance to be raised by taxation? (2/3 majority is required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0.

Selectman Campasano moved Article 2 to the floor; motion was seconded by Selectman D’Avanza.

Sel. Campasano said Article 2 is asking for updated sewerage for this area on South Mast Street, and it includes a portion of Worthley Hill Road.

He explained that the plan by McFarland-Johnson incorporates some new drainage features. The town has submitted that new plan to the state

C. Quiram explained what ‘green’ drainage is and talked about stormwater runoff, which pollutes rivers. He said the Piscataquog is considered a designated river – it already has a lot of problems. The EPA is doing everything it can to improve the quality of the Piscataquog River.

So how do you get water off of the roadways and still clean it up to where you can discharge it into the river? There are a lot of different things that say ‘green’ something. The soils along Mast Road are sandy soils where the water dissipates very quickly.

The problem here is all of the water from upstream, going into Pineridge . We do have an existing system on East Union Street.

There will be an overflow installed at Pineridge. He explained the water flow. On South Mast Street the shoulders will be redone so that the water is running off the road.

Mr. Quiram said this may seem like an expensive project, but all we’re really adding is this ‘green’ infrastructure. There is a cost, but it isn’t an enormous cost.

Maggie Dolbow – How does this impact us?

C. Quiram – The money that we were able to get for this project - 15 to 20% will be our money. We were not able to get more funding, just because of the way Senate Bill 39 was worded.

Bob Mitchell – Can you tell me if you have permits from the DES because of the Clean Water Act that was passed 13 years ago? I don’t know if this is a part of that.

C. Quiram – The answer is yes. We have had a meeting with DES and this is designed to meet the Clean Water Act rules.

Dan Cloutier – The article mentioned that this is the money that’s being raised by taxpayers. Will we be seeing additional budget requests, or will this be included in the normal road plan budget?

N. Campasano – This is for a five-year note – approximately \$70,000 to \$75,000 per year. It’s the board’s intention for the road plan to fund that, so there will not be a net increase.

S. Gross – The money from the state is from one program – the interest rate on this is 1.6%, which is much lower than what the banks are offering.

Kurt Lauer – I have a question - will this require a higher level of maintenance?

C. Quiram – When we go out to bid that will be included.

Jen Foley – I’m curious about what the maintenance cost will be.

C. Quiram – I don’t see a big increase. When we go out to bid we’ll just have to be careful with whom we contract.

Seeing as there were no further questions, Moderator Stark declared the debate on Article 2 closed.

The moderator read Article 3:

“Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to hire two (2) new fulltime officers for the police department effective 1/1/2010, and one (1) additional police officer effective 1/1/2011, said hiring to be conditioned upon receiving a grant for 100% of the officers’ wages and benefits from the COPS Hiring Recovery Program, said funds to be received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; which, if awarded, would provide wages and benefits for three (3) years and require the town to fund the positions awarded under the grant for the 4th year?”

The grant obligation period is four years. The estimated expenses and revenue will be included in future years’ operating and default budgets as follows:

Year	Expense	Revenue (COPS Grant)	Town’s Net Obligation
2010	\$131,102	\$118,502	\$12,600
2011	\$197,944	\$190,824	7,120
2012	\$205,304	\$204,074	1,230
2013	\$217,309	\$ 70,469	\$146,900
2014	\$ 75,076		\$75,076

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-1-0

Selectman Gross moved the article to the floor – the motion was seconded by Selectman D’Avanza

Selectman Gross – This particular grant provides for 100% of funding for the officers’ salaries and benefits. The community is responsible for the fourth year. Uniforms and other accessories will cost about \$5500 per officer.

Chief French had a reorganization plan for the police department a few years back. For economic reasons, the board held back. With this grant, we will be in a position to bring on those additional three officers.

Over the past few years, the police department has studied the issue. In the police department’s analysis, they think 33 officers will be the correct number for a community of this size.

What’s going on in the surrounding communities? There has been an increase in crime in the Manchester area – look at the drug task forces.

I don’t have a crystal ball, but we foresee that we will be seeing this spill over into Goffstown. This will prepare us in a large amount to face those issues.

Selectman Gross talked about the high school resource officer and said, we don’t have a resource officer in the Mountain View Middle School. That’s one of the unfortunate by-products of not being staffed like we would like to be. We hope to receive this grant, and one of these officers will most likely be used in that capacity.

Right now our response time is about 35 minutes per call. That needs to be improved. We want to be more proactive. One of the benefits of the grant is that the Board of Selectmen has asked the Chief to ask for three police officers.

We may not get them – we may not get any, but that’s our goal. Another benefit is certainly the cost. So essentially, we’re getting three police officers for the price of one.

There will be 33 sworn officers during the period of the grant. For the fifth year, there are no strings attached. Through attrition, we won't have to replace an officer in year 5. That's one of the things we like about this grant.

We also have some people who are eligible for retirement, so if we see a situation where we don't need those three additional officers, we won't have to replace them.

Bill Gordon – There's an ancillary cost for uniforms, etc., now there will be a 5 to 10% increase in the department.

How are we implementing that large an increase without some quite significant numbers going into the budget?

This article did not come before the Budget Committee. It has not had any Budget Committee review at all.

There are vehicles for these additional officers, etc.

S. Gross – This grant does cover all of those increases.

Police Chief Patrick Sullivan – We rotate vehicles – during the day there are vehicles that are not being used. Three additional officers will only increase the mileage. And with the school resource officer, there will not be a vehicle that keeps on running. So we're only really talking about two vehicles.

And as for the training provided for the three officers – the Police Academy trains the officers for free.

S. Gross – This is an extremely competitive thing – I think New York City requested several thousand new police officers. This is going all over the country.

We don't know if we'll get this grant. Will we get one or two? There seems to be a better chance of that.

Leon Ross – What do you think would be the area of crime that would be most impacted by additional staffing? Drugs? Traffic?

Chief Sullivan noted that the community is getting older and that older people are often the targets of criminals.

John Hikel – I've also been told that the state prison impacts police officers – like having them take inmates to the hospital.

Chief Sullivan – The prison always transports its own people to the hospital. Once in a great while they'll ask us to escort the van carrying the prisoners.

Mark Cusson – If it's unlikely that we'll get all three officers, will that one officer have any time to spare for the Mountain View Middle School?

Chief Sullivan said his first priority is that school resource officer. If he only gets one officer, that's where that officer will go - to the middle school.

Guy Caron – In addition to the \$240,000 over five years to the town, does this cover certification, equipment, etc. – and especially overtime?

Chief Sullivan – It doesn't cover overtime – but with additional officers, there will probably be less overtime.

Supplies, etc., will be funded over this grant.

S. Gross – The salaries and the benefits are a part of this grant. And training is provided by the Police Academy.

Pierre Zeballos – Without this grant, you said it wasn't possible for us to get additional officers. Not even by attrition?

S. Gross – If we go below the current level of staffing we will have to maintain that number. There have been 30 sworn officers.

The position, if someone leaves, can be kept open throughout the lifetime of the grant.

P. Zeballos – Another question – how would the budget absorb the attrition?

S. Gross – Historically, it has been about three police officers in a year as turnover. There are five officers who may be eligible for retirement during that time. In the fifth year, this will be a part of the budget.

In year 5, either the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee can say, we cannot afford to maintain that many police officers, and reduce the number.

Moderator Stark declared the discussion on Article 3 over, since there weren't anymore questions.

Then he declared the vote open on all three articles. The polls will remain open for one hour from this moment. (It was 8:38 p.m.).

The people lined up to vote and after voting, they broke into small groups for the hour during which the polls remained open.

After the hour wait, Moderator Stark declared the polls closed, and after the ballots were counted, he announced the results.

Moderator Stark - There were 145 voters and the results were:

Article 1 – Yes, 116 - No, 29.

Article 1 passed by 80%.

Article 2 – Yes, 107 – No 38.

Article 2 passed by 73.8%

Article 3 – Yes, 104 – No, 41 – Article 3 only needed a simple majority.

Tim Redmond moved to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Alanna Stark. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE BOYLE
Town Scribe

2009 ELECTIONS STATISTICAL REPORT

Election	Date	Dist 1	Dist 5	Total	% Voters	# New Reg. Voters	Total # Reg. Voters
BALLOT DETERMINATION SESSIONS:							
School	2/2/09	n/a	n/a	172	<1%	n/a	13,305
Town	2/4/09	n/a	n/a	114	<1%	n/a	13,305
OFFICIAL BALLOT SESSION:							
Town/School	3/10/09	1323	471	1794	13%	18	13,323
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING							
	5/27/09	n/a	n/a	145	<1%	n/a	13,323

2009 BIRTHS

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT'S NAMES	BIRTHPLACE
Jan. 15	Phillips, Anne Helene	Phillips, Jeffrey Phillips, Michelle	Manchester, NH
	19 Ryder, Maxwell George	Ryder, Steven Lavalee, Laura	Concord, NH
	25 High, Kylee Ann	High, Timothy Lajoie, Dawn	Concord, NH
Feb. 14	Wood, Brady Harold	Wood, Patrick Belanger-Wood, Danielle	Manchester, NH
Mar. 3	Roy, Kendra Cheree	Roy, Ryan Aadnesen, Jennifer	Manchester, NH
	3 Marler, Aidan Sean	Marler, Sean Marler, Amelia	Manchester, NH
	12 Ferenc, Casimer David	Ferenc, Anthony Ferenc, Jessica	Manchester, NH
Apr. 1	Burke, Alexis Marie	Hughes, Nicholas Burke, Nicole	Manchester, NH
	8 Sugarman, Logan Jackson	Sugarman, Jesse Sugarman, Tiffani	Nashua, NH
	10 Dubois, Tristan Gerard	Dubois, Kenneth Dubois, Tonya	Manchester, NH
	12 Saunders, Angelina Dorothy	Saunders, Peter Lisi-Saunders, Kelly	Manchester, NH
	19 Himsel, Olivia Kay	Himsel, Donald Himsel, Kristie	Nashua, NH
May 2	Gendron, Benjamin David	Gendron, Gerald Gendron, Tanya	Manchester, NH
	5 Leathers, Julian Vincent	Leathers, Timothy Groizard-Leathers, Agustina	Nashua, NH
Jun. 2	Moore, Ariana Marie	Moore, Michael Moore, Melissa	Manchester, NH
	26 McAndrew, James Edward	McAndrew, Thomas McAndrew, Karen	Nashua, NH
	30 Whalon, Amelia Gabrielle	Whalon, Justin Whalon, Tanya	Nashua, NH
Jul. 21	Eaton, Gabriel Stephen Demetrius	Eaton, Jason Eaton, Charleen	Manchester, NH
	22 Dolan, Lexi Lynn	Dolan, David George, Suzanne	Manchester, NH
	24 Bechard, Kailah Jean	Bechard, Matthew Bechard, Amber	Manchester, NH

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT'S NAME	BIRTHPLACE
Jul. 26	Bennett, Kyle Justin	Bennett, David Bennett, Alison	Nashua, NH
Aug. 1	Cannon, Zachary Scott	Cannon, Jon Cannon, Elizabeth	Concord, NH
	1 Leary-Hernandez, Isaiah Antonio	Hernandez, Jose Leary, Ericka	Manchester, NH
	3 Benedict, Jackson Layne	Benedict, Karl Stanley, Sarah	Manchester, NH
	4 Nieves Lopez, Amaya Cristina	Nieves, Jose Nieves, Sogna	Manchester, NH
	15 Follansbee, Caiden James	Follansbee, Stephen Cross, Courtney	Manchester, NH
	19 Trudel, Rena Elisabeth	Trudel, Brett Dean, Lauren	Manchester, NH
	25 Marquis, Jaxson Alexander	Marquis, Matthew Marquis, Miah	Manchester, NH
	26 Burnett, Sean Christopher	Burnett, Robert Burnett, Vilma	Manchester, NH
	28 Laforge, Noah Alexander	Laforge, Patrick Wright, Rebecca	Manchester, NH
Sep. 9	Centorino, Christopher James	Centorino, Stephen Centorino, Kimberly	Manchester, NH
	9 Blaney, Cavot Dragon	Blaney, Nicholas Blaney, Zanna	Concord, NH
	10 Chaput, Maximus George	Chaput, Timothy Chaput, Shannon	Manchester, NH
	18 Lang, Grace Marie	Lang, John Carrara, Sarah	Concord, NH
	20 Stanley, Julie Elisabeth	Stanley, Carl Stanley, Stacy	Concord, NH
	24 Bird, Alexis Praise	Bird, Brandon Bird, Trina	Nashua, NH
	25 Guay, Tyler Reginald	Guay, Richard Owens, Emily	Manchester, NH
Oct. 6	Furlong, Kaleb Frank	Furlong, Todd Furlong, Shayna	Manchester, NH
	15 Gagnon, Benjamin Thomas	Gagnon, Michael Gagnon, Tracie	Manchester, NH
	23 Schottler, Evan Joseph	Schottler, Jeffrey Schottler, Nicole	Manchester, NH
Nov. 1	Marquis, Nicholas Yvon	Marquis, Jason Marquis, Robyn	Manchester, NH

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PARENT'S NAME	BIRTHPLACE
Nov. 1	Barrera, Giselle Monet	Barrera, Oswaldo Guinouard, Angela	Manchester, NH
8	Femino, Lucas Murray	Femino, Joseph Femino, Kellie	Manchester, NH
14	Curtin, Lila Marie	Curtin, Michael Curtin, Tina	Manchester, NH
14	Curtin, Aidan Michael	Curtin, Michael Curtin, Tina	Manchester, NH
16	St. John, Tabitha Lynn	St. John, Jeffrey Kisselbach, Natalie	Manchester, NH
21	Bushey, Maia Jade	Boyce, Carly	Manchester, NH
28	Bruns, Teagan Oliver	Bruns, Josiah Maggio, Erika	Manchester, NH
Dec. 9	Burke, Emma Lisa-Nicole	Burke, Mathew Burke, Amy	Manchester, NH
13	Smedick, Carter Lucio	Smedick, Jason Smedick, Lori	Concord, NH
22	McGranaghan, Abigail Dora	McGranaghan, Jacob Pomerleau, Christine	Manchester, NH
27	Lao, Dominic Raymond	Lao, Jonell Lao, Pinky	Manchester, NH
27	Augros, Arden	Augros, Paul Augros, Kristin	Manchester, NH
27	Gagne, Korey Jonathan	Gagne, Jonathan Gagne, Kimberly	Manchester, NH

TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS: 54

2009 MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Jan. 3	Warren, Kenneth L. Couture, Lisa D.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
3	Dupuis, Joshua M. Goforth, Erin C.	Goffstown, NH Gretna, LA	Manchester
9	Armstrong, Cordes V. Sandmann, Nancy L.	Plymouth, VT Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
10	Bailey, Philip M. Bailey, Meghan E.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Nashua
11	Larose, Greg R. Sullivan, Devan R.	Henniker, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
16	Freemantle, Jefferey E. Piovesana Da Silva, Cleuza	Goffstown, NH Manchester, NH	Manchester

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Jan.	23 Langelier, Matthew S. Rouillard, Nicole A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	24 Locker, Douglas N. Haynes, Marilyn E.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
Feb.	15 Urella, Anthony J. Pomelow, Debrah L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	28 Waddington, William T. Zakas, Tiffany L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Nashua
Mar.	13 Humphrey, Frank E. Gorman, Catherine A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	Apr.	21 Prenoveau, Jeffrey F. Remillard, Tia G.	Manchester, NH Goffstown, NH
23 Phillips, Andrew Zingsheim, Jennifer E.		Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
May	2 Hamilton, Derek O. Gingras, Kara L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Nashua
	9 Young, Christopher M. Schmidt, Christine E.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	9 Vigneau, Matthew T. Rivet, Mary K.	Goffstown, NH Manchester, NH	Manchester
	16 Cochrane, Donald B. Normand, Joanne M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	16 Mitchell, Ryan L. Mann, Joanna L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Rye Beach
	18 Rush, Stephen M. Acorace, Stephanie L.	Manchester, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	29 Wilkinson, John D. Graham, Nicole M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	Jun.	6 Forcier, Andrew J. Demers, Tammi L.	Goffstown, NH Dracut, MA
13 Puglisi, John A. Rollins, Nicole A.		Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Lempster
13 Taylor, James E. Leonard, April L.		Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Plymouth
20 Coutermarsh, David A. Chalifoux, Janice I.		Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
20 Zornic, Adalin Custovic, Amira		Goffstown, NH Everett, MA	Concord
21 Barrett, Matthew G. Guertin, Judith M.		Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Henniker
28 Colby, Joshua M. Lindbloom, Jessica A.		Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Jul. 4	Belanger, Richard A. Webber, Laura A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Pelham
4	Fontaine, Richard G. Bedard, Tracy A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Jackson
11	Chervinsky, Mark R. Pollock, Amy L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Thornton
17	Bartashevich, Nicolas R. Charpentier, Megan M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
18	Chicoine, Justin P. Pratt, Trudi A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Henniker
18	Suprenant, Marc R. Waller, Crystal L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
18	Kelliher, Patrick L. Huntington, Kimberly A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Pelham
18	Bolduc, Joey M. Vallee, Kimberly A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Bedford
Aug. 1	June, Christopher J. Peters, Mandy H.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Lincoln
15	Ferrier, Scott L. Sylvia, Tammy A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Pembroke
15	Burke, Michael K. Mitchell, Sandra M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Dunbarton
15	Nelson, Tyler J. McKinnon, Meagan D.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Francestown
21	Mazaiwana, George T. Manzira, Joyce	Nashua, NH Goffstown, NH	Nashua
22	Nolan, Ryan K. Vogt, Sarah C.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Hillsborough
29	Weinelt, Robert E. Brynga, Erin P.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
29	Lockwood, Michael E. Lunderville, Amy L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
Sept. 5	Joyce, Eric B. Shapiro, Karen L.	Laconia, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
5	Ux, Jason A. Wade, Lindsay E.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Derry
12	Beaudet, Donald M. Grise, Amber L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
18	Principe, Thomas J. Ling, Jessica A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Nashua
26	Leflem, Jaime M. Millon, Emily B.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Sept. 26	Washburn, David S. Benthien, Jessica C.	Wilton, CA Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
26	Vermokowitz, Adam C. Lawrence, Mary R.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
Oct. 3	Griffs, Scott T. Garland, Annette M.	Dunbarton, NH Goffstown, NH	Merrimack
3	Keefe, Michael A. Austin, Kimberly A.	Derry, NH Goffstown, NH	Atkinson
3	Page, James D. Thorgerson, Stacy K.	Candia, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
10	Wheeler, Howard A. Stephen, Jocelyne M.	Goffstown, NH Windham, NH	Hudson
10	Colman, Stephen W. Hebert, Ellen M.	Bow, NH Goffstown, NH	Bow
10	Van Kalken, Daniel J. St. Onge Julianne E.	Dunbarton, NH Goffstown, NH	Henniker
17	Charbonneau, Dan T. Gordon, Heather A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Manchester
17	Lang, John L. Carrara, Sarah E.	Goffstown, NH Weare, NH	Concord
24	Zaffini, Matthew V. Dineen, Erin J.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Bedford
24	Beaudoin, Raymond R. Barrett, Stephanie A.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Windham
24	Gamache, Scott E. Mudgett, Kristi L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Hudson
Nov. 7	Rollins, Westley D. Schunemann, Anne M.	Manchester, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
13	Simonds, Jack D. Moffitt, Caitlin E.	Hooksett, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
21	Phaneuf, Timothy J. Brown, Candice L.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Jaffrey
21	Nadeau, Denise A. Gordon, Bryan R.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Windham
Dec. 7	Silbestre Marin, Juan L. Reyes Garcia, Juana M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
27	Perreault, Sergei J. Soulard, Jennifer K.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Bradford
27	Dahlberg, Thomas M. Yahnian, Brigid A.	Goffstown, NH Manchester, NH	Manchester
28	Pastrana, Christopher M. Fortier, Kristy M.	Goffstown, NH Goffstown, NH	Goffstown

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
29	Whittum, Timothy J.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
	Graham, Hayley-Louise	Goffstown, NH	
TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 70			

2009 CIVIL UNIONS

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE OF CIVIL UNION
Mar. 14	Delahanty, Cara B.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	Hanley, Kristal L.	Goffstown, NH	
Apr. 24	Comer, Daniel S.	Goffstown, NH	Hopkinton
	O'Hanlon, Robert E.	Goffstown, NH	
May 9	Charpentier, Colette A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	Dittrich, Bettina C.	Goffstown, NH	
Jul. 8	Price, Charli E.	Goffstown, NH	Concord
	Scanlan, Shannon L.	Goffstown, NH	
TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVIL UNIONS: 4			

2009 DEATHS

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Jan. 2	Johnson, Annette	Goffstown	Dalton, Thomas	Wallace, Jeanie
	2 Carbonneau, Bertrand	Manchester	Carbonneau, Aimee	Unknown, Aurore
	4 Birmingham, Rita	Goffstown	Pinsonneault, Wilfred	Bourque, Ida
	5 Ackerman, Priscilla	Manchester	Moore, Levi	Haselton, Esther
	6 Philbotte, Grace	Manchester	Hoyt, Edward	Spromsat, Mary
	8 Morrissey, William	Manchester	Morrissey, Thomas	Unknown, Martha
	9 Sousa, Shirley	Goffstown	Sousa, John	Lemay, Eva
	10 Coughlin, Daniel	Goffstown	Coughlin, John	Tinel, Madeline
	10 Sillaber, Agnes	Concord	O'Hare, John	Monahan, Mary Agnes
	14 Preston, Pearle	Goffstown	Smith, Freeman	Magnant, Josephine
	15 Mims, Katharina	Manchester	Manhart, Ludwig	Unknown, Hedwig
	18 Theodore, Mary	Goffstown	Theodore, Costas	Spanos, Stavroula
	19 Cloughley, John	Concord	Cloughley, Andrew	Plenderleath, Catherine
	19 Prince, Maurice	Goffstown	Prince, Louis	Simard, Adrienne
	20 Bergeron, Donna	Manchester	Gibson, Francis	Lambert, Jeanette
	21 Laur, Thomas	Manchester	Laur, Frank	Bean, Evelyn
	29 Holden, Florence	Manchester	Ainsworth, Harry	Bowen, Mildred
	29 Bjorkman, Walter	Manchester	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Feb.	1 Tucker, Erma	Goffstown	Schwartz, Charles	Gooch, Alice
	4 Paul, Herbert	Manchester	Paul, Herbert	Schroeder, Helene
	7 Gagnon, Armand	Goffstown	Gagnon, Athanase	Cote, Alpheda
	10 Lindner, Hans	Goffstown	Lindner, Joachim	Unknown, Unknown
	10 Bilodeau, Brenda	Manchester	Roy, Ronald	MacInnis, Priscilla
	12 Largo, Carolyn	Goffstown	Black, James	Mealy, Maude
	22 McMennamin, Becky	Manchester	Kohrt, Roy	Becker, Viola
Mar.	24 Gardner, Fernande	Manchester	Aubin, Felix	Bergeron, Delphine
	4 Lorenz Jr., Harold	Manchester	Lorenz Sr., Harold	Graves, Helen
	8 Gagnon, Jean	Manchester	Gagnon, Ernest	Lessard, Corrine
	9 Avery, Ruby	Manchester	Unknown, Unknown	Jackson, Ida
	9 Lindsey, Doris	Manchester	Derby, Frank	Durbin, Frances
	10 Downs, Virginia	Goffstown	Chandler, Franklin	Chandler, Margaret
	10 Russell, Evelyn	Goffstown	Emerson, Earl	Bailey, Helen
	11 Jackson Sr., John	Manchester	Jackson, Melvin	Pomfert, Evelyn
	14 Roy, Lillian	Manchester	St. Onge, Wilfred	Prince, Leonie
	19 Cote, Gerard	Goffstown	Cote, Alfred	Goudreau, Marie Rose
	24 Wolterding, Dennis	Manchester	Wolterding, Eric	Gantt, Florence
	28 D'Agostino, Angelo	Manchester	D'Agostino, Antonio	Drago, Carolina
	29 Campbell, Ian	Goffstown	Campbell, Michael	Johnston, Anne
	Apr.	1 Rene, Laurette	Goffstown	Gervais, Aime
4 Michon Sr., Arthur		Goffstown	Michon, Richard	Duguay, Emelie
5 Prescott, Jewett		Manchester	Prescott, Myron	Foley, Margaret
7 Jubinville, Gerard		Goffstown	Jubinville, Arthur	Forest, Blanche
9 Sharp, Martin		Lebanon	Sharp, Herbert	Spangler, Nora Dell
11 Phinney, Eileen		Goffstown	Leaman, John	Schelotto, Maria
11 Carter, Helena		Goffstown	Mijal, Mikelog	Fucek, Anna
13 Sampson, Bernadette		Goffstown	Proulx, J. Donat	Chandonnet, Olida
14 Dillon, Mina		Goffstown	Moody, Peter	Olmstead, Sarah
16 Billy, Katherine		Manchester	Roche, Edward	Foye, Katherine
18 Castillo, Gregory		Goffstown	Castillo, Albert	Dworzanski, Doreen
19 Fortin, Simonne		Manchester	Cote, Esdras	Toupin, Febronie
25 Hanley, William		Goffstown	Hanley, William	Furlong, Josephine
26 Martel, Irene		Goffstown	Beaulieu, Bruno	Pelletier, Anna
29 Peabody Sr., Herbert	Goffstown	Peabody, Charles	Cavanaugh, Josephine	
May	2 Bissonnette, Eugene	Goffstown	Bissonnette, Wilfred	Dugas, Aurore
	6 Babei, Mary	Goffstown	Danuluk, Yustin	Hymka, Yustina
	9 Lievens, Beatrice	Manchester	Brunelle, Telesphore	Laronde, Lucille
	11 Wheeler, Rena	Goffstown	Vernal, Alan	Hastings, Ruth
	14 Roy Jr., Robert	Concord	Roy Sr., Robert	Crawford, Mary

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
May	15 Taylor, James	Goffstown	Taylor, Gordon	Young, Bertha
	20 Labrie, Alfred	Goffstown	Labrie, Joseph	Brodeur, Muriel
	24 Prescott, Franklin	Manchester	Prescott, George	Locke, Edith
	26 Mailloux, Armand	Goffstown	Mailloux, Frederick	Lambert, Laurette
	27 Golden, Ruth	Goffstown	Bernard, Arthur	Ryan, Mary
	29 Charest, Peter	Goffstown	Charest, Gordon	Robertson, Patricia
	30 Carbonneau, Laurette	Goffstown	Gagnon, Joseph	Cabana, Lea
Jun.	1 Neville, Michael	Goffstown	Neville, Ernest	Mooney, Thelma
	6 Dawson, George	Manchester	Dawson, George	Shirley, Elsie
	8 Boisvert, Aldea	Goffstown	Baron, Joseph	Fontaine, Alida
	10 Rogers, Michael	Manchester	Rogers, John	Huckings, Eleanor
	11 Martin, Mary Jane	Manchester	Diehl, William	Canty, Hazel
	13 St. Jean, Margaret	Manchester	Hunkins, Arthur	Mc Kenna, Catherine
	14 Poland, Ernest	Merrimack	Poland, Ernest	Whittemore, Jennie
	18 Brooks, Richard	Goffstown	Brooks, Earl	Stanley, Vera
	19 Harrison, Barbara	Manchester	Harrison, William	Fitzgerald, Florence
	19 Hermans, Nicholas	Goffstown	Hermans, Cornelius	Burghgraef, Jennifer
	22 Portigue, Sr., Robert	Manchester	Portigue, Fred	Burrows, Bessie
	24 Bailey, Sally	Goffstown	Bailey, Robert	Walker, Lois
	27 Durocher, Paul	Goffstown	Durocher, Alfred	Gauthier, Celina
30 Smith, Mary	Manchester	O'Neill, George	Devereaux, Valcia	
Jul.	2 Johnson, Dana	Goffstown	Johnson, Roland	Morris, Nancy
	2 Landry, Claire	Manchester	Gagne, Wilfred	Dovon, Lillian
	3 Levesque Jr., Alfred	Manchester	Levesque Sr., Alfred	Munroe, Stella
	4 Kennedy Jr., James	Goffstown	Kennedy, James	McGuinness, Kathryn
	6 Lavallee, Ralph	Manchester	Lavallee, Josephat	Deziel, Rebecca
	10 Jannelle, Stephen	Goffstown	Jannelle, Robert	Burnham, Marilyn
	19 Gosselin, Armand	Goffstown	Gosselin, Alfred	Charette, Lumina
	21 O'Brien, Ethel	Goffstown	Dyer, Preston	Davis, Bertha
	26 Caza, Germain	Manchester	Caza, Henry	Champagna, Maria
	29 Fielding, Sally	Goffstown	Fielding, Albert	Champy, Beverly
Aug.	13 Wilbar Jr., Wendall	Manchester	Wilbar Sr., Wendall	Borden, Evelyn
	14 Patient Sr., Marcel	Goffstown	Patient, Leon	Lestage, Lorantine
	15 Hamel, Nicholas	Manchester	Hamel, Donald	Leach, Lynda
	21 Daniels, Kathryn	Goffstown	Daniels, Peter	Petersen, Ursula
	24 Nemeth, Ann	Goffstown	Yanicki, John	Zrudlowski, Maria
	27 Caron, Rita	Goffstown	Lachance, Alphonse	Pelletier, Rose
	30 Hudson, Edward	Goffstown	Hudson, Edward	Fitzgerald, Katherine
31 Pelchat, Laurette	Manchester	Lamy, Ovila	Gariepy, Marie	

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Sept.	4 Dawson, Helen	Goffstown	Fletcher, John	Little, Ida
	9 Foley, Eva	Merrimack	Thibeault, Charles	Thibeault, Florida
	10 McKay, Murray	Goffstown	McKay, Roland	Clark, Mildred
	12 Dawson, James	Goffstown	Dawson, George	Shirley, Elsie
	19 Lukasiak, Helen	Bedford	Fleury Jr. Frank	St. Cyr, Evelyn
	24 Naser, Theresa	Goffstown	Gillis, Duncan	MacLellan, Catherine
	28 Brandano, Helen	Manchester	Moore, John	Rock, Helen
	30 Wilson, Howard	Goffstown	Wilson Jr., Harry	Campbell, Isabel
Oct.	7 Liacos, Maureen	Goffstown	McKean, James	Mac Farland, Sarah
	14 Potter, Evelyn	Manchester	Karhulahti, Janne	Pasanen, Ida
	16 Huppe, Armand	Manchester	Huppe, George	Trudel, Beatrice
	31 Berthiaume, Richard	Manchester	Berthiaume, Edouard	Mailhot, Lucille
Nov.	2 Lozeau, Emile	Webster	Lozeau, Arthur	Bachand, Venita
	2 Duffy, Frederick	Manchester	Duffy Sr., Frederick	Wright, Mary
	3 Minnon, Richard	Manchester	Minnon, William	Gallen, Margaret
	4 Donahoe, Rita	Goffstown	Bannister, Franklin	Coyne, Barbara
	7 Gleason, Ernest	Merrimack	Gleason, James	Forant, Cecile
	8 Kordas, Elizabeth	Manchester	Frost, George	Westgate, Faustina
	9 Monahan, Walter	Goffstown	Monahan, John	Unknown, Mary
	9 Allen, Martin	Goffstown	Allen, Samuel	Popper, Elsa
	11 Jubinville, Jeannette	Goffstown	Jubinville, Omer	Saucier, Marianne
	16 Forcier, Katherine	Manchester	Bailey, Waldo	Streeter, Nellie
	18 Ducharme, Roger	Manchester	Ducharme, Edward	Claude, Aurelie
	20 Hall, Gregory	Concord	Hall, Robert	Grahn, Pamela
	23 Johnston, Carol	Goffstown	Belanger, Roland	Nadeau, Regina
	29 Trattel, Allison	Goffstown	Attwell, Adrian	Maude, Margaret
Dec.	1 Stencavage, John	Manchester	Stankavage, Anufras	Milukas, Julia
	4 Collins, Nancy	Goffstown	Beaudin, Roger	Godfrey, Irene
	7 Eckley, Aline	Manchester	Desrochers, Alphee	Ducharme, Hermine
	8 Laraba, Anne	Goffstown	McGuigan, Thomas	Mulvey, Catherine
	9 Dwyer, Robert	Goffstown	Dwyer, Merle	Pierce, Caroline
	10 Wentz, Jennifer	Lebanon	Turbyne, James	Poore, Susan
	13 Hunter, William	Bedford	Hunter, Henry	McFarland, Ethel
	14 Mackey, John	Manchester	Mackey, Thomas	Brick, Veracunda
	14 Chin, Deborah	Manchester	Chin, Kyin	Chow, Lorna
	20 Weldon, Barbara	Manchester	Thomas, Herman	Kaulbach, Florence
	22 Howard, Mary	Goffstown	Knight, Roy	Simmons, Mildred
22 Tremblay, Leon	Goffstown	Tremblay, Rene	Paquette, Amanda	
23 Mitchell Sr., Robert	Manchester	Mitchell, Unknown	Lyon, Catherine	
24 Swanson, Marilyn	Manchester	Harriman, Walter	Marshal, Thelma	

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS: 137

2009 INTERMENTS

Name	Age	Date of Death	Burial Date	Section	Lot/Grave
HILLSIDE CEMETERY					
Preston, Pearle W.	91	01/14/09	04/29/09	Range 33/Div 55	
Philibotte, Grace			04/28/09	Range 25/Div 54	
SHIRLEY HILL					
Hall, Gregory	32	11/20/09	11/28/09	1	5
Ellis, Richard William		01/21/00	08/21/09	2	20A 1
Watts, June Ann	61	01/07/09	06/26/09	3	73A 1
Zawojski, Mildred D.	83	01/10/09	05/27/09	4	30
Coughlin, Daniel J.	67	01/10/09	04/29/09	3	16 1
Snay, Jeffrey A.	61	01/18/09	07/26/09	1	65
Woodruff, Paul A.	82	02/07/09	06/12/09	1	6
Zyla, John B.	38	02/09/09	05/29/09	2	8C 2
Kenson, Ray D.	85	03/16/09	06/19/09	3	1
Campbell, Ian	57	03/29/09	04/01/09		30 2
Dawson, George S.	89	06/06/09	06/27/09	4	30
Pasternak, Thaddeous	32	06/28/09	07/02/09	3	68 1
Dawson, Helen	79	09/04/09	09/12/09	3	20 2
Dawson, James	88	09/12/09	09/19/09	3	20 1
Allen, Martin A.	78	11/09/09	11/13/09	2	43A 2
WESTLAWN					
Charpentier, Patricia M.	54	02/18/08	05/21/09	1988	17 1
Bridgeman, David S.	40	12/18/08	05/21/09	1988	16 1
Ackerman, Priscilla J.	80	01/05/09	05/08/09	5	5
Morrissey, William S.	84	01/08/09	05/01/09	1904	72 4
St. Pierre, Mildred	91	01/14/09	05/08/09	1946	59A
Mims, Katharina	77	01/15/09	04/21/09	1988	30 1
Parker, Frances A.	76	02/28/09	07/16/09	1904	Row 2 Lot 5
Bartlett, James J.	51	03/15/09	04/14/09	1992	177
Duclos, Walter M.	94	03/25/09	09/19/09	1984	7 1
Boisvert, Howard M.	57	04/12/09	04/18/09	1990	130 3
Rogers, Michael J.	54	06/10/09	06/19/09	1946	15
Johnson, Dana H.	48	07/02/09	07/25/09	1984	5
Philbrook, Agnes R.	91	07/08/09	07/18/09	1946	47 2
Hamel, Nicholas D.	20	08/15/09	08/21/09	1990	142B
Daniels, Kathryn T.	24	08/21/09	08/26/09	1984	33 2
McKay, Murray H.	98	09/10/09	09/15/09	1989	46 6
Pierce Sr., Robert E.	87	09/17/09	09/26/09	45	7
Naser, Theresa I.	77	09/24/09	11/20/09	1991	8A
Wike, Mark W.	56	10/19/09	10/23/09	1933	33 1
Brendle, William H.	81	10/28/09	11/02/09	1992	146

TOTAL INTERMENTS: 38

AUDIT MANAGEMENT REPORT

MELANSON HEATH & COMPANY, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
102 Perimeter Road
Nashua, New Hampshire 03063-1301
603-882-1111

August 6, 2009

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, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town of Goffstown'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.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The recommendations that accompany this letter summarize our comments and suggestions concerning those matters.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Selectmen, others within the organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than 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 RECOMMENDATION:

1. Improve Controls Over Transfer Station

The transfer station has approximately 30 credit customers who are billed for their usage of the facility. The receivables for these customers are tracked by the individual at the transfer station, and also by the Finance department. We noted that the Town has difficulty reconciling these two independent receivable records. It appears the differences relate to timing cut-off issues because the report maintained at the transfer station is not consistently posted for receipts in a timely manner, nor is the aged receivable report consistently printed at month end.

We recommend efforts be made to cut off the transfer station aged receivable report at month end (i.e., the report should reflect all month end billings and receipts, but no subsequent month activity). This report should then be reconciled to the Finance Department aged receivable report. Differences, if any, should be investigated and resolved. This will improve documented control over transfer station receivables.

Also, because the transfer station is overseen by only one individual, there is an inherent risk that errors or irregularities could occur and go undetected. In a small organization it is difficult to establish an adequate segregation of duties. Compensating controls to consider may include not accepting cash (currency) receipts, installing surveillance cameras, involving other employees at the transfer station, and/or increasing internal audits and oversight over receipts. The Town should evaluate the cost/benefit to these recommendations.

2. Other Issues

Increase Clerk Change Fund – Each of the two cash drawers in the Clerk's office are authorized to maintain a \$50.00 change fund. We noted that often the clerks in the office need to exchange cash for checks with each other because one drawer runs out of currency. We recommend the authorized cash drawer change fund amounts be increased to at least \$100.00. This will improve efficiency and provide an improved audit trail of currency/check receipts of each drawer.

Improve Documentation of Travel Expense Approvals – We noted that department heads currently approve their own travel expenses. This increases the risk of irregularities or abuses occurring. We recommend the Town require that all department head travel expenses be approved by the Town Administrator. This will improve oversight and control over travel expenses.

Clarify Sick/Vacation Usage – We noted that certain departments allow the use of accrued employee time interchangeably and do not distinguish between sick and vacation time. We recommend the Town establish a policy to clarify the distinction between the use of sick and vacation compensated absences. This will improve consistency town-wide and minimize the risk of abuses occurring.

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, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, 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 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, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown, as of December 31, 2008, 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, and the supplementary information, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated August 6, 2009 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 grant 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.

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 purpose 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.

Melanson Heath & Company
Nashua, New Hampshire
August 6, 2009

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2008

	Gov't Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Current			
Cash & short-term investments	\$12,902,979	\$2,050,025	\$14,953,004
Investments	579,071	--	579,071
Receivables, net allowance for uncollectibles			
Property Taxes	1,540,662	--	1,540,662
User Fees	55,948	159,024	214,972
Special Assessments	--	35,178	35,178
Intergovernmental	154,118	37,410	191,528
Other Assets	181,176	142,204	323,380
Noncurrent:			
Receivables, net allowance for uncollectibles:	--	--	--
Property taxes	205,882	--	205,882
Spec. Assessment & Intergovernmental	--	172,342	172,342
Capital Assets:			
Land & construction in progress	4,818,663		4,818,663
Other Assets – net of accumulated depreciation	<u>23,320,153</u>	<u>7,039,726</u>	<u>30,359,879</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	43,758,652	9,635,909	55,433,901
LIABILITIES:			
Current			
Vouchers Payable	548,196	70,071	618,267
Accrued Liabilities	30,874	24,856	55,730
Due to school district	8,159,624	--	8,159,624
Due to other governments	345,032	--	345,032
Other current liabilities	46,967	--	46,967
Current portion of long-term liabilities:			
Bonds payable	253,311	260,000	513,311
Other liabilities	55,056	296	55,352
Non-current:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	1,267,485	975,000	2,242,485
Other liabilities, net of current portion	<u>1,264,553</u>	<u>2,659</u>	<u>1,126,212</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$11,945,372	\$1,361,628	\$13,307,000
NET ASSETS:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$26,618,020	\$5,804,726	\$32,422,746
Restricted for Permanent Funds:			
Nonexpendable	533,491	--	533,491
Expendable	170,410	--	170,410
Unrestricted	<u>4,491,359</u>	<u>2,469,555</u>	<u>6,960,914</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$31,813,280	\$8,274,281	\$40,087,561

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

December 31, 2008

	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Net (Expenses) Revenues & Changes in Net Assets</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Grants and Contributions</u>		<u>Gov't Activities</u>	<u>Business -Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
			<u>Oper.</u>	<u>Capital</u>			
Governmental Activities:							
General							
Government	1,911,998	443,113	171,277	-	(1,297,608)	-	(1,297,608)
Public Safety	6,855,690	529,169	130,625	-	(6,195,896)	-	(6,195,896)
Public Works	5,026,337	236,640	46,159	424,651	(4,318,887)	-	(4,318,887)
Health &							
Welfare	86,315	-	-	-	(86,315)	-	(86,315)
Library & Rec.	1,115,127	3,480	-	-	(1,111,647)	-	(1,111,647)
ebt Service	64,656	-	-	-	(64,656)	-	(64,656)
Miscellaneous	3,458,164	-	-	-	(3,458,164)	-	(3,458,164)
Total Governmental Activities:	18,518,287	1,212,402	348,061	424,651	(16,533,173)	-	(16,533,173)
Business-Type Activities:							
Sewer Services	1,692,398	1,424,805	47,101	-	-	(220,492)	(220,492)
TOTAL	20,210,685	2,637,207	395,162	424,651	(16,533,173)	220,492	(16,753,665)
General Revenues:							
				<u>Gov't Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>
Taxes				\$ 11,268,722	--		\$ 11,268,722
Motor Vehicle Permits				2,406,455	--		2,406,455
Penalties, interest, other taxes				284,511	--		284,511
Grants, contributions not restricted to specific programs				1,257,348	--		1,257,348
Investment Income				(100,705)	16,237		(94,468)
Miscellaneous & Interfund				234,346	(1,074)		235,420
Permanent Fund Contributions				3,686	--		3,686
TOTAL Rev. & Contributions				\$15,344,363	\$ 17,311		\$15,361,674
Change in Net Assets				(1,188,810)	(203,181)		(1,391,991)
Net Assets:							
Beginning of Year				33,002,090	8,477,462		41,479,552
End of Year				31,813,280	8,274,281		40,087,561

Notes to financial statements available through the Finance Office

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, 2008.

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, highways and streets, sanitation, economic development, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities include sewer enterprise activities.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$ 40,087,561 (i.e., net assets), a change of \$ (1,391,991) in comparison to the prior year.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 5,224,904, a change of \$ (786,400) in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$ 2,239,591, a change of \$ (774,936) in comparison with the prior year.
- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current fiscal year was \$ 2,755,796, a change of \$ (513,311) 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):

	<u>Governmental</u>		<u>Business-Type</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Current &						
other assets	\$ 15,620	\$ 16,834	\$ 2,596	\$ 2,372	\$ 18,216	\$ 19,206
Capital assets	<u>28,139</u>	<u>28,528</u>	<u>7,040</u>	<u>7,700</u>	<u>35,179</u>	<u>36,228</u>
Total assets	43,759	45,362	9,636	10,072	53,395	55,434
Long-term liabilities						
outstanding	2,841	2,953	1,238	1,501	4,079	4,454
Other liabilities	<u>9,104</u>	<u>9,407</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>9,228</u>	<u>9,501</u>
Total liabilities	11,945	12,360	1,362	1,595	13,307	13,955
Net assets						
Invested in capital						
assets, net	26,618	26,754	5,805	6,205	32,423	32,959
Restricted	<u>704</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704</u>	<u>721</u>
Unrestricted	<u>4,492</u>	<u>5,527</u>	<u>2,469</u>	<u>2,272</u>	<u>6,961</u>	<u>7,799</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 31,814</u>	<u>\$ 33,002</u>	<u>\$ 8,274</u>	<u>\$ 8,477</u>	<u>\$ 40,088</u>	<u>\$ 41,479</u>

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governmental		BusinessType		Total	
	<u>Activities</u>		<u>Activities</u>			
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	1,212	1,206	1,425	1,410	2,637	2,616
Operating grants and Contributions	348	384	47	27	395	411
Capital grants and Contributions	425	582	-	-	425	582
General revenues:						
Property Taxes	11,269	10,458	-	-	11,269	10,458
Motor vehicle permits	2,406	2,441	-	-	2,406	2,441
Penalties, interest, & other taxes	285	166	-	-	285	166
Grants & contributions not restricted to specific programs	1,257	1,165	-	-	1,257	1,165
Investment Income	(110)	284	16	31	(94)	315
Miscellaneous	<u>234</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>160</u>
Total revenues	17,326	16,818	1,489	1,496	18,815	18,314
Expenses:						
General government	1,914	1,844	-	-	1,912	1,844
Public safety	6,856	6,251	-	-	6,856	6,251
Public works	5,026	3,365	-	-	5,026	3,365
Health and welfare	86	72	-	-	86	72
Library and recreation	1,115	1,287	-	-	1,115	1,287
Interest on long-term debt	65	75	-	-	65	75
Miscellaneous	3,458	2,368	-	-	3,458	2,368
Sewer operations	-	-	1,692	1,387	1,692	1,387
Total expenses	18,518	15,262	1,692	1,387	20,210	16,649
Change in net assets	(1,192)	1,556	(203)	109	(1,395)	1,665
Transfers in (out)	-	154	-	154	-	-
Permanent fund Contributions	<u>4</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>33</u>
Increase in net assets	(1,188)	1,743	(203)	(45)	(1,391)	1,698
Net assets – beginning of year	<u>33,002</u>	<u>31,259</u>	<u>8,477</u>	<u>8,522</u>	<u>41,479</u>	<u>39,781</u>
Net assets – end of year	<u>\$ 31,814</u>	<u>\$ 33,002</u>	<u>\$ 8,274</u>	<u>\$ 8,477</u>	<u>\$ 40,088</u>	<u>\$ 41,479</u>

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 \$ 40,087,561 a change of \$(1,391,991) from the prior year.

The largest portion of net assets \$ 32,422,746 reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, equipment, and infrastructure), 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 \$ 703,901 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets \$ 6,960,914 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Governmental activities. Governmental activities for the year resulted in a change in net assets of \$(1,188,810). Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund operations, as discussed further in section D	\$ (774,936)
Nonmajor fund	(11,464)
Depreciation expense in excess of principal debt service	(939,243)
Capital assets acquired	803,439
OBEB liability	(181,052)
Other	<u>(85,554)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$(1,188,810)</u></u>

Business-Type Activities. Business-type activities (Sewer Fund) for the year resulted in a change in net assets of \$(203,181).

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 \$ 5,224,904, a change of \$(786,400) in comparison with the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund, as discussed further	
In section D	\$(774,936)
Nonmajor funds	<u>(11,464)</u>
Total	<u>\$(786,400)</u>

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$2,239,591, while total fund balance was \$ 3,082,234. 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 12.68 percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 17.45 percent of that same amount.

The fund balance of the general fund changed by \$(774,936) during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

Revenue in excess of budget	\$ 97,196
Expenditures less than budget	863,751
Collection of prior year tax revenue	97,029
Use of fund balance to reduce taxes	(300,000)
Prior year encumbrance over current year encumbrance	<u>(1,532,912)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (774,936)</u>

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 \$ 2,469,555, a change of \$ (11,464) 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 \$ 35,178,542 (net of accumulated depreciation), a change of \$(1,049,187) 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:

Purchase of:

One dump truck w/plow	\$ 134,567
One 48' aluminum trailer	68,905
One John Deere loader	137,883
Three police cruisers	73,233
Police Department generator	49,933
Fire station roof replacement	41,500
Two cardiac lifepak units	44,170
Fire SUV	25,748
One pickup truck for Public Works Dept.	37,830
One shoulder machine for Public Works Dept.	36,400
Five parcels of land	101,700
Traffic signal upgrades	18,900
Tracking software	20,727
Library radiant heating & flooring	24,437
Roy pool upgrades	<u>24,506</u>
Subtotal	840,439

Disposal of:

One dump truck with sander	(2,000)
One loader	(15,000)
One pumper and ladder	<u>(20,000)</u>
Subtotal	(37,000)
Current year depreciation	<u>(1,852,626)</u>
Decrease in capital assets	\$(1,049,187)

Additional information on capital assets can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$ 2,755,796, 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 12/31/08. **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

SELECTMEN RESPONSE TO AUDITORS

September 28, 2009

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 August 6, 2009, prepared by Melanson Heath & Company. The comments in your Management Letter pertain to issues surrounding the audit for year ending December 31, 2008.

CURRENT YEAR ISSUE:

1. Improve Controls Over Transfer Station

Response: The transfer station is consistently producing an aged receivable report on the last business day of each month. The report is being reconciled to the aged receivable report in the Finance Department. This process will improve controls over the transfer station receivables. We recognize the fact that establishing adequate segregation of duties at the transfer station is a challenge. We are also concerned with the cost/benefit when considering our choice of compensating controls. We are committed to increasing internal audits and oversight but not solely within this department. In an effort to strengthen the controls we currently have in place, our organization will conduct a random internal audit of one department per quarter which will include the transfer station and three other departments determined by the Finance Director to be at high risk. This approach will help reduce the inherent risk that errors or irregularities could occur and go undetected.

2. Other Issues

a) Increase Clerk Change Fund

Response: The change fund for each clerk in the Clerk's office was increased this past spring to \$100 each. We agree that this will improve efficiency and improve the audit trail of receipts in each drawer.

b) Improve Documentation of Travel Expense Approvals

Response: The Town Administrator is reviewing and approving the travel expenses of all department heads. The Assistant Town Administrator will continue to review and approve the travel expenses of the Town Administrator (and vice versa). We agree that this review and

approval process will improve oversight and control over the travel expenses of all department heads.

c) Clarify Sick/Vacation Usage

Response: We have thoroughly researched our payroll records for 2008 and did not find any significant interchangeable use of sick and vacation compensation by employees. In our opinion the town has an existing policy that adequately addresses the use of sick and vacation compensation (refer to page 13 & 14 of the Goffstown 2009 Personnel Plan) that is reasonable and manageable. All department supervisors have been apprised of your comment and will continue their effort to follow the town's personnel plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Scott Gross, *Chairman*
Philip D'Avanza, *Vice Chairman*

Vivian Blondeau
Nicholas Campasano
Steve Fournier

MS-1 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION FOR YEAR 2009

	ASSESSED VALUATION TAXABLE	TOTAL
LAND		
Current Use	\$ 935,800	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	0	
Discretionary Easement	1,200	
Residential	462,066,900	
Commercial/Industrial	61,303,200	
Total Taxable Land		\$524,307,100
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable (est.)		28,582,000
 BUILDINGS		
Residential	\$ 761,810,200	
Manufactured Housing	22,100,000	
Commercial/Industrial	83,964,200	
Discretionary Preservation Easement	34,000	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$867,908,400
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable		94,314,400
 PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric \$ 27,652,000		
Gas	1,502,100	
Total Public Utilities		\$29,154,100
 TAXABLE VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		 \$1,421,369,600
 EXEMPTIONS:		
	NUMBER	
Certain Disabled Veterans	2	\$418,500
School Dining/Dorms/Kitchen	1	150,000
Blind 13	195,000	
Elderly 212	13,405,000	
Total Exemptions	229	14,168,500
 NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION RATE IS COMPUTED		
		\$1,407,201,100
 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		
		\$1,378,047,000

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
SCHOOL				
4/103	16 Maple Avenue	114,900	3,085,900	3,200,800
5/14/1	251 Elm St – Kindergarten	26,400	1,543,400	1,569,800
5/97	Wallace Road - GAHS	16,500		16,500
5/98	27 Wallace Road - GAHS	85,400	11,086,200	11,171,600
8/74	Tibbetts Hill Rd. - MVMS	937,200	8,990,100	9,927,300
17/182	689 Mast Road - Bartlett	28,400	1,537,700	1,566,100
34/138	11 School St – Upper El	151,100	254,600	405,700
SCHOOL TOTALS:		1,359,900	26,497,900	27,857,800
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT				
1/37	Back Mountain Road	480,300		480,300
1/38	Back Mountain Road	978,000	88,700	1,066,700
4/11	off Merrill Road	81,400	5,600	87,000
4/16/2	Mountain Road	110,300		110,300
7/2	Mast Road	42,200	11,000	53,200
7/5	North Mast Road	90,500	100,500	191,000
7/8/1	North Mast Road	114,100		114,100
7/106/2	High Street	69,000		69,000
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT TOTALS:		1,965,800	205,800	2,171,600
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	33,400		33,400
2/64/29	Addison Road	6,700		6,700
3/9	off School House Road	30,100		30,100
4/61	off New Boston Road	28,500		28,500
5/14	Goffstown Back Road	297,500		297,500
5/15/3	Elm St	20,000		20,000
5/15/4	Elm St	210,000		210,000
5/24	404 Elm Street	848,000	811,300	1,659,300
5/38/39	Juniper Drive	42,800		42,800
6/39/1/A	326 Mast Road	274,500	656,400	930,900
7/3/1	off Mast Road	17,300		17,300
7/72	Mast/Autumn Street	225,700		225,700
8/44	off Locust Hill	13,500		13,500
9/29/1	289 Tirrell Hill Road	87,100	202,300	289,400

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
10/11	Tenney Road	7,800		7,800
12/10A	Montelona Rd (off)	118,500		118,500
15/58	Rosemont Street	91,100		91,100
15/59	Rosemont Street	6,600		6,600
15/57A	Rosemont Street	100,500	103,400	203,900
15/73A	31 Rosemont Street	7,200		7,200
17/37	656 Mast Rd.	361,500	511,100	872,600
17/238	36 Laurier Street	182,000	12,500	194,500
19/15	19 Channel Lane	19,400	2,000	21,400
19/47	off Sharon St	250,000		250,000
21/85	60 Cove Street	67,200		67,200
21/64A	Riverside Drive	28,200		28,200
24-37	Andre/Russell	18,600		18,600
24/44	Rem Drive	10,000		10,000
24/44R/6	Rem Drive	20,300		20,300
24/59A	Lynchville Park Road	29,000		29,000
26/13A	Mast Rd/Henry Bridge	12,400		12,400
27/23	Henry Bridge Road	26,900		26,900
27/25	86 Center Street	45,000	2,000	47,000
28/28	87 Center St	68,000	177,900	245,900
30/81	9 Barnard Lane	531,800	159,300	691,100
30/25A	Pineridge Road	10,000		10,000
30/29/A	Highland Avenue	12,500		12,500
31/19	155 S Mast St	86,000	159,700	245,700
31/22	off Mast Road	59,200		59,200
32/26E/18	Hermsdorf Avenue	13,500		13,500
32/26E/19	Hermsdorf Avenue	13,500		13,500
32/26E/22	Hermsdorf Avenue	13,200		13,200
32/26E/30	Janice Drive	13,500		13,500
32/26E/55	Thomas Drive	13,900		13,900
34/83	16 Main Street	244,500	662,100	906,600
34/96	Church Street	136,300	12,700	149,000
34/99	Church Street	168,100		168,100
34/107	2 High Street	203,500	311,200	514,700
34/114/1	50 Elm Street	64,100		64,100
34/129	Mill Street	39,000		39,000
34/148	Main Street	203,000	9,200	212,200
34/152	Main Street	168,300		168,300
34/177	East Union Street	118,400	77,400	195,800
35/48	Island on Glen Lake	250,400		250,400
37/9	N Mast St	189,000		189,000

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
38/13	18 Church Street	187,600	305,200	492,800
40/1	Crescent Lane	55,900		55,900
40/8	Perimeter Road	5,100		5,100
40/11	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,200		5,200
40/12	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	38,200		38,200
40/14	Crescent Lane	5,400		5,400
40/15	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,300		5,300
40/16	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,200		5,200
40/17	Crescent Lane	5,100		5,100
40/18	Crescent Lane	5,100		5,100
40/19	Crescent Lane	4,900		4,900
40/20	Crescent Lane	4,900		4,900
40/21	Crescent Lane	5,100		5,100
40/22	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,200		5,200
40/23	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/24	Crescent Lane	5,100		5,100
40/25	Crescent Lane	5,800		5,800
40/27	Perimeter Road	5,200		5,200
40/29	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,300		5,300
40/34	Summit Road	5,000		5,000
40/35	Summit Road	5,000		5,000
40/42	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,100		5,100
40/4A	Uncanoonuc Mtn.	27,000		27,000
40/47	197 Perimeter Road	35,100	300	35,400
40/50	off Perimeter Road	5,900		5,900
40/51	S. Uncanoonuck Mtn.	5,200		5,200
40/52	S. Uncanoonuck Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/53	Beech Lane	5,000		5,000
40/54	Summit Avenue	5,000		5,000
40/56	Maple Lane	5,000		5,000
40/57	Maple Lane	5,000		5,000
40/58	Summit Road	5,000		5,000
40/59	Maple Lane	5,300		5,300
40/60	41 Crescent Lane	5,000		5,000
40/61	Chestnut Lane	5,000		5,000
40/63	Chestnut Lane	5,000		5,000
40/64	Chestnut Ln/Summit	5,200		5,200
40/65	Beech Lane	5,300		5,300
40/66	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/67	Beech Lane	5,000		5,000
40/68	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,100		5,100
40/69	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,100		5,100
40/70	Chestnut Lane	5,000		5,000

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
40/71	Chestnut Lane	5,100		5,100
40/72	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/73	off Perimeter Road	5,000		5,000
40/74	Chestnut Lane	5,400		5,400
40/76	Birch Lane	5,000		5,000
40/77	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/78	Birch Lane	5,000		5,000
40/79	Uncanoonuc Mountain	5,000		5,000
40/80	Birch Lane	5,000		5,000
40/81	Uncanoonuc Mountain	5,000		5,000
40/82	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/83	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/85	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/86	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,100		5,100
40/87	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/88	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/89	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,100		5,100
40/90	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/91	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/92	Uncanoonuc Mountain	5,100		5,100
40/93	Cedar Lane	5,000		5,000
40/94	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/95	Uncanoonuc Mountain	5,200		5,200
40/97	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/98	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,200		5,200
40/99	Pine Lane	5,300		5,300
40/101	Pine Lane	5,600		5,600
40/103	off Perimeter Road	5,000		5,000
40/104	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/105	Summit Ave.	5,400		5,400
40/106	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/107	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	5,000		5,000
40/113	Perimeter Road	144,900	74,700	219,600
40/115	S. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	163,500		163,500
40/47A	off Perimeter Road	5,100		5,100
40/50A	off Perimeter Road	5,000		5,000
41/6	Forest Avenue	10,300		10,300
41/7	36 Incline Avenue	11,100		11,100
41/9	Incline Avenue	10,400		10,400
41/11	Incline Avenue	7,200		7,200
41/14	Mountain/Park Ave.	12,600		12,600
41/15	Mountain Avenue	7,200		7,200

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
41/16	Mountain Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/17	Mountain Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/19	Uncanoonuc Avenue	10,200		10,200
41/21	Park Avenue	17,200		17,200
41/22	Crown Avenue	11,000		11,000
41/23	Uncanoonuc Avenue	9,800		9,800
41/24	Uncanoonuc Avenue	10,500		10,500
41/29	Uncanoonuc Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/30	Incline Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/31	S. Mountain Base	10,100		10,100
41/32	Kaoka Avenue	11,700		11,700
41/33	Kaoka Avenue	15,500		15,500
41/34	Chocorua Avenue	24,800		24,800
41/35	Wonolancet Avenue	14,700		14,700
41/36	Wonolancet Avenue	27,400		27,400
41/37	<i>Mascoma</i> Avenue	19,600		19,600
41/37A	Mascoma Avenue	11,700		11,700
41/38	Chocorua Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/39	Chocorua Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/40	Chocorua Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/41	Chocorua Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/42	Chocorua Avenue	11,100		11,100
41/43	Chocorua Avenue	13,200		13,200
41/45	Kaoka Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/46	Kaoka Avenue	10,600		10,600
41/47	Kaoka Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/48	Kaoka Avenue	11,600		11,600
41/49	Kaoka Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/50	Kaoka Avenue	10,600		10,600
41/51	Mascoma Avenue	50,500		50,500
41/52	Incline Avenue	5,100		5,100
41/56	Uncanoonuc Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/59	Mascoma Ave	5,100		5,100
41/61	Uncanoonuc Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/62	Uncanoonuc Avenue	10,100		10,100
41/69	46 Incline Avenue	51,600	17,000	68,600
41/75	S. Mtn. Base/RR Ave.	16,100		16,100
41/76	Railroad Avenue	10,800		10,800
41/77	Railroad Avenue	12,800		12,800
41/78	Railroad Avenue	6,100		6,100
41/79	Mascoma Avenue	10,600		10,600
41/80	S. Mtn. Base Road	10,600		10,600
41/64A	Uncanoonuc Avenue	10,100		10,100

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
42/2	Railroad Avenue	11,300		11,300
42/4	Railroad Avenue	9,800		9,800
42/5	off Railroad Avenue	11,200		11,200
42/6	3 Orr St	54,100	8,700	62,800
42/12	Incline Avenue	10,100		10,100
42/15	Mountain Avenue	10,600		10,600
42/18	Mountain Avenue	12,300		12,300
42/19	Orr Street	10,600		10,600
42/22	Park Ave	13,500		13,500
42/23	Crown Avenue	14,500		14,500
42/24	Chestnut Slope	120,000		120,000
42/25	Chestnut Slope	10,500		10,500
42/28	165 Mountain Base Road	10,100		10,100
42/29	Chestnut Slope	10,000		10,000
42/30	169 Mountain Base Rd	52,400		52,400
42/31	Chestnut Slope	10,100		10,100
42/32	Chestnut Slope	10,100		10,100
42/33	Chestnut Slope	10,600		10,600
42/35	Chestnut Slope	10,100		10,100
42/36	Chestnut Slope	10,100		10,100
42/37	Chestnut Slope	10,100		10,100
42/40	off Mtn. Base Road	10,500		10,500
42/41	Chestnut Slope	10,100		10,100
42/42	Chestnut Slope	10,100		10,100
42/45	Lake Uncanoonuc	10,500		10,500
42/51	Railroad Avenue	6,100		6,100
43/24/1	Arrowhead Dr	75,200	20,000	95,200
TOTAL TOWN/CONSERVATION:		\$8,466,500	4,296,400	12,762,900
GRAND TOTAL		\$11,792,200	31,000,100	42,792,300

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

On June 19, 2009 the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration informed the Board of Selectmen that they had "completed its review based on the six assessment areas specifically identified RSA 21-J:11-a and RSA 21-J:14-b I.(c)." The DRA's five year review of the assessing practices of the Town of Goffstown was performed in order to insure equity and accuracy of assessments and assessing data. The DRA's letter stated, "We are pleased to report that you have met all of the guidelines as recommended by the Assessing Standards Board. Your attention to detail, thoroughness, periodic review, integrity and hard work are commendable. You stand out as an excellent example for other communities to follow."

For the 2009 tax year, the Town updated the assessed values of manufactured housing and residential condominiums. This update was in response to the greater than average drop in the property values of these types of properties from 2008 to 2009. While, all properties have been experiencing decreasing values as a result of the down turn in the market, it was the determination that other types of properties experienced uniform declines. As it is the goal of the Assessing Office to maintain "equity," no further adjustments were warranted.

The Town has completed the majority of the Cyclical Measure and List of all improved properties in the Town. All Commercial and Industrial properties have been completed as well as the majority of residential properties. The two largest condominium complexes and any other unvisited properties are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2010.

The Assessing Office has made great strides over the last three years to bring its practices, property data and valuations up to standards; it is still in the midst of this ongoing and continuing process. As indicated above, the Cyclical Measure and List will continue. In addition, the Assessing Office will continue to review Current Use, exemptions, credits and exempt properties. The Assessing Office monitors property values on a yearly basis. It is a tentative plan to perform another update of value for the 2010 tax year once all properties have been inspected.

The Assessing Office has improved, and is continuing to improve, the quality of its assessments without causing undue disruption to taxpayers or large budget increases. The Assessing Office asks for the continued understanding and cooperation of its citizens. Assessing is an ongoing process. The participation of taxpayers in this process is not only welcomed, but encouraged.

Respectively Submitted,

Scott W. Bartlett, CNHA
Assessor

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DUE SEPTEMBER 1

City/Town: **GOFFSTOWN**

FY 2009

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.	For Use By Municipality
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		
3180	Resident Taxes		
3185	Timber Taxes		13,573
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		
3189	Other Taxes		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Deliquent Taxes		195,000
	Inventory Penalties		
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		518
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		5,150
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		2,530,900
3230	Building Permits		42,494
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		28,189
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		71,680
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		787,144
3353	Highway Block Grant		372,400
3354	Water Pollution Grant		44,976
3355	Housing & Community Development		
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax) State Grants		48,461
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		152,352
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		439,739
3409	Other Charges		190,502
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		1,000

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FY 2009

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.	For Use By Municipality
3502	Interest on Investments		
3503-3509	Other		259,536
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds: EMS & Sewer		605,767
3913	From Capital Projects Fund		
3914	From Enterprise Fund		
	Sewer - (Offset)		1,609,317
	Water - (Offset)		
	Electric - (Offset)		
	Airport - (Offset)		
3915	From Capital Reserve Fund		
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		332,444
3917	From Conservation Funds		
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		3,200,000
	SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		10,931,142
General Fund Balance**			
		For Municipal Use	
	Unreserved Fund Balance (audited)	3,641,193	
	Less Emergency Approp. (RSA 32:11)	0	
	Voted From "Surplus"		0
	Less Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes		250,000
	Fund Balance - Retained	3,391,193	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			11,181,142

OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)

\$58,296

2010 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

MS-7

		2009 Appropriations		2010 Appropriations			
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	W A R T.#	APROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPEND.	SELECTMEN		BUDGET COMMITTEE	
				Recom- mended	Not Recom'd	Recom- mended	Not Recom'd
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Executive (incl. IT budget & exp incl grant awards)	11	746,859	738,653	788,928		788,928	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics (Town Clerk)	11	218,281	200,221	244,942	-1,500	243,442	1,500
Financial Administration (incl. Tax Office budget)	11	368,623	331,071	352,059		352,059	
Revaluation of Property	11	206,262	204,187	179,613		179,613	
Legal Expense							
Personnel Administration							
Planning & Zoning & Economic Development	11	301,039	334,477	335,673		335,673	
General Government Bldgs.							
Cemeteries	11	111,957	114,136	121,220		121,220	
Insurance							
Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
Other General Government	11	20,553	16,493	26,609		26,609	
PUBLIC SAFETY		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Police (expen. incl. grant awards)	11	3,977,332	3,847,520	4,257,734		4,257,734	
Ambulance: Emergency Medical Services							

Fire (exp incl all grant awards except SAFER)	11	2,238,165	3,111,958	2,376,811		2,376,811	
Building & Health Inspection	11	133,807	112,832	142,003		142,003	
Emergency Management (exp incl grant awards)	11	3,500	2,289	3,651		3,651	
Other Public Safety (including communications)							
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Admin., Highway & Sts (exp incl grant awards)	11	3,511,278	3,287,173	3,487,939		3,487,939	
Bridges							
SANITATION		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Administration & Solid Waste Collection	11	1,077,469	1,031,977	1,141,580		1,141,580	
Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup							
Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Administration & Water Services							
Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
ELECTRIC		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Administration & Generation							
Purchase Costs							
Electric Equipment Maintenance							
Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Administration & Pest Control							
Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other							
WELFARE		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx

Administration & Direct Assistance	11	73,376	85,775	85,248		85,248	
Intergov. Welfare Payments							
Vendor Payments & Other							
CULTURE & RECREATION		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Parks & Recreation	11	371,088	360,462	380,561	-18,000	362,561	18,000
Library	11	653,952	638,365	664,114	-650	663,464	650
Other Culture & Recreation: Public Access TV	11	60,085	57,118	61,920		61,920	
CONSERVATION		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
Other Conservation							
Redevelopment & Housing							
Economic Development							
DEBT SERVICE		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	11	253,311	253,311	253,311		253,311	
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11	58,752	58,752	48,240		48,240	
Interest on TANs	11	1	0	1		1	
Other Debt Service							
CAPITAL OUTLAY		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
Land & Improvements (incl. Road Plan Improv.)	11	2,316,627	2,316,905	1,940,414	-399,414	1,541,000	399,414
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	11	397,000	369,880	246,200		246,200	
Buildings	11	35,210	42,072	92,034		92,034	
Improv. Other than Land & Bldgs.	11	174,500	156,812	314,678	-67,000	247,678	67,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxx	xxxxxx	xxx
To Special Revenue Fund: EMS	11	399,038	365,802	419,837		419,837	

To Capital Projects Fund							
To Enterprise Fund - Sewer	11	1,654,293	1,165,085	1,729,721		1,729,721	
To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
To Agency Funds							
SUBTOTAL 1	11	19,362,358	19,203,327	19,695,041	xxx	19,208,477	xxx
LAND ACQUISITION (BARNARD PROPERTY)	12			360,000		360,000	
MAIN STREET PROGRAM	13	15,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	
LAND ACQUISITION (LIBRARY)		300,000	270,853				
SUBTOTAL 2		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	375,000	xxx	375,000	xxx
SEWER LINE UPGRADE/MAST RD/ARRA		2,500,000	2,500,000				
VEHICLES PURCHASE (FIRE ENGINE, DUMP TRUCK, TRASH COLLECTION)	9			948,000		948,000	
GREEN DRAINAGE / SO. MAST ST. ARRA	10	700,000	699,924	114,514		114,514	
MILFOIL CONTROL (NAMASKE LAKE)	14			23,000		23,000	
LAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT (ROBERTS FARM)	19				390,000	390,000	
LAND ACQUISITION (ADJACENT TO GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL)	20				600,000		600,000
SUBTOTAL 3		3,200,000	3,199,924	1,085,514	990,000	1,475,514	600,000

2010 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

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SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art.#	Est. Revenue Prior Year (from MS4)	Actual Revenue Prior Year	Est. Revenue for Ensuing Fiscal Year
TAXES		xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
Land Use Change Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Timber Yield Taxes	11	13,573	9,373	15,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)	11	518	218	550
Other Taxes				
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	11	195,000	179,858	195,000
INVENTORY PENALTIES				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
Business Licenses & Permits	11	5,150	3,511	5,150
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11	2,530,900	2,308,534	2,581,595
Building Permits	11	42,494	57,855	43,350
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	11	28,189	27,973	28,372
FROM FEDERAL GOV. (FEMA & other)	11	71,680	1,136,510	151,149
FROM STATE		xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
Shared Revenues	11	0	0	0
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	11	787,144	787,144	790,849
Highway Block Grant	11	372,400	372,399	391,931
Water Pollution Grant	11	44,976	44,976	35,169
Housing & Community Development				
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
Flood Control Reimbursement				
Other (Including Railroad Tax) State Grants	11	48,461	87,845	50,295
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	11	152,352	183,760	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES		xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
Income from Departments	11	439,739	435,742	338,375
Other Charges	11	190,502	230,696	218,259
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxx
Sale of Municipal Property	11	1,000	0	1,000
Interest on Investments	11	0	-5,915	25,000
Other	11	259,536	260,384	270,850

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
Special Revenue Funds: EMS & Sewer	11	605,767	602,653	555,241
Capital Projects Fund				
Enterprise Fund				
Sewer - (Offset)	11	1,609,317	1,609,317	1,694,552
Water - (Offset)				
Electric - (Offset)				
Capital Reserve Fund	9			100,000
Trust & Agency Funds		332,444	279,975	65,534
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		3,200,000	3,200,000	1,062,514
Amounts Voted from "Surplus"		xxxxxxx		
"Surplus" Used in Prior Yr to Reduce Taxes		250,000	xxxxxxx	xxxxxxx
TOTAL REVENUES		11,181,142	11,812,808	8,619,735

BUDGET SUMMARY	SELECTMAN	BUDGET COMM.	
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended	19,695,041	19,208,477	
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles	375,000	375,000	
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law	1,085,514	1,475,514	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended *	21,155,555	21,058,991	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	8,619,735	8,619,735	
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	12,535,820	12,439,256	

Unaudited revenues (prepared on 1/21/09).

Maxable allowable increase to Budget Committee's recommended budget per RSA 32:18 is \$1,890,693 (See supplemental schedule with 10% calculation)

2009 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Town Portion

Appropriations	22,877,358	
Less: Revenues	(11,181,142)	
Shared Revenues	(0)	
Add: Overlay	58,296	
Add: War Service Credits	454,250	
Net Town Appropriation		12,208,762
Municipal Tax Rate		8.68

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	23,670,438	
Less:		
Adequate Education Grant	(6,975,810)	
State Education Taxes	(3,326,283)	
Net School Appropriation		13,368,345
Local Education Rate		9.50
State Education Taxes		3,326,283
State Education Rate		2.41

County Portion

Due to County	1,520,396	
Less: Shared Revenues	(0)	
Approved County Tax Effort		1,520,396
County Tax Rate		<u>1.08</u>

Total Tax Rate **21.67**

Total Taxes Assessed		30,423,786
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(454,250)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>29,969,536</u>

Proof of Rate	Net Valuation	Tax Rate	Tax Assessment
State Education Tax	1,378,047,000	2.41	3,326,283
All Other Taxes	1,407,201.10	19.26	<u>27,097,503</u>
			<u>30,423,786</u>

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

DEBIT

	Levies of:	
	2009	2008
Uncollected Taxes at Beginning of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes		\$1,494,047
Land Use Change Tax		\$8,000
Yield Taxes		\$421
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	\$30,007,623	
Land Use Change Tax	\$169,335	
Yield Taxes	\$9,373	
Excavation Tax	\$218	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	\$65,454	\$3,586
Interest and Cost Collected on Delinquent Tax:	\$20,626	\$38,341
TOTAL DEBITS:	<u>\$30,272,629</u>	<u>\$1,544,395</u>

CREDIT

	2009	2008
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$28,690,669	\$965,819
Land Use Change Tax	\$123,335	
Yield Taxes	\$9,373	\$421
Excavation Taxes	\$218	
Interest & Costs	\$20,626	\$38,341
Conversion to Lien		\$530,867
Abatements Made:		
Timber Taxes		
Property Taxes	\$4,044	\$1,434
Deferrals		\$7,513
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$1,378,364	
Land Use Change Tax	\$46,000	
Yield Tax		
TOTAL CREDITS:	<u>\$30,272,629</u>	<u>\$1,544,395</u>

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009

DEBIT

Levies of:

	2008	2007	2006-2005
Unredeemed Lien Balance At Beginning of Fiscal Year		\$221,360	\$103,224
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$572,156		
Interest & Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	\$15,264	\$29,791	\$34,175
Refunds of Liened Properties	\$17,462	\$3,300	\$4,692
TOTAL DEBITS:	<u>\$604,882</u>	<u>\$254,451</u>	<u>\$142,091</u>

CREDIT

	2008	2007	2003-2005
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions:	\$282,531	\$106,176	\$92,874
Interest/Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	\$15,264	\$29,791	\$34,175
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$17,734	\$3,300	\$4,692
Liens Deeded to Municipality:			
Unredeemed Lien Balance at End of Year	\$289,353	\$115,184	\$10,350
TOTAL CREDITS:	<u>\$604,882</u>	<u>\$254,451</u>	<u>\$142,091</u>

2009 PROPERTY TAX YEAR: APRIL 1, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2010

Once again, the Tax Office wishes to thank the taxpayers of Goffstown for all of your cooperation in 2009. We are looking forward to serving you in the coming year.

Gail L. Lavallee, Tax Collector

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ending 12/31/09

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,516,783
Investments	210,600
Taxes receivable	1,923,111
Accounts receivable	26,535
Overlay	(149,747)
Due from other governments	801,218
Due from others	1,208,578
Total Assets and Other Debts	\$ 13,537,079

LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 1,432,712
Due to School District	5,394,628
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	102,125
Total Liabilities	\$ 6,929,465

Equity and Other Credits:

Fund Balances:

Reserved for encumbrances	\$ 2,533,769
Unreserved – undesignated	4,073,845
Total Equity and Other Credits	\$ 6,607,614
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	\$ 13,537,079

EMS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ending 12/31/09

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Assets:

Cash	\$ 220,861
Total Assets	\$ 220,861

LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 6,504
Due to General Fund at FYE	34,491
Total Liabilities	\$ 40,995

Fund Balances:

Unreserved – undesignated	\$ 179,866
Total Fund Balance	\$ 179,866
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	\$ 220,861

CONSERVATION FUND BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ending 12/31/09

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Assets:

Cash	\$ <u>225,026</u>
Due from General Fund	\$ <u>54,000</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>279,026</u></u>

LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

Liabilities:

Total Liabilities	\$ --
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Fund Balances:

Unreserved – undesignated	\$ <u>279,026</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$ <u>279,026</u>
Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	\$ <u><u>279,026</u></u>

TREASURER’S REPORT

Unaudited for Year Ending 12/31/2009

Cash on Hand – January 1, 2009	\$10,817,333.20
Deposits, Transfers & Adjustments	<u>37,006,612.97</u>
TOTAL CASH	47,823,946.17
Disbursements, Transfers, & Adjustments	<u>38,098,313.14</u>
Cash on Hand – December 31, 2008	<u>\$9,725,633.03</u>

Citizens Bank	\$9,515,032.71
MBIA	46,958.25
Bank of America	163,642.07
	<u>\$9,725,633.03</u>

OUTSTANDING DEBT SCHEDULE

1990 GO Bond – Sewer

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2010	105,000	10,631	115,631
2011	105,000	3,544	108,544
Total	210,000	14,175	224,175

1991 GO Bond – Sewer

2010	25,000	788	25,788
Total	25,000	788	25,788

1998 GO Bond – Sewer

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	215,000	26,500	241,500

2001 GO Bond – Sewer

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	525,000	97,969	622,969

SEWER FUND TOTALS:

2010	260,000	46,375	306,375
2011	235,000	32,375	267,375
2012	130,000	22,706	152,706
2013	125,000	16,581	141,581
2014	75,000	10,631	85,631
2015	75,000	7,163	82,163
2016	75,000	3,600	78,600
Total	975,000	139,431	1,114,431

2001 Landfill Closure Bond

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
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	1,148,000	171,167	1,319,167

2001 Supplemental Landfill Closure

2010	4,310.78	1,197.53	5,508.31
2011	4,310.78	1,047.84	5,358.62
2012	4,310.78	898.15	5,208.93
2013	4,310.78	748.46	5,059.24
2014	4,310.77	598.77	4,909.54
2015	4,310.77	449.07	4,759.84
2016	4,310.77	299.38	4,610.15
2017	4,310.77	149.69	4,460.46
Total	34,486.20	5,388.89	39,875.09

2004 Municipal Curbside Recycling

2010	85,000	4,250	89,250
Total	85,000	4,250	89,250

GENERAL FUND TOTALS:

2010	253,311	48,240	301,550
2011	168,311	37,727	206,038
2012	168,311	31,464	199,775
2013	168,311	25,200	193,511
2014	168,311	18,938	187,249
2015	168,311	12,675	180,986
2016	168,311	6,412	174,723
2017	4,311	150	4,460
Total	1,267,486	180,806	1,448,292

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Throughout 2009 the Town Clerk's office staff worked enthusiastically to deliver outstanding customer service within the scope of our duties while adhering to NH law. The office is staffed by three full-time employees, Cathy Ball, Town Clerk, Karen Leclerc, Deputy Town Clerk and Stephanie (Barrett) Beaudoin, Clerk II. Our office is responsible for processing motor vehicle and boat registrations, administering vital records and town archives, managing and collecting payments for dog and game licensing, acknowledging miscellaneous filings, coordination of elections including absentee ballots and being a resource for community information requests from area residents.

The Town Clerk's office maintains hours consistent with other Town Hall departments. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Community information and Town Clerk services are detailed on the town's website www.Goffstown.com. We offer the convenience of many services through the mail as well as website vehicle renewal through E-Reg, which allows us to charge your checking account for the renewal registration payment. The E-Reg program also includes easy instructions to obtain a cost quote to register a vehicle.

In addition to daily customer service duties and with only one election to coordinate during 2009, our office continued to focus on improving our records management. RSA 466:1 requires the Town Clerk to license all dogs in the community and forward a portion of money collected to the State of NH. The State Vet then utilizes each \$2 paid to administer the spay and neuter program and each fifty cents submitted to operate the animal diagnostic lab. Veterinarians are required to notify Town Clerks of rabies vaccinations within 40 days, however death records are confidential and are not forwarded to us to update our registration records. We have received favorable feedback from dog owners about our post card dog registration renewal reminders. This year we registered approximately 800 more dogs than last year. We appreciate the terrific cooperation of the public and Chief Sullivan and his officers as we continue to update our records, register dogs and help residents reunite with lost dogs that are wearing a valid dog tag.

Mid-year, August 1st, the State of NH increased fees payable to the Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV). Pursuant to the enactment of House Bill 2 (HB2) certain statutes were amended affecting the cost to every resident registering a motor vehicle or boat in NH. The fee increases added a minimum of \$30 to each motor vehicle registered, raised plate transfer fees from \$10 to \$25 and vanity plates from \$25 to \$40, along with other MV increases. Boat registration increases doubled the rate charged on boat length, raised lake

restoration and preservation fees from \$5 to \$7.50 and increased the agent fee from \$1.50 to \$5.

Needless to say, registrants continue to vocalize their upset over cost increases. Residents are demanding an explanation about why their bill is so much higher than last year. These questions have stimulated an increase in the number of phone calls, emails and in-person inquiries to staff. We are diligently trying to explain the itemized detail of State fee increases while assuring residents that the Town of Goffstown only increased their motor vehicle registration fee by fifty cents, to cover administrative costs. As a result of State increases, we now take the initiative to calculate and explain the plate registration options to valid registration holders buying new vehicles, in an effort to do what's financially best for our customer. The increase to boat agent fee, (now \$5), is an optional fee charged for the convenience of registering locally versus registering directly with the State DMV. We encourage and thank residents for registering their boats locally because in addition to the agent fee, Goffstown retains a portion of the fee for boats that have both a steering wheel and a motor.

The Town Clerk's office continues to look for ways to improve our services to the community. This fall GTV invited the Town Clerk's office to begin participating in "on camera" public service informational updates. A few segments have aired elaborating the information and postings available on our website. We encourage the public to tell us what they would like to hear more about. Thank you, to all, for the continued support and cooperation which makes serving as your Town Clerk a great pleasure!

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Ball
Town Clerk

2009 TOWN CLERK TRANSACTIONS

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FEE INCOME</u>
Motor Vehicle Fees	\$2,314,329.05
Boat Fees	\$5,331.74
Vital Record Fees	\$4,440.00
Dog Licenses & Fees	\$11,173.50
License, Permit & Filing Fees	\$4,741.77
Total	\$2,340,016.06

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

2009 was a very busy year because we were finishing up all the paperwork from the Presidential election, and catching up on the chores that had to be postponed, due to that election. We concentrated on bringing our own files up-to-date, and purging duplicate registrations among the towns and cities of New Hampshire. We will always be purging but we are making good progress with catching up on the backlog we had.

Many, many hours were given in going over each and every voter registration in the files. These had to be manually checked against the current checklist. We have slightly over 12,000 voters and this was/is a massive undertaking. But we were able to purge (manually) many registrations when it was obvious that voters had moved, and this freed up our files a great deal.

The 2009 town and school deliberations, and March town election, went smoothly and allowed us to progress on the chores that had been delayed, especially as we are now becoming very familiar with the state's Electionet, which came into being in 2006.

Supervisors of the Checklist
Suzanne Tremblay, Chair

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

The turbulence in the economy over the last two years has been both a concern and a blessing for our trust funds. As difficult as it was for us in 2008, the recovery in 2009 has brought both realized and unrealized gains.

Each year the town receives very generous gifts from its citizens to augment the balances in our trust funds. They are all very appreciated and serve to make our lives and those of future generations much richer and more enjoyable. The Trustees of the Trust Funds wish to thank all of our benefactors for their kindness and thoughtfulness. The Following contributions were received during 2009:

Grasmere Statue Fund

Arthur & Evelyn Rose	\$250
D'Allesandro for State Senate	\$100
James Dupuis, Sr.	\$100
Martha Washington Chapter 6 O.E.S	\$100
New Boston Chapter of DAR	\$500
Lionel & Lillian Coulon	\$100
Kilton & Jodi Barnard	\$200

Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund

Lee & Jane Steckowych	\$50
Piscataquag Watershed Association	\$25

During the year 2009 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 so that it will continue to generate a positive yield for the present and into the future. These assets are managed as a common pool of assets, then allocated among the various funds.

The various capital reserve funds are maintained in separate accounts and are managed with a primary objective 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, 2009.

Respectfully submitted:

Kenneth Rose

Earl Carrel

Scott Huddy

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

Municipalities throughout the state have a duty and obligation under RSA165 to lend financial assistance and support to any person(s) who are unable to support themselves. Eligibility is based on guidelines established, reviewed, and adjusted by the Selectmen on an annual basis. Assistance is granted through the use of vouchers.

2009 was an extremely difficult year for many individuals and families in our community. Households have struggled with continued shrinkage of the job market, ineligibility for or expiration of unemployment compensation benefits, reductions of income and increased food, utility and housing expenses. As expected, this translated into a large increase in the number of inquiries, applications and recipients. The largest need for general assistance was granted in the category of housing.

2009 Financial Assistance Categories:

Housing.....\$33,917.91	Utilities ..\$8,937.18
Medical\$2,337.01	Other\$5,743.87
TOTAL \$50,935.97	

Recipient Assistance Statistical Data

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
# of Applicants	71	83	97
# of Recipients	32	32	46
Amt Financial Assistance:	\$31,849	\$39,118	\$50,936

Goffstown is fortunate to have the following organizations which assist community residents in need: Salvation Army, Goffstown Network, Community Clothing Center, Goffstown Volunteens, Clergy Association, Lions Club, St. Matthew’s Outreach Program and Harvest Christian Church Food Pantry. Their generous assistance helped to stretch the limited dollars available through the Town’s general assistance program.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Redmond,
Welfare Officer

AD HOC ADA COMMITTEE

The ADA Ad Hoc Compliance Committee was formed by vote of the Selectmen at its April 27, 2009, meeting, to review Title II and to give the Selectmen a snapshot as to town compliance, and to formulate short-, medium- and long-range action plans the town could take to ensure ADA Compliance for town facilities. At the June 1, 2009, meeting, the Board appointed John Burt, Richard Hopf, Jean Mayberry, Wayne Perreault, Fred Plett and Theresa Walton to this committee. The Committee was charged with submitting findings by October 1, 2009. On June 17th, the Committee elected Fred Plett as Chairman, and Theresa Walton Vice Chairman.

The Committee received a list of 22 town facilities, and set up visitation schedules. Marc Tessier, Building Inspector and Health Officer, volunteered to come to most weeknight meetings, and to otherwise arrange for access to the facilities as needed.

On September 28th, after a total of thirteen meetings over the course of the summer, the Committee unanimously adopted (Wayne Perreault resigned shortly before this adoption) and submitted to the Selectmen its final 74-page report, ready in time for budget season.

The Committee made a total of 39 short-, 24 medium-, and 17 long-term recommendations. Some of the recommendations are contingent upon the long-term disposition of the facilities to which the recommendations apply.

The Committee was disbanded upon completion of its final report. We appreciate the opportunity to have served the town in ensuring long-term ADA compliance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fred Plett, Chairman

AD HOC VILLAGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen voted to establish a Village Planning Committee to review the Master Plan and Corridor Study and to make recommendations on design elements for the Goffstown Village Area. Many roads in the village area are scheduled for repair and/or reclamation in the next several years. The plan was to coordinate the roadwork with the overall design of the village and coordinate the work around Goffstown's 250th Anniversary Celebrations in 2011. The committee, therefore, reviewed the Master Plan relative to traffic flow, sidewalks, pedestrian crosswalks, intersections, streetscapes, and parking.

The Committee determined that its primary recommendation to the Board of Selectmen was to base design decisions for this corridor and its intersections on the Goffstown Master Plan objective of allowing through commuter traffic, but not in a way to be detrimental to the Village and its functioning, and generally to utilize traffic calming techniques to slow traffic, thereby providing for pedestrian

safety and comfort, as well as for vehicular safety. In its review, the Committee considered car, truck and school bus traffic, high school traffic, local and commuter needs, as well as parking and access needs for businesses, churches and area residents. These were all overlaid with pedestrian needs for convenience and safety and the design objectives of a desirable community.

After reviewing the benefits and disadvantages of both traffic control methods, the Committee strongly recommended the use of roundabouts, together with other traffic calming techniques, rather than traffic lights, at the corridor's major intersections. The Village Planning Committee looked at several alternatives for improving the intersections in the Village area, including road widening, signalization and roundabouts, as well as various traffic calming techniques. The Committee concluded that road widening by itself would not address the current problems and, by encouraging faster through traffic, would worsen the impact of traffic on the Village. The Committee, therefore, looked at signalization and roundabouts as the most feasible techniques to address the traffic issues.

More specifically, the Committee's consensus was that for intersections requiring either signalization or roundabouts, that roundabouts were favored because of: (1) increased safety for the pedestrian, as well as for vehicles, from slower speeds and from using the splitter island for pedestrian safety, (2) less physical impact by requiring less land area, and less need for the public taking of private property, (3) less traffic stopping and waiting delays, thereby lessening the environmental impact of idling vehicles, as well as (4) meeting Goffstown's Master Plan objectives (a) allowing through commuter traffic, but not in a way to be detrimental to the Village, and (b) generally to utilize traffic calming techniques to slow traffic, thereby providing for pedestrian safety and comfort.

The one exception to this was the Main/Elm/High/North Mast intersection where, to limit the need for public taking of private property, traffic calming techniques are recommended, in lieu of a roundabout.

Primary traffic calming techniques used at this intersection, as well as throughout the corridor, include bump-out curbs, raised-table crosswalks and on-street parking on alternating sides of the street. Bump-outs shorten the crosswalk length and thereby shorten pedestrian's exposure time and distance to moving vehicles. The perception of a narrower street encourages slower speeds. The raised-table crosswalk is slightly higher than the street, has a smooth walking surface bordered by a rough textured surface strip, and a pedestrian activated warning light. By these techniques, the driver has a visual, tactile and audio alert of a crosswalk, insuring that he is aware of the pedestrian. Alternating the side of the street for on-street parking both slows traffic speeds for the parking and avoids a straight road, also encouraging slower speeds.

Lastly, recommendations for the streets between these intersections include traffic calming techniques and landscaping.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen B. Griffin, AICP, Chairman

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Budget Committee members at-large are elected for a three year term or, if there is a vacancy, appointed by the committee itself until the next election, and serve unpaid thus volunteering their time for the citizens of Goffstown. There are four appointed members of the committee, one each from the board of selectmen, school board, Goffstown village water precinct, and Grasmere village water precinct making the budget committee one of the largest with sixteen members.

Much time and effort is needed to prepare budgets for the town, school, and village districts. RSA 32 governs the way a budget is created and it is the budget committee's recommended budget that is the starting point at the various deliberative sessions. This year, without notice and after a majority of school board members voted to post their own budget, we were all reminded that it is RSA 40 that governs the timeline for the budget committee to deliver budgets to the various governing boards. The budget committee completed their work and delivered the proper MS-7, MS-27, & MS-37 forms on time.

For the past number of years the selectmen have invited budget committee members to meet with them to hear the department heads propose their budgets. After the budget committee requested the principal's to present their budgets, the school board invited budget committee members to join with them in hearing those presentations as well as a presentation of the school district budget from the superintendent of schools. Attending and participating in these meetings proves helpful by saving much time for the presenters.

Although the 2010 budget creation process took an interesting turn just as the budget committee was ready to finalize their numbers, the public process keeps the taxpayers of Goffstown informed as we make our way through the myriad of presentations, deliberations, public hearings, and final adoption. Thanks to all those who provided information to the budget committee in order for us to do the work for the people of Goffstown who have elected us to do this important task.

This past budget cycle, we met at least once a week beginning in September and twice a week beginning after Thanksgiving through the week before Christmas. All our meetings are open to the public and comments are welcomed and normally heard towards the beginning of the meeting. We meet on a regular basis on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM in the Mildred Stark room in the basement of town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel J. Cloutier, Chairman
Goffstown Budget Committee

CABLE TELEVISION

COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE

Goffstown Community Television is going on 20 years this coming December. We have evolved from just a bulletin board system to a full production studio, including off-site locations. This past year our studio has improved on our background settings for studio shows, at very little costs. With the photographic help of Studio Tech Dave Sutor we have been able to create sets for individual show series. We have also added teleprompter capabilities for those shows where notes, or actual talking points can be read by the show host, or commentator. 2009 show the re-emergence of a weekly news show. In the past we use to have Marie Boyle do a weekly news show (for 5 years straight missing only about 4 weeks in that period.) The new GTV News is co-hosted by Tim Hogan and GHS Senior Kristen Devoid.

Another area that GTV has improved is in the delivery of our local town meetings. Every meeting held in the Mildred Stark room is now televised "Live" and recorded with four cameras. This gives the GTV viewer the ability to better see who is talking and to see any maps, diagrams, etc... This has been accomplished because GTV has taken advantage of the National Able program that is providing us with the individual (Andrew White) to run the whole recording system and cameras at no costs to the Town. We are also working on providing Video On Demand for all recorded town meetings in 2010. This will mean that whether you have Comcast or not, you will be able to watch on your schedule any of the meetings recorded providing you have an internet hookup.

The National Able program is also providing us with two other individuals. One, Barbara Doody, who is working in the studio to help with maintaining the programming schedule, and many other duties that would not get done in the proper time due to our limited hours. Mark Jones, the third National Able individual helps with some editing, and mostly with field camera work. Mark has taken over the responsibilities that Dave Sutor did in regards to setting up appointments with Town Department heads and videotaping an update segment that we air on GTV News. This will allow Dave to better focus on the areas of his expertise such as the GTV website (www.goffstown-tv.com) and set creation for our public shows. Marie Boyle has been focused on gathering news for the GTV News show and helping with promotion at town events.

As GTV Coordinator, I am responsible for the overall operations of Goffstown Community Television. Those of you who know me know that I am constantly recruiting people to come in and do a show about whatever interests them. So, in closing all I will say is "Come check us out and see what you can do at GTV." You can contact me either through email at goffstowntv@gmail.com, or by phone at 497-5707. Remember, GTV-4U.

Respectfully submitted,
Dick Gagnon
PEG Access Coordinator

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

The Town's IT environment continues evolving to position itself to effectively and efficiently support the Town's current and future information needs. The Town's Information Technology office believes in careful strategic planning and seizing the advantages of new and current technology as appropriate. This year we implemented a help desk program to track and manage IT work orders. This has allowed us to better understand our workload and manage task priorities. We continue to manage computer hardware, software, database management, networks, the Town web page, and GIS. We have been researching server virtualization and disaster recovery solutions for an anticipated 2010 installation. With assistance from grants and the Goffstown Industrial Council we put the assessor's database online through Vision Appraisal (<http://data.visionappraisal.com/goffstownnh/DEFAULT.asp>). We are preparing to post the Town GIS online in the near future and add economic development highlights to a revamped Goffstown website.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Funcke, IT Director

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The role of the CIP Committee is an advisory one. The Committee accepts capital improvement requests from department heads, town utility commissions and the school board. All requests are evaluated to ensure Master Plan priorities are met and that the health, safety and welfare needs of the Town are considered and addressed. When considering requests, the Committee attempts to smooth the matrix over the next six years in an attempt to prevent unnecessarily large tax fluctuations.

Last year the Committee recommended and the Planning Board approved CIP appropriations of \$6,176,475. The voters approved CIP appropriations of \$4,484,872.

We began this year by comparing the new requests presented to last year's approved bottom line. The Committee noted that it was approximately \$1 million to \$1.3 million more than last year. We began our deliberations knowing that many purchases and projects needed to be moved out on the matrix.

In the end we were not able to achieve that goal and moved around items we deemed lower priorities in the larger picture. This year was particularly difficult in that two town agencies, the Public Works and Fire Departments, had large equipment needs. The Committee decided to recommend capital reserve funds for equipment purchases in these departments. It should be noted, that even with reserve funds, the overall figure recommended to meet Goffstown's real capital needs was still 1.5 million more than last year.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Redmond, CIP Chairman

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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, its Capital Improvement Program Committee and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Planning Office

In 2004, plan proposal activity dropped toward the 1998–1999 level, and remained fairly level in 2005–2009. The table below shows the number of new subdivision, site plan and conceptual plan applications submitted for Planning Board review each year:

Applications Reviewed by the Planning Board						
Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Subdivision	22	25	26	18	17	9
Site Plan	15	15	20	10	21	16
Conceptual	5	7	8	5	4	5
Total	42	47	54	33	42	30

In 2009, these 9 subdivisions created 64 new single-family house lots. The 16 site plans were for residential and non-residential development and represent 116 new multi-family units. Reflecting the national housing market, however, new home construction has continued to drop from its high in 2003, and since 2007 has leveled out. 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						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1 & 2-Family Units	64	59	38	20	20	20
Multi-Family Units	0	0	24	0	0	29

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 be a portion of Goffstown's total tax base. Since the 2003 revaluation, the proportion of

nonresidential to residential tax base continued to trend slightly downward through 2007.

Though there has been some non-residential construction, the 2008 and 2009 non-residential shifts back up to 12% may be misleading, because in a down market residential values will fall more than will non-residential values.

Total and Non-Residential Assessed Value (Millions)						
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Total Assessed Value	1,218	1,236	1,251	1,262	1,419	1,421
Non-Residential Assess Value	135	135	135	135	171	174
Equalization Ratio	85.7%	77.2%	76.5%	80.1%	95.6%	100%
Equal Total Assess	1,421	1,601	1,635	1,576	1,484	1,421
Equal Non-Residential Assess	158	175	176	169	179	174
Non-Residential = Percentage of Total	11.1%	10.9%	10.8%	10.7%	12.1%	12.2%

In addition to plan reviews, the planning staff worked on a number of projects, which were before the Planning Board for adoption in 2009. These include (1) an updating of the Board's Development Regulations, and (2) drafting the Planning Board's proposed zoning amendments for Town Meeting consideration.

2008 also saw the Planning Staff continue its 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, rail trail improvements have begun as NH Trail Bureau grants have been sought and received.

The Planning office serves as staff to several boards and committees, including the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, 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 2 permits for new nonresidential construction. Town engineering costs are also reimbursed through fees, or for larger projects, an escrow account.

Permit / Fee Source	2007		2008		2009	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
New 1 and 2 - Family Units	20	6,290	20	6,290	20	7,999
Condo/Multi-Family Units	0	0	0	0	29	9,770
Miscellaneous Buildings Permits	608	21,112	608	21,112	10 7	27,310
New Commercial Permits	0	0	0	0		3,575
Miscellaneous Commercial Permits	34	7,354	34	7,354		5,460
Child Care / Assembly Inspections	7	350	7	350	8	300
Health Inspection	16	0	16	0	26	0
Junkyard Inspection	1	25	1	25	1	25
Mobile Home Inspection	4	400	4	400	2	225
Sign Permits	12	430	12	430	37	845
ZBA Applications	48	7,902	48	7,902	40	6,114
Planning Board Applications	-	26,988	-	26,988		13,123
Misc. Fees / Sales		1,528		1,528		873
TOTALS		\$72,379		\$72,379		\$75,619

Permit / Fee Source	2007		2008		2009	
	#	Value	#	Value	#	Value
School Impact Fees	28	95,886	28	95,886	27	111,045
Road Impact Fees	27	13,095	27	13,095	27	18,555
Recreational Impact Fees	28	20,866	28	20,866	26	22,550
Public Safety Facilities Impact Fees	0	0	0	0	11	8,052
Other Recreation Fees	0	0	0	0	1	1,000
TOTALS		\$129,847		\$129,847		\$161,202

Engineering Reimbursement	2007	2008	2009
Fees		2,550	1,200
Initial Escrow		5,500	1,000
TOTALS		\$8,050	\$2,200

Health

Goffstown was fortunate in 2009 not to have flooding as in prior years, and did not, therefore, face any significant public health issues.

Zoning Code Enforcement

The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer (ZCEO) 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 ZCEO works with the Town Prosecutor to pursue legal action through District Court.

The ZCEO 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 ZCEO reviews building permit applications to ensure zoning compliance, assists the Building Inspector/Health Officer, and performs such other duties as may be assigned.

In 2009 the ZCEO helped 15 applicants prepare appeals to the ZBA of the 45 appeals heard, issued violation notices resulting in 3 appeals, and provided administrative determinations that resulted in 2 appeals. The ZCEO issued 52 commercial and special event sign permits, assisted with the adoption of the modified FEMA flood insurance rate maps in September, and worked to review and implement new variance criteria provided by state legislation effective January 1, 2010. The ZCEO served as staff to the Historic District Commission throughout the year, which included one application for a certificate of appropriateness within the Historic District, an appeal of an HDC decision to the ZBA, and the administration of two CLG grants.

Impact Fees

Impact Fees are assessed when a building permit is issued and are 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, fees disbursed, and year-end fund availability.

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
12/31/08		\$2,931.30		\$0
12/31/09		\$11,004.32		\$0

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		\$0
12/31/05		\$22,708.77		\$0
12/31/06		\$60,692.79		\$0
12/31/07		\$83,310.54		\$0
12/31/08		\$94,965.03		\$0
	Barnard Park Play-ground Expansion		\$14,363.52	
	2009 Trail Bureau Grant Match		\$9,000	
12/31/09		\$103,560.56		\$14,363.52

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		\$0
	2005 Road Reclamation		\$17,429.66	
12/31/05		\$9,413.18		\$17,429.66
12/31/06		\$24,571.07		\$0
12/31/07		\$38,467.12		\$0
	Rosemont Drainage	\$47,604.99		
12/31/08			\$52,800	\$0

	Henry Bridge Road and Mountain Road Bridges		\$605,001	
	Snook Road Reclaim		\$160,779.26	
	Paige Hill Road Reclaim		\$138,300	
	Merrill Road Reclaim		\$132,442.20	
12/31/10		\$22,339.24		\$44,000

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		\$0
12/31/02		\$128,533.42		\$0
12/31/03		\$456,024.45		\$0
12/31/04		\$620,785.35		\$0
	Expand parking and fields at High School		\$186,390	
	Kindergarten: portion authorized by 2005 school meeting vote to come from impact fees.		\$436,769	
12/31/05		\$213,655.47		\$623,159
	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		\$0
	Kindergarten: additional funding authorized by 2006 school meeting to come from impact fees.		\$306,510	

12/31/07		\$473,054.17		\$0
	Bartlett School, Phase I: authorized by 2007 school meeting vote to come from impact fees		\$216,000	
	Bartlett School, Phase I: authorized by 2007 school meeting vote to come from reserve fund		\$384,000	
12/31/08		\$151,197.20		\$376,000
12/31/09		\$263,014.09		\$0

Respectively submitted,
 Stephen B. Griffin, AICP
 Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

PLANNING BOARD

Although new development dropped significantly several years ago, and while it has remained consistent at this lower level for the last three years, 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.

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, specifically addressing among other concerns, signs, density calculations, regulation waiver findings, responding to new State legislation, and the Board's plan review process itself.

Second, the Board looks at long range planning issues to accommodate both the Town's growth and outside growth pressures. The Board continues its coordination within the region through the CTAP program, developed by NHDOT in response to the impact evaluation of widening I-93. These efforts in 2009 have included a regional-wide economic study which is on-going. 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Lowell Von Ruden, Chairman

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Goffstown Economic Development Council continues its work to foster the commercial and industrial development of the community, and to retain and strengthen its tax existing base. This year the council was pleased to see the ongoing construction of a medical office building off Tatro Drive for Catholic Medical Center (CMC) and completion of the Rite Aid facility in Pinardville, being both significant local re-investment and tax base, and positive economic positioning of new businesses.

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, and mapping of hiking trails. The Council had also been supportive of the now designated John Stark Scenic Byways which extends through Goffstown.

The Council continues, even in this economic climate, 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 related activities, the Council has been involved with the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's regional Targeted Industry Analysis study, and at the Council request, the Board of Selectmen has sought designation of Economic Revitalization Zones from the State Economic Development office. Additionally, beginning steps to re-design the Town's web site to be more economic development friendly will continue into 2010.

The Council also continues to participate in the Metro Center, recognizing our place within the larger economic marketplace.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Reidy, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In 2009 the Goffstown Conservation Commission continued its mission to protect and preserve Goffstown's natural resources, including open space areas, surface waters and wetlands. We continue to conduct site walks for proposed development for the Planning Board and to comment on the suitability of the proposed plans for the land with respect to all natural resources, with surface waters and wetlands impacts and potential erosion issues as our main focus.

The Commission's Open Space subcommittee, under the leadership of David Nieman, has continued with its work to proactively protect important undeveloped lands consistent with the Goffstown Master Plan and the Goffstown Open Space Conservation Plan. The Open Space committee is composed of volunteers who can assist interested landowners who wish to protect their land from development. The Open Space committee helps in making formal assessments of land and natural resources, introduces conservation options to interested landowner's, writes grant proposals to obtain funding for conservation projects and helps landowners establish a working relationship with conservation land trusts. The Open Space Committee works closely with local land trusts, including The Society For The Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) and The Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC).

In the past few years since the formation of the Open Space Committee, landowners in Goffstown have either 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. The Committee is currently assisting landowners create conservation plans for their properties.

The Goffstown Open Space Conservation Plan / Master Plan recommends protecting lands along the Harry Brook corridor. In 2009, the Open Space Committee assisted in the preservation of 86 acres on Tax Map 8, Lot 45, the Corbit Property, via the development of a conservation easement. The easement was a full value donation to the PLC by David and Judith Corbit. The benefits of this easement to the Town and its environment are numerous, and include: protecting land draining into Harry Brook, preventing future damage due to the flooding of Harry Brook, expanding an existing conservation area that abuts the property, providing a link in an important wildlife corridor along Harry Brook, preserving mixed grass/scrub habitats, which are rapidly disappearing in Goffstown, protecting the roadside scenic vista along Locust Hill Road, helping maintain the town's rural character, offering passive recreation to the Goffstown public, and preserving the experience of wildlife viewing and appreciation. The cost and responsibility of perpetual stewardship of this easement are covered by the Piscataquog Land Conservancy instead of the Town, however the Town will hold an executory interest on the easement.

The Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee are here to assist you if you have any concerns or interests in land protection or preservation. Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Peace, Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The New Hampshire legislation provides that planning, zoning, and related regulations have been and should be the responsibility of municipal governments as stated in RSA 674:18, "The local legislative body may adopt a zoning ordinance under RSA 674:16 only after the planning board has adopted the mandatory sections of the master plan as described in RSA 674:2, I and II." The purposes of the zoning ordinance (RSA 674:17) are: (a) To lessen congestion in streets; (b) To secure safety from fires, panic and other dangers; (c) To promote health and the general welfare; (d) To provide adequate light and air; (e) To prevent the overcrowding of land; (f) To avoid undue concentration of population; (g) To facilitate the adequate provisions of transportation, solid waste facilities, water, sewerage, schools, parks, child day care; (h) To assure proper use of natural resources and other public requirements; (i) To encourage the preservation of agricultural lands and buildings; and (j) To encourage the installation and use of solar, wind or other renewable energy systems and protect access to energy sources by the regulation of orientation of streets, lots, and buildings.

On March 14, 1961 the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance was adopted and the members to the Goffstown ZBA were appointed in accordance with NH RSA 673:3 to hear requests for variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers of dimensional requirements, and appeals from decisions made by the Code Enforcement Officer, the Planning Board, and the Historic District Commission as they relate to application of the Zoning Ordinance. On March 8, 2005 Goffstown voted to change from an appointed ZBA membership to an elected ZBA membership beginning in 2006, with members serving an elected three-year term.

In 2009 the ZBA heard 45 appeals, considered 6 requests for rehearing, and participated in over 40 hours of training throughout the year. During the year the board lost the service of members Theresa Walton and Denise Herman, but gained new members Jo Ann Duffy and Edward Luppi.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jo Ann Duffy, Chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT & HERITAGE COMMISSION

In January the Board of Selectmen voted to accept CLG grant funds to conduct a historical area study of properties near the Grasmere Historic District. The purpose of this study was to determine if boundaries of the current local historic district should be expanded to include surrounding sites and structures relevant to the historic district. The study would also provide information vital to possible nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the Grasmere Historic District. The final report revealed the area surveyed was significant to the town's history, the village has retained its integrity, and further study of the area may be warranted in the future.

In April a public hearing was held on an application seeking to demolish the house, garage, barn, and outbuildings at 216 N Mast Road. Commission members performed a site walk of the property, took testimony from the property owner and interested parties, and heard from a preservation consultant on the state of the buildings. After careful consideration of the application, the Commission granted a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of the barn and garage; however, the Commission determined it was not appropriate to demolish the residence and the attached ell. In November the ZBA upheld the Commission's decision on the certificate of appropriateness.

In May the Board of Selectmen voted to accept CLG grant funds to replace the exterior doors of the Grasmere Town Hall and refurbish the stairway to the second-floor theater. Over the summer, contractors removed the historic stained glass from the theater doors, constructed four replica doors, and installed the doors with code-complaint hardware. Lighting fixtures and emergency lighting were installed in the stairway, plaster walls were repaired and repainted, and the stairs and wainscoting in the theater's entrance were refurbished.

In June a subcommittee began the process of reviewing the construction guidelines for structures within the three Historic Districts. In 2010 the subcommittee will work on developing guidelines to meet the specific goals of Goffstown's Historic Districts.

In October a grant application was submitted to the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) seeking funds to complete the renovations of the second-floor theater in Grasmere Town Hall. Commission members provided a tour to LCHIP representatives in December and look forward to presenting the project before the LCHIP Board in early 2010.

The Commission finalized the design of historical markers for the town and presented the design to the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. With the design complete and funds from a NH Division of Historical Resources grant, locations for the initial signs are being determined, historical narratives are being prepared, and the signs will begin to appear in 2010. The Commission continues to raise funds for a minuteman statue in Grasmere; is actively involved with the John Stark Scenic Byway Council and the town's 250th anniversary committee; the promotion of historical house plaques, a reproduction of a 1772 town map, and our popular Goffstown t-shirts and hats.

Respectfully submitted by, Elizabeth Dubrulle, Chairman

RAIL TRAIL STEERING COMMITTEE

The Board of Selectmen's Rail Trail Steering Committee is composed of Town Department Heads, County Commissioner Carol Holden and Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail. The following reports a summary of Goffstown's expenditures, as well as grant and in-kind donations which have been received, as of December 31, 2009. Also included, however, are two grants which are expected to be submitted and/or received in early 2010.

Date	Item	Town Cost	Grant/Donate	In-Kind Match	Notes
2004	Purchase R-O-W	30,000	405,000	0	DOT TE Grant
2004	Design Charrette	0	3,000	0	Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee
2007	Trail Construction	0	29,385	8,371	NH Bureau of Trails Grant, Town and Friends Grant Match
2007	Trail Construction	0	1,000	0	PSNH Donation
2007	Trail Construction	0	2,400	0	Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail
2007	Survey Contract	41,484	15,000	0	CTAP Grant
2007	Plan & Prelim. Eng. Contract	32,865	0	0	
2007	Attorney Costs	1,795	0	0	
2008	Attorney Costs	11,587	0	0	
2008	Trail Construction	0	29,800	14,900	NH Bureau of Trails Grant, Town and Friends Grant Match
2008	Angel Point Bridge	0	2,450	0	Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail
2008	Morgan Estates Berm	0	4,728	0	Eagle Scout Project
2009	Trail Construction	9,320	25,000	0	NH Trail Bureau Grant, Park & Rec. Impact Fees Match
2009	Attorney Costs	1,873	0	0	
2009	Trail Signs	0	1,207	0	Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail Donation from a Granite State Wheelmen Grant
2009	Temp. Bridge near N'point Roofing	0	469	0	Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail
2009	Rec Center-Blue Jay Lane Berm	0	4,728	0	Eagle Scout Project
2010	Trail Construction	72,600	290,400	0	Anticipated DOT TE

					Grant award
2010	Trail Construction	0	24,834	6,209	Anticipated NH Trail Bureau Grant award
	Totals	\$201,524	\$839,401	\$29,480	\$1,070,405 TOTAL

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephen B. Griffin, AICP, Chairman

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission’s staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of the Planning Board and/or 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 in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during 2009 are as follows:

- 1) Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series, attended by Goffstown officials;
- 2) Conducted traffic counts at 38 locations in the Town of Goffstown and forwarded data to the Planning and Economic Development Coordinator;
- 3) Continued work with NHDOT in obtaining approval for the designation of the General John Stark Scenic and Cultural Byway;
- 4) Worked with Goffstown Planning Board on the CTAP Build-out analysis;
- 5) Participated in regional economic development discussions with the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce regarding Metro Center, which was attended by Goffstown officials;
- 6) Hosted Legislative Open House on January 13, 2009 for Goffstown and other legislators.
- 7) Completed presentation on Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act revisions to Board of Selectmen and Planning Board;

- 8) Worked with the Town Planning Board on their CTAP Build-out Analysis;
- 9) Sponsored two meetings with Town Administrators and Town Public Works Directors to discuss the feasibility of purchasing cooperatives;
- 10) Coordinated Workforce Housing and Conservation, Porous Pavement and Concrete Amendments to Shoreland Protection Act, Small Energy Systems and Workforce Housing Legislation, and Innovated Land Use Planning Techniques for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable meetings attended by Goffstown officials;
- 11) Preparation and mapping of enhanced GIS-based information, including up-to-date Existing Land Use data obtained from aerial photography;
- 12) Updated Community Planning Assessments, including facilitation and presentation of a Road Maps Report for use and scheduling of CTAP services and grants by the municipality;
- 13) Gave a PowerPoint presentation on Connecting Land Use and Transportation to the Goffstown Planning Board;
- 14) Preparation of Build-Out Studies and maps showing future growth and development of the community under current zoning utilizing Community Viz Software;
- 15) Assisted municipality in preparing, receiving and implementing \$15,000 CTAP Discretionary Grant used by Goffstown to develop an economic development website for the town;
- 16) Assisted municipality in preparing, receiving and implementing \$10,000 CTAP Collaborative Grant for Goffstown to develop and implement an Economic Development Plan for the region in collaboration with towns of Auburn, Candia, Chester Deerfield, Derry, Hooksett and Raymond;
- 17) Assisted municipality in preparing, receiving and implementing \$10,000 CTAP Target Grant for Goffstown to complete town's economic development website;
- 18) Assisted Goffstown and Hillsborough County in the implementation of a Master Plan Design Charrette for county-owned property along Route 114;
- 19) Coordinated with Conservation Commission to initiate work on the Piscataquog River Management Plan Update and Piscataquog River Watershed Land Conservation Plan to benefit municipal conservation protection efforts;
- 20) Worked with Emergency Management Directors from all the municipalities in the region to develop a region-wide Community Preparedness Program;
- 21) Updated the Goffstown Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- 22) Conducted a number of public opinion surveys on various topics of regional concern, including existing and future land use, economic development, historic preservation, transportation, etc.;
- 23) Provided Brownfields program assistance to all municipalities, held several advisory committee meetings throughout the year which were attended by municipal officials, and accepted a total of seven sites into the brownfields

- program with environmental assessment work underway or recently completed;
- 24) Facilitated four Natural Resources Advisory Committee meetings throughout the year for Conservation Commission members focusing on a variety of topics including fluvial erosion hazard ordinance development and mapping, the Piscataquog River Watershed Land Conservation Plan, case studies of local recycling programs, identification of tree species; the Northern Forest Sustainable Economy Initiative; Lamprey River watershed research, and the Piscataquog Region Estuaries Partnership technical assistance program;
 - 25) Facilitated four meetings in 2009 for Planning Board members and town planners covering mixed use development; lessons learned by various Planning Boards during the year; the process and benefits of forming a local energy committee; a review of the innovative land use planning techniques; and zoning enforcement;
 - 26) Compiled building permit and certificate of occupancy permit records to record dwelling unit totals in all communities and prepared summary report.

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission

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

Executive Committee Members

Jo Ann Duffy
Henry C. Boyle
Barbara J. Griffin- Vice Chair

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Goffstown Fire Department continues to stand ready at all times to serve the Town's residents, business owners and visitors. The Department provides fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous material mitigation, disaster response, community services (such as providing support to Town events to 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 2009, we had 16 Full-time members (also 1 Department Secretary) and 62 On-Call and/or Part-time Members providing services 24-hours / day. Our community can be proud of the level of professionalism and commitment from their first responders.

Personnel

The Fire Department is proud to have been selected by the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Volunteer Combination Officer Section (VCOS) and VFIS as a national award winner for the "Emergency Service Recruitment & Retention Initiative". The Award was presented at the National VCOS Symposium. This award is designated to support the United States Fire Administration (USFA) initiatives to increase volunteerism in emergency service organizations that are VCOS members who have experienced an increase in membership based on the implementation of a proactive and comprehensive program during the period of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009. The Department continues to enhance its membership by providing Call Firefighter Recruitment programs in the Spring & Fall. In 2009, these programs have yielded 6 additional members to our organization. The Department welcomes our newest members to our current group of highly trained personnel.

2009 also saw the retirement of Call Lieutenant William Miles. Lt. Miles served over 40 years to the Department! His dedication, service, and commitment to the Department and our community are highly commended and is deserving of our gratitude.

Training

In 2009, the members of the Goffstown Fire Department put forth an incredible amount of training hours in both Fire and Emergency Medical topics. Department members compiled more than 12,000 hours of training and education. The intensive number of training hours encompasses many of our new Call firefighters completing their NH Firefighter I + II certification programs. Also, several numbers of members enrolled and completed Paramedic education programs. We are extremely fortunate to have dedicated personnel who are committed to completing many of the hours listed above on-duty and on their own time. Some of this training was for advancement of skills and some for maintaining skills already proficient. Training programs completed are often mandated by national benchmarks such as Advanced Incident Management

programs, and many are focused on hazards and risks our responders may be faced within our community. For example, crews attended a swift water rescue program hosted right here in Goffstown. 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. Each Day 6am – 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 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 2009, the Fire Department took delivery of a new ambulance. The ambulance has a more rugged chassis and offers some of the latest safety advances for our responders and patients. The Department was also able to reach a significant milestone by staffing at the Paramedic-level (24 hours / day, 7 days week) for the first time in the history of the Department. The ability to provide the highest level of emergency care to our patients is our highest priority.

Also in 2009, our EMS providers, along with area healthcare workers, offered an influenza vaccine clinic to help reduce the spread of the virus within Goffstown. The clinic was a great success by also preparing our responders in the event future clinics are needed for the H1N1 virus.



The new ambulance at the scene of a recent motorcycle accident.

Equipment / Apparatus

In 2009, the Fire Department continued, as in years past, to focus on upgrading and replacing obsolete fire/rescue equipment. Department administration has developed a 30-year apparatus replacement plan that helps us prepare and budget for significant capital purchases. The Department has focused on the replacement of several of our older vehicles in the fleet. The need to replace our Engine 1 has come. The vehicle has surpassed its anticipated life-span and is now showing continual problems with mechanical, electrical, and fire service related portions of the apparatus. Voters will have the opportunity to approve the replacement of this vehicle. The FD is also planning to downsize its fleet by replacing our Tanker and an aging Engine with one Pumper/Tanker. The request for this project will be presented for 2011.

The FD is anticipating the replacement of two of its old ladder trucks with a new Tower/Ladder – est. delivery in February 2010. This apparatus will feature the latest firefighting / aerial equipment, offering additional firefighting and safety functions for our firefighters.

We also received grant funding from the NH Highway Safety Agency to purchase the latest cutters for our Jaws-of Life. The new cutters have the more power to cut through the high-strength steel used in newer vehicles. This new tool has already been used at motor vehicle accidents to free trapped victims.

Fire Prevention

2009 was another busy year for our Fire Prevention Division. Recovery efforts from the December 2008 Ice Storm has played a significant role in many of the inspections in 2009. Lt. Bill Connor, the FD's Fire Prevention Officer, reports that a significant amount of time has been spent providing inspections of generator installations and alternative heating systems. Construction related inspections have picked up as new businesses develop existing spaces and building rehabilitation activities appear to be on the rise this past year.

In January of 2009, a new Life Safety Permit and inspection fee schedule went into effect. The Life Safety Permit program addresses many of the services provided by the Fire Prevention Office. Also a new program of fire alarm registration has been developed and undertaken. Fire alarm registration provides the department with critical information about fire alarms in buildings of all types throughout the community.

2009 was also the first year of State mandated fire and life safety inspection of the schools. These inspections are designed to help the schools develop and maintain an appropriate level of fire and life safety as well as afford the fire department opportunity to catch minor issues before they become major problems. Lt Connor has worked closely with the schools to complete the inspections and work out corrective measures where needed.

The fire department was not immune to the damage caused by various storms. Lightning and wind damaged cables and equipment critical to the operation of the municipal fire alarm system. In each instance, the department effected repairs to the damaged cables and equipment and quickly restored service to the affected areas.

Many residents have and continue to explore and invest in alternative heating systems in response to high petroleum fuel prices as well as in reaction to the power outages experienced following various storms. The alternative heating systems require some advanced planning to assure the best possible level of safety for each user. Consumers are also finding out that these systems tend to be less convenient than traditional heating systems and that the systems require a higher level of regular maintenance.

Residents are reminded:

- All new heating appliances must have a permit prior to installation & must be inspected by the Fire Department before use.
- All heating appliances require regular maintenance. Proper cleaning and adjustment is essential for safe and efficient operation of heating equipment.
- Check all vents after snow and ice fall, blocked vents can result in carbon monoxide problems.
- Read and follow all of the manufacturer’s instructions for your heating equipment as misuse of a heating appliance can result in carbon monoxide poisoning, fires, explosions, injuries, or deaths.
- Always have appropriate safety equipment on hand: fire extinguisher, working smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detection.

Annual Inspection Activity

	2007	2008	2009
<u>Construction Related Inspections</u>	680	634	454
<u>Life Safety Inspections</u>	118	180	320
<u>Fire Prevention – Misc.</u>	603	1,026	826
<u>Permits</u>	934	1,027	1,037
<u>Total:</u>	2,335	2,867	2,637

Response Activity

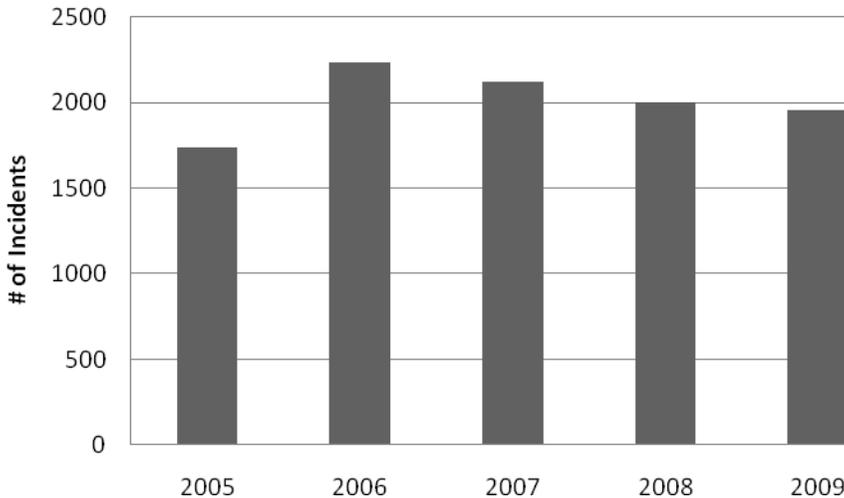
2009 was another active year for the Fire Department. The Department responded to 1,955 calls for service. The year appeared to be an “average” year for responses until the Town. Looking at the Department’s 5-Year Incident History, it shows that the overall number of incidents had slightly decreased since 2006; however a significant number of incidents in 2006 and 2007 are

contributed to flood responses in those years. Nevertheless, we are experiencing an overall trend of increased activity as seen in our 5-year analysis.

In addition to handling responses, the FD has been assisting the NH 9-1-1 mapping Division with the task of mapping each address in Town. The process is time consuming, however the final product will help all responders (Fire & Police) locate emergencies in town faster and easier. The project is anticipated to be completed in 2010.

The FD also enjoyed partnering with the Mountain View Middle School and the Goffstown Lions Club to offer the 8th Grade Firefighter's Challenge. The program gave students a team-building opportunity to learn more about the career of firefighting and fire safety.

5 Year FD / EMS Incident History



Grant Funding

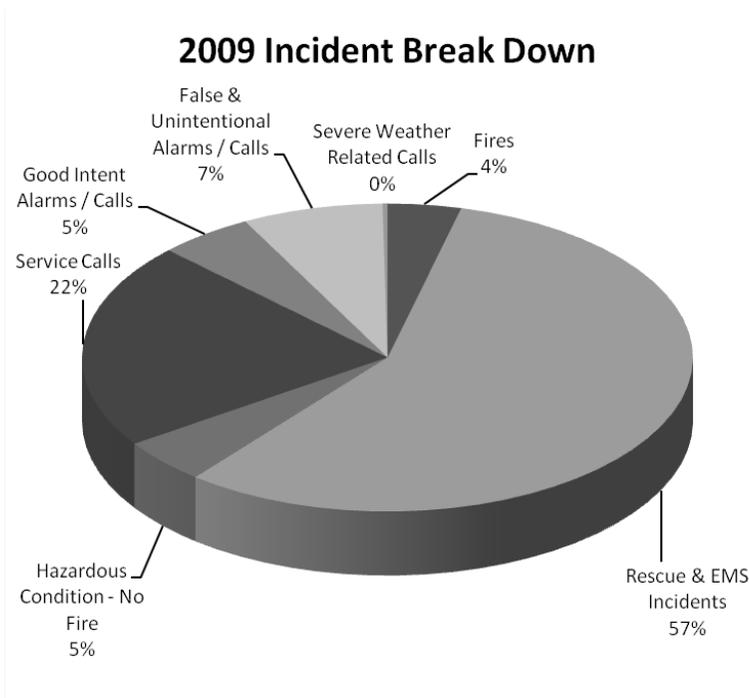
Whenever possible, the Fire Department strives to seek-out grant funds to improve our services with better equipment, apparatus and staffing. In 2009, the Fire Department continued to receive funding from the Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for 2 new full-time firefighters – that were hired in 2008. A \$6,600 grant was awarded to the department to enhance our fire inspection and hazard identification program. The funds enabled the Department to purchase software and equipment necessary for the program. The Department also anticipates the delivery in 2010 of our new Tower/Ladder truck that was made possible through a grant award from the US Department of Homeland Security (\$712,500). We have also applied for several grants, including Department of Homeland Security Grants for items ranging from Fire Station Construction to Fire Equipment. These extremely competitive grants

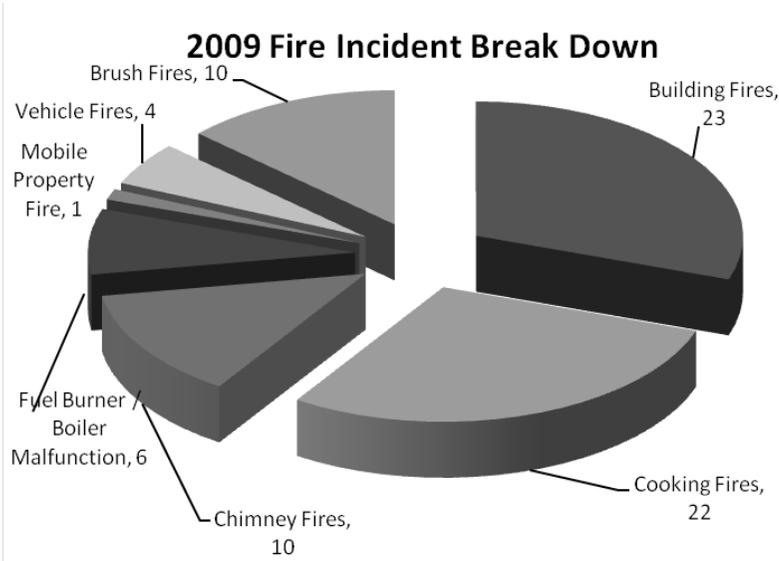
focus on areas such as Fire Station Construction, Firefighter Safety, Fire Prevention, and Adequate Firefighter Staffing. The following grants were applied for in 2009 and are still pending award:

- Dept. of Homeland Security-Assistance to Firefighters Grants
- Dept. of Homeland Security-New Fire Station Construction Grant
- NH Haz-Mat Emergency Planning Grant
- NH Emergency Mitigation and Planning Grant – Communications Equipment

In closing, our challenges are becoming more complex every year, but the citizens of Goffstown can feel assured that the members of the Goffstown Fire Department are responding to the Town’s everyday demands while striving to be dynamic, flexible, and responsive to the needs of our community. I want to thank the residents of Goffstown, the Board of Selectmen, Goffstown Fire / Rescue Association, and Town Departments for their continued support of *your* Fire Department. Above all, I commend the dedicated men and women of the Department; continuing to serve through valor, excellence, selflessness, and community pride.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard S. O’Brien, CFO
Fire Chief





REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your 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 New Hampshire 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. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft

and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are 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!

2009 WILDFIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED	Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson-----	4	334
Debris-----	184	455
Campfire-----	18	437
Children-----	12	500
Smoking-----	15	546
Railroad-----	5	
Equipment-----	5	
Lightning-----	0	
Misc.*-----	91	

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Respectfully Submitted,
 Richard S. O’Brien
 Goffstown Fire Warden

POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Goffstown Police Department is the town's full-time law enforcement agency. Our primary purpose is to provide professional and effective emergency services to the community, while continuing with our proud history of proactive policing and service to the community. We take great pride in being an internationally accredited agency with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA).

Programs: The department continues with its long-standing community policing philosophy. Through the many programs and events we sponsor and take part in, we attempt to develop and maintain the level of cooperation between citizens, businesses, community groups, schools and other town departments in an effort to deter, reduce and detect crime. It is these partnerships that make us most effective in providing services to the community.

In August 2009, our department received our sixth award for accreditation with CALEA. This was a meritorious award in recognition of our 17 years of being an accredited agency. This award came because of our on-site in April where our policies, procedures and personnel were evaluated from outside the organization. Michelle Provencher our accreditation manager worked tirelessly to ensure this process was completed in an effective manner. In 2009 the Police Department, added our second K-9 team. With the addition of Officer Chris Weeks and his partner Cyrus, we now maintain two K-9 teams trained in apprehension, searching and narcotic detection. The Goffstown Police Department hosted the Northern New England Regional Police K-9 trails bringing police K-9 teams from as far away as New York City. During the fall, Officer Weeks conducted a regional drug detection class for surrounding communities, thus offsetting the cost of our training.

We continue to work with the youth of the community through our DARE and School Resource Officer programs. Off. Mullen the department's SRO developed an electronic device registration program for students, which allows for the identification and if necessary recovery of stolen or lost devices. This program has been recognized by other agencies, as a program they would consider developing and implementing in their agencies. The DARE program assists us in providing education to middle school students on topics from substance abuse, violence and peer-pressure. In addition to these valuable

lessons, it also allows interaction between students and the officers they have as instructors.

Our citizen volunteer program continues to thrive; it has been an active part of our agency in excess of ten years. In 2009, volunteers logged in excess of **1694** hours, contributing their time and energy to the betterment of the department and the town's citizens. These valuable members contribute by working in records, court, and assisting the Victim Witness Advocate.

In 2009, through a grant with the Department of Justice, we in conjunction with the towns of Weare, New Boston and Francestown were able to acquire an experienced Victim Witness Advocate. Gail Fox came to us from the Derry Police Department with 8 years of experience. She works closely with victims of both domestic and sexual violence identifying services and acting as a liaison between the victim, the court and the involved police department.

Personnel: In 2009, Officer Yaris a 4-year veteran of the force was deployed to the mid-east with the United States Coast Guard. We eagerly await his anticipated return in 2010. We were also able to fill two existing vacancies with Officer Jonathan Babcock and Officer Kevin Chapdelaine.

Communications: The Communications Division currently provides regional 24-hour emergency dispatch services for nine emergency services. In addition to Goffstown Police, Fire and EMS, Communications provides contracted dispatch services to the Towns of Weare and New Boston for their Police, Fire and EMS departments. During 2009, the Communications Division handled over 127,000 telephone calls and dispatched in excess of 20,000 calls for service.

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 natural or manmade disasters. The town received Federal disaster aid because of the damage sustained by the Ice Storm. Members of both the Fire Department and Police Department received training and certification in the management of critical incidents through the unified command structure. Our Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT) is one of the finest in the state. Our CERT team's structure and operations are used as a model throughout the country. There are presently 68 specially trained volunteers who are able to assist town departments and the citizens of Goffstown during emergencies in a variety of functions, their dedication and sacrifice to this community is immeasurable.

Activity: This year's submitted activity numbers show several trends. First, it was a goal of the department to reduce accidents by 5%. We exceeded this goal by reducing accidents by 11%, and more importantly personal injury accidents by 15%. We believe this is the direct result in fair but firm enforcement practices. Secondly, we have seen a 10.5% rise in crimes against persons, while there was a decline in crimes against property. Finally, there were an increase in DWI and

drug cases with the departments focus on those areas. We will continue to concentrate our enforcement and prevention efforts on those areas of the greatest concerns to our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of this department. It is because of their dedication, support and efforts that the citizens of Goffstown receive the finest efforts of law enforcement within the State of New Hampshire. I would also like to thank the citizens of Goffstown for their efforts, support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick J. Sullivan
Chief of Police

GOFFSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS:

ABUSE/NEGLECT	23
ALCOHOL	163
INTOXICATION	112
ASSAULTS (Includes Safe School Acts)	190
CRIMINAL THREAT (Includes Safe School Acts)	84
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	140
Domestic Violence Petitions	69
HARASSMENT (Includes noise, disorderly conduct, rights, etc)	268
HOMICIDE	0
SEX OFFENSES (Includes sexual assaults & sex offender registrations)	70
JUVENILE OFFENSES (Includes runaways, tobacco possession, truancy, etc.)	125
DRUG OFFENSES	83
Safe School Act Drug Offenses	7
ROBBERY	3
TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	1,337

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY/OTHER:

ALARMS	533
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	362
ARSON	2
BURGLARY	43
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	118
COURTESY CALLS (Includes vehicle lockouts, 911 calls, fingerprinting, etc)	891
CRIME PREVENTION	612
ADMINISTRATION	415
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	204
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	57
FRAUD (Includes bad checks, credit card fraud, counterfeiting)	97
HAZARDS (Includes power outages, tree & wires down, etc)	165

LARCENY	316
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS (Includes vehicles and persons)	371
MUTUAL AID	1,282
OPERATIONS	1,197
PROPERTY – LOST/FOUND	251
TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY/OTHER	6,936

ARRESTS:

TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	508
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	76
TOTAL ARRESTS – 2009	584

MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY/OFFENSES:

DWI	91
SPEED	2,130
DRIVING AFTER SUSPENSION/REVOCATION	72
SUMMONS/WARNINGS ISSUED	6,333
MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY (includes hazards, disabled, abandoned, etc)	828
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	586
ACCIDENT WITH INJURY	62
ACCIDENTS – FATALITIES	0
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY	10,102
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE 2009	18,959

COMPLAINTS AGAINST EMPLOYEES:

FOUNDED	4
UNFOUNDED/PROPER CONDUCT	8
INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE	6
TOTAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST EMPLOYEES-2009	18
TOTAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST EMPLOYEES-2008	25

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

2009 was another year of program expansion for the Parks & Recreation Department. In our basketball program we needed to add another team in the Jr. Men's Basketball league for 16-18 yr. olds, as well as the Boys Jr. league basketball program. The lacrosse travel teams continued to flourish. We had Senior Citizen trips to Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods and our Senior Citizen Day Dinner continued to be successful. This year also marked the 30th Annual Goffstown Gallop which had a record crowd of runners. 2009 also saw the completion of the final phase of the Playground expansion project at Barnard Park. The Skateboard Park added new equipment in honor of Nick Hamel through the generosity of many donors as well as the Goffstown Friends of Recreation. This year the Parks & Recreation Commission with the Master Plan Steering Committee finalized our department's master plan. The hope is that this plan will be used as a blueprint for the future of the department. I also wish to thank Dave Gagne and Al Baines for co-chairing this committee as well as to all the people who served on the committee for their time and efforts. I would also want to thank Dan Reidy from the U.N.H. Co-Operative Extension and his staff for their efforts in making this a reality.

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 Guerette and Anastasia Hurley for their fine work over the past year. I would also like to extend my thanks to the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux as well as the Town Hall Staff for their cooperation and guidance. Also, I would like to extend my appreciation to several organizations for their support over the past year including; Mens 30 & over Basketball, Uncanoonuc Mountaineers, Tri-Town Soccer, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Boy Scout Troop #99, Goffstown Youth Football, Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball, GHS Baseball and Ann Beltz and the Congregational Church Dinner Committee for all of their efforts working with us and the community. Also, appreciation to the other town department heads for their cooperation during the year.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the C.I.P. committee for their efforts in looking towards the future in Goffstown as well as the budget committee for their continued support.

I would also like to thank our summer staff as well as our 200+ volunteer coaches in our programs for their great efforts on behalf of the youth of our community. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the Goffstown School Board for their support in the use of school facilities for the community. I want to thank Supt. Buckley and the principals at each school for their support as well as Athletic Director Steve Fountain for his cooperation this year. As always I want to thank the people of Goffstown who continue to support this department and participate in our program. I also want to thank my family for their support.

Finally, this is my last Annual Report that I will be submitting on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department as the Director. I have enjoyed my 32 years as your Director. The people in this community have made my job very

rewarding. I look back on many fond memories; from Great Pumpkin Hunts, Mystery trips, Dirty Sneaker Awards, to having runners cross the finish line at another Gallop. Watching a youngster get their first hit in a Girls softball game or making their first basket in a game. The success that we have had at this department has been about the people who live here and support the quality of life that a Parks & Recreation Department can help provide. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. French, Director

PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION LEVELS

Program	2006	2007	2008	2009
Activity period	94	94	98	118
Arts & Crafts	291	291	285	294
Womens Fitness			12	12
Awards Night	1,960	2,000	2,125	2,290
Ballet	205	200	135	50
Ballet Recital	415	435	395	290
Basketball, Boys	237	242	248	260
Basketball, Boys Travel	26	37	24	-
Basketball, Girls	65	66	52	50
Basketball, Instructional	36	20	28	30
Basketball, Mens	36	42	40	40
Basketball, Mens 30 & up	80	85	85	50
Basketball, Summer	20	15	12	28
Christmas in August	63	60	65	65
Clown Day	34	50	45	52
Concert in the Park	210	180	168	-
Lunch in the Park	80	50	30	40
Easter in July	182	182	196	188
Family Skating Night	104	218	245	206
Field Trips	210	210	210	210
Foul Shooting Contests	158	162	183	189
Goffstown Gallop	152	170	198	198
Great Pumpkin Hunt	225	225	225	225
Gymnastics	115	135	100	65
Halloween in July	70	90	70	85
Jazz Dancing	52	52	18	10
UNH Little Red Wagon	160	-	-	-
Mystery Trip	25	30	35	35
Open Gym	90	85	90	88
Pickle Ball Tourney	35	36	50	52
Scavenger Hunts	45	45	50	50
Tie Dye T-shirt Day	80	80	65	65
Senior Citizen Day	110	110	115	115
Senior Citizen Trips	45	125	110	120
Soccer	40	38	45	56

Program	2006	2007	2008	2009
Softball, Girls {Major}	124	128	110	110
Softball, Girls {Minor}	128	128	88	90
Softball, Girls {Instructional}	40	60	48	52
Softball, Summer	167	173	195	225
Adult Softball League	48	48	30	10
Hershey Track & Field	18	22	35	35
Special Events, Summer	218	245	260	265
Yoga	40	40	40	40
Swimming Lessons	248	338	250	288
Tennis Tournament	32	36	40	46
Tennis, youth	112	172	188	193
Track & Field	30	30	30	-
Adult, Volleyball	55	59	60	52
Lacrosse	85	100	120	128
Open Gym Recreation Center	70	56	75	90
Jr. Mens Basketball League	-	-	42	50
Kid's Who Cook	-	-	-	15
Archery	-	-	-	20
Golf Instruction	-	-	-	27
Total:	7,120	7,495	7,355	7,260

FACILITIES

RECREATION CENTER:

French Community Room is used by the following groups: Karate, Gymnastics, Ballet, Jazz dancing, tap dancing, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Summer programs, Special Events, Youth Sports Registration, G.Y.F.A, Library Ski & Skate Sale, Open Gym

Commissioners Room is used by the following groups: Uncanoonuc Mountaineers, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Tri-Town Soccer, G. Y. F. A.

SKATING AND PICNIC AREA

BARNARD PARK:

John Brown Track & Field
Tennis Courts (4)
Stark Memorial Pool
Playground Area
Basketball court
Outdoor Volleyball court

ROY PARK:

Tennis Courts (3)
Softball/Baseball field
Basketball Court
Playground Area
Roy Memorial Pool

LOUIS ST./ LAURIER ST. COMPLEX:

Softball/Baseball field, 2 soccer fields, 1 football field

SKATEBOARD PARK: Located on Church St.

CHURCH ST. PARK: Located on Church St.

POOL ATTENDANCE:	2006	2007	2008	2009
Barnard Pool	12,619	13,020	11,467	11,667
Roy Pool	6,958	6,949	5,115	4,989
Total:	19,577	19,966	16,582	16,656

REPORT OF THE GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 Years: In 2009 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of our historic library building! Today, the Goffstown Public Library is one of the most innovative libraries in the state of New Hampshire despite our small size. We should all be proud! As a library staff, we have proven our dedication and commitment to our library and community by bringing home a coveted \$25,000 grant in competition with other public libraries in the state. We provide traditional library services like books for all ages, newspapers and magazines, but we've moved ahead with a state-of-the-art library system, public computers for the use of all who need them, books in a variety of formats, programs for the education, enlightenment, and entertainment of all and much more. We are bigger than the four walls that encompass the physical library as demonstrated by our commitment to the delivery of home services and other outreach efforts.

Land Acquisition: The Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen were successful in working with the Ray D. Donner Revocable Trust to purchase property next to the library building on High Street, adding about .7 acres. The Trustees spent \$260,000 from private donations to purchase the land and additional money to cover all costs associated with the purchase. There was no tax impact for the community by using this private money. Currently we are using the space for outdoor programming until money is available for a parking lot expansion and then in future years an addition to the library building. A picnic table has been placed on the grass for the community to enjoy and celebrate this green space in the middle of the Village.

Building Program: The Board of Library Trustees, library staff and consultant Cheryl Bryan completed the awaited building program and the Board accepted it at their March, 2009 public meeting. It details the condition of the current library building and collections as well as the needs for a future library in our community. Please take a look at the completed building program that can be found on our web site at www.goffstown.lib.nh.us.

Finlay Challenge Purchases: The library staff spent all year carefully spending the \$25,000 grant we received from the Karin and Robert Finlay Foundation last December. I believe we have done a good job spreading the purchases over all age groups and throughout the building. The items purchased include desks for staff members; better, more efficient shelving for DVD's, music and magazines; a picnic table for our new green space; a Wii system with LOTS of add-ons; three new PC's including two additional public computers; a Bose Wave Music System for the children's room; more Legos (yay!!); a new LCD projector and projection screen; the Mango Language database subscription for two years; "Meet me at the Popcorn Stand" theatre project not covered by other grants; one Kindle DX e-reader and content; one Sony Touch e-reader and content; a plasma TV next to the circulation desk to advertise upcoming events;

floor lamps for the third floor; two rocking chairs for the second floor; a long-desired button maker and a variety of small items for book displays. We are grateful for the support we received from the Goffstown community to win the year-long competition and to the Finlay Foundation for their very generous grant to benefit the entire community.

Weekly Commercials: Sandy Whipple and Jessica Stevens rose to the marketing challenge made by our friends at GTV by taping and editing an original commercial every week. They have had fun taping spots about our special programs and events (including our centennial celebration), our September Project, even one of our weekly van deliveries. Our most recent commercial can be seen on GTV and our body of work can be found on YouTube just by searching our name. Enjoy!

Value of Library Services: The NH Library Association has provided every library with a value calculator so that community members can tabulate the value of the services they use at their public library. We make the calculator available on our web site at www.goffstown.lib.nh.us. For instance every book, magazine, audiobook, music CD, reference question, program attended, etc. is given a dollar value. One just needs to input what is used to get the total value of services for the year. I took it a step further and tabulated our annual numbers for the entire community based on the statistics gathered in 2009. The result: the budget for the Goffstown Public Library was **\$653,952** in 2009. The value of our services to the community through the calculator was **\$1,517,757**, more than double what the library budget was.

The Goffstown Public Library has a conscientious staff dedicated to serving the community. Please thank them when you visit next! Also, I hope you will support the Friends of the Library when they fundraise to support our Museum Pass Program and advocate for the library. Your Board of Library Trustees has worked hard all year to plan for the future and purchased much-needed land for the growth of the library to better serve our community. All meetings of the Board are held on the third Wednesday of each month and are open to the public.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne G. Hathaway,
Library Director

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES*

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Fines:	\$ 5,929.20	Books/Subscriptions	\$ 753.51
Interest:	2,247.68	Other Expenses – Programs	
Dividends:	200.00	& Materials:	8,994.85
Finlay Challenge		***Land Acquisition:	260,000.00
Winnings:	25,000.00	***Land Acquisition	
Other Revenue -		Expenses:	12,593.65
Grants:	4,052.48	Finlay Challenge	
Gifts/Donations:	10,308.82	Purchases:	17,224.94
**Miscellaneous:	2,622.45	Misc. Expenses:	6,425.18
Total Revenues:	\$50,360.63	Total Expenses:	\$305,992.13
NET	(\$255,631.50)		

- * This report does not include Library expenses paid through the Town’s General Fund Operating Budget.
- ** Miscellaneous: Fees collected for Library cards & lost books
- *** Voters approved the expenditure of up to \$300,000 of trustee funds accrued from private donations at the 2009 Deliberative Session.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES BALANCE SHEET

as of December 31, 2009

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
80 - Library Trustee Fund	
<u>Assets</u>	
10100 Cash-Checking	\$ 6,244.58
10110 Cash-Unrestricted Savings	151,669.04
10140 Cash-Restricted	185.03
Total Assets	\$ <u>158,098.65</u>
	\$ <u>158,098.65</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
20100 Accounts Payable	\$.00
Restricted Funds	- 185.03
<u>Equity</u>	
28160 Fund Balance-Undesignated	- <u>157,913.62</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ - <u>158,098.65</u>
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Another year complete, 2009 was a very interesting and productive year. At long last we have finally completed all of our major flood repair projects and caught up on the backlog of major projects set back by the floods. Our contractor's were finally able to complete the bridge work and reclamation work on Mountain Road and Merrill Road. 2009 Reclamation work on Shirley Hill Road and the outer end of Paige Hill Road went very smoothly and were completed on time. Much of the backlog of paving work was completed though there were several 2009 pavement overlays that did not get completed that will carry over and be done next spring.

We are working with the Sewer Commission on repairing the slope that was damaged in the 2006 flood that jeopardized the sewer interceptor into the City of Manchester. We were able to secure a grant from FEMA to facilitate that repair.

Our in-house DPW staff completed the very large Snook Road, Willow Ct and Tenney Road Reclamation project. The project turned out very well and I know that the residents in that neighborhood are very grateful to have the roads repaired and paved. The crew also completed substantial repairs on Saunders Rd, Fairview Street, Bay Street, Pinecrest and Cove Street. Some drainage upgrades were completed on Leach Hill Road and we got Trolley Farm Road graded and paved.

The financial collapse of our economy affected us in many ways. One of the most immediate affects was the collapse of the recycling markets. In the course of a couple of months we went from a program of receiving revenue for recyclable materials collected to losing our contractor, having to pay to dispose of the recyclables and having to haul the material to Charlestown, MA each day with our own trucks. Fortunately, the Town had the equipment and the dedicated staff that was able to make that adjustment and minimize the financial impact on the Town budget.

The economic down turn also provided us with tremendous opportunities. We were able to secure stimulus funds for 3 major projects. We received approval for \$2.5 million to install drinking water into the flood prone neighborhoods of Lynchville and Danis Park. The bond article for this project was approved a few years ago but through the use of ARRA (stimulus) money we were able to get 50% of the cost covered by grants making clean water affordable for the neighborhood. We were also approved for \$2.5 million to upgrade the main sewer line on Mast Road. This is a very important project for the town. Not only will it eliminate sewer surcharges/overflows during wet weather but it also provides additional sewer capacity along one of Goffstown's most critical economic corridors. The construction of this project will take place next summer and we ask residents and businesses to be patient. It will be a very deep and difficult construction. Lastly, we secured ARRA money for the South Mast Green Drainage Project. Once again, Goffstown will become a leader in the state in the implementation of new, more environmentally friendly approaches to dealing with storm water runoff. This will not only take care of a

major flooding problem along one of our busiest traffic corridors but it will also serve to protect the precious resource afforded us by Glen Lake. The work on all three of these projects will continue into next year and the benefits to the community will be felt for many years into the future.

I would like to thank my dedicated staff for all the work they did this year. Not only did they manage their normal workload but also got the job done with the extra work needed to secure and complete the ARRA projects. Town Engineer, Meghan Theriault did a tremendous amount of this work despite giving birth early in the year to the newest member of our public works family, Caleb.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Quiram

SOLID WASTE COMMISSION

Formed as a result of a special town meeting in November 1989, the Commission celebrated 20 years in operation in 2009. Because of that vote and the efforts of our citizens, Goffstown is one of the very top recycling communities in the entire state!

The Town's Web Site www.goffstownrecycles.org has been updated and improved. As an additional means of getting out the message that "Recycling Matters", the first ever Goffstown Recycles Poster Contest was held in the schools. There was a great response to the theme of "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle". The winning posters were created by: in Grades K - 3: Brielle Gardiner, Michael Fortin, and Abby Poisson; and in Grades 7 - 9 Nicole Tremblay, Kerry Chouinard, and Shannon Hayes. A special thanks to Tammy Gross for her dedication - and especially her time - to make this effort a success.

Recycling once again has provided a savings for all residents. Goffstown delivers the recyclables to a facility in Charlestown, MA operated by FCR a Casella Waste Co. With the recent collapse in commodity prices, the Selectmen requested an economic review of how Goffstown handles its wastes. The result was that, even with a current cost of about \$25 per ton to recycle rather than receiving revenue as in past years, Goffstown still avoids paying nearly \$70 per ton to otherwise dispose of these materials. While saving you money there is even better news that these materials end up back in the marketplace, keeping these items from taking up space for all time in a landfill.

State law pertaining to enforcement has changed and the Selectmen have requested that the Commission review the Town's solid waste ordinance to assure that we are once again up to date in 2010. With the Public Works Department, this Commission continues to examine other opportunities to market our recycled materials, partner with other communities, and ultimately keep disposing of our non-recycled materials at the lowest cost possible. Thank you all for contributing to the ongoing success of Goffstown's recycling program.

Respectfully submitted by
David W. Packard; Chairman

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

It was a challenging year for the Goffstown Cemetery Trustees. On the positive side, an informative meeting was held with the Trustee of Trust Funds to go over issues pertaining to both the flower and perpetual care trust funds. The flower fund list has been updated to the 17 funds in the trust, and the Trustees of Trust were asked and agreed, to pursue a petition for cy pres for purposes of directing the application of accumulated excess cemetery perpetual care income from unknown funds. After consulting with the Attorney General's Office, this would give the Cemetery Trustees the authority to apply it toward the Westlawn Expansion. Currently the Trustees are awaiting the court's decision to release the restriction.

Major repair work was required and completed on the carriage house at Hillside Cemetery where rotted beams were jacked up and repaired to prevent further sinking, and clapboards were replaced where needed. Also, dead shrubs were removed in the older section of Westlawn and Trustees received positive feedback on the new weatherproof sign that was installed at Shirley Hill.

Cemetery rules were amended where necessary. Both GTV and the Goffstown News notified the public, and copies of rules are also available on the town website, town hall, and DPW Office. Families are responsible for adhering to the rules as set forth according to RSA 289:7.

Replacement of the 112 year old crypt at Westlawn, in CIP since 2004, is nearing completion. However, on the negative side, due to unexpected further cuts in the budget, plans for the extension have been delayed for another year. This was a concern to the Trustees since the BOS met with them, reviewed the plots available, plausible time frame, and architectural planning, and agreed it was time to move forward in a suitable manner. The Trustees followed up by having the land surveyed and hired a cemetery architect to lay out the plans. Of major concern to the Trustees, however, is the fact that 54 lots were sold in 2009 nearly tripling the amount of the previous year. This delay of course could also result in higher overall costs.

Cooperation with the DPW again made care and improvement of the three Goffstown cemeteries possible and the Cemetery Trustees extend to them their appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
Goffstown Cemetery Trustees

SEWER COMMISSION

The Goffstown Wastewater Facilities Plan Update, contracted through Hoyle, Tanner & Assoc., Inc., is in final review and will be submitted to the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for review and acceptance in early 2010. The Plan Update has been coordinated with the City of Manchester as an integral component of the area-wide facilities plan update for the Manchester Wastewater Treatment Facility (MWWTF).

The City of Manchester's Facility Plan has identified numerous upgrades required at its Wastewater Treatment Facility that will enable renewal of the discharge permit from the Environmental Protection Agency. These upgrades may also provide for additional capacity at the MWWTF. At the annual Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) meeting, Manchester notified contributing towns that if additional capacity is desired, contributing towns should assess their needs and notify Manchester for allocation. Additional capacity would be purchased by the requesting towns. More importantly, Manchester noted that the policy of assessing flows is being revised from peak flow conditions, as had been the historical past, to average flows, which repositioned Goffstown's current flows at nearly half its current flow allocation with Manchester. The Sewer Commission scheduled a joint municipal board meeting where representatives of the Manchester Environmental Protection Division presented the proposed capital improvements, the anticipated costs of capital improvements and the revised flow assessment policy. Feedback to the Commission indicated Goffstown is well positioned for future growth with current flow capacity allocations.

A long-needed upgrade to the Mast Road sewers, which are antiquated and over-capacity, preventing additional discharge and restricting redevelopment within the corridor, is now on the 2010 schedule. This past year, Goffstown was awarded a 50% funding grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) as administered by the NHDES. Goffstown DPW completed design for a 3-phase plan to maximize construction without exceeding the \$2.5 million award. Bids were solicited and the project for all three phases came in under \$2.5M. Goffstown will therefore award the contract and work will commence this summer on this important project. There will be inconveniences to the public during this time, but we respectfully request your tolerance as we build for the present and the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
James A. Bouchard, Chairman
Stephen R. Crean, Commissioner
Catherine Whooten, Commissioner

Expenditures

ADMINISTRATION	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUALS	2010 BUDGET
		(unaudited)	
SALARIES/BENEFITS	60,455.00	36,506.42	55,853.00
EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT	100.00	0	100.00
AUDIT	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,000.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	10,000.00	2,912.11	5,000.00
CONTRACTED SVCS (ADMIN)	7,598.00	5,433.39	6,300.00
INSURANCE	7,840.00	1,960.48	7,988.00
POSTAGE	5,084.00	6,778.26	6,000.00
SUPPLIES	1,340.00	1,573.57	1,340.00
COMPUTER	3,700.00	899.25	3,800.00
TELECOMMUNICATION	600.00	600.00	600.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	0	75.00	0.00
INTEREST	60,933.00	60,929.25	46,375.00
PRINCIPAL	260,000.00	260,000.00	260,000.00
SUB TOTAL	422,150.00	382,167.73	398,356.00
SEWER OPERATIONS			
CONTRACT SVCS (DPW)	60,000.00	68,904.33	60,000.00
SEWER PROJECT	5,000.00	19,082.50	5,000.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT/REPAIR	4,000.00	1,665.81	8,800.00
PERSONNEL EQUIP	3,000.00	188.89	3,000.00
MNTNCE/SUPPLY	241,000.00	29,161.76	241,000.00
MNTNCE/LABOR (VAC)	17,000.00	220.61	17,000.00
SEWER OPERATION (O&M CHRG)	827,747.00	382,963.13	921,919.00
SUB TOTAL	1,157,747.00	502,187.03	1,256,719.00
SEWERAGE/PUMP STATION			
CONTRACTED SERVICES	6,200.00	3,319.20	6,200.00
SUPPLIES	8,900.00	8,228.84	8,900.00
ELECTRICITY	20,867.00	14,007.49	21,117.00
PROPANE GAS	4,778.00	940.71	4,778.00
WATER	900.00	394.39	900.00
TELEPHONE ALARM SYS	3,000.00	2,177.64	3,000.00
SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	1.00	1,000.00	1.00
CHEMICALS	750.00	0	750.00
DIESEL FUEL	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
PUMP REPAIRS	25,000.00	887.00	25,000.00
SUB TOTAL	74,396.00	30,955.27	74,646.00
TOTAL	1,654,293.00	915,310.03	1,729,721.00

Revenue

	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUALS (unaudited)	2010 BUDGET
SEWER ADMINISTRATION			
Interest & Penalties	10,000	19,857.51	10,000
Intergovernmental	44,976	24,457.00	35,169
Interest on Investments	15,000	2,386.91	15,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	101,395.00	0
Budgetary Use of Retained Earnings	93,800	0.00	165,677
Subtotal:	163,776	148,096.42	225,846
Sewer Operations			
Sewer Use Charges	1,400,000.00	1,049,450.00	1,410,200
Special Assessment RVP	5,453.00	5,055.04	4,090
Special Assessment WASH	20,220.00	10,110.72	11,638
Accessibility Revenue	50,000.00	91,725.72	64,350
Special Assessment KNOL	14,344.00	12,275.77	13,097
Miscellaneous Revenue	500.00	6,253.62	500
Subtotal:	1,490,517.00	1,174,870.87	1,503,875
TOTAL:	1,654,293.00	1,322,967.29	1,729,721

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT

Early last year the Precinct Commissioners and Staff made an outline of immediate and future needs and a Budget that did not call for rate increases.

The water treatment system at Mt. Laurel Estates was found to be under stress and several types of upgrades were reviewed. The chosen upgrade was "Pilot Tested" with adjustments, and is now performing to required standards. A System Emergency Plan was started as a cooperative program involving neighboring water systems, equipment, materials and personnel. We attended several sessions with the N.H.D.E.S. to learn about Economic Recovery Funding for projects under consideration, and decided we could proceed on our own.

Several individual water lines received attention to improve flow or pressure. Our responsibility is for piping to the "Curb Stop" and the cost of any work from that point is charged to the property owner. Water samples from different locations are sent monthly for testing per current EPA Federal Standards and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Richard Fletcher was reelected as a Commissioner at the March 16 Annual Meeting. Marlene Gamans assumed the Moderator position when our former Moderator had a schedule conflict, Linda Naughton was reelected as Clerk and Marie Boyle was elected Treasurer. The Precinct Office is located at 183 No. Mast Street,(497-3621) and the hours are 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The Monthly Board Meeting is there on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

The System requires a lot of attention and there have been a few water main breaks this year starting with two on Highland Ave. area in February. There are several contemplated extensions and our capacity is a concern. New water sources or storage facilities are being studied. The Viking Orchards construction under consideration will require over three dozen services, a new pump setup and pressure controls on Tyler Drive presently served by equipment that will be replaced.

The Board requires that all household water lines be equipped with backflow valves and that they be tested every six to eight years to protect water from contaminants. Flushing of hydrants is done twice a year. Bids went out for about 1600 feet of 12 inch ductile iron pipe on Elm Street and the work was completed before schools reopened in September.

The well attended Granite State Rural Water training session was held in Goffstown. Federal and State water standards have tightened over the last few years and ideas are exchanged in these meetings.

Safety is a prime concern. Monthly safety discussions are held with Lee Minnich, Mike Demers and safety coordinator Raymond Taber to review equipment, procedures and other pertinent factors.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen D. Gamans, Chairman

**WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 16, 2009**

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 15, 2010, 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 and Treasurer.

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 2009 Budget as proposed by the Board of Commissioners and approved by the Budget Committee to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$649,700.00) 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 11th day of January, 2010.

Allen D. Gamans, 2010 Henry C. Boyle, 2013 Raymond Taber, 2011
Richard Fletcher, 2014 Richard Coughlin, 2012

EXPENDITURES:	2009 Budget	2009 YTD (unaudited)	2010 Budget
Executive	128,500.00	121,156.00	133,640.00
salaries	128,500.00	121,156.00	133,640.00
Fin. Administration	8,070.00	4,394.00	8,070.00
audit	2,400.00	2,200.00	2,400.00
bus. Supplies	2,200.00	1,865.00	2,200.00
office equipment	3,000.00	130.00	3,000.00
personnel supplies	400.00	128.00	400.00
safe dep. Box	70.00	70.00	70.00
Personnel Adm	62,580.00	68,241.00	76,790.00
fica	9,835.00	9,267.00	10,300.00
health ins	46,715.00	50,698.00	58,300.00
w/c ins	3,000.00	2,237.00	1,930.00
retir. Fund	3,000.00	5,999.00	6,230.00
unemp. Ins.	30.00	40.00	30.00
Building Maint.	3,000.00	1,565.00	3,000.00
office buliding	1,000.00	637.00	1,000.00
filtration plant	1,000.00	393.00	1,000.00
wells tank	1,000.00	535.00	1,000.00
General Ins.	3,805.00	3,705.00	4,100.00
liability/prop	3,605.00	3,605.00	3,900.00
bond	200.00	100.00	200.00
Legal	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Adv/Reg. Assoc.	3,750.00	3,972.00	3,600.00
advertising	500.00	202.00	500.00
assn fees	500.00	795.00	500.00
license fees	2,000.00	2,525.00	2,000.00
meeting exp	750.00	450.00	600.00
Other Gen Govt.	18,200.00	20,799.00	19,600.00
vehicle exp	4,000.00	8,490.00	6,000.00
office heat/elec	4,000.00	3,858.00	3,800.00
telephone/internet	4,800.00	4,767.00	4,800.00
postage	3,200.00	2,959.00	2,800.00
comp support	700.00	725.00	700.00
forestry	-	-	-
engineering	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Water Services	34,700.00	32,923.00	40,500.00
contract labor	6,000.00	5,751.00	6,000.00

hydrant repairs	3,000.00	205.00	3,000.00
dam repairs	500.00	6,712.00	6,000.00
service repairs	5,000.00	10,804.00	6,000.00
main repairs	14,700.00	6,873.00	14,000.00
meter repairs	200.00	-	200.00
pump repairs	1,500.00	1,332.00	1,500.00
equipment repairs	1,000.00	1,246.00	1,000.00
road repairs	500.00	-	500.00
new services	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
thawing	300.00	-	300.00
Water Treatment	75,695.00	74,496.00	73,600.00
chemicals	8,095.00	13,883.00	9,000.00
electric	24,000.00	29,110.00	26,000.00
heat	6,500.00	7,570.00	4,000.00
glenview exp.	3,600.00	3,961.00	3,600.00
supplies	3,000.00	1,396.00	3,000.00
water tests	6,500.00	5,784.00	4,000.00
mntn. laurel water	24,000.00	12,792.00	24,000.00
Sewage	18,000.00	10,133.00	18,000.00
Debt Service	83,310.00	86,490.00	80,700.00
bond principal	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
bond interest	23,310.00	26,490.00	20,700.00
Capital Outlay/Improv.	185,810.00	197,546.00	166,000.00
contingency fund	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
capitalreplac. Septic	10,000.00	9,170.00	10,000.00
main/system upgrades	164,810.00	188,376.00	145,000.00
building improvements	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
Mach/Equipment	5,000.00	2,652.00	8,000.00
house meters	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
new equipment	3,000.00	2,652.00	6,000.00
new vehicle	-	-	-
Operating transfers out	12,600.00	7,375.00	12,600.00
septic	12,600.00	7,375.00	12,600.00
vehicle	-	-	-
TOTAL	644,520.00	635,447.00	649,700.00

REVENUES:	2009 Budget	2009 YTD	2010 Budget
		(unaudited)	
Water Charge	516,190.00	479,787.57	516,190.00
metered water	358,190.00	324,836.03	358,190.00
flat rate	100,000.00	96,951.54	100,000.00
hydrants	58,000.00	58,000.00	58,000.00
OTHER	72,000.00	73,029.10	74,200.00
booster station	4,500.00	2,824.20	4,500.00
thawing	350.00	-	350.00
forestry		-	
hyd repair	2,900.00	3,329.00	2,900.00
new services	8,000.00	1,883.30	8,000.00
on/off	300.00	990.00	300.00
service repair	2,000.00	1,845.35	2,000.00
meter repair	50.00	51.75	50.00
FEMA	-	8,201.25	-
Mtn Laurel water	24,000.00	20,263.22	24,000.00
security grant	-	-	-
Mtn Laurel Septic	26,400.00	27,696.54	26,400.00
bond int refund	-	-	-
pool fill	300.00	228.00	300.00
engineering	-	-	-
misc.	3,200.00	5,716.49	5,400.00
Savings Interest	12,000.00	5,324.09	12,000.00
Shared Revenue	24,480.00	24,480.00	23,490.00
SUBTOTAL	624,670.00	582,620.76	623,880.00
Sav transfer vehicle	-	-	
Sav. Transfer general	19,850.00	115.70	25,820.00
TOTAL	644,520.00	582,736.46	649,700.00

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

The Grasmere Village Water Precinct enjoyed a stable year in 2009. Keith Moore represented the Precinct in all the necessary digging near our water lines whenever there was a break or construction. Keith attended different workshops related to licensing and best management practice for the Precinct. The Mast Road water main upgrade did not proceed this year due to cost factors.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Daniels, Chairman

2010 WARRANT

To the members of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct in the Town of Goffstown, in the county of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, you are hereby notified to meet in the Grasmere Town Hall at seven (7:00 pm) o'clock in the evening on Thursday, March 18, 2010 to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE #1 To choose a Commissioner for the years 2010, 11 and 12.

ARTICLE #2 To choose a Commissioner for the years 2010, 11 and 12.

ARTICLE #3 To choose a Moderator for the year 2010.

ARTICLE #4 To choose a Clerk for the year 2010.

ARTICLE #5 To choose a Treasurer for the year 2010.

ARTICLE #6 To see if the Precinct will note to approve the budget by the Commissioners and approved by the Budget Committee to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$160,728) for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE #7 To discuss and act upon any other business which may rightfully come before said meeting.

This is he 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

William Gordon

Commissioners of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Given this Twenty-First day of January, 2010 under our hands.

EXPENDITURES

	2009 BUDGET	2009 EXPENDED (unaudited)	2010 BUDGET
EXECUTIVE	\$42,290.93	\$41,784.35	\$44,988.08
SALARIES	\$41,290.93	\$41,213.55	\$43,988.08
MILEAGE	\$1,000.00	\$570.80	\$1,000.00
FIN. ADMIN	\$2,500.00	\$854.80	\$5,800.00
AUDIT	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$321.92	\$500.00
POSTAGE	\$800.00	\$532.88	\$800.00
POST OFFICE BOX	INCL.	INCL.	INCL.
BUILDING			
MAINTENANCE	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
INSURANCE			\$2,000.00
LIABILITY/PROPERTY	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	
LEGAL	\$1,000.00	\$79.88	\$1,000.00
	\$1,000.00	\$79.88	\$1,000.00
ADV./REG. ASSOC.	\$700.00	\$305.00	\$700.00
TRAINING	\$500.00	\$205.00	\$500.00
ASS.FEE	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
OTHER GEN/GOV	\$3,500.00	\$3,718.95	\$4,000.00
TELEPHONE	\$500.00	\$371.14	\$500.00
ELECTRIC	\$3,000.00	\$3,347.81	\$3,500.00
WATER SERVICES	\$101,500.00	\$78,375.91	\$102,040.00
MANCHESTER WW	\$85,000.00	\$74,866.97	\$85,000.00
SERVICE REPAIRS	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,540.00
CONTRACT LABOR	\$10,000.00	\$1,922.00	\$10,000.00
HYDRANT REPAIRS	\$800.00	\$540.94	\$800.00
METER REPAIRS	INCL.	INCL.	
NEW SERVICES	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
WATER TESTS	\$1,200.00	\$1,046.00	\$1,200.00
MAINT. SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
SNOW PLOWING	INCL.	INCL.	INCL.
TOTALS:	\$153,690.93	\$126,118.89	\$160,728.08

REVENUES

	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUALS (unaudited)	2010 BUDGET
WATER CHARGE	\$144,490.63	\$157,696.09	\$148,528.08
BASE	\$126,207.90	\$139,373.98	\$129,283.73
FIRE PROTECTION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HYDRANT RENTAL	\$18,232.73	\$18,232.65	\$19,144.35
MISC	\$50.00	\$89.46	\$100.00
 OTHER	 \$4,300.00	 \$400.00	 \$7,300.00
HYDRANT REPAIR	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$800.00
SERVICE REPAIR	\$500.00		\$200.00
ON/OFF	\$100.00		\$100.00
NEW SERVICE	\$3,000.00	\$150.00	\$6,000.00
METER REPAIR	\$200.00		\$200.00
 SERVICE CONTRACT	 \$4,900.00	 \$4,900.00	 \$4,900.00
 TOTAL	 \$153,690.63	 \$162,996.09	 \$160,728.08

OFFICIAL BALLOT

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

MARCH 9, 2010

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two

- Scott Gross
- David Pierce
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Four

- Ivan Beliveau
- John A. Burt
- John Dillon
- Jennifer "Jen" Getchell
- Dorine Olson
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 2 Years Vote for not more than one

- Paul Augros
- William Bates
- Enid Mackenzie
- Write-In _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One

- Jean Walker
- Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two

- Lisa M. Iodice
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two

- Barbara Griffin
- Timothy Redmond
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One

- Catherine Whooten
- Write-In _____

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 6 Years Vote for not more than One

- Suzanne "Sue" Tremblay
- Write-In _____

TOWN MODERATOR

For 2 Years Vote for not more than One

- Rodney Stark
- Write-In _____

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years Vote for not more than One

- Kenneth Rose
- Write-In _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two

- Gail Labrecque
- Edward J. Luppi II
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt amendment #1, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 5.9 Mixed Use Development, by adding the following at the end of Section 5.9.1: This maximum percent limitation of residential use in mixed-use buildings or projects may be waived by Conditional Use Permit, with a finding that the proposed plan is reasonable given physical constraints of development sites and/or access limitations.

Planning Board voted 4-2-1 to recommend.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt amendment #2, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending Section 15.3.1 Variances, to read as follows: The ZBA may grant a variance only after it specifically finds that the variance criteria of RSA 674:33,I(b), as amended, are met.

Planning Board voted 6-0-1 to recommend.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt amendment #3, as proposed by the Planning Board, amending the zoning map to change to Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) zoning from Industrial (I) zoning, on property abutting route 114 at the Goffstown-Bedford town line, identified as Map 3, lots 47-1, 47-2, 47-3, 47-4, 47-5, 47-6, 47-7, 47-8, 47-9 and 47-10.

Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt amendment #4, as proposed by petition, to amend Section 5.5 to read as follows: 5.5 Agricultural and Horticultural Operations – Farm buildings, farm animals, animal confinement areas, and areas used for maintenance and storage of animal waste shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any lot line.

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt amendment #5, as proposed by petition, to amend Section 5.6 to read as follows: 5.6 Commercial Kennel – Commercial kennels are permitted provided that they are located on lots of not less than two (2) acres, and that buildings or structures used for housing animals, animal runs, animal confinement areas, and areas used for maintenance and storage of animal waste shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any lot line.

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to not recommend.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt amendment #6, as proposed by petition, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, removing a portion of the area designated as a Historic District overlay zone so that the Parker Station District as identified in Section 13.4.3 would read: The Parker Station District includes seven (7) properties identified as Map 7 lots 40, 41, 61-1, 61-6, 62, 63 and a portion of 64, said portion bounded by Mast Road to its south, lot 63 to its west, lot 65 to its east, and to its north, the R-1/A zoning district boundary line, which is located 350 feet from the centerline of North Mast Street. This property’s address is 216 North Mast Street.

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt amendment #7, as proposed by petition, amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of property identified as tax map 16, lot 21-2, from Residential-2 (R-2) to Commercial (C). This property’s address is 75 Daniel Plummer Road. (A protest petition has been filed which if valid will require a 2/3 majority vote for passage of this article.)

Submitted by Petition. Planning Board voted 6-1-0 to not recommend.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$948,000) for the purpose of purchasing three vehicles to replace a 1994 Fire Engine, a 1999 ten wheel dump truck, and a 2000 Solid Waste automated collection vehicle, and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred forty eight thousand dollars (\$948,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon? Furthermore, to vote to raise and appropriate up to \$219,965 for the first annual payment in 2010 and fund it with \$100,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) and up to \$119,965 from taxation. Assuming a five year note at 5% interest the estimated payment schedule would be as follows:

YEAR	PAYMENT	FUNDING	
		FIRE CRF	TAXATION
2010	\$219,965	\$100,000	\$119,965
2011	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2012	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2013	\$219,965	0	\$219,965
2014	\$219,965	0	\$219,965

(3/5 ballot vote is required to pass). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-5-0.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$114,514) for the purpose of completing the original scope of the “green” drainage along South Mast Road between Pineridge Street and Wallace Road and to authorize the issuance of a note with the State Revolving Loan Fund for not more than One Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$114,514) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon; 50% of the principal will be forgiven by the State of NH utilizing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds, with the balance to be raised by taxation?

This drainage project was approved at the May 2009 Special Town Meeting in the amount of \$700,000. However, the bid came in \$114,514 higher. This article will provide the \$114,514 appropriation contingent on 50% reimbursement (\$57,257) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act thus saving the town \$57,257. (3/5 majority is required to pass).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0.

ARTICLE 11

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 Nineteen Million Six Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Forty One Dollars (\$19,695,041)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Nineteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$19,925,974), 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 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0-1.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000) for the purpose of purchasing about 25.46 acres of Map 5 Lot 39 (a portion of the Barnard property on Center Street) which abuts the town’s Public Works facility? This parcel will help meet the town’s long term need for sand and gravel. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0.

ARTICLE 13

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 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-2-0.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town raise and appropriate up to Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000) for the purpose of supporting Namaske Lake Association's effort to manage milfoil in Namaske Lake also known as the lower portion of the Piscataquog River? The Namaske Lake Association estimates the cost of the milfoil management project at \$47,000 which they plan to fund as follows: \$14,000 from the State of NH; \$5,000 donation from Enel North America (operator of the Kelly Falls Dam); \$5,000 from local residents and Namaske Lake Association members; and \$23,000 from the Town of Goffstown. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 11.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-0-0.

ARTICLE 15

To see

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town authorize snowmobiles shared use on the Goffstown Rail Trail for approximately ½ mile of its 5½ mile length, from the power line right-of-way where the NH Snowmobile Trail Corridor #11 crosses the Rail Trail at Glen Lake, approximately opposite St. Claudine Villa Academy, to the gas station at Tatro Drive?

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the town? Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the legislative body at any duly warned meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect. (RSA 41:11-A III).

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town will vote to amend the town's Noise Ordinance as follows?

Under EXCEPTIONS, add "*or ice*" before "removal operations" and delete "*provided such operations are conducted within seventy two (72) hours of cessation of a snowstorm with an accumulation of at least three inches (3") of snow as recorded by the U.S. Weather Service.*" At the end of this section add "*These provisions shall not apply to the Department of Public Works while engaged in the regular collection of refuse or recycling.*"

Under PENALTIES, replace this current language "*Any person violating any of the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a violation and upon conviction thereof, shall be liable for a penalty of not more than one hundred \$100.00) dollars for the first offense, and up to the maximum penalty allowed by law for each subsequent offense.*" with this proposed language "*Unless otherwise stated, any person or unnatural person within the meaning of the Criminal Code, who violates an ordinance shall be guilty of a violation. Pursuant to RSA 502-A:11-a, the District Court shall have jurisdiction of the prosecution of any violation of the Town of Goffstown Ordinances. All fines collected shall be for the use of the Town. The Town may enforce to the maximum penalty allowed by law. The enforcement authority may issue a summons and complaint along with a notice of fine pursuant to the procedures for pleas by mail set out in RSA 502-A:19-b.*"

Under VALIDITY, replace this current language "*VALIDITY: If any section or part of a section, or paragraph of this Article is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections, or part of a section or paragraph of this Article.*" with

VI. WAIVERS: *The Board of Selectmen retain the authority to waive any or all provisions of this ordinance for emergencies at a duly noted meeting.*

VII. SEVERABILITY STATEMENT: *If the provisions of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is judged to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, or impair the validity of the remainder of this ordinance, or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.*

VIII. EXCLUSIONS: *These requirements shall not apply where such matters are otherwise governed by State Law.*

(The full text of the ordinance is available in the Town Clerk's Office or on the town's website.)

Presented at public hearings by the Board of Selectmen.

Petition for a vote at Town Meeting.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-2.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$390,000) for the purposes of acquisition of a land conservation easement and costs associated therewith to support the permanent conservation protection of 450± acres on Tax Map 2 Lot 59 (the Roberts Farm on Addison Road), to help stabilize the tax base, preserve the rural character of the Town and provide for passive recreation? These funds will expire at the end of 2012 if not used to protect this property.

Submitted by Petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-2-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-3-1.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) to purchase approximately 106.15 acres of property adjacent to the Goffstown High School, identified as Tax Map 5 Lots 61-1 and 95-1, with a conceptual design of 10 playing fields and 225 car parking spaces? This is a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3 VI (a), as a petitioned article, and as Special Warrant Article pursuant to RSA 32:3 VI (d), as a non-lapsing, non-transferable appropriation for a period of five years, pursuant to RSA 32:7 VI.

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0-0.

Not recommended by the Budget Committee 11-1-0.

ARTICLE 21

To see

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (3/5 majority is required to pass)

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-2.

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town direct the Board of Selectmen to put in place an ordinance to allow the use of snowmobiles on the Goffstown Rail Trail in accordance with the Trail Enhancement Grant received by the Town of Goffstown by the Federal Government and in accordance with state trail management guidelines starting at the intersection of Danis Park Rd. to the end of the trail at the center of town?

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-2.

OFFICIAL BALLOT GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 9, 2010

ARTICLE 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

SCHOOL BOARD

For Three Years

Vote for not more than Three

- Lorry D. Cloutier
- Phillip E. Kendall II
- Dian McCarthy
- Jennifer Theroux
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

ARTICLE 2

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 FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS (\$35,627,392.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$36,430,646.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District 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. This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote is required).

*The School Board voted 7-1-0 to not recommend
The Budget Committee voted 9-3-0 to recommend*

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate up to the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$215,000.00) to conduct engineering and architectural plans for the expansion and renovation of the

School District's elementary school facilities? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the plans for the expansion and renovation of the elementary schools are complete or by June 30, 2012 whichever is earlier. Funds to come from impact fees available on July 1 of 2010. This appropriation has no tax impact. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote is required).

The School Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend

The Budget Committee voted 13-1-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 4

Shall the School District raise and appropriate up to 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 2010. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required).

The School Board voted 6-1-0 to recommend

The Budget Committee voted 11-2-1 to not recommend

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District change the purpose of an existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to the Elementary School Facilities Renovation Capital Reserve Fund? Furthermore, to see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Elementary School Facilities Renovation Capital Reserve Fund. This article has no tax impact. (2/3 vote is required).

The School Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend

ARTICLE 6

Submitted by Petition

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14? (3/5 Majority vote required).

The School Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend

ARTICLE 7

Submitted by Petition

Shall the voters of the Goffstown school district within school administrative unit number 19 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meeting? (Majority vote required).

The School Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT



*Seated L-R; Lorry Cloutier, chair Keith Allard, Ginny McKinnon
Standing L-R Phillip Kendall, Jeff Tate, Vice-Chair Philip Pancoast, Kent Nolan, Hank
Boyle. Absent: Suzanne Tremblay; Student Rep. Kyle Carreau*

With Advancing Student Learning as the cornerstone of our commitment to the children of Goffstown, the School Board has challenged our students to view learning not as simply a twelve year block of their lives but as an ongoing lifetime process. The result of dedicated staff, supportive parents, and a committed community, our students have gone on to attend 4 year colleges the likes of West Point, Harvard, Yale, and Dartmouth, along with multiple two year and vocational schools. Our students' success continues to serve as an inspiration to the School Board.

In July of 2009, the School Board was pleased to return nearly \$3.3 million dollars to the taxpayers, which reduced the school portion of the tax bill by \$2.40 per thousand of evaluation. The reduction in the tax rate, the first one since the \$0.71 decrease in 1997, was accomplished by realizing approximately \$2 million dollars in unanticipated funds and careful management of the 2008-2009 budget. With the assistance of the SAU 19 business office, savings of \$1.3 million dollars were realized in the 2008-2009 school year. With a recession affecting the economy and residents of Goffstown, the School Board realized the need to scale back on projects and costs to help reduce the effect on the tax rate. After review by the Goffstown School Board and Goffstown Budget Committee the proposed 2009-2010 budget for voters' consideration was lower than the default budget

due to cuts in nearly all areas of the budget-an event that has not happened in the recent history of Goffstown.

The first and greatest concern, as prescribed in our policies, must be the educational welfare of the students attending Goffstown's public schools. Keeping this in mind, along with the cuts realized in the 2009-2010 budget, the School Board presented a 2010-2011 budget that was lean without halting the continuous improvement in the delivery of education. While a few members of the community may have concerns with the increase in our proposed budget, it was necessary to meet the increased operating costs, a nearly twenty percent increase in health insurance premiums, and contractual obligations to our staff.

Stability in the administration of the school district has been cultivated and administrators have been able to focus on initiatives designed to improve the delivery of education. While change may come with resistance, the School Board is dedicated to supporting our administrators, teachers, and staff in providing the needed improvements for the benefit of all of our students. We are happy that a majority of our teachers and staff have embraced the changes and have played an active role in the continuous improvement of education in Goffstown. One of the rewards from continuous improvements and evaluation of teaching methods has been the unconditional accreditation of Mountain View Middle School (MVMS) by the NEAS&C (New England Association of School and Colleges). MVMS is now one of only eight middle schools to receive this honor in New Hampshire.

As in past years, I encourage all the residents of Goffstown to play an active role in the decision making process and attend budget hearings, deliberative sessions, and voting in March. Do not leave the responsibility of governing Goffstown and establishing budgets to the few. It is essential that all members of the community be part of the process.

In closing, I would once again like to thank my peers on the Goffstown School Board who serve beside me and devote countless hours to provide a quality education to the children of our community. It continues to be a pleasure to serve with you and an honor to serve as Chairman. Goffstown is blessed with talented students, dedicated educators, and spirited volunteers. As a School Board we promise to continue Advancing Student Learning and will place our faith in the youth of today and the role that education will continue to play in the development and welfare of the individual, local community, state, and nation.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Allard, Chairman
Goffstown School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

On behalf of School Administration Unit #19, I present this 2008-2009 report of the Superintendent of Schools. I am honored to continue in this role and work toward the fulfillment of the initiatives and goals that have been established for SAU #19. These efforts will assist us in the realization of a cost effective and responsive educational system for all of the students within the Goffstown, Dunbarton, and New Boston School Districts.

This year brought a new administrative team to SAU#19. The SAU #19 School Board and I welcomed Brian Balke as the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and MaryClaire Barry as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Brian Balke, a resident of New Boston, comes to us with many years of experience in Special Education and Instruction. Brian is very active in his community and continues to serve on several state level committees including; the NH Autism Commission, NH Response to Intervention Task Force, and the Anti-bullying Legislative Study Group. MaryClaire Barry joins the SAU after filling the role of Curriculum Coordinator at Mountain View Middle School. MaryClaire provides the SAU with a full knowledge of curriculum and instruction and was instrumental in beginning the NEAS & C self study process at MVMS. With her strong connection to classroom teachers and knowledge of the district, MaryClaire was able to immediately jump on board and continue to work with our teachers on best instructional practices that enhance student engagement and learning.

The 2008-2009 school year brought many challenges to the SAU, including a tight economy, severe weather, and the H1N1 flu. The SAU worked with the Administration and School Boards to develop budgets that were fiscally responsible yet continued the work and efforts that our parents, students, and School Boards have come to expect. Administration worked to cut costs, identify needs versus wants, and garner financial supports through other means, such as grants. These efforts resulted in cost savings in all three districts. The 2008-2009 school year brought an increase in the number of snow days due to severe weather. The ice storm in December caused schools to close for several days- a total of 5 in New Boston- and created the opening of shelters in many of our schools. The H1N1 flu was ever present through the last part of the school year. Keeping our buildings clean and germ free became a priority for our maintenance staff who worked diligently to provide a healthy environment in which our students were able to learn.

While there are always challenges to overcome, many great things were accomplished during the school year. Bartlett Elementary School saw the completion of a renovation and addition project (phase 1), the Social Studies curriculum revision was completed and provided for updated materials and instruction for all students in the SAU, and Goffstown High School had a beautiful new gym floor installed (due to damage from a water intrusion). The

SAU continued to develop work around a Response to Intervention (RtI) Model, creating school and district level teams to move this proactive intervention model forward. The district was also awarded with significant grant money through ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) for the purpose of increasing special education services. These dollars have been used to increase technology, develop needed special education programs, and provide some budget relief. Mountain View Middle School completed a year-long self study as part of the NEAS & C accreditation process and was awarded full accreditation by this organization.

This year we had several faculty retire after lengthy careers in the district. After 21 years, Marc Boyd, Principal of Maple Avenue Elementary School, decided to retire. Marc will be missed by students, staff, and parents. June Ekdahl and Diane Sullivan retired after many years of service at Maple Avenue Elementary School; Candice Roux, long time Guidance Counselor at Bartlett Elementary School, also left the district at the end of the school year; Dunbarton Elementary School saw Joan Livsey retire after 28 years of service to DES; Nancy Grant also retired from the New Boston Central School; and Mary Singer left Goffstown High School after serving for 21 years!

We welcome Suzanne Pyszka as our new Principal of Maple Avenue Elementary School. Suzanne has been the Assistant Principal for the past several years and was a wonderful choice when the Principal's position came available. Jessica Milligan was hired as the new Assistant Principal.

The Goffstown School Board awarded the Bartlett Elementary School group "HOPE" with the Cornerstone Award. HOPE, Help Our Playground Evolve, is a subcommittee of the Bartlett Elementary School's PTO. The goal of this group, under the direction of Chairperson Holly Tate, was to raise funds and build a new playground at Bartlett Elementary School. Throughout the year, the committee worked tirelessly to see this happen and in May of 2008 their dream became reality. Bartlett Elementary School now has a new and exciting playground for its students!

We also wish to extend our thanks to several School Board members for their years of service. Two board members completed their service during the 2008-2009 school year. A special thank you to Jamie Neefe (New Boston) and Sara Sarette (Goffstown) for their efforts on behalf of the students in our communities.

On behalf of the students, school boards, faculty, and staff, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the communities of Goffstown, Dunbarton, and New Boston for their continued support of the educational programs and services of SAU #19.

Stacy Buckley
Superintendent of Schools

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT DELIBERATIVE BALLOT SESSION MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Moderator, James Raymond, called the 2009 School District Deliberative Session to order at 7:20 p.m. There were 174 registered voters in attendance. Counters were Fred Plett (Assistant Moderator), Jane Raymond, Andy Roy and Pam Manney.

J. Raymond: This is the 2009 School District Deliberative Session. Nice to see you all here. We haven't had this many people for a while. One of the benefits to the official ballot meeting is it moved the Deliberative Session to the beginning of February. The meeting precedes, by a few weeks, the high school musical. Mr. McKiernan and Mr. Deroscher loaned us the cast to help us with our opening.

The cast of Grease led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance; and sung the National Anthem. The cast then shared a wonderful musical number with the audience.

J. Raymond: The musical will be performed at the high school on Thurs, Friday and Saturday, February 12, 13 and 14. I want to introduce two groups of volunteers critical to the town. Goffstown depends on their volunteers. First the Goffstown School Board members: Keith Allard, Chair; Philip Pancoast, Vice-Chair; Henry Boyle; Lorry Cloutier; Phillip Kendall; Ginny McKinnon; and Jeffrey Tate. Also, Tom Hunt, student representative. Suzanne Tremblay and Kent Nolan were not present. He then introduced Budget Committee Chair Daniel Cloutier and members of the Budget Committee.

The Following members of the SAU #19 Administration were also introduced: Stacy Buckley, Superintendent of Schools; Mary Claire Barry, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Brian Balke, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Raymond Labore, Business Administrator; Jerry Agate, Facilities Director; Suzanne Pyszka, Assistant Principal of Maple Avenue Elementary School; David Bousquet, Principal of Bartlett Elementary School; Frank McBride, Principal of Goffstown High School; James Hunt, Principal of Mountain View Middle School; and Leslie Doster, Principal of Glen Lake Elementary School. Also Ed Kaplan, School District Attorney.

J. Raymond: I would also like to introduce Fred Plett, Assistant Moderator and Jo Ann Duffy, School District Clerk.

We also have with us our State Senator, Lou D'Allesandro. Members of the General Court were also present.

The School District meeting has a business component but it is also a chance for the community to come together and recognize people who have made contributions to our community.

Keith Allard asked for a moment of silence for Donna Bergeron our former Town Clerk, who passed away on January 20, 2009.

Keith Allard – Presentation of awards

Before I present the Dream Keeper Award this year, I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank several individuals and groups.

First I would like to thank the teachers, support staff, administrators, and volunteers that make our schools a wonderful educational opportunity for our kids. The love and dedication they share every day is a vital part of the educational process.

Secondly, I would like to thank my fellow boards members for sharing the same commitment to educating and challenging each and every child in our community

A special thanks goes out to all the parent teacher groups at our schools who on a daily basis step-up-to-the-plate and support our teachers with various needs and supplies. Often times when supplies and other needed items are removed from the School District's budget, the parent groups have come forward and offered assistance in procuring the needed items.

I would also like to thank all the members of the Budget Committee, and not just those who share the same philosophies as the School Board. The Budget Committee is filled with volunteers who are willing to share their ideas and passions for making Goffstown a town we can all enjoy. In fact our local government is primarily run by volunteers who are willing to give of their time and deserve to be appreciated and thanked for their efforts by the entire community.

An individual that the Goffstown District is extremely proud of is Eric Romein. Eric was surprised this year with receiving Wal-Mart's teacher of the year. What makes this award especially rewarding is that students choose the award.

Eric Romein has been teaching at Goffstown High School for the past ten years and has accomplished much to be proud of. During this time he has taught economics, American Civics, US History and has recently been working on developing an advanced placement US History curriculum that allows students to earn college credits if they pass the College Bard exam.

This is not the first award Eric Romein has received since arriving at Goffstown High School as a teacher. In 2007 Eric was recognized with the National Honor Society Teacher of the Year Award.

Interestingly both Eric and I share a commonality. We are both graduates of Goffstown High School. One of us years a few year ahead of the other.

When asked about his teaching philosophy, Eric had the following to share: "I read somewhere that good teachers have three qualities. They are extremely familiar with the curriculum, there is mutual respect between teacher and students, and students learn from the class. "

I would like to add a fourth quality. A true desire and love to see children develop and be challenged academically.

On behalf of the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown School District we thank you for your dedicated service and congratulate you upon your recognized success.

The Goffstown School Board wished to recognize exceptional service to our school district. To this end, the Dream Keeper Award is established. It is designed to recognize people or organizations that truly have gone the extra mile to make the Goffstown dream of providing a superior education a reality. This award would have the magnitude similar to the following:

Act of heroism

Published manuscript or research project in a state or national publication relating to education

An election or appointment to state or national executive leadership position promoting education

A scholastic achievement such as a National Merit Finalist or Semifinalist

A state or national competition winner (academic or athletic) relating to education

A presentation at a national conference or convention relating to education

A major investment of capital, time, supplies or equipment that will enhance education

An achievement, accomplishment recognized at the state or national level relating to education

Significant contribution to the district in service, creativity, etc which enhances the quality of education in our schools

Outstanding academic, athletic and/or community service achievement

Helping Our Playground Evolve, or HOPE, was formed as a subcommittee of the Bartlett Elementary PTA during the 2006-07 school year. At its inception, Holly Tate took on the duty as chairperson and work began to renovate unsafe play structures at the school.

Holly and the HOPE Group worked closely with the playground designer, developing a unique two-level playground that met both the recreational and physical wellness needs of the students. The group approached the school district to remove the fence that once surrounded the playground to open it up to the community. Although some were concerned about having to raise the funds in just over a year, Holly kept the committee believing that if the playground was what they wanted for the children then there had to be a way to make it happen. At times, it seemed like it was impossible, but Holly kept everyone working towards the goal.

Holly with the assistance of supporters tirelessly wrote letters to community businesses, met with local civic groups, applied for grants and knocked on every door she could find. Under her supervision and guidance, numerous fundraisers were organized including yard sales, go-kart races, calendar sales, and gift card purchases. The children would constantly ask, "Mrs. Tate, Mrs. Tate, when will

the new playground be here?" This task had become a full-time job- one that Holly met with a never-say-die attitude.

Last fall, Bartlett teachers, recognizing Holly's hard work, put on a spaghetti dinner--- without accepting any help from Holly. Everything was donated by the staff and all profits went to HOPE. Also, several third and fourth grade students approached Bartlett's guidance counselor, Candy Roux, asking if they could do a community service project – having a bake sale to raise money for HOPE. In addition, several local businesses donated their products and services and everyone came together for the playground build in May 2008. It had truly become a community project.

From keeping people motivated and on track to encouraging students to be involved and invested, Holly's perseverance has shown that what many thought was impossible is truly possible. For her guidance, hard work and vision we thank Holly for bringing the HOPE group together and ensuring its success. On behalf of the Goffstown School Board, I would like to present the Bartlett HOPE group with this year's DreamKeeper award. Here to accept the award is Holly Tate the chairperson of HOPE.

J. Raymond: In the old days the Town used to debate the articles and then vote on them. A few years ago, 40:13 provided us with a new system. At this meeting, you do the first of those two, we deliberate and debate and you can amend with some limitations. The voting is done on the Town Meeting day. We do not take, tonight, a final vote on any warrant article. If we take no action, it will appear as written on the ballot. You may not amend the first warrant article and the fifth warrant article because that is a petitioned article. If you wish to amend, you will make it by motion of the floor and second. You will get a written sheet and write the amendment. Then we will vote on the amendment. If the amendment passes, the article, as amended appears as amended. This gives this group substantial power what goes on the ballot on Election Day.

John Burpee asked a procedural question.

J. Raymond: Please identify yourself when you speak. Please come to the microphone. There are a few statutory procedures. Secret written ballots need a signed request by five voters who are present at the meeting. Fred has a form for that. I will try to make sure everyone has a chance to speak, but I will cut you off if you go on too long. The School Board will move to bring the middle three articles forward for discussion. If there is no motion made to bring it forward, we cannot discuss it. In the good old days our moderator would have read the full warrant. Fred did some research, and we don't need to do that. Does anybody have any questions? Seeing none, we will move into the articles. Article 1 is to choose the school district officers.

ARTICLE 2

To see if 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, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$34,660,647.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY FIVE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$35,635,675.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District 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. This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote is required).

Philip Pancoast moved, seconded by Keith Allard to move and speak to Article 2, as printed on the Warrant.

Keith Allard: We looked at the current economic climate and the need to maintain our current levels of programs and services, and maintain our current initiatives and building maintenance, staff realignment, consideration of future needs (CIP) and the impact on future budgets, and what is good for our children. What we did budget for general increases throughout each school: Health Insurance: 3.5%; Dental Insurance: 3.7%; Retirement: Teachers/increase from 5.5% to 6.96%; others increased from 8.74% to 0.09%; oil: prices have been fluctuating/increasing; electricity: increase current cost by 12% and 15% based on information of rate increase from PSNH: Propane: budgeted at \$2.39 for 2009/2010; copy machine rates: our current contract expires at the end of this year – projected increase of 10% for new contract; salaries/benefits: teacher contract year 3 of 5 and support staff contract year 3 of 4.

The cost per pupil for Goffstown is \$8,425.79.

Budgets:

Actuals 2007-08	\$32,751,468
2008-09	\$34,822,651
Final Default Budget	
2009-2010	\$35,635,675
Final School Board Budget	\$34,660,647
Final BC Budget	\$34,660,647
Percent Difference	
Proposed from Default	\$-2.74%

Phil Pancoast: The charge of the School Board is to produce a budget educationally sound and fiscally responsible. We are all taxpayers and we get the same bill. We had a self interest in being fiscally responsible. The goal in educating our students is considered in putting that budget together.

PowerPoint Presentation:

September: building principal prepares budget for presentation to Superintendent.

September: Superintendent/administration reviews and modifies budget.

October: Administration presents budget to SB for review and modification.

October: Administration and School Board presents revised budget to Budget Committee.

November: Budget Committee, by statute, reviews budget on a line item basis and makes recommendations on modifications to the School Board.

November-December: School Board and Budget Committee collaborate to reach a consensus on a budget that will be recommended to the voters/taxpayers.

January: Budget Committee holds budget hearing and presents their recommended school budget to the community.

February: School Board holds Deliberative Session before community on its recommended budget proposal.

March: Community votes on budget.

Our budget is not much different from the budget you have at home. Our budget is a bottom line budget. There are some things you can't avoid paying that you have contracted for, much like the district has. There are other things you desire and want and you intend to prepare for. The School District also has finite resources. There are all sorts of things that are unanticipated that happen. We do the best with current information. There are prices that were based on information that we had, that changed during the budget process. We deal with market prices, revenues that come from different sources, special education transportation, grants, health insurance, unanticipated maintenance expenses. We project, based upon the things that we know. In any given year, we have an idea of what the state will do for us, but we really don't know. There are things we must pay; we have to pay our teachers salaries. If we happen to guess too low on revenues, then most often you will see that in the subsequent year because the unreserved fund balance comes back to you to offset the tax rate. If we predict costs that are too low, it will cost us more money. Same is true for projected special education costs.

P. Pancoast reviewed the history of the proposed versus default budgets. This year, the default budget (\$35,635,675) is higher than the proposed budget (\$34,660,647). We are projecting revenues and our differences are getting smaller. The revenues have increased, and that explains the difference in growth. The magnitude of the increase in the budget needs to be offset by the revenues. This is the history of what we have projected for Fuel Oil prices and what we have paid. We got hit like everybody else got hit this year. As luck would have it, rates went down. We put this out to bid and somebody offered to do business with us based upon this bid. We went back and renegotiated a rate that was more acceptable.

Phillip Kendall: What Philip did was helpful to understand the process. I have been in front of you speaking about school budgets for the last four years; there are a lot of new people here. I am here to talk about the analysis. The budget came to the School Board from the SAU; we made adjustments and sent it to the Budget Committee. They made additional adjustments. I am here to explain how the School Board has taken those adjustments and came to an

agreement. We had to go through line by line and figure out where to make reductions. The reductions were reached in two meetings. The initial reduction of \$561,379 occurred on 12/16/08. Another \$400,000 occurred on 1/25/09. The total reduction was \$961,379. The School Board looked at their budget and decided where to make reductions.

The following suggested reductions were made:

Line 611	25% of Supplies	\$112,000
Line 642	50% of IT	\$10,500
Line 731	50% of New Equipment	\$53,000
Line 733	50% of New Furniture	\$9,000
Line 735	50% of Rep. Equipment	\$45,500
Line 735	50% of Rep. Furniture	\$9,000
Line 737	50% of Dues & Fees	\$35,500
Line 111	Eliminate new Teacher	\$72,000
Line 431	Field Maintenance	\$20,000
Line 112	Eliminate ESOL Para	\$9,793
Line 127	Eliminate 3 New Co-Curricular	\$6,299
Line 611	Reduce GHS Senior BQ	\$500
Line 731	Eliminate Purchase of Stanchions	\$1,600
Line 641	Reduce Books & Print Material	\$10,000
Line 432	Removal of Wall Construction	\$4,000
Line 432	Reduce Carpet Replacement	\$600
Line 561	Reduce Vocation Tuition	\$7,000
Line 642	Reduce ED TV Services	\$2,000
Line 511	Reduce GHS Field Trip Costs	\$10,000
Line 322	Eliminate SB Prof Development	\$1,000
Line ???	Overall Elementary Reduction	\$60,000
Line 312	Overall Adjustment to SAU	\$12,390
Line 119	Overall Reduction of Admin	\$70,000
TOTAL		\$561,682
Line 511	Reduce Field Trip Expenses	\$16,000
Line 117	Eliminate Administrative Position	\$101,000
Line 114	Eliminate Secretary Position	\$30,000
Line 111	Eliminate Special Ed Teacher	\$70,000
Line 111	Eliminate Reading Teacher	\$60,000
Line 117	Eliminate Behavior Specialist	\$35,000
Line 111	eliminate Elementary Teacher	\$60,000
Line 114	Eliminate Paraprofessional	\$30,000
TOTAL		\$402,000

We are also looking at generating additional revenue; possibilities include annual parking fee for GHS student drivers and co-curricular fee per activity with a family annual cap.

Ed Lindy: When you showed the cut of \$400,000, you showed the elimination of positions. Were they existing or proposed positions?

K. Allard: Most are existing positions. There was one that did not exist. Some are being eliminated because we have retired teachers and we are choosing not to fill the position.

Jen Foley: I sympathize with the work you are doing. In the last ten years has there been a \$20 million increase to the school budget?

J. Raymond: Please ask all of your questions and then we will answer.

J. Foley: Line 1430, summer school program – seems like a significant jump. Line 1430. 6,000 to 55,000 in a two year time period. I am also wondering about staff development 2213 goes from 65,000 to 99,000. District meeting goes from 827 to 4,000. I am curious about addressing some of the large increases.

K. Allard: Summer school – we have changed our software, and some is attributing the cost to the actual lines, no change to cost of district meeting. Staff development slight increase, but most is because of our accounting process. Our school budget has gone up \$10 million since 1997. Part of it has been an increase in what we offer in curriculum and part of it is due to New Boston students and unfunded mandates. Since then the No Child Left Behind Act was initiated. That has affected the cost of education in our community.

Len Stuart: I would like to get a clarification what the effect of the default budget versus the proposed budget would be on the property tax rate.

K. Allard: We did not calculate what the tax rate would be on the default budget. We did calculate what it would be for the proposed budget: \$11.74 local rate. State \$2.51 combined rate \$14.25.

L. Stuart: I remember the original budget proposal was roughly a \$300 tax increase on a \$250,000 assessment. I commend the School Board for coming down to the Budget Committee number. If you would come down this much perhaps a little more careful review could be done the first time around; it would have resulted in a little more of a decrease. This is a tough economy, and thus I think this reflects in the amount of people who are here.

Dan Cloutier, Budget Committee Chair: For every \$100,000 of the budget it equals 7 cents. The difference between the default and the proposed budget is about \$1 million. That is 70 cents reduced coming from the first number to where we arrived today. If you have property assessed at \$200,000 that would be \$270.

John Burpee: With this budget are our taxes going up? What is the impact?

K. Allard: It is difficult for me to answer that. I don't know what you are appraised at. This is a revaluation year in Goffstown. I believe your neighborhood went down. Multiply the number times your evaluation.

Neil Ross: Should we assume Article 2 is defeated; will all of the items be funded? Are there different costs per student in different schools? Is there a difference in cost per student from the sending towns?

K. Allard: We would anticipate funding those lines. The cost per school is significantly different. The elementary school is less than the high school. The cost is not different for the sending towns.

Enid McKenzie: It was a pleasure listening to the students. It reminded us that we live in the land of the free and home of the brave. We should keep this in mind. I don't feel you have considered the economy and dire situation in people all around us. This budget is still so much higher than last year. I also see the damage being done with our high taxes as far as real estate values. It is so hard to sell a home in Goffstown. Only two homes sold in January. People will not buy a house here because taxes are so high. The higher the taxes go, the lower the values go. In light of the dire economic times we are living in, I would like to make a motion to reduce the school budget further by \$595,000. $\$34,660,647$ minus $\$595,000 = \$34,065,647$. Seconded by Andre Roy.

Andre Roy: As you all know, our economy is in bad shape. Unemployment is at 4.5 percent. People are losing their jobs. Revenues will be drastically cut in the coming year. Most of us have seen our investments reduced. Some of us have lost our pensions. 137 families in Goffstown have lost their homes in 2008. These are challenging times, and we need to challenge ourselves as well as you folks. I support this motion. I would cut even further myself.

Phil Kendall: I understand where the motion is coming from. The budget from last year is higher than presented. I do ask with this motion. We have spent a lot of time looking at lines, I find out what lines the reductions come from.

Clara Monier will replace Andre Roy as a counter.

Diane McCarthy: We cannot continue looking at our school budgets for the answers. It appears the only solution is to hatch away at the school budget. Students are in portables in certain schools. It could be worse, but it could be better. There are students all over the spectrum. (Read a prepared statement). I see a greater reliance on fund raisers. I say no more.

Liz Dolan: I am concerned about the cuts for a reading teacher and a student going to the tech program. My son went to the plumbing one and he has a terrific job. They are paying for his schooling and tools. My daughter is a wonderful student going to college and the debt is going up and up. More kids should take part in this great program. Those technical programs need reading and math skills. I would rather see items cut from the library for the computers. Sometimes they are wasted in the classroom. We need to teach our kids to read.

Sherry Larson: In 1997 the budget was \$17.5 million. Am I right it doubled in 11 years?

K. Allard: The budget did nearly double. But the revenue stream also doubled.

Joseph McCarthy: We see a strong set of resources in the schools. The amount of money is widely dependent. Our neighbors' costs are different. Derryfield is \$28,000 per student. What do you want for the quality of education in Goffstown.? This is the future workforce. The people will go to for investment advice, medical attention. I am a consumer and many of my friends have bought homes recently. They looked at the quality of the school system. I understand the school district is capping their level and the town has not. I understand the town's raises are higher and that should not be. Many things have

doubled in the last ten years. Goffstown has not been so quick to grow commercially. 93% of our tax revenue is residential. They will be shouldering this burden. This should not be fixed by reducing the school budget. This needs to be addressed in Concord by our State Representatives. An education is too precious to short change.

John Burpee: The implication that we are not interested in education, I find disturbing. The information from the last time is the past few years; the budget was actually under by \$2 million the last few years. I am trying to figure out what we actually spent versus what we appropriate. Where is the actual you had estimated the last time?

P. Kendall: We tried to keep the presentation straight forward. It is tough because you need to remember what we are asking for is 09/10. We are in the 08/09 budget. We don't have final year budgets because that year has not ended. The pink slip has 07/08 actual expenditures. Money went back into the unreserved.

Kimberly Peace: I don't support any additional cuts to the budget. Our schools are in desperate need of the funding. Despite the fact we are in difficult economic times, but cutting the budgets further is not the answer. Finding ways to save more money, our school budget is not the way to do it. I also think it is incredibly disrespectful for people to guess at numbers when the people in front of you have worked for hours and hours. They have studied this. They are working very hard to do the best they can. We want what is best for our kids and that is not to continue to cut these budgets. They are already working on barebones.

Leslie Fradette: As an educator in another town I am very concerned when I hear about budget cuts. I cannot support a further cut, and wonder how our kids will get the services they need. I am concerned that we will have a hard time with special education. Unfunded mandates have made it very difficult. I feel we need to support that.

Neal Ross: I propose an amendment.

J. Raymond: I will not accept another amendment at this time.

N. Ross: Are we proposing layoffs based on the School Board's budget?

K. Allard: It is a combination. We will find out later. Obviously, we have no assistant principal retiring this year – so the assistant principal position could be an elimination of a position and that person would not necessarily be laid off. That person could have seniority rights, which allows that person to come back and fill another position within our school district. We have a lot of retiring teachers so we simply will not fill a vacancy.

Cathie Simard: I am under the assumption the school budget is a bottom line budget. The voters agree and you can do whatever you want. I am of the understanding that student numbers have dropped. I am also of the understanding that there are 51 children who dropped out of high school the previous year. Also, people are not coming to Goffstown because of our schools. I am part of the Budget Committee, and I did look at the budget and when we

looked at this budget, we did not cut anything that was academic; it had to do with other items.

K. Allard: Technically, it is a bottom line budget. We will decide how to enforce the budget and put limitations in about changing line items. We are trying to stick true to our budget. We had the oil tank replacement and had to take it from other lines. We do want to come back with accurate actuals. There has been a slight decrease in the last ten years in enrollment. It does not equate to eliminating a teacher.

Mark Campbell: I am also an educator in another town. I appreciate what the school side has done and what the Budget Committee has done. I don't think people will stay away from Goffstown because of education. Four individuals went to Dartmouth last year. I think they are doing a fine job here in town. We are not going to get any extra revenues this year.

Len Stuart: I find myself in an unusual position this year of agreeing with the Budget Committee. I am a parent of two young adults, who went through this school system. I can't support a further reduction, but while these numbers sound impressive, the figure has been brought down to agree with the Budget Committee. We should have brought this down in the first place. I urge people to vote for the budget as presented. I urge the School Board to take a more careful look at the initial proposal next year.

End of Debate.

J. Raymond: If you vote yes, you are reducing the amount of the operating budget and it will change to \$34,065,647. If you vote no, you are voting against the amendment. Unless it is otherwise amended, the article will appear as printed on the warrant.

Voice vote – Declare nays have it and the amendment is defeated.

Article #2 will appear on the Ballot as presented.

G. McKinnon moved, seconded by P. Kendall to restrict reconsideration.

Voice Vote: Ayes have it. Motion carried.

Point of Order: How many people in this room are taxpayers of Goffstown?

J. Raymond: I'd like to finish reading this article and then I will address this.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) to conduct a study and to begin the preliminary work for the expansion of the School District's School facilities. Funds to come from year end undesignated fund balance available on July 1 of 2009. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote is required).

J. Raymond: Everybody has been checked in and is a registered voter, except the staff. That was a proper vote and it wasn't even close.

Jeff Tate moved, seconded by Ginny McKinnon to move and speak to Article 3, as printed on the Warrant.

Jeff Tate: In general, Article 3 looks to begin a study to look at our elementary schools. In our CIP matrix there is a proposed expansion. Based on current numbers, the district feels it could come up with a better plan. After work on Bartlett school, there have been some structural deficiencies. This is not a study to determine what our demographics are going to be. This is a study to look at the buildings to make improvements.

Kevin Hodges: Without the study being done, will future improvements be made?

K. Allard: We don't have anything in concrete. We are trying to figure out what we need to do. We have overcrowding in our elementary schools. We wanted to look at what would be involved to meet future needs. (Happy Birthday to my Wife)!

Dan Cloutier: I notice that this year it does not show the recommendation or not recommendation on the articles. I thought it would be important. Article 3 was not recommended by the Budget Committee, and, perhaps, people would want to know why that is not showing up on the ballot.

Meredith Souter: I was under the impression when I voted for Glen Lake School that was a good candidate for an elementary school. I thought we did that study.

K. Allard: The reason why we are not looking at this is because of the \$17 million price tag. The demographics have also changed. We are not seeing the growth in elementary schools. We think there is more cost effective ways to meet the needs of our elementary students.

Jackie Bellows: Do you have to pay someone to give ideas as to what you can do with a building. Do people give estimates for free?

K. Allard: We are looking at doing engineering work. They will give you rough estimates. We say up to \$60,000 because we don't know exactly what the study will cost.

Neal Ross: I raise opposition to Article 3. I feel that while engineering studies may be worthwhile but that they be done with approval of the voters, rather than doing it now.

Sue Tucker: I am curious as to why the Budget Committee did not recommend this.

D. Cloutier: It was a majority vote and there were a myriad of comments on either side. I believe a great amount of individuals were cost conscious.

Michael York: Was an RFP put out for this proposal?

K. Allard: We did not do an RFP yet.

Jen Foley: It sounded like this was a study to look at our existing school situation for our existing students. Was it looking at projected growth? Has there been consideration for taking the overload off Bartlett and moving them to Glen Lake?

K. Allard: The study is for the structural engineering work. We cannot simply transfer kids from Bartlett to Glen Lake. There are requirements under the state code. We would need a cafeteria, library and gymnasium.

Jack Ricard: The article says it is for expansion of the school facilities. Does this include the middle and high school?

K. Allard: We are looking at our two elementary schools.

Debate closed.

Article #3 will appear on the Ballot as presented.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Goffstown School District will vote to pay for the prorated salary, benefits, and transportation of the School Resources Officer (SRO) and to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND FORTY THREE DOLLARS (\$54,043.00) for this purpose. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote is required).

Philip Pancoast moved seconded by Phillip Kendal to move and speak to Article 4 as printed on the Warrant.

P. Pancoast: We are moving furniture around on the deck. The SRO has always been part of the high school and contained in the police department budget. This allows taking the services and putting it in the school budget. Then the sending districts will pay a proportionate share.

D. Cloutier, Chair of the Budget Committee: I thought it would be fair that the Budget Committee did recommend this article. About \$17,000 would go to reduce your taxes if you vote yes.

Mark Campbell: How would our taxes drop? Who currently is paying for the SRO?

P. Pancoast: Right now the taxpayers of Goffstown are paying for the officer out of the police department budget. We will move that to the high school on a pro-rata basis. We operate under an Area Agreement for Dunbarton and New Boston. They pay based upon an aggregate cost. If you do the math, that is how you get the tax benefit.

Dan Cloutier: The officer's salary stays in the town budget. If you put it into the school budget then the school pays the town so there is revenue that comes into the town budget. When you move the cost into the school budget, Dunbarton and New Boston now pay their share.

Mr. Zebalos: This could be read as an extra appropriation. I am concerned this is not clear in the way it is written.

P. Pancoast: It is money you are allowing the district to spend. I delivered to you the consequences and the reason for doing that.

Discussion ended.

Article #4 will appear on the ballot as presented.

ARTICLE 5

PETITION

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?” (3/5 Majority vote required)

I understand the hearing is scheduled for February 16, 2009 at the media center at 7:00 p.m.

Zendra Hopkins: I don't understand this article?

K. Allard: This is a petitioned article. They have asked that the responsibility of the default budget be taken from the School Board and give it to the Budget Committee. I hope the person who submitted it will attend the hearing and explain it.

Cathie Simard: The reason they are not here is they had a family emergency. I will take a stab at this. It is just a check and balance system. The School Board is able to do what they want with the money we say they can spend. This would allow the Budget Committee to be a check and balance. I am not saying they are not doing a good job, but it does state it is an option for there to be a check and balance.

Phil Kendall: I have had friendly debate with the current chair of the Budget Committee. We disagree. The way the default budget is developed is contractual obligations. The way it is developed is the biggest debate is how the utilities are calculated, not the contract for salaries. The way the School Board does it is similar to the way homeowners do it. We get a projected cost of the utilities and that is what we put in the budget. I pre buy my oil based on what I used last year based on volume. Electricity = many homeowners got a bill because the electric company projects and then they offset it the following month. The way the School Board does their budget is no different than the way the Board of Selectmen does their default budget. I do not support this.

J. Raymond: It is a term defined in the Statute and it says default budget means the amount contained authorized for the previous year and reduced by debt service and other obligations and reduced by one time expenditures....

Scott Gross: The Board of Selectmen does it the same way the School Board calculates their budget. There are checks and balances. When we sign off on these forms, they go to the DRA. We sign under penalty of perjury. If they are not right, we can go to jail. My recommendation, I am in opposition of this article. There is a bill sponsored by Neal Kurk and it defines how it will be done. I would prefer to let this go through the State Legislature. Let them decide how this should be calculated. Should it be calculated based on usage or the dollar amount? If you do not like the budget or the default budget, then I challenge you to vote the School Board out and vote me out. Those are also the checks and balances. It is disappointing because there have been many unopposed elections.

Pam Manney: The DRA does not review the default budget. Also as a former State Representative, I would not depend on the State Legislature on the passage of a bill. This is a House Bill and it could change. Let's do our town business in town and if the State does something, it will most likely supersede what we do anyway.

Dan Cloutier: I talked to the director at the DRA and she says they do not review the default budget, they just take the numbers. This body does not have the opportunity to change a default budget.

Neal Ross: The heart of the issue is under which governing body do we think the determination would be most effective; highest and lowest?

Zandra Hawkins: Are we able to make a motion to not recommend this?

J. Raymond: There will be no vote taken on Article #5 tonight. It will appear on the ballot as it appears here.

Ginny McKinnon: It has come to my attention that this article is only addressed to the School Board. I would like to know why the town isn't being asked with the same petition article. If we have the same checks and balances. The School Board is all elected officials. What is the difference and why should the School Board have to have this and why the town would not.

K. Allard: I understand the person who submitted this had a family emergency. I think you could share that question at the public hearing. The School District feels we are in the best position to determine the default budget. We have the same checks and balances the Board of Selectmen have. We are not asking for anything other communities do not have. The number should be the same no matter who determines it. The RSA allows how it is to be defined.

Debate closed.

D. Cloutier: There will be no Budget Committee meeting after this meeting, pursuant to RSA 32:5.

Senator D'Allesandro: I commend everybody for attending this meeting. It is democracy in action. I thank the members of the school committee. I served on the school committee in Manchester for ten years. The Governor will deliver his budget message on February 12. I think the one thing we need to take out of these meetings is confidence that we have the will to get out of this situation. These are very difficult times. We are all in this together. I have the same concerns that you have.

J. Raymond thanked everyone for coming. The Town Meeting is March 10, 2009.

The School District meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Duffy
School District Clerk

ELECTION RESULTS

GOFFSTOWN, NH SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 10, 2009

ARTICLE 1

To choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing two years:

SCHOOL BOARD 1 for 2 years

Suzanne “Sue” Tremblay 1368

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years:

SCHOOL BOARD 3 for 3 years

Keith Allard	1189
Virginia “Ginny” McKinnon	1284
Kent Nolan	1171

To choose School District Officials for the ensuing three years:

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR 1 for 3 years

James Raymond 1374

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER 1 for 3 years

Lissa Winrow 1344

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK 1 for 3 years

Jo Ann Duffy 1354

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Yes – 1201 No – 515

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Yes – 534 No – 1178

ARTICLE 4

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Yes – 832 No – 889

PETITION ARTICLE

ARTICLE 5

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Yes – 795 No - 835

**GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2010 WARRANT
SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE BALLOT
DETERMINATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2010
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 first day of February 2010, 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 9, 2010.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the ninth day of March 2010, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 9, 2010, 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.

Article 2

“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 FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS (\$35,627,392.00)? Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be THIRTY SIX MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY SIX DOLLARS (\$36,430,646.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District 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.” This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote is required).

The Budget Committee voted 7-5-0 to recommend

Article 3

To see if the Goffstown School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$215,000.00) to conduct engineering and architectural plans for the expansion and renovation of the School District’s elementary school facilities. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the plans for the expansion and renovation of the elementary schools are complete or by June 30, 2012 whichever is earlier. Funds to come from impact fees available on July 1 of 2010. This appropriation has no tax impact. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote is required).

The School Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend

The Budget Committee voted 13-1-0 to recommend

Article 4

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to 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 2010. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required).

The School Board voted 6-1-0 to recommend

The Budget Committee voted 11-2-1 to not recommend

Article 5

To see if the School District will vote to change the purpose of an existing Bartlett Elementary School Facilities Capital Reserve Fund to the Elementary School Facilities Renovation Capital Reserve Fund. Furthermore, to see if the School District will vote to designate the School Board as agents to expend from the Elementary School Facilities Renovation Capital Reserve Fund. This article has no tax impact. (2/3 vote is required).

The School Board voted 7-0-0 to recommend

Article 6

Submitted by Petition

“Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:14-b to delegate the determination of the default budget to the municipal budget committee which has been adopted under RSA 32:14?” (3/5 Majority vote required).

The School Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend

Article 7

Submitted by Petition

“Shall the voters of the Goffstown school district within school administrative unit number 19 adopt the provisions of RSA 194-C:9-b to allow for insertion of the school administrative unit budget as a separate warrant article at annual school district meeting?” (Majority vote required)

The School Board voted 6-0-1 to not recommend

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY 2010.

Keith Allard, Chair
Phillip Pancoast, Vice Chair
Hank Boyle
Lorry Cloutier
Philip Kendall
Virginia McKinnon
Kent Nolan
Jeffrey Tate
Suzanne Tremblay

SCHOOL BOARD

OCTOBER 1 PUPIL ENROLLMENT 2005 - 2009

School	Grade	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
BARTLETT	Pre-School	47	0	0	0	0
	1	44	44	45	40	57
	2	49	50	44	44	43
	3	51	47	44	43	50
	4	56	59	45	49	41
Total - Bartlett		<u>247</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>191</u>
Glen Lake School	Pre-School	--	46	42	41	56
	Kindergarten	--	94	118	117	110
		--	<u>140</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>166</u>
MAPLE AVE	1	133	93	130	128	123
	2	133	134	98	136	122
	3	117	133	139	100	129
	4	139	108	134	142	102
Total - Maple Avenue		<u>522</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>476</u>
MOUNTAIN VIEW	5	203	202	170	184	186
	6	182	204	205	174	178
	7	287	288	291	302	288
	8	288	288	285	291	305
Total - MVMS		<u>960</u>	<u>982</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>951</u>	<u>957</u>
GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL						
	9	336	358	338	343	363
	10	366	326	307	294	318
	11	348	361	303	295	287
	12	294	279	303	280	261
Total - GHS		<u>1,344</u>	<u>1,324</u>	<u>1,251</u>	<u>1,212</u>	<u>1,229</u>
GRAND TOTAL 2005- 2009		3,073	3,114	3,041	3,003	3,019

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

To the School Committee
Goffstown School District

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Goffstown School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Goffstown School District'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 Goffstown School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Goffstown School District'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 a material weakness, as defined above.

In addition, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The recommendations that accompany this letter summarize our comments and suggestions concerning those matters.

The District's written response to our comments and suggestion has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, School Committee, others within the Organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

After you have had an opportunity to consider our comments and recommendations, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Melanson Heath & Co., PC
Nashua, New Hampshire
March 18, 2009

PRIOR YEAR ISSUE:

1. Prepare for Implementation of GASB Statement 45

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued GASB Statement 45 which addresses other post-employment benefits (OPEB), including medical, dental, vision and other health-related benefits provided to terminated or retired employees and their dependents and beneficiaries. The standard, which will be applicable to the District in fiscal year 2010, requires employers to obtain an actuarial valuation and to disclose certain information relating to the funding progress of the plan, including:

- actuarial valuation date,
- accrued liability and total unfunded liability,
- annual covered payroll, and
- ratio of the unfunded actuarial to annual covered payroll.

We recommend the District begin the process of implementing this requirement, specifically by budgeting and contracting for an actuarial valuation. This will assure the District is prepared to meet the upcoming reporting requirements of GASB Statement 45.

District's Response:

The district has begun and will continue to work with the other school districts within SAU 19 to establish both the funding vehicle for the required actuarial valuation(s) and to complete the development and implementation of the final plan to properly address post employment benefits including medical, dental, vision and other health related benefits provided to terminated or retired employees, dependents and other beneficiaries.

CURRENT YEAR ISSUES:

2. Improve Year-End Cut-Off Procedures

In our testing of year-end invoice processing, we found several invoices for services provided in fiscal year 2008 which were charged to fiscal year 2009. Lack of an adequate cut-off procedure results in understated expenditures, overstated year-end surplus, and incomplete budget versus actual monitoring.

We recommend the District establish procedures to ensure that all year-end invoices are charged to the appropriate fiscal year. This will help ensure that all year-end charges are properly identified and accounted for. This will result in more accurate reporting of expenditures and surplus.

District's Response:

At the end of each fiscal year, check registers and other pertinent financial data for all funds are reviewed in order to identify potential prior-year expenditures. Encumbrances carried forward from one fiscal period to another are identified in a separate fund in order to properly identify and address possible cut-off issues, and segregate budget versus actual expenditures in the current year.

Since the invoices referred to within the auditor's management report were already identified by the district as encumbrances and properly reserved from Fund Balance in 2008, the District did not to record the Accounts Payable entry proposed by the auditor.

The District will continue with their current year end close practices and will certainly continue to evaluate and discuss all changes proposed by the independent auditor for potential effect on the district's year end financial position.

3. Clear Old Cash Reconciling Items

We noted that certain bank reconciliations included old outstanding checks and other reconciling items. These items complicate the bank reconciliation process and reduce controls over cash balances.

We recommend that, at least twice per year, the District reclassify old outstanding checks to a tailings liability, and clear out old reconciling items. This will streamline the bank reconciliations and improve controls over cash.

District's Response:

The district completes a monthly reconciliation of their regular operating accounts in order to assure that financial data is current and that existing controls are working. In addition to the district's regular account structure, individual schools typically maintain both a student activity account and an administrative account. For the most part, management of these accounts is both effective and current but we do recognize that there is always an opportunity to improve process and controls. To that end, the district has considered the recommendation by the independent auditor to initiate a regular review cycle, semi-annual at a minimum, for all accounts including these student activity and administrative accounts. Personnel from the district's central business office will develop and implement a more formal and regular review and reporting process with the bookkeepers at each of the school locations. We feel that this step will provide for an enhancement of the current controls and reconciliation process adding to the overall effectiveness of the district's financial management practices.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

To the School Board
Goffstown School District
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Goffstown School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Goffstown School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Goffstown School District'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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Goffstown School District, as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, 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, appearing on the following pages, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of

America. 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.

The Schedule of Nonmajor funds on page 29 is not a required part of the basic financial statements, and we did not audit or apply limited procedures to such information and do not express any assurance on such information.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated February 13, 2009 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain

provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant 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 & Co, PC
Nashua, New Hampshire
February 13, 2009

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Goffstown School District (the District), we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

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 are comprised 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.

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 two categories: governmental 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.

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 District's own programs.

Notes to 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$ 18,421,438 (i.e., net assets), a change of \$ 1,944,189 in comparison to the prior year.

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$ 5,592,454, a change of \$ 1,779,817 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance for the general fund was \$ 3,460,097, a change of \$ 881,384 in comparison with the prior year.
- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds and lease payable) at the close of the current fiscal year was \$ 11,599,282, a change of \$ (1,552,581) 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 years.

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 6,194,452	\$ 4,113,159
Capital assets	<u>24,625,222</u>	<u>26,039,749</u>
Total assets	30,819,674	30,152,908
Long-term liabilities outstanding	11,599,282	13,151,863
Other liabilities	<u>798,954</u>	<u>523,796</u>
Total liabilities	12,398,236	13,675,659
Net assets:		
Invested in capital assets, net	13,227,633	13,109,041
Restricted	156,379	724,434
Unrestricted	<u>5,037,426</u>	<u>2,643,774</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 18,421,438</u>	<u>\$ 16,477,249</u>

CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 818,198	\$ 800,532
Operating grants and contributions	1,010,626	1,080,360
Capital grants and contributions	-	584,905
General revenues:		
Town assessment	18,196,921	18,935,086
Impact fees	216,000	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	8,240,195	6,672,870
Investment income	44,203	48,854
Tuition	5,221,032	4,808,414
Miscellaneous	<u>36,126</u>	<u>51,895</u>
Total revenues	33,783,301	32,982,916
Expenses:		
Administration	3,088,345	3,018,050
Instruction	20,455,086	20,572,750
Support services	3,950,932	3,344,107
Operation and maintenance	2,383,180	1,800,428
Transportation	1,470,230	1,661,771
Interest expense	469,364	513,487
Miscellaneous	<u>21,975</u>	<u>241,336</u>
Total expenses	<u>31,839,112</u>	<u>31,151,929</u>
Increase in net assets	1,944,189	1,830,987
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>16,477,249</u>	<u>14,646,262</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 18,421,438</u>	<u>\$ 16,477,249</u>

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 \$ 18,421,438, a change of \$ 1,944,189 from the prior year.

The largest portion of net assets \$ 13,227,633 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 \$ 156,379 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets \$ 5,037,426 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

Governmental activities. Governmental activities for the year resulted in a change in net assets of \$ 1,944,189. Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund operations, as discussed further in section D	\$ 1,234,696
Nonmajor fund activity - accrual basis	545,121
Principal debt service in excess of depreciation expense	118,592
Other	<u>45,780</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,944,189</u></u>

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 \$ 5,592,454, a change of \$ 1,779,817 in comparison with the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund operations, as discussed further in section D	\$ 1,234,696
Nonmajor funds	<u>545,121</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,779,817</u></u>

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the general fund was \$ 3,460,097, while total fund balance was \$ 4,388,838. 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 11.46 percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 14.53 percent of that same amount.

The fund balance of the general fund changed by \$ 1,234,696 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

Revenues in excess of budget	\$ 887,578
Expenditures less than budget	2,234,439
Use of fund balance as a funding source	(2,177,641)
Expenditure timing differences	<u>290,320</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,234,696</u>

E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

There were no differences between the original budget and the final 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 \$ 24,652,222 (net of accumulated depreciation), a change of \$ (1,414,527) 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:

Purchase of:

Construction costs for Bartlett Elementary School expansion project	\$ <u>19,462</u>
Subtotal	19,462
Current year depreciation	<u>(1,433,989)</u>
Decrease in capital assets	<u>\$ (1,414,527)</u>

Additional information on capital assets can be found in the footnotes to the financial statements.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, total long-term debt outstanding was \$ 11,599,282, 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 is designed to provide a general overview of the Goffstown School District’s finances for all those with an interest in the government’s finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Office of the Business Manager
SAU #19
11 School Street
Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROJECTED REVENUES 2010-2011

	2008 - 2009	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011	2010 - 2011
	Approved MS 24	Approved MS 24	Proposed School Board	Proposed Budget Committee
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES				
Adequacy Grant	6,463,633	6,975,810	7,123,509	7,123,509
School Building Aid	538,000	608,240	505,000	505,000
Kindergarten Construction Aid				
Area Voc. School Transportation Aid	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Kindergarten Bridging Aid	130,000			
Catastrophic Aid	415,000	358,536	280,000	280,000
Child Nutrition	9,600	9,600	9,600	9,600
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES				
IASA, Chapter I and II	500,000	475,000	510,500	510,500
DOE / SERESC Professional Dev.	0	0		
Child Nutrition Programs	67,000	70,000	67,000	67,000
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES				
Tuition	4,900,000	5,150,000	5,200,000	5,080,566
Driver Education Program Receipts	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Earnings on Investments	3,000	10,000	7,500	7,500
Food Service	795,000	825,000	830,000	830,000
Medicaid	100,000	100,000	90,000	90,000
School Impact Fees	376,000	0	0	
Reimbursement Spec. Ed.	0	0	0	
SUBTOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS	14,310,733	14,595,686	14,636,609	14,517,175
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Sale of Bonds				
Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	600,000	0		
GENERAL FUND BALANCE				
Reserved Fund Balance	300,000	0	300,000	
Unreserved Fund Balance	2,268,294	3,370,333	310,000	610,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	17,479,027	17,966,019	15,246,609	15,127,175
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	15,013,648	13,368,345	18,039,728	17,321,633
STATE ASSESSMENT	3,445,976	3,326,283	3,178,584	3,178,584
APPROPRIATION	35,938,651	34,660,647	36,464,921	35,627,392

Notes:

-> FY 2010- 2011 appropriation number equals the operating budget warrant article

- > Projected revenues are estimates and are subject to change.
- > Projected adequacy grant subject to change.
- > Estimates based upon expected State Aid projections available on 11/23/09
- > Fiscal year 2010- 2011 Total Appropriation is prior to any individual or special warrant articles.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

DEBT SCHEDULE

As of June 30, 2009

Years remaining on Goffstown School District's general obligation bonds.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
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	<u>\$9,380,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,564,845.00</u>	<u>\$11,944,845.00</u>

<u>Bond</u>	<u>Last Payment</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>	<u>Interest Balance</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
MVMS & Elementary Bond*	8/15/2011	1,585,000.00	104,475.00	1,689,475.00
GAHS Renovation/Addition	7/15/2021	7,795,000.00	2,460,370.00	10,255,370.00
Total Outstanding Bonds		<u>\$9,380,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,564,845.00</u>	<u>\$11,944,845.00</u>

*Note:

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

Function	2008 - 2009 Actual	2009 - 2010 Appropriation	2010 - 2011 Proposed School Board	2010 - 2011 Proposed Budget Committee
1100- 1199 Regular Education	13,436,041	13,798,145	14,835,989	14,496,349
1200- 1299 Special Education	5,354,184	6,172,167	6,481,750	6,321,871
1300- 1399 Vocational Programs	102,848	97,000	97,000	94,000
1410 Co-Curricular	515,543	359,323	385,527	-
1420 Athletics		127,329	181,155	-
1430 Summer School Programs	17,807	55,876	58,867	-
1490 Other Pupil Services	<u>35,648</u>	<u>26,650</u>	<u>30,051</u>	-
1400- 1499	568,998	569,178	655,600	629,250
1600 Adult Education Programs	93,815	64,642	69,409	66,849
1810 Field Rental	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	-	-
1600- 1899	98,815	69,642	69,409	66,849
2120 Guidance	1,001,857	1,053,690	1,147,886	-
2125 Guidance Records	12,468	15,835	15,275	-
2130 Health Services	395,072	416,979	423,261	-
2150 Speech Pathology and Audio	<u>307,290</u>	<u>319,129</u>	<u>414,864</u>	-
2000- 2199	1,716,687	1,805,633	2,001,286	1,936,700
2212 Curriculum Development	5,408	7,000	8,975	-
2213 Staff Development and Training	40,166	99,000	84,100	-
2222 Information Center Services	509,541	481,564	533,827	-
2223 Audio-Visual Services		9,087	9,500	-
2224 Educational TV	196	2,000	0	-
2290 Technical Support Services	<u>218,939</u>	<u>230,920</u>	<u>228,389</u>	-
2200- 2299	774,250	829,571	864,791	832,377
2311 School Board	40,345	42,484	44,622	-
2313 Treasurer	12	2,173	2,129	-
2314 District Meeting	976	4,178	4,478	-
2317 Audit Services	7,865	8,650	9,950	-
2318 Legal Services	<u>74,215</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	-

2310-2319		123,413	67,485	86,179	73,179
2321	SAU Services	1,080,905	1,131,530	1,129,052	1,129,052
2410	Administration	2,086,976	1,963,930	2,147,605	-
2490	Other Student Support Services	<u>28,723</u>	<u>21,511</u>	<u>31,006</u>	-
2400:2499		2,115,699	1,985,441	2,178,611	2,062,461
2519	Other Fiscal Services	15,522	-	-	-
2620	Building Operations	2,538,255	2,888,175	2,866,517	-
2630	Care and Upkeep of Grounds	56,936	65,700	81,518	-
2640	Equipment Maintenance	<u>96,738</u>	<u>109,372</u>	<u>131,998</u>	-
2600-2699		2,691,929	3,063,247	3,080,033	3,023,283
2721	Transportation	1,027,381	1,073,237	1,075,307	-
2722	Special Needs Transportation	783,881	752,642	714,178	-
2723	Skills Center Transportation	45,866	45,914	46,000	-
2724	Athletic Program Transportation	66,344	61,675	68,000	-
2725	Field Trip Transportation	39,684	31,535	38,890	-
2790	Other Transportation	<u>1,002</u>	-	-	-
2700-2799		1,964,158	1,965,003	1,942,375	1,919,175
2800	Other Professional Services	11,273	-	1,300	-
2834	GESS Course Reimbursement	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	-
2800-2999		20,273	9,000	10,300	10,300
4200	Site Improvement	18,262	-	-	-
5110	Debt Service - Principal	1,285,000	1,275,000	1,210,000	1,210,000
5120	Debt Service - Interest	447,799	402,605	356,315	356,315
5251	Transfer to Capital Reserve	300,000	0	0	0
5390	Allocation to Other Agencies	0	0	0	0
	Total General Fund	32,114,783	33,240,647	34,998,690	34,161,161
Fund 21	Food Service Fund	1,018,841	944,651	955,731	955,731
Fund 22	Federal Grants Fund	834,226	475,000	510,500	510,500
Fund 30	Capital Projects Fund	951,967	-	-	-
	Total Goffstown School District *	<u>34,919,817</u>	<u>34,660,298</u>	<u>36,464,921</u>	<u>35,627,392</u>

* Note:

The proposed fiscal year 2010 - 2011 columns equal the MS-27 operating budget posted with the warrant.

Transfer to Capital Reserve was from Unreserved Fund Balance

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

GLEN LAKE SCHOOL

Leslie T. Doster, Principal

As the biologist Thomas Huxley once said, "The rung of a ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other somewhat higher." Similarly at Glen Lake School we are a learning community committed to climbing the ladder of student success. The 2008-2009 school year brought us ever closer to our goals of preparing each child for success in 1st grade, fostering in each child a life long love of learning and providing a developmentally appropriate, nurturing learning environment that sparks a child's belief that school is a wonderful place.

In order to address these three goals during the 2008-2009 school year, Glen Lake staff focused on identifying and implementing strategies to raise student achievement in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. To improve student achievement the professional staff participated in training in the reading and writing process, instruction of early mathematics, the integration of science into the curriculum and implementation of the newly revised social studies curriculum. Time was routinely scheduled for teachers to meet, review formative assessment data, and collaboratively plan instruction to assure consistency from classroom to classroom. Paraeducators took part in training designed to improve their understanding of the curriculum, their knowledge of divergent student needs and appropriate classroom accommodations. As a school, we focused on improving differentiated instruction and implementing an effective Response to Intervention model for struggling learners. 2008-2009 was a very successful year at Glen Lake School as students and staff climbed to the next rung of the ladder and graduated a well-prepared class of kindergarteners to 1st grade at Bartlett and Maple Avenue Schools.

Behind every child who is successful in school is a team of educators and parents. Glen Lake School recognizes the important role parents play in their child's education and values this partnership. In order to enhance the home and school relationship the staff provided several curriculum-oriented family evenings during the course of the 2008-2009 school year. Before the first day of school in September the staff welcomed all families with an Open House. In early October, each classroom hosted a Parent Information Night focusing on curriculum and instruction. In November, Glen Lake held its first Family Science Night which was attended by over 300 people. In February, again 300 people turned out for Family Math Night. In May, staff welcomed incoming kindergarten parents with a kindergarten orientation evening and in June, we celebrated with our families as we prepared to transition our students to new classrooms and new schools.

BARTLETT ELEMENTARY

David A. Bousquet, Principal

Bartlett Elementary School began the 2008-2009 school year with 178 students. This was a year of new beginnings due to two major projects. Phase I of Bartlett's renovation project was completed in November. Renovations included many upgrades and repairs, including new administrative and nurse's offices, updated electrical and technology services and fire prevention (sprinkler) systems. Because of the renovation, there was also a change in the bus drop off area at the school. Instead of using the circle in front of the school, the buses now load and unload at the rear of the building and exit through Higgins Street. This has helped reduce traffic congestion on Mast Road in front of the school. A formal dedication of the addition and renovation was held on January 14, 2009. This year Bartlett Elementary implemented the new McGraw-Hill Social Studies program. This program helped our students develop their informational reading and writing skills through interesting materials and lessons.

We participated in an exciting reading program this year. Each student and staff member received a copy of the book, Because of Winn Dixie. A schedule was developed and everyone was expected to read about one chapter each day. Every day, trivia questions were asked based on the previous night's reading. Different activities were held throughout the program, with a special Winn Dixie party at the end of the program. Through this program we hoped to encourage all of our students to read.

Bartlett Elementary School continues to be involved in the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program, which focuses on teaching and reinforcing positive behavioral choices. Students are taught what it means to be respectful, responsible, and safe throughout the school. Behavioral expectations are modeled and explained to the students at our monthly All-School Meetings. Children who are "caught" using these targeted positive behaviors are given a special PBIS sticker or other recognition. The school will continue its ongoing focus on behavioral expectations of all students and focus on at-risk students or those with chronic discipline problems.

Once again, Bartlett Elementary School received a Book Ribbon Award, given to recognize schools with outstanding volunteer programs. We received this award primarily because of the hard work, dedication and support of our volunteer coordinator, Lisa Lambert. Bartlett students and staff appreciate their volunteers and all that they do for us.

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 Grandparents' Lunch, Constitution Day, Kids Voting, Math Night, Dr. Seuss's Birthday, a Memorial Day Program, Fourth Grade Farewell, and Bartlett Bash. We also had the opportunity to have children's author Jennifer Erikson visit our school to discuss writing and her

children's books and WMUR weatherman, Kevin Scarupa, met with our fourth graders to discuss meteorology and weather. To help build some social consciousness, Bartlett completed several Earth Day activities. For example, we participated in Earth Hour and students composed an informational piece of writing to inform families and friends of the world-wide event. To culminate the theme, the whole school took a field trip to see the Disney film, "Earth". Because of the growing concern about childhood obesity, our school participated in a Wellness Walk in May. Our one mile walk started off leaving Bartlett, around the John Sarette athletic fields and finished back at Bartlett. This was a great community building activity for the school that promoted a healthier life.

Positive and exciting things continue to happen at Bartlett. However, the school year ended with the school being identified as a School In Need of Improvement, due to our special education subgroup not making expected Annual Yearly Progress in reading and math. Our staff will be meeting over the summer, along with staff from Maple Ave. School, to develop a strategic plan to remediate this issue and to improve the learning of all students. Our work is not complete, and there are always new challenges that we are committed to meet.

MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Suzanne Pyszka, Principal

At the end of the 2008 – 2009 school year, we said farewell to Marc Boyd, Principal of Maple Avenue Elementary School since 1988. In his 21 years, he created a school culture that closely connected the Maple Avenue community to the Goffstown community. We can thank him for events such as, The Halloween Parade, Thanksgiving Feast, the Holiday Concerts at local businesses, and Mr. Boyd's famous story hours at Barnes and Noble, Goffstown Public Library, McDonald's and Burger King.

Throughout the school year, teachers routinely met to review student assessment data and plan instruction to assure consistency from classroom to classroom. As a staff, we have committed ourselves to improving instruction for all learners; providing early intervention for our most struggling students and providing academic opportunities for our more advanced students.

In the spring of 2009, Maple Avenue Elementary School was identified by the New Hampshire Department of Education as a "School in Need of Improvement" in the areas of reading and math within our educationally disabled population. As a whole school, we performed adequately in reading and mathematics, but failed to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in this subgroup.

Maple Avenue has been a Blue Ribbon School for over twenty years! The Blue Ribbon Award recognizes the extraordinary efforts of school volunteers and their contribution of time and opportunities to children. Maple Avenue volunteers put forth hundreds and hundreds of hours each year. A special thank

you to Angela Martinez, the Parent/Faculty Together (PFT) President and the team of parent volunteers who make our school at better place!

With the close of the school year, we had two long time teachers retire; June Ekdahl, a highly respected educator with twenty-nine years of dedication to Maple Avenue Elementary School and Diane Sullivan, who taught in the Goffstown School District for twenty-two years, nine of those years dedicated to Maple Avenue Elementary School.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

James A. Hunt, Principal

“I believe every child has hidden away somewhere in his being noble capacities which may be quickened and developed if we go about it in the right way.”

Helen Keller

Ted Sizer of the Coalition of Essential Schools reminds us that effective schools have clearly defined academic goals; live as a community with explicitly articulated core values; and actively promote student, staff, parent and community collaboration. Our NEAS&C accreditation process has generated welcome renewed focus on our academic goals and core values.

The 2008-2009 School Year at Mountain View Middle School (MVMS) included a high-profile peer review from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) Commission on Public Elementary and Middle Schools. The Visiting Committee of 15 professionals included administrators, department heads, and teachers from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. After spending three and one-half days of extensive interviews with staff, students, parents, local government representatives, and SAU #19 administrators, the Visiting Committee completed a comprehensive report detailing our school’s performance strengths and needs as measured against the NEAS&C Standards. In December ’09, the NEAS&C Board of Trustees will formally vote on our initial accreditation based upon the recommendations of the Visiting Committee and the Commission on Public Elementary and Middle Schools.

An essential element of the NEAS&C accreditation process includes updating a school’s published Mission, Core Beliefs, and Expectations. After extensive work and review by faculty, and with feedback from all MVMS constituencies, we introduced a newly crafted MVMS Mission Statement including Core Beliefs and Expectations at the beginning of the school year. The newly endorsed MVMS Mission Statement focuses on meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of pre-adolescents via programming and services that address the unique attributes of middle school students. Please visit our website at goffstown.k12.nh.us/MV/ for the complete text of our MVMS Mission Statement.

In our continuing effort to increase academic rigor for our accelerated learners, we expanded our Algebra program. In close collaboration with Goffstown High School administrators and teachers, we successfully introduced high school equivalent Advanced Algebra and Algebra II courses for qualifying eighth grade students. Our Grade 7 Algebra I program continues to address the learning needs of mathematics students who have demonstrated the prerequisite knowledge and skills in Grade 6 to undertake advanced study in middle school.

The summer months provided us with an opportunity to update well-worn areas of our facility. Threadbare, discolored carpet has been replaced with tile in all Grade 5/6 classrooms, three Grade 7 classrooms, and the connecting hallway adjacent to the offices and gym. The sparkling floors and freshly painted walls add welcome light and freshness to these areas. Information Center/Library carpet has been totally replaced adding color and warmth to the hub of our school.

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Frank J. McBride, Principal

Goffstown High School students have been making their marks in many fields: sports, music, art, and academic achievement. Among many high points of the year, I share with you the following anecdotes:

Goffstown High School student-athletes demonstrated excellence both on the playing surface and throughout the community. The girls' volleyball team experienced the program's most successful season to date and Coach Matt Leonard was named Division I Coach of the Year. Additionally, the team participated in the American Cancer Society "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer—Walk For A Cure" raising more than \$2,000.00 for breast cancer research. During the winter season, donations were collected at all home basketball games to raise money for local families in need. The "Hoops For Hunger" initiative raised more than \$575.00 for the Goffstown Area Food Network. In June 2009, Goffstown High School scored big with their first-ever individual Girls Track & Field Class L Championship title when Jana Hieber won the 300 meter hurdle race at the Class L State Championships. Several student athletes were awarded NHIAA Sportsmanship and Scholastic Athlete Awards in recognition of their respectful conduct during sporting events and demonstrated academic achievement.

The GHS music department experienced their most successful year in GHS history, earning a record number of All State Achievements as well as receiving several invitations to honors music festivals. Additionally, two former GHS students brought their musical talents back to school: Justin Spencer (Class of 1996) and Jim Magoon (Class of 1992) brought their band, Recycled Percussion, to the GHS gymnasium. Their live performance on December 4, 2008, engaged current students in the set-up and filming of their latest promotional DVD.

The art department teachers and students continue to be a source of pride at Goffstown High School. In February 2009 student artists received many awards at the NH Scholastic Art Awards, the most ever awarded in a statewide art competition. GHS students received a total of 38 awards, including 13 Gold Keys, 16 silver keys, and 9 honorable mentions. Additionally, five GHS juniors were accepted into the Art All-State Program, the maximum accepted from one school.

We have an incredibly talented staff committed to the educational, social, and emotional well being of all students. We remain focused on the rigorous instruction of all students, in all classes, and the collaboration of expectations around curriculum and assessment. As a result, we have worked with the Goffstown School Board to institute the following changes with the start of this school year:

- Student GPA will no longer be calculated in percentages, rather, it will be calculated based on the more traditional “4.0 scale” with a weighted system in which value is added to courses taken at a higher level.
- Expanded course offerings including AP World History, Advanced Algebra and Trigonometry, and Running Start Geology.
- A staffed Student Resource Center providing academic support to all students throughout the school day.
- Five professional days of collaboration with writing expert Fred Wolff.
- The integration of Sean Covey’s book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* into our ninth grade curriculum.

It is our hope that these changes will allow all students to pursue the most appropriately challenging educational opportunities GHS has to offer. Our goal at GHS continues to be to provide all students with the best learning opportunities possible as a means of fulfilling our mission as a caring community of impassioned learners who will thrive in an ever-changing world.

At the time of this printing, one of our seniors, Stephen Beal was named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. More than 1.5 million students from roughly 22,000 high schools entered the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Of the original 1.5 million students, Steven is one of the remaining 16,000 students eligible to become a National Merit Scholar. GHS wishes Steven the best of luck as he continues on his quest of becoming a National Merit Scholar.

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. Plastic bags should not be used.

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>.

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



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
Building	114	Tax Collector	110
Finance	104	Town Clerk	107

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Fire (Church St.)	497-3619	Parks & Recreation	497-3003
Fire (E. Goffstown)	497-4655	Police	497-4858
Fire (Pinardville)	622-6713	Public Works	497-3617
Library	497-2102	Transfer Station	497-4824

SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	Mt. View Middle	497-8288
Maple Ave. Elem.	497-3330	Goffstown High	497-4841
Glen Lake School	497-3550	SAU #19 Admin.	497-4818

VILLAGE DISTRICTS

Goffstown Water	497-3621	Grasmere Water	497-8346
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