



# Goffstown Town and School Elections

## Candidate Information

Election Day: March 14, 2023

### Town Election

<b>Select Board</b>	<b>1 for 3 years</b>	<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>1 for 2 years</b>
Kimberly R. Peace		Alan Yeaton	
Peter Georgantas		Brian Mazur	
<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>4 for 3 years</b>	<b>Sewer Commission</b>	<b>1 for 3 years</b>
Schuyler M. Sund		David Pierce	
Olivia Welch-Erdahl		Richard "Bear" Freeman	
Adam Barriere		<b>Supervisor of the Checklist</b>	<b>1 for 5 years</b>
Jeff Day		Robyn Perry	
Curt DeVetter		<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>1 for 3 years</b>
Brian Mazur		Cathleen "Cathy" Ball	
Doug Pounds		<b>Trustee of Trust Funds</b>	<b>1 for 3 years</b>
Laura Stevens		Fred Plett	
<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>1 for 2 years</b>	<b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>	<b>2 for 3 years</b>
Allison DeCesere		Alan Yeaton	
Henry R. Giasson III		Leonard "Len" Stuart	
Bill Kordas		<b>School Election</b>	
<b>Cemetery Trustee</b>	<b>1 for 3 years</b>	<b>School Board</b>	<b>3 for 3 years</b>
Linda Reynolds Naughton		Nicole Bump	
<b>Library Trustees</b>	<b>3 for 3 years</b>	Nastassja Hunter	
Kathleen "Kathy" Coughlin		Donna Pinard	
Samantha Homan		Caroline Racine	
Laura Stevens		Heather Trzepacz	
<b>Library Trustees</b>	<b>2 for 1 year</b>		
Elizabeth Jipson			
Brian Campbell			
<b>Planning Board</b>	<b>2 for 3 years</b>		
Phil D'Avanza			
Richard "Bear" Freeman			
Thomas R. Hanley			
Colleen Mailloux			
James Raymond			





Election Day Is:

**MARCH 14,  
2023**

Polls are open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Vote At:

Bartlett Elementary School  
689 Mast Rd, Goffstown, NH 03102

-or-

Goffstown High School  
27 Wallace Rd, Goffstown, NH 03045



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# Town Election

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# Kimberly R. Peace

## Town Election: Select Board (3-year term)

### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Planning Board, alt. 2014, 2015 - present, Vice Chair 2021-2023  
 Conservation Commission, 2003 - 2011, Chair 2008-2011  
 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee 2021 and 2022  
 Tri-Town Youth Soccer League Board, 2012-2022  
 AmeriCorps/VISTA national service volunteer 1994-1995

### **Education**

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, MS Marine Science, 1992-1994  
 Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY, BS Biology, Honors Program, 1988-1992

### **Professional**

I am the Senior Environmental Coordinator and an Associate at Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc., Manchester, NH, specializing in transportation, wastewater and civil site design, planning and engineering. My 30-year career has been in the environmental planning and permitting field.

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. member since 2018  
 NH Association of Conservation Commissions  
 New England Environmental Business Council (EBC)  
 Goffstown Volleyball Servers

### **Experience**

My collaborative work environment allows me to gain experience daily in group dynamic skills such as written and verbal communication, active listening, feedback and inclusivity. I am energetic, motivated, enthusiastic, and come prepared to work hard.

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I can see developments in Town, both residential and commercial, and land conservation, that I was actively a part of- places where we asked for a design revision to protect wetlands or stream buffers, or refused to allow for a reduction in landscaping so that trees would provide screening and visual improvements, or insisted that the applicant design adequate stormwater protection to protect our town road. I have lived in Goffstown with my husband Jim since 2000 when we purchased the historic 1840 farmhouse on Goffstown Back Road and I have been active and vocal in Goffstown's planning, development and conservation. What started as a concern over what was happening in my own backyard expanded into an interest in our Town as a whole and lead to my taking positions on the Conservation Commission and Planning Board. The land abutting my home was conserved as Open Space after I lead a group against the density of a proposed development with impacts to Catamount Brook. I was a part of the group who stepped up when the Tri-Town Soccer League was ending - we collectively ran this soccer program and provided the chance for thousands of kids to play recreational soccer here in Goffstown.

**Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I love Goffstown and I want to work alongside its citizens and dedicated staff so that we continue to operate in a way that allows for continued growth and success while not neglecting our past. I can bring to the position my experience in combining and balancing support for economic development while protecting those historic and environmental resources that matter so much to us as a community. My career experience helps me see the development and planning processes from the position of the applicant, the Town, and the citizen. While it can sometimes seem that the goals of each of these groups can be competing, I believe that in each project there is an opportunity to find a compromise that ensures that our Town's culture is not negatively changed. I am raising my family in Goffstown and want to protect the abundant natural resources we have in Town while supporting sustainable business growth and residential development.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

I am ready and motivated to serve this community. My two children have moved on to college, making my husband and I "empty-nesters" so I have the time it takes to become fully involved in this role. I am available to attend the Board and Committee meetings that will be required and am looking forward to meeting more people who are committed to improving our Town. I come prepared- in addition to the many Select Board meetings I have attended over my years of service, over the past year I have watched or read the meeting minutes of each Select Board meeting so that I recognize what the Board does- and does not- do.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Balancing community needs versus wants in a way that best fits our current economic climate - we can recognize the pressure residents are under to keep taxes low while not neglecting the important maintenance and upkeep needed to operate a Town. Reducing staff turnover in our departments and schools is one way to achieve that balance in the long run since the amount of time and money spent training and onboarding new staff is lost every time someone leaves a position. Ensuring the salaries and benefit packages we offer are competitive with other similar-sized Towns can prevent staff from moving on. Re-assessing the impact fees that developers must pay to offset community costs will allow us to manage the balance between residential development and providing safe roads, schools, fire and police services. Ensuring that commercial development is supported and promoted in appropriate locations along our main roadways provided these sites meet our planning and zoning ordinances and development regulations.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I support and would champion the hiring of a Human Resources staff member to assist the Town in efficient and effective hiring practices while filling our open positions with the best possible candidates. I would approach the budget presented to the Board with an open mind and support to the Town departments and School Board in careful crafting of budgetary requests. I would support the Planning and Zoning Boards in their continued review of site applications when they are presented in ways that meet our local requirements and fit with the Master Plan. I would respect the other Board and Committee members, Town staff and citizens to promote a positive environment for all of us to live, work and play.



## Peter Georgantas

### Town Election: Select Board (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Select Board 9 years, 4 years as Chair, Budget Committee 12 years, 5 as chair, Served on Capital Improvement and Master Plan Update Committee, Served as a Water Precinct Commissioner, Select Board Rep to Library, Planning Board, and Parks Rec Commission. Served on the Charter Commission, and the T

#### **Education**

Goffstown High School  
Various management classes by Fortune 500 companies

#### **Professional**

Account Representative, servicing the automotive and commercial truck industry.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Tire Industry of America Safety Instructor

#### **Experience**

With my many years serving the Town of Goffstown (see question #2) I have been able to work with department heads and members of the various boards to accomplish many Town goals. I excel at bringing people together and working cohesively to achieve the end goal. The fact that I have been elected to chair

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

In the past twenty plus years I have supported projects that have saved the town money. I have spoken up when I thought something was not in the best interest of the taxpayer I supported 24/7 EMS and fire. I assisted with developing a plan to entice EMS personal. I encouraged the Select Board to use funds to build needed fields at our new Sports complex. I hope to continue maintaining our facilities, and upgrading when fiscally possible.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

My parents move to Goffstown when I was four months old. I care about our town and keeping the small town feel while keeping pace with the times. There are some tough issues ahead for the Town. Our residents are requesting repair and upgrades at the Tirrell Hill Fire Station. We have outgrown our Police Station. The town pools at Barnard and Roy Parks are in bad shape. The bill to repair could be four to five million dollars. We are also looking at the next phase of development at the sports complex. Do not forget the library expansion. It will take Experienced Leadership to help get these projects prioritized and started.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Having been on the Select Board nine years and the Budget Committee for twelve years I have a thorough understanding of statutory roles and the responsibilities of this position. If I have a question I know where to find the answer.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

There are some tough times ahead for our town. The pools at Barnard and Roy Park are in bad shape. The bill to repair could cost three to four million dollars. Residents are eager to reopen the Fire Station on Tirrell Hill Rd. The Police Station is not sufficient for today's needs. We all know about the cost of the Library expansion. It is going to take a thorough understanding of the budget, as well as thinking outside the box to tackle these projects.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

There are ways to address some of the issues that are already in the works. In this year's budget, the Select Board approved funding for a review of our impact fees. Also article 2 on this year's ballot addresses the issue of removing residential use from the Commercial Industrial Flex Zone, thus preserving its use for businesses. I also advocate for expansion of public sewer, natural gas and public water that would drastically aide in the attraction of future business development.



## Schuyler M. Sund

### Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Former Library Trustee, Goffstown Public Library (2018-2020).  
Former member of Goffstown Budget Committee (2020-2022).  
Standby Volunteer with FIT, Manchester, NH, performing volunteer work for NH's largest homeless shelter.  
Co-chair Politics Society and the Economics Forum at The Univer

#### **Education**

Magna Cum Laude Graduate of The University of Massachusetts- Boston Campus (1982)  
Studied in graduate degree program in Managerial Accounting at the University of Massachusetts- Lowell Campus, after receiving my undergraduate degree (1982)  
Attended Law School at the University of Rutgers in

#### **Professional**

Achieved Senior Management status in Structured Finance and Mortgage Loan Underwriting for various banks, mortgage companies and worked at a Wall Street Firm after law school in 35 year professional financial career.  
Currently retired and work at the Union Leader Newspaper Corporation.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Volunteer with FIT, Manchester, NH on homeless assistance and placement of under-resourced and disadvantaged individuals.  
Actively involved in volunteering and supporting research for the Alzheimers Association of America  
Former member of B.P.O.E. (Brotherhood of the Paternal Order of Elks)

#### **Experience**

As mentioned above, formally volunteered as a member of both the Goffstown Budget Committee and Goffstown Library Trustees. A total of over four years experience I bring from being involved in both town of Goffstown organizations.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Yes, please view previous statements regarding my volunteering and my public service.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

To make a positive difference on the Budget Committee combining my vast employment background with my experience in elected political office.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

That they are governed by the by-laws of the Town of Goffstown under the aegis of the State of New Hampshire.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Population expansion and pocketbook issues.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

Assisting to support important budgetary issues with fellow budget committee members in an open, honest exchange of ideas as we move forward through our current economic and political environment.



# Olivia Welch-Erdahl

## Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I coordinated a statewide volunteer effort in 2022, collecting monetary and physical donations of personal care and food items for Ukrainian refugees. I have served St. Matthew's Episcopal Church by assisting with programming for spiritual formation.

### **Education**

Human Services, Springfield College, Manchester, NH, 2008-2010

English Studies, Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA, 2003-2006

High School Diploma, Goffstown Area High School, 2003

### **Professional**

New Hampshire Progressive Home Educators (NHPHE), Founder, 2021

Home Educator, Goffstown, NH; 2019-Present

Child & Family Services, Manchester, NH; 2007-2011

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I founded NH Progressive Home Educators as an inclusive and judgment-free homeschool community supportive of the public school system. I serve St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in spiritual formation and financially support NHPER, the ACLU, and the Human Rights Campaign.

### **Experience**

I have organized, managed, and communicated with volunteers and organizations regarding the prioritization of current needs and wants, respectfully and effectively discussed differences of opinions, and have served a diverse multi-need group.

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

As a home educator, I've been a leader in voicing my support for Goffstown public schools by advocating for strong school board members, responsible budget committee members, and the continued support of public education funding locally and statewide. I believe that a strong school system is the cornerstone of a thriving town. While all families have the right to choose how to meet their children's educational needs, a supported district ensures the right to quality learning for all our children. I have encouraged fellow educators to keep an open dialogue with their school district and stay informed on the issues our town schools face. I helped organize and run Merri-Loo's Science Spectacular while one of my children was enrolled and participated in field day, book fairs, and community nights at Glen Lake School. At St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, I have been involved in adult spiritual formation classes, as well as Sunday school and the Epiphany play. We regularly support our public library through our patronage and by helping set up, donating to, and purchasing from, the book sales.

**Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am stepping up to lead in Goffstown now because I believe I have the reasoning, listening skills, and empathy needed for a municipal leader to make the best recommendations for this community. I've learned these skills directly from my professional and personal experiences living in Goffstown. I see this community in need of more leaders with these qualities as we face challenges on the horizon. I have early memories of accompanying my parents to the Goffstown voting booth. I have continued that tradition with my children as our family votes in local, state, and national elections. They'll see their mother step up when there is a need for leadership.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

As a member of the budget committee, I will be working with the committee to make thoughtful recommendations for appropriating town funds. These recommendations will be made based on listening and asking questions to residents, town employees, and department heads. We'll be given tours of town facilities prior to discussing and evaluating the best recommendations regarding the annual budget for Goffstown. I look forward to working with town departments so we can help them continue to serve the Goffstown community. Budget committee members need to be mindful of taxpayer impact, and I'll be making responsible financial decisions based on the information we can gather as a group.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

I am most concerned about our aging school facilities not meeting the demands of our population growth. Due to the current economic demands on families and their everyday struggles, it may be important to discuss and find alternative funding to ensure our students have the space and support to ensure quality learning.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I bring a desire to use open communication with town residents to foster respectful and honest relationships with those who have concerns about our town or tax dollars. With our town departments, I recognize the need for long-term planning and vision to prioritize and space out infrastructure challenges. Asking the right questions to ensure that all avenues have been explored when facing problems related to space, staffing, and equipment will be a special focus of mine, including advocating for additional state funding and potential grant opportunities.



## Adam Barriere

### Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

This is my first run for political office.. I routinely donate and fundraise for the Alzheimer's Association and the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF).

#### **Education**

M.Ed Educational Leadership, Rivier University, 2010-2015  
B.A. English Education, Stonehill College, 2002-2006

#### **Professional**

I am currently the Assistant Principal at Pelham High School. Prior to that, I was an administrator and English teacher at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I'm a member of professional leadership organizations such as the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the New Hampshire Association of School Principals (NHASP). I'm also a parishioner at St. Lawrence here in Goffstown.

#### **Experience**

As Assistant Principal, I'm part of the team that creates the budget for the school. I work with department heads and stakeholders to assist with long-term planning and determine necessary expenses.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I have always been a strong advocate for Goffstown public schools and town programs. My experience as a local public education administrator has energized my support for a strong school board and budget committee members in the Goffstown school district where my children now attend. I see serving on the budget committee as an opportunity to have a strong positive impact on the community.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I've stepped up to run for budget committee because my professional experience has given me skills to simultaneously be detail-oriented with present needs while also looking at big picture goals and future planning. I have first-hand leadership experience reviewing budget requests of my school's department heads. This unique skill set can benefit taxpayers so our community doesn't suffer unforeseen consequences of poor budgetary recommendations.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

As a member of the budget committee, I'll be working collaboratively with town department heads to evaluate their budgetary requests, and I'll be making informed recommendations that the Goffstown residents can ultimately approve or reject. Budget committee members meet with residents, meet town leaders, and tour facilities to evaluate and prioritize town needs.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

I am well aware of the economic hardships that many residents are facing due to rising costs of living. Goffstown continues to grow putting additional strain on our aging infrastructure. These two issues are in conflict with one another and we need innovative solutions to keep property taxes as low as they can be for residents struggling to make ends meet.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

First, as a member of the budget committee, I need to hear from the people directly involved with each of these areas. I will tour our facilities and meet with department heads to hear about their challenges and trust in their expertise. I am not claiming to know more than the trained department heads, but I intend to ask questions and see it for myself so I can make thoughtful recommendations to town residents. In working with various stakeholders, I will advocate for innovative ways to save tax dollars to look at ways systems could be improved to save money and expand our town's business tax base to ease the burden on residents. Working with state legislators I will also advocate for increased state funding to help offset the costs that have been put on towns and their residents.



## Jeff Day

### Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I spent many years working for USNH, UNH, and Granite State College, additionally, at Thanksgiving time, I help a non-profit organization, Shire Sharing, which organizes and delivers food to needy NH families.

#### **Education**

I am a life-long learner. I have received a Bachelors in Computer Science from KSC, and have also completed several Master's classes at SNHU/New Hampshire College and UNH. Further I have received certifications in a wide range of technologies in addition to CPR, First AID, and AED.

#### **Professional**

I am currently employed full-time in the health insurance industry in an IT related field, an IT career that has spanned 4 decades.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I 100% support Shire Sharing and volunteer with them. Shire Sharing provides Thanksgiving meals and warm coats all over the Granite State. We are a nonprofit comprised of volunteers only, run by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of parents, social workers, teachers, and experienced prof

#### **Experience**

Throughout my IT career, I have organized, managed, and prioritized projects and lead teams, always with an eye on the bottom line (time and materials.)

Additionally, further, I have been a landlord for over 25 years. This necessitates a fundamental base of knowledge in budgeting, planning, inve

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

While I was born and raised in Goffstown, my recent community service consists of having run for NH State Representative for Goffstown, and volunteer work at a local farm.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am greatly concerned about how high our town taxes are, to an extent that I want to be involved in this process, put my best foot forward, and try to lower our tax foot print.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

The Budget Committee is responsible for preparing and projecting the town's budget to fulfill its obligations to public services to include (education, police, fire, public works, etc.) As a committee member, I would work with committee members, town, state, and other entities to calculate and plan for project costs.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

I think the most pressing issues facing us now are the continued affects from COVID and government shutdowns. From businesses closing, business layoffs, unemployment, and changing usage of town services due to a large portion of residents changing to be remote workers. This, and others, have all had an impact on how town services are used.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I will bring creative, new ways to look at the issues facing our town.

For instance, the library issue, and the potential school issue. If, for instance, the town is starting to plan on building a new school, and schools normally have libraries, that we could consider making the potential new library a little bigger, and it could serve a dual purpose of school library and town library. The current library, where it is deeded to have to be a library could then change its focus and serve a subset of the library needs and still meet its deeded obligations... perhaps focus on children's literature needs, due to the vicinity of the Maple Ave school.



## Curt DeVetter

### Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Volunteer, YWCA, Manchester, NH, 2022-2023

Candidate, NH House of Representatives, Hillsborough District 29, 2022

President, Global Health Student Association, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 2011-2014

Vice President, Lambda Chi Alpha, Simpson College, Indianola, IA, 2006-2008

#### **Education**

Masters in Public Health (MPH), concentration in Global Health, USF, Tampa Florida, 2012-2014  
Bachelors in Biology and German, pre-medicine, Simpson College, Indianola, IA, 2004-200

#### **Professional**

Academic Advisor II, Southern New Hampshire University. I advise students through their degree programs and connect them to resources for their educational success and financial well-being.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

New Hampshire Public Health Association, member

Goffstown Parents in Action, member

#### **Experience**

Providing academic support to students from across the country and from all backgrounds. Experience in public health research, including statistical and qualitative analysis, interview and survey design, and cartography.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Since my family moved to Goffstown, I became active in our community. In 2022 I ran to represent Goffstown at the NH State House and met many residents during my campaign. I was able to listen to resident's concerns for our town and am more equipped to take in feedback and direction from my neighbors to create a more well-rounded plan for our future. As a volunteer with the Goffstown Parents in Action, I learned how to examine bills in Concord and connect the dots with how our state legislature impacts our lives as citizens, families, and students here in Goffstown. That work will carry on as I advocate on behalf of our town to our representatives in Concord.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am running for a seat on the budget committee because I possess the collaboration and listening skills needed to make recommendations for town spending. This position requires listening to residents and listening to the needs of our town departments to find fiscally responsible solutions. I believe good governance requires compromise and the ability to consider different points of view other than my own. I see the need for budget committee members to possess these unique skills.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

As a member of the budget committee, I will be responsible for reviewing budgets making recommendations for the town of Goffstown to vote to approve or reject. This will involve meeting with residents, department heads, town staff, and on location. This will assist in prioritizing needs for the annual budgets. I look forward to providing this service and sharing my findings with the community to better inform the public of our town's needs as well as solutions for improvements that carry Goffstown forward.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Our schools, police and fire departments, and roads, are all on borrowed time and will need significant improvement in order to continue serving our community. Utilizing the Capital Improvements Process for long term and coordinated planning is crucial in preventing large tax spikes in a single year. I want to make sure that the community of Goffstown believes in the Budget Committee and understands the level of priority and severity each need presents. Ensuring there is public trust and goodwill between residents and the town employees comes with time and effort, and I plan to build bridges between department heads and the public by sharing my own insights and experiences in meeting with everyone in town.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

In my prior roles as a public health researcher, I participated in fellowships and research grants to address specific problems in communities around the world, including Uganda, Costa Rica, and Peru. Since I know what is involved with the grant writing process, I can collaborate effectively with local stakeholders to consider alternate funding sources to reduce the tax burden for a variety of services and needs.

As an official member of Goffstown's Budget Committee, I will collaborate with our elected senator and representatives in Concord on behalf of our town with regard to budgets and bills that affect us here in our community, especially with regard to funding our schools and providing for our employees.

## Brian Mazur

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Town Election: Planning Board (2-year term)



### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

National Student Senate Conference Representative (Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY) [Sept 1994 – May 1995]

Founded and led a dynamic parking ministry team at a large church in Manchester, NH [January 2004 – May 2018]

### **Education**

- Bachelor's in occupational science from Russell Sage College, Troy, NY
- Continuing; Master of Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University

### **Professional**

Director of Channel Sales at 2Ring, offering business intelligence solutions for contact centers. Clients are able to track key metrics, e.g., call volume, customer satisfaction, so that they can identify areas of improvement and make informed decisions on how to optimize their operations.

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

In Rwanda, Africa, I worked alongside several women's co-operatives and provided business management training, leadership training and guided them through how to access conventional banking and how to generate working capital via micro loans.

### **Experience**

Throughout my professional sales career, I have demonstrated measurable results by driving multi-million dollar new pipeline growth initiatives. I also established defined sales and technical requirements for profitability and partner competency.

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Over the past several years, I have participated in many town and school board deliberative sessions as well as budget committee and school board meetings, both in person and online.

I collaborated and discussed budgetary items and process with past and current budget committee stakeholders.

Volunteered with local food drives and assisted many of the homeless and under-resourced community. I also looked for ways to provide them with a hand-up versus a hand-out by connecting them to local community resources, for a more sustainable future.

In 2005, most of New Orleans' 9th Ward was destroyed and catastrophically damaged by Hurricane Katrina. I participated in a disaster relief trip to Louisiana immediately after that natural disaster, to assist with clean up and recovery efforts.

I was very involved in my wife, Lisa Mazur's, State Representative campaign this past 2022 election season. I assisted with canvassing, messaging, and general support.

### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I love our vibrant town and want to be a proactive advocate for the greater community and bring accountability and transparency of our tax money and where it is being spent.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Some of the key statutory roles and responsibilities of a budget committee include reviewing and analyzing the proposed budget submitted by the Select Board and School Board, making recommendations to the governing bodies regarding the allotment of resources, reviewing and recommending changes to budget policies and procedures, ensuring that the budget is transparent and available to the public and engaging in public discussion.

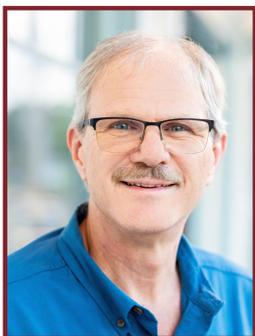
Some of the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Board include reviewing site plans, land use requests, subdivision requests and conditional use permits.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

My main concern, by far, is our town's increasing property tax rate, with no foreseeable offsetting revenues. This present situation has placed Goffstown in a less than ideal position concerning economic growth and general sustainability. The greater the tax rate, the higher the 'risk' for population decline, gentrification, property tax defaults and overall residential and commercial vitality, livability, and desirability.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

Previously I mentioned business intelligence, therefore, one of my main ideas would be to have a Municipal dashboard. This dashboard would display keys metrics (e.g., economic performance, employment and income levels, available labor market, high school graduation rates, entrepreneur ecosystem and more). Citizens, businesses, and investors could then review that dashboard on a regular basis to evaluate the health of our township and overall community. This public-facing dashboard would attract investment and keep citizens and decision makers mindful of where improvements are necessary. Furthermore, we need to promote our small business wins. Success breeds success. We also need to attract more diverse business investment.



## Doug Pounds

### Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Church volunteer teaching marriage prep and facilitating marriage studies

#### **Education**

BS in Electrical Engineering

#### **Professional**

Worked directly for VP and chief technical office in successful startup company that sells test equipment to the semiconductor industry. Started and managed a regional office for the startup company.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

My wife and I support many church affiliated charities with our money.

#### **Experience**

Heavy math background. Strong problem solving skills. Delivered many technical presentations.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Previously volunteered as cubscout and boyscout leader in town.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

To bring common sense solutions to help manage the town.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

To impartially investigate review and make town budget recommendations. This needs to be done with consideration of the town and the town residents. It also needs to be done with honesty and integrity.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

The most pressing issues facing the town are not letting the budget get out of control. Taxpayers have been hit hard with high general inflation and, as a town, we have to be sensitive that we do not over burden taxpayers while at the same time manage a realistic town budget.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I plan to look carefully at budget recommendations and review them based on what is necessary or what are real needs versus what are superfluous wants.



# Laura Stevens

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Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term)

## **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I currently serve on the Budget Committee. I've volunteered at Maple Ave, MVMS, & GHS in various capacities including as a member and president of MVP. I coached basketball for Parks & Rec. and have volunteered for numerous community events.

## **Education**

BA in English from UNH: 2000-2004

Masters in Library and Information Science from Simmons College (University): 2007-2010

## **Professional**

For the past 6 years I have worked at the public library in Salem, NH as Head of Youth Services, then Head of User Services, and currently as Assistant Director.

## **Organizations & Affiliations**

I volunteer in the schools.

## **Experience**

As an Assistant Library Director, I allocate funds and manage budgetary concerns. I participate in the budget process in Salem and bring a balance of municipal understanding and personal taxpayer perspective to the Budget Committee.

## **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

When I joined the Budget Committee I studied the financials and I made sure to ask questions at meetings. I've kept up with what is happening in the town departments, and used that information when making budget recommendations and assessments. I have made it a point to meet community members, town staff, and other elected officials. Going forward I will continue to use all the resources available to me to make thoughtful decisions for the town. I will continue to foster the relationships I've formed to grow my understanding of who makes up our community so I can best serve as many people as possible.

## **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

It is important that we have well informed and open-minded elected officials to work together for the good of our entire community. My passion to help support the future of our community and ensure we are focused on real issues and challenges is what drove me to initially get involved. My understanding of the needs of our departments and residents is what continues to motivate me to run for reelection.

## **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

As a member of the Budget Committee it is my role to review and adjust the municipal budget, assist voters in prudent appropriation of public funds, and communicate budgetary information - including information about the process and limitations. It is my responsibility to recommend what is best for the community with no alternate or personal agenda. It is my responsibility to listen to the public, to answer questions, and to find answers to questions that are beyond my authority or position.

## **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Our town is growing. We need to ensure our public services meet the needs of a larger population. We need to be very clear in our goals and priorities for spending so we don't overextend.

## **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I will continue to keep up with the issues and challenges in town so as to not push them down the proverbial road only to be dealt with later when they are worse, and inevitably cost us more. Our town facilities and equipment should be maintained in manageable pieces year after year. I will work with the Budget Committee and department heads to ensure we are providing quality services to town without overspending.



## Allison DeCesere

### Town Election: Budget Committee (2-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

This is my first experience running for a public office. I have spent the last 6 years working as a dedicated parent volunteer at Mill Falls Charter School where I was needed for field trips, making copies, and helping teachers with curriculum activities.

#### **Education**

B.A. Accounting from NH College (currently Southern NH University)

#### **Professional**

Owner of By the Book, LLC where I provide bookkeeping services to individuals and small businesses.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

None

#### **Experience**

My education and experience with bookkeeping, financial statements, and budgets all directly relate to my greater understanding of the town's financials. Also, one of my clients is a small NH school which gives me direct experience of school budgets as well as federal/state funding.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

For the past year, I have been working with a Goffstown non-profit on their bookkeeping. We have worked to make their financial reports a better tool for understanding where their fundraising is most effective and where they need to concentrate their efforts. I am anxious to make a positive impact in my community and believe that with my financial experience, I can do that on the budget committee.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am running for the budget committee because in politics today, it seems the only voices you hear are on the extreme fringes. I believe most people fall somewhere in the middle and are often overlooked and I hope to be the rational voice for my neighbors.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

On the budget committee, my responsibility is to listen to the department heads deliver the budgets they have painstakingly created, ask thoughtful questions, explore all funding alternatives, and decide if this is in the best interest of my neighbors.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Answering as a resident, I'd say the economy and funding our town is a big concern for many of my neighbors. At the same time, we, in the not-so-distant future, have some big infrastructure issues from our schools to our roads/bridges. We have to find a way to tackle both of these issues head-on which will only happen by finding common ground in order to make progress on these challenging issues.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I will always consider the financial impact that my suggestions have on my neighbors while also considering the burden that poor infrastructure has on all of us. I'll work to understand the complexities of what Goffstown is facing in the next few years to make the best recommendations for everyone.



## Henry R. Giasson III

### Town Election: Budget Committee (2-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I have served in Operations overseeing budgets, payroll, and planning for over 700 Soldiers. Separately, I have been serving as the Vice President, Regional Director, Secretary, or Treasurer of a non-profit fraternity since 2005.

#### **Education**

I graduated High School and immediately went into active-duty service. I attended over 3 years of college. Military / private certifications include: CPR, financial planning, suicide intervention, resilience training and safety instructor.

#### **Professional**

I am a retired disabled veteran on a fixed pension. I teach Motorcycle Safety part time for the State and am starting a leathercraft business. My career field in the Army included calculating for explosives, soldier training and behavioral welfare.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I actively support veteran causes, domestic violence prevention, cancer treatment, the families of fallen police and fire and support for the survivors of violent crimes. Positions held include Treasurer, Secretary and Vice President

#### **Experience**

I have experience budgeting, troubleshooting, and negotiating contracts. In the military, units had to project budgeting needs for training, maintenance, and pay, while often having to do 'more with less.'

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

In the past years, I have participated in the town's holiday 'Sponsor a Family' by donating presents to Goffstown families in need. I have worked or contributed to several nonprofit dinners or fund-raising events in town. As a State Motorcycle Safety Instructor, I have a positive impact on motorcycle safety in the town and state.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am running for office because I believe in citizen involvement and government transparency. One of the things that I firmly believe is that all levels of government should be frugal stewards of the People's money and rights. I have concerns with budget and tax increases and believe that these can be mitigated by someone who has experience doing 'more with less', which is literally something said in the military regularly. When my property tax went up by over 2,000 in the last assessment, I decided I could either complain, or become involved. If I'm involved, I can see and understand the need for those changes, or I can represent a place that tries to find ways to extend your tax dollar further, so the burden doesn't fall down to the citizen more while still trying to keep Goffstown on the cutting edge of safety, education, and infrastructure.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

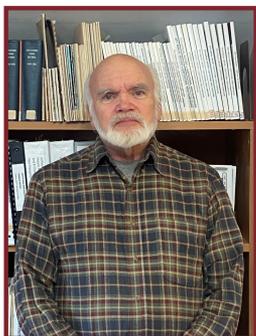
My understanding is that the Budget Committee is responsible to prepare and project the town's budget on behalf of the citizens to support the town's education, safety and public services. In doing so, we will be working with other state and private entities to project costs and projects. These will be discussed, voted on and advised to continue to maintain and grow Goffstown. It will be my responsibility to use the same frugal and prudent values in my stewardship over the People's money as I had when charged with that responsibility in the non-profits that I have supported, and in my own life to gain financial stability.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

I think the most pressing issue facing Goffstown right now are the continued struggling economy with respect to the impact that Covid responses had, and the impact that inflation is having now. It is directly correlated to the tax increases that we have recently seen and is impacting the quality of life for families down to the most basic levels such as heat and groceries. Further inflation or taxation has the potential to tip Goffstown from a place people want to be to a place they can't afford to buy or rent. The secondary and tertiary impacts of that would be detrimental to the sustainability of the town's infrastructure, education, and emergency services. Secondly, I think another up and coming issue will be the schools' maintenance in future projects. Equally to this, it is important to be able to maintain and increase the viability of Goffstown as a place for business and production while still protecting the small-town safety and atmosphere.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

Going into the Budget Committee, the first thing that I would do is review and educate myself on the thorough nuances of the budget commitments in an attempt to target and increase efficiency. I understand that much of the committed moneys are for the payroll and pensions of present and former employees, and those can't be cut and must be able to keep up with inflation. Aside from that, I will be trying to find ways to increase efficiencies and be a frugal steward of your money. I will remind people that "it's easy to spend someone else's money" and discourage that behavior while placing the primary focus on expenditure into necessity for the safety, education, and welfare of the citizens of Goffstown. That may make me unpopular in some discussions, but the People will always know where I stand. I will also focus multiple contractors for projects to find the safest and most cost-effective investments for future projects, trying first to hire local businesses when practicable.



## Bill Kordas

### Town Election: Budget Committee (2-year term)

**Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**  
Budget Committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2023

#### Education

I graduated valedictorian from GHS in 1966, having spent one year of high school in boarding school in Germany. I did undergraduate studies at Wesleyan University (CT), majoring in comparative literature, and graduate work at UNH in German Studies.

#### Professional

I am currently retired, although I still do freelance translation work, mostly German to English. Previously I taught German and French, grades 7 to 12, as well as adult classes. For a number of years I also managed retail book selling in NH and CT.

#### Organizations & Affiliations

In the past I have volunteered with the Friends of the Goffstown Public Library helping to raise funds for various programs through book and pie sales.

#### Experience

I think that over seventy years of life experience, including managing small business in the retail book trade for commercial profit, I have learned the value of fiscally conservative philosophy and approach to town expenditures from limited resources available considering the present tax bur

#### How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

The most significant contribution I personally have made has been serving previously on the town budget committee. This position requires commitment of significant time and considerable effort as the committee as a whole reviews the entire budget literally line by line, often questioning the significance and necessity of even relatively small expenditures.

#### Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

My family and I having lived in town for nearly seventy years, I now find myself in a position to pay back a little in time and effort with service to the town.

#### What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

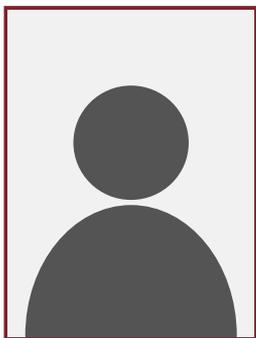
As one member of the town budget committee one is constrained by the give and take among other members of differing backgrounds and fiscal philosophy. The chief responsibility is to oversee individual parts of the entire budget, department by department, often questioning all sorts of expenditures.

#### What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

During previous terms on the town budget committee I have learned in far greater detail the fiscal issues facing our schools and various town departments, from police to fire, etc. The need for affordable housing and the growth of the town in the current economy contribute to a tax burden on all of us, whether property owners or renters.

#### How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

The issues facing the town in the current economy with the existing tax burden are both serious and many. There are no simple or easy solutions. We are fortunate to have many extremely competent professionals working in town government who understand the issues and problems of providing good government. I have learned much from these dedicated people over the years and appreciate their wisdom and efforts to make do with available resources.

**Linda Reynolds Naughton**

Town Election: Cemetery Trustee  
(3-year term)

No information submitted.



# Kathleen "Kathy" Coughlin

Town Election: Library Trustee

(3-year term)

## **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I have been a library trustee since 2015, during my time on the board I have served as Chair, Vice-Chair. As a trustee I have been a member of the Human Resources Committee. More recently I have served on the Administration and Finance Committee severing as chair for 3 terms.

## **Education**

I have a BA in Science (1994) from St. Joseph's College in Standish Maine, I graduated in 1998 from Michigan State University, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

## **Professional**

I own and operate a small animal housecall practice locally, I also work part time at a clinic in Hooksett.

## **Organizations & Affiliations**

Goffstown Public Library Foundation (Chair), NH Library Trustee Association (member), NH Veterinary Medical Association (member), American Veterinary Medical Association (member), Omega Tau Sigma (Veterinary Fraternity)

## **Experience**

I have served on several different library committees and have held leadership roles over the past few years. I have an understanding of the budget and administration process and the different funding associated with the Library.

## **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Over the past few years our Library has been named Library of the Year and our Director has been named Director of the Year by the NH Library Trustee Association. My work on the Administration and Finance Committee oversaw several different policies for the Library. I also assisted with budget development.

## **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

Goffstown is my home town, I utilized the library throughout my school years. When I returned to NH after graduation I once again was drawn to the library. I was first elected to office as a write in candidate to become involved in our town and give back to our community. I have full understanding of the time requirements necessary for this role and I look forward to your vote.

## **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Public libraries are covered by RSA 202-A which dictates the operation Library Board. The Library Board of Trustees also follow RSA 91-A:3 for meetings and nonpublic meetings.

## **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Goffstown works very hard to keep our budgets lean and avoid spending. This however does not allow for improvement to our infrastructure. When we delay working on our infrastructure and deferred maintenance it causes the overall costs to be higher.

## **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

We have seen our community grow, change and adapt over the past few years, we were challenged by COVID and came out stronger. The primary limitation of the Library is the physical building. For each item we purchase, we must deaccession an item (remove it). Libraries are not merely a place to borrow books or physical media, they are vibrant community spaces. Goffstown has multiple senior projects in construction but no infrastructure geared towards these residents. The Library does offer many programs, however each program blocks access to materials. During COVID we hosted virtual events and they were well attended but our patrons want to be together in our community. We also have hosted off-site programs, this however these programs take longer to set up and break down. I support the building addition as I feel it is a necessary part of our infrastructure. I also support the GPL Foundation and coming capital campaign, as well as the library seeking grants to help with funding.



## Samantha Homan

### Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Current Chairperson, Goffstown Public Library Board of Trustees (2017-present)

Volunteer, Maple Avenue Parents and Faculty Together (2018-2021)

Volunteer coach, Parks and Rec girls 10U lacrosse (2020)

Notary Public (2015-2026)

#### **Education**

M.S., Marketing, Southern New Hampshire University (2013)

Certificate, Organizational Leadership, City University of Seattle (2019)

B.A., Communications, Simmons University (2007)

Certificate, Advertising, Boston University (2006)

Diploma, Londonderry High School (2003)

#### **Professional**

Account Director, Ansira. Ansira is a global marketing and technology agency for brands like Chick-fil-A, the North Face, Edible Arrangements, Southwest Airlines, Wendy's, etc. I work in the automotive sector and manage our relationships with FordDirect and Nissan North America as they specifically relate to websites and digital advertising.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Goffstown Public Library

Queen's Best Stumpy Dog Rescue

Trails NH

Appalachian Mountain Club

#### **Experience**

I have served as a trustee for two terms, six years, and am the current chair. I have attended several trainings and conferences for trustees by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association, and my education and career provide a unique skillset that will benefit the board in community outreach.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Goffstown is a unique and special community. Despite its population size, it still feels like a small town. My volunteer work through the schools and Parks and Rec and my time on the Library Board have allowed me to positively impact our childrens' experiences and the services available to them. These services and our community programs are part of what makes Goffstown so special to us and desirable to growing families.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

After having served two consecutive terms on the Library Board, I feel a dedication to the library, the community, and my peers on the board. We have formed a camaraderie and have taken a new approach to community engagement that inspires me and motivates me to continue my work on the board. I was part of the boards that nominated the library for its Library of the Year Award and Dianne for her Director of the Year Award and am excited to continue to be a part of an organization that provides its community some of the best services in the state.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

I have attended several workshops and trainings sponsored by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association and have an in-depth understanding of the RSAs that govern public libraries.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

The library expansion and renovation project has been a controversial topic, and as a taxpayer and member of the community, I understand the scope of other, upcoming projects. However, I also see the value in the library project and feel a responsibility to not only see the project through but to explore and apply for as many grants and programs as possible to offset the cost of the project and ease the tax burden on my neighbors.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

As stated, I am responsible for offsetting as much of the abovementioned project cost as possible. I also hope to bridge the gap between the library and non-users and explore programs and services that appeal to patrons not currently using library services. Continued community engagement is also important, and I will continue to ensure the library and trustees remain involved in events like the Pumpkin Regatta, Old Home Day, and others.



## Elizabeth Jipson

### Town Election: Library Trustee (1-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Past member of Friends of the Goffstown Library, currently a volunteer at The Derryfield School Library. As a Master Gardener, I also volunteer with theNHFree Seeds project, and at the Massabesic Audubon Center gardens.

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Arts, Denison University, 1970

Masters degree in Library Science, University of Michigan, 1972

Professional in school libraries for 50 years, most recently retired from The Derryfield School as Librarian, having served from 1979 to 2021.

#### **Professional**

Retired.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Former member of the American Library Association, American Association of School Librarians, and New Hampshire School Library Media Association.

#### **Experience**

A professional librarian for almost 50 years, I have experience with the practical, day-to-day joy of running the library and the importance of the mission and Board policies in decision-making. This library is at the heart of our community.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I have contributed to Goffstown previously as a Friend of the Library and as a volunteer in the archives of the Goffstown Historical Society. Newly retired, I will now have time to devote to Goffstown specifically, and the Library is near and dear to my heart.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am running for the Library Board of Trustees because I believe that my experience and energy can be an asset to the Board. As a professional librarian with almost 50 years of experience, I have extensive knowledge of both the practical, day-to-day joys of running a library and the importance of keeping the mission and Board policies at the forefront of decision-making. As a 40-year plus resident of Goffstown, I know how our library has been and is at the heart of our community.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

The Goffstown Library serves the whole community in so many ways, both through its many stellar programs and as a physical place. Goffstown residents deserve excellence in both, and I would hope to be able to buoy initiatives to make that excellence a reality. Even before any thought of running for the Board, I could see the library as a great equalizer, an institution that has sharing at its heart; the sharing of resources, of ideas, of our sense of community. As a member of the Library Board, I would hope to endorse, encourage and assist the Library's mission.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

To me, the most pressing issue facing the town is how best to make the library addition and renovation project affordable for the town.

I certainly believe that this project is a vitally important one, given the fire and safety concerns about the building that are so pressing, but also given the possibilities that could be opened to Goffstown residents with more and better meeting spaces, stack space, improved energy efficiency in the current lovely but old building. If we do nothing now, the situation will only get worse and will be even more expensive to rectify in the future; in the long run, the financially wise thing to do is to act now.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I would hope to address this issue by working with other members of the Board and the Foundation to research and work on external grants and fund-raising possibilities. Having attended meetings of the current Board, I can see that it is made up of energetic, intelligent, committed Trustees who believe in the mission of the Library and are doing everything they can to make the Library the best it can be. I hope to join them!



## Brian Campbell

### Town Election: Library Trustee (1-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

None

#### **Education**

I graduated from Southern New Hampshire University in 1998 with a bachelor's in Business Studies. I also have an associate's in Marketing from NH Community Technical College in Nashua, NH. I was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society there.

#### **Profession**

I am a multi-genre author of five novels. My first two are part of a mystery series and the others are suspense, uplifting fiction, and dystopian fiction. I'm currently working as a Production Planner / Scheduler at Tech NH, Inc. in Merrimack.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

None

#### **Experience**

I've attended many library events and am familiar with the benefits the library provides. As a project manager and production manager, I've worked with talented individuals to solve problems. I intend to bring my experience and energy to the team.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I have not previously held any public office in Goffstown.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am a strong advocate for the library and all of the wonderful people who work there in service to the local community. I want to contribute my skills as a manager and project manager to the team of Library Trustees and serve the community which I've come to absolutely adore. I am most interested in promoting the many valuable services the Library provides to the community, including adult education, job and training assistance, community involvement, and encouragement of all of the creative arts.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Libraries are unique in the way they're managed and governed in the State of New Hampshire. The best way for me to describe this is to point to the RSA that explains that fact.

The statute relating to public libraries is RSA 202-A:1

In the State of New Hampshire, a public library is a valuable supplement to the formal system of free public education. As a supplement to the formal public educational system, governing of town libraries is handled by a board of trustees.

Library trustees serve to properly manage the public library. Library trustees, together with the select board and budget committee, and ultimately the voters of the town, work together to ensure that the public library has the support it needs. Land-use matters must be decided on the basis of the law, not on personal opinions/feelings or prevailing public sentiment.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

In regard to the library, there is the proposed library expansion. While attending public meetings with my fellow voters on the topic, something became obvious to me. People in our town are not aware of the many, many great services and benefits the library provides. The library is so much more than a stack of books that you can borrow with a fancy card. There are resources available for town meetings, assistance for education and job training, programs for children, teens, and adults. There's access to local art and music, as well as local literature. There's a wealth of accurate town historical documents, civic information, and my favorite part—trained people who would love to assist you with whatever it is you're looking for. I think it's a shame that so many people in town don't know what we have here.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I intend to work diligently with the other Trustees to advocate for the library. I hope to help increase the town's awareness of all of the services the library provides and promote them. The library is a tremendous resource to the town, and I want to make sure as many people as possible are aware of that fact, and take full advantage of it. I hope to work with the other Trustees to continue to grow and modernize the services provided by our award winning library.



# Philip D'Avanza

## Town Election: Planning Board (3-year term)

### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Currently on the Planning Board: 2020-2023

Historic District Commission :2021-2024

NH Waste Management Council:2022-2025

Board of Directors NH Municipal Association: 2020-20232

Previously served on the Select Board: 23 years

### **Education**

Degree in Business Administration & Certificate in Management from Concord Community College

Graduated Phi Theta Kappa 2004-2009

### **Professional**

I have owned and operated my small business, D'Avanza Clock Repair, LLC in Goffstown for the past 40 years, where I specialize in antique clock repair and the historic restoration of some of the most prominent tower clocks in New England.

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I am a parishioner of Saint Lawrence Church, and a member of the American Clock and Watch Institute, the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, and Granite State Timekeepers. I share my Horological knowledge by giving talks and mentoring.

### **Experience**

As an incumbent with past Selectman experience, I believe my institutional town knowledge and understanding of what it is like to run a small business will contribute to an effective planning process.

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Accomplishments I have been involved with as Selectman:

- Automated solid waste collection
- Rehabilitation of the Upper Elementary School Building to Elderly Housing
- Closure of the Landfill with re-use to ball fields
- Re-establishment of our certified K-9 team

Town projects I have been involved with include

- Clock at Sarette Park in Pinardville
- Minuteman Statute at Grasmere Roundabout
- Grasmere Town Hall restoration

### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I grew up in New York City and after moving to Goffstown, I learned about and believe in Volunteer Government and giving back to our community. Also, it is important that new growth maintains the value of our homes and preserves the character of the community.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

The Planning Board is responsible for preparation and adoption of a Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Planning Board also recommends Zoning Changes to the Legislative Body which is the Town Meeting for approval by the voters. The Board develops its Sub-division and Site Plan Review Regulations to review applications for approval or denial. The Master Plan is a planning tool to provide guidance with the development of the overall character our community.

The Capital Improvement Program is also a planning tool to help level out annual expenditures for the Budget Committee and Select Board during their budget process.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

The population of Goffstown has increased over the last few years and the need for housing is regional. The Goffstown School District is concerned with this growth and has requested the Planning Board ask for Housing Studies of projects with the potential to increase school enrollment.

Several commercial projects have been approved such as the NH Sports Dome, car wash and storage facilities. These projects help to offset the tax impact of residential development in our town. The amount of developable commercial land is limited which why the Planning Board is recommending the Zoning Amendment (Ballot Article 2) to remove the residential use from the Commercial Industrial Flex Zone.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

The voters will tell the Planning Board if they agree with our recommended zoning changes on March 14th. In theory, our Zoning Ordinances are statements we adopt about the kind of community we want, how we segregate land use, and how we preserve the "character" of our community. Planning Board members are tasked with ensuring that our zoning ordinances properly accommodate any new growth, in a consistent and meaningful way.

I am a good listener and always willing to change my ideas when new information is available. My years of institutional town experience; knowledge of our history, our neighborhoods and the region will be brought to the table should the Planning Board need to change direction due to a defeat of Article 2.



# Richard "Bear" Freeman

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Town Election: Planning Board (3-year term)

Town Election: Sewer Commission (3-year term)

## Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

### Education

### Profession

I'm a union Ironworker Local 7 for 25+ years. With my experience in the construction industry I know the value to keep cost down and finish on time.

### Organizations & Affiliations

I'm a member of Manchester Elks Lodge #146 for 22 years and have been the Exalted Ruler for the past 4 years. I have been awarded the honor to be the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Southern NH Elks lodges.

### Experience

I'm a Navy veteran. I was honorably discharged from Naval Mobile construction Battalion #5

### How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

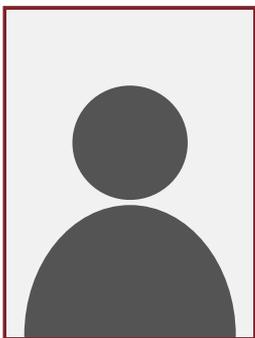
### Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I'm running to keep Goffstown a small town community with big dreams for our future. I would work tirelessly with the Police, Fire, Schools and the towns Municipality to see that our funds are used to promote the well being and safety of all are neighbors. I will work to curtail accessive spending and to get the most for our tax dollars. Also I will work with all local businesses to make our community more vibrant.

### What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

### What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

### How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?



## Thomas R. Hanley

Town Election: Planning Board  
(3-year term)

### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Previously served on the building board of appeals in town.

### **Education**

High school graduate

### **Professional**

Construction management professional for the past 40 years

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

None

### **Experience**

Having worked in the construction industry for several years, being involve in projects from initial planning to completion will bring a perspective that can assist with thoughtful planning as our town moves forward.

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I have not had much opportunity to serve with work obligations and as I reduce my professional work load I look to give what I can to assist the growth in town

### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I am running in hopes that my experience in project planning can assist the town with economically beneficial projects for the taxpayers in town.

### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

I believe the statutory roles and responsibilities involve the development of the master plan, review of proposed development and site plans brought before the board as well as zoning and ordinance changes.

### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Utilizing our commercially available spaces to the fullest extent. Thorough review of the conversion of flex zones to residential use.

Increased tax liability is a burden for all residents and we must do everything we can to slow this burden down.

### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

With due diligence and preparedness I will fulfill my duties as a planning board member. As a construction professional I believe I can bring a different perspective to the board.



## Colleen Mailloux

### Town Election: Planning Board (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

From 2016-2020 I served as a member of the Bartlett PTA Board, acting as the Treasurer for two of those years. I have also volunteered for Goffstown Pack 99, acting as a den leader and assistant den leader.

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Policy, University of Maine, 2002.

Master of Science in Resource Economics, concentrating in Community Economic Development, University of Maine, 2004

#### **Professional**

Since 2004, I have worked as a professional planner in both the public and private sectors. My experience includes over a decade of municipal planning experience serving as the Town Planner for communities in southern NH. I currently work as a Community Planner for the FAA.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

American Planning Association

American Institute of Certified Planners

#### **Experience**

My work as a planner provides me with the technical background needed to review Subdivisions and Site Plans. I also have extensive experience in reviewing and writing regulations and ordinances to encourage development that is consistent with the vision established in the Master Plan.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I look forward to using my professional experience to serve on the Planning Board and bring new energy and knowledge to the Board.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I have been a member of the Goffstown community since 2009 when my husband and I bought our first home in Pinardville. As our family grew, it was a priority for us to remain in Goffstown and we now live near the Village. I am running for Planning Board because I would like to use my professional experience to help benefit the community that I live in. A member of the Planning Board needs to be knowledgeable about land use, traffic, stormwater, and site design elements such as landscaping, lighting and architecture. A Board member also needs to understand the regulatory framework under which the Planning Board is authorized to operate. As a professional planner, these are skills that I utilize in my own career and I believe that my experience can be helpful to the Town of Goffstown.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

As a professional planner, I have had the role of providing guidance and education to Planning Boards (and other land use boards) in Southern New Hampshire. Because of this, I am very familiar with the statutory responsibilities of a Planning Board member. Not only is the Planning Board key in the review and approval of applications in accordance with the Town's Site Plan and Subdivision regulations, but the Board is also responsible for developing, and presenting to the voter's for consideration, updates to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, which sets the standards for land use and development in Town. The Planning Board also plays a role in comprehensive planning for the Town, including preparation and implementation of the Town's Master Plan, and oversight and recommendation of the Capital Improvement Plan. Because of my professional experience, I believe that I can provide insight and bring new energy to the Planning Board in these roles.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Goffstown faces the continuing challenge of balancing the pressures of growth and change and enhancing economic development while maintaining community character.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

Planning Board members are required to remain unbiased in their review of development applications for compliance with existing regulations. I will bring an unbiased perspective to the review of applications before the Board. I will also work with other Board members and Town Staff to identify areas where conflicts or confusion in the Town's ordinances and regulations can be improved in order to ensure that development within the Goffstown meets the standards expected by our community members.



# James Raymond

## Town Election: Planning Board (3-year term)

### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

For several terms, I have been a member of the planning board and the Goffstown school district moderator and I have chaired the capital improvements program committee since 2019.

### **Education**

I received a B.A. degree from Wesleyan University and a J.D. degree from Boston College Law School.

### **Professional**

I am a lawyer at the Concord office of Upton & Hatfield, LLP, a New Hampshire law firm that, among its practice areas, works with over thirty towns and cities.

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

In addition to the boards of other charitable organizations, I have served on the board of directors and as a former president of the Concord Family YMCA.

### **Experience**

My experience as a member of the planning board and my knowledge of land use and planning laws gained as a lawyer representing other towns can assist the board in making reasoned decisions.

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

New Hampshire towns depend on constructive participation by its residents in community affairs. My wife, Jane, and I have a long history of community involvement since we moved to Goffstown in the early 1980s.

### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

After serving on the planning board for several terms, I have gained knowledge and experience that can assist the board in its decisions on the future of our town.

### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

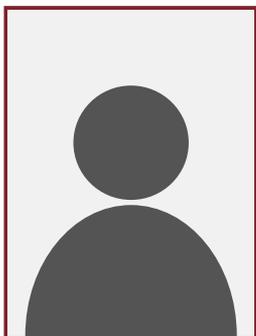
Through my firm's representation of other town and their boards, I appreciate the need for knowledgeable board members who understand their roles and legal responsibilities. My legal training and experience helps to build that understanding.

### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

The planning board's general planning goals are described in the town's master plan. Those goals include expanding our commercial tax base while protecting the investments our residents have made in their properties and in our community, and providing affordable housing options for our children and for older residents looking to move into smaller housing units so they can stay in Goffstown.

### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

Goffstown continues to grow. We need to balance the benefits of that growth with the challenges that it creates to preserving our town's character and the features that make it a good place to live and raise a family. I wish there were easy solutions, but there usually are not. My experience as a member of the planning board, as a lawyer, and as a resident of Goffstown for over thirty-five years help me look for that balance.



## Alan Yeaton

Town Election: Planning Board (2-year term)

Town Election: Zoning Board of Adjustment  
(3-year term)

### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

BOWMAN PLACE, BEDFORD, NH, CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, AND CURRENT TRUSTEE

GOFFSTOWN PLANNING BOARD, 2005-2012, MEMBER AND PAST CHAIRMAN

GOFFSTOWN ZONING BOARD 1017-2023, PAST CHAIRMAN AND CURRENT MEMBER

MANCHESTER ROTARY CLUB, 1982-1993, PAST PRESIDENT

### **Education**

PORTSMOUTH, NH HIGH SCHOOL, 1963

WENTWORTH INSTITUTE, BOSTON, MA, ASSOCIATES IN ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING, 1965

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, TUSCON AR, BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE, 1969

US ARMY, COMBAT ENGINEERING, TOPOGRAPHIC ENGINEERING, 1969-1973

### **Professional**

FOUNDER, AMOSKEAG ARCHITECTURAL GROUP, PRESIDENT, 82 HILLCREST ROAD, GOFFSTOWN, NH. PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE, LAND PLANNING, LANDSCAPE DESIGN, AND COORDINATION OF STRUCTURAL, MECHANICAL, AND ELECTRICAL CONSULTANTS.

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

BOWMEN PLACE, 150 BED, ASSISTED LIVING AND DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMER FACILITY, TRUSTEE, PAST CHAIRMAN.

THE WAY HOME, MANCHESTER, APARTMENTS AND DESIGNED AND BUILT ON LAURAL STREET A HOMELESS VETERANS RESIDENCE.

RAINBOWLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER, BEDFORD, NH

### **Experience**

LIFE PRESENTS MANY CHALLENGES. I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT NEW HAMPSHIRE, INCLUDING PLANNING, PERMITTING, COORDINATION, AND COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION. I AM STILL VERY ACTIVE WITH THESE EFFORTS.

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

THRU MY PAST SERVICE ON THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD, I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH TOWN STAFF, I HAVE ALSO ACHIEVED THROUGH MY BUSINESS AN EXPANDED CAPACITY FOR UNDERSTANDING PLANNING REGULATIONS AND THE VARIANCE PROCESS IN ALL COMMUNITIES.

### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I AM RUNNING TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE MY EXERIENCE TO IMPACT THE DECISIONS MADE AT THE PLANNING BOARD AND THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

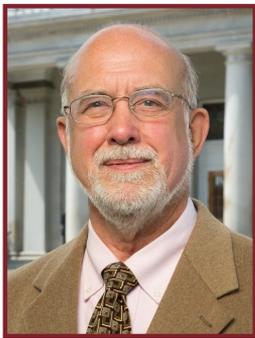
HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN BUILDING DESIGN FOR RESIDENTAL AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS, HAS GIVEN ME THE INSIGHT INTO WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T. IT ALSO ALLOWS ME TO BE ABLE TO INTERPRET THE SOLUTIONS TO THE MANY REGULATIONS THAT NOW IMPACT OUR BUILDING PROJECTS.

### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

GROWTH. ALL COMMUNITIES ARE GOING TO GROW. REGULATIONS HELP DEFINE AND DETERMINE HOW AND WHEN DEVELOPMENT OCCURS.

### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

BY MAKING REGULATIONS, EASIER TO UNDERSTAND, AND REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESSES LESS COMPLICATED, AND INSURE TIMELY DECISIONS.



## David Pierce

### Town Election: Sewer Commission (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I have served on: Select Board (2 terms); State Representative (2 terms); Friends of Goffstown Rail Trail (construction manager, 15 years); Goffstown Planning Board (7 years); Southern NH Planning Commission (representing Goffstown, 10 years).

#### **Education**

I attended the UMass, at Amherst, graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering. During military service, the Army sent me to Ohio State University, where I obtained a MS in Geodesy (the science of measuring the earth's shape and its gravity field.)

#### **Professional**

Army Engineer: unit commander (Germany & Vietnam); research manager (targeting systems); production manager (digital maps); rank Lieutenant Colonel. Cartographic Scientist: Nat. Geospatial Intelligence Agency (production & quality control roles.)

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail (Director/Treasurer). Goffstown Historical Society (past Director & past Treasurer). Goffstown Lions Club (Director & past President, past Treasurer). A former Professional Engineer, licensed in Virginia.

#### **Experience**

I have degree in civil engineering which included sewer system design. I have had many leadership positions as a US Army officer for 20 years or as a senior civilian manager in a DoD agency. I'm also completing my 1st term as a Sewer Commissioner.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

For 15 years, as a volunteer with the non-profit Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail, I have saved the town countless hours and resources were grant writing and construction tasks handled by town staff. Having initiated 14 successful grants to obtain funding, which were successfully matched by public donations, 91% of the trail has been upgraded to town specifications. Effectively, due to my leadership, for every \$1 of tax funds the town spent in 2004 to purchase the land, another \$15 (totaling \$1.2M) has been raised through grants and donations to do trail construction. For this and other non-profit roles, I have been recognized as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Select Board.

As a Sewer Commissioner, this last year, I led the effort to uncouple the "Sewer Division" from the Public Works Department by establishing the Sewer Department. This new town department is now fiscally & administratively separate from DPW, operating its own equipment and with a staff of 3 full-time employees.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

The Sewer Department operates a public infrastructure vital to the economic development of the town. The department is essentially a "business" with an annual operating budget of \$1,400,000 to provide services to 2,100 home and business customers. As in any business, sound leadership is necessary to provide efficient, reliable and cost-effective services. It is best for the elected Commissioners to have an engineering and contracting background. As retired civil engineer and having had many leadership positions during my military and Federal civilian careers, I have the necessary skills/talent to successfully plan for future projects and provide the necessary oversight of business operations. Being retired, I also have the time to appropriately coordinate with the town and department staff during their normal business hours.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

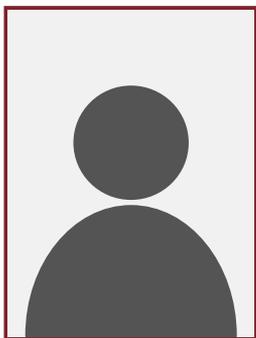
As a municipal enterprise, operating without tax dollars, the departmental expenses are paid from the fees collected from sewer system customers. Responsibilities therefore include (1) developing capital improvement projects which are balanced between the need and existing budgetary constraints; and (2) determining if those fees need adjustment so the department will (over the long run) have the resources to provide the necessary planned annual infrastructure improvements and thereby reduce the risk of expensive emergency restoration projects. The Commission is also responsible for compliance with a 20-year agreement with the Manchester Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility, so that the cost of the septage treatment (presently averaging 0.8 million gallons per day) remains under various thresholds, which if exceeded, could mandate higher treatment fees.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

The Department has 29 miles of buried sewer lines and 4 pump stations. Over next 7 years the Department needs to continue with a planned replacement of aging/uneven sewer lines (mostly in Pinarville) in order to improve capacity and flow and reduce inflow from stormwater. With one pump station presently being upgraded, another two stations will need various improvements in the near future to ensure they continue to provide uninterrupted service. The Department recently re-justified the fee (keeping it the same) required when a new customer needs to connect to the sewer system, and now in a comparable manner, the Department needs to continue its assessment of annual use fees so to assure financial reserves remain sufficient for planned & emergency capital projects.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

The Commission should continue the practice of contracting (1) for professional engineering services to do project design and oversight of the construction activity and (2) for the actual construction. When appropriate, the sewer line projects must be coordinated with Public Works so that if DPW's separate storm water drainage system needs replacement, our two departments will do our projects in the same season, through a single contract, to minimize the disruption experienced by homeowners and businesses along the project areas. As for maintaining financial reserves, the Commission needs to improve its 10-year model of budgetary revenue and expenses so that any adjustment of the annual use fee can be anticipated, justified and gradual.



## Robyn Perry

### Town Election: Supervisor of the Checklist (5-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Board Member of Canine Commitment - 2017-2021

Secretary & Treasurer of Goffstown Main Street Program - 2017-2019

Secretary & Treasurer of Goffstown Screamin' Eagles - 2013-2018

Secretary & Treasurer of Merri Loo Community Preschool - 2007-2014

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Art in Communication Arts from Catawba College, 1995-1999

#### **Professional**

Robyn Perry is the owner of Perry Paralegal Services, providing contract real estate paralegal services to attorney and title companies throughout the state of NH. Robyn has been performing real estate paralegal services for over 20 years.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Volunteer for Goffstown YMCA youth gymnastics

Volunteer for Goffstown Main street events

Annual contributor to YMCA Reach Out For Youth

Annual contributor to support NHPR

#### **Experience**

Mrs Perry's experiences and acumen for the past 20 years align her skills in leadership, relationship building, time management, conflict resolution, organizational expertise, data entry and digital software administration.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I would like to believe that I have had an influence on the youth, families, businesses, and my family while living in Goffstown. As a coach for softball and cheer, I taught what it means to show up for what you believe daily. For me, it was more than just winning a sport and involved teaching them lessons that extend through life. Some of those youths are voting adults presently and my hope is that they show up to vote regardless if it was due to me. My contributions through town have always been for the betterment of Goffstown, including assisting in reviving the Main Street Program. My friends and family rallied with me to getting funding, fix the books and ensure businesses realized value from Main Street. We made sure events like the Pumpkin Regatta increased business to the Main Street area and kept families engaged in town life. Much of this family engagement has been seeing it through the eyes of my own family. Ultimately, if through my volunteering in various places in Goffstown, working the polls, volunteering at schools, running boards or coaching kids of Goffstown, impacted one human being, I believe I have made a positive difference!

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

Keeping our town running smoothly is a team effort. When this position became vacant during its term, I approached the Town Clerk and Chair of the Supervisor of the Checklist and offered to fill the interim position until the election as my skills naturally aligned and it was imperative that the town keep running smoothly. With the March election approaching, Goffstown deserves to have people in these positions that are passionate about the success of this town. I would like to ensure that Goffstown has the best skilled person for this position and believe that I have those skills to continue as Supervisor of Checklist for the remaining 5 years on the term. As part of this endeavor, it brings me joy and pride to serve our town. My father did the same in his past as a young man in New Jersey and it something I would like to pass down to my family given that democracy lives with the people.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

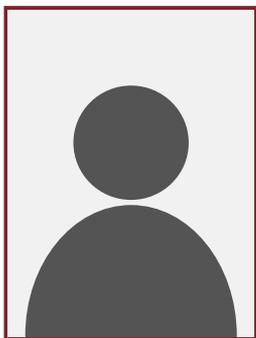
The Supervisor of Checklist is an important role that safeguards the integrity of voter registration. This means validating the citizenship, domicile and age of the Goffstown voters wishing to be allowed to vote in elections held in Goffstown as well as removing voters who have moved from our jurisdiction. The position works with the Town Clerk for voter registration and validation.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

The most direct issue impacting Goffstown is the lack of voter turn out. Without voters, we lose the ability to vote on key items impacting our town and the families inside of it. Ultimately every resident should have a voice in how services are delivered, who is representing them, how local government is run and what taxes are spent on to ensure vision and direction Goffstown moves towards matches their expectations.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official?  
What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I will continue to do what I have been doing; speak to our youth, lead by example and broadcast to others the importance of voting.



# Cathleen "Cathy" Ball

Town Election: Town Clerk

(3-year term)

## **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I previously served on several community boards and as Library Trustee 1996-1999.

### **Education**

Goffstown High School Graduate, Classes at UNH-Manchester, American Institute of Banking and NH City & Town Clerk's Association

### **Professional**

Goffstown Town Clerk – March 2008-March 2023

### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Supporter of the Animal Rescue League of NH, Member of the NH City & Town Clerk's Association

### **Experience**

Previous 28 year banking career, as a branch bank customer sales and service manager, Town Clerk - 5 Terms

### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

For the past 15 years, I have enjoyed the opportunity to interface with Goffstown residents focusing on customer service and maintaining statutory compliance.

### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

Each morning I am still eager to go to Town Hall. I enjoy conversing with residents whether in person or calling on the phone. I often am able to assist them with challenging transactions by networking with other Town Clerks and state agencies.

I approach each upcoming Election with enthusiasm and ideas to improve the process. Most importantly, when I call out to residents to ask for their assistance, their reply is "yes".

### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

A Town Clerk's job is very regulated by the laws enacted by the NH Legislature. They govern the duties of Motor Vehicle titling and registration, vital records administration, official document filing, records retention, election procedures and even dog licensing. The laws in NH are continually changing with each session of the legislature. When a new statute is enacted and the language includes "and the Town Clerk SHALL" that means that I will carry out the requirements of the law as required by my oath of office.

### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

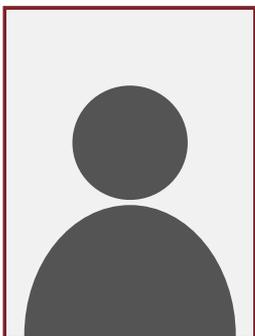
I feel that residents want quality services provided by town departments without experiencing continually increasing tax bills.

Transparency of Election procedures is imperative to ensure that voters have confidence that fair Elections are being conducted.

### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I am committed to overseeing the daily operating duties of the Town Clerk's Office with a determination to provide quality service in an efficient and fiscally conservative manner. I believe that welcoming residents to the Town Clerk's Office and providing personal attention and helpfulness during each customer interaction is a customer service philosophy that never should go out of style!

I continue to be dedicated to my duties, by collaborating and encouraging community to become involved in election activities.



## Fred Plett

### Town Election: Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Numerous - State Representative since 2019, now on Ways and Means, also serving on the Oil Fund Disbursement Board, Hillsborough County Executive Committee & Building Committee Chair; Town Budget Committee, Planning Board, Capital Improvement Committee, Solid Waste Commission, Mountain Vi

#### **Education**

BS in Electrical Engineering, Northeastern University (1969), MS in Electrical Engineering, Northeastern University (1972), MBA Summa Cum Laude, Babson College (1975), numerous courses in Sales, Listening Skills, Negotiation, etc.

#### **Professional**

I am retired. I am currently an active State Representative, serving in my third term as Clerk of Ways and Means. My working career was in electric utilities (PSNH 1965-1990, ending as Assistant to the President; AlliedSignal (now Honeywell), lobbying Utility Commissions in several states, and d

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Past Council Chair of the NH MD44 Lions, Past Regional Director for the NH Jaycees, Advocate and Pro-Tem Secretary for Council 5112 Knights of Columbus, Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Lawrence Parish, Treasurer of Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, Past Treasurer of Medvil Cooperative

#### **Experience**

My advanced education that took me through Intermediate Accounting, My experience as Treasurer of several entities, my experience in financial planning, my expertise in discounted cash flow analyses, and my listening and organizational skills.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I have served on many committees and commissions for the town, serving as a public servant to keep taxes affordable. and provide excellent services to the community.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

My sense of civic duty.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Supervise as one of three Trustees, the Trust Funds, depositing money raised for those funds, expending from the funds all legitimate requests directly tied to the purpose of each fund., and accurately reporting the balances and use of these funds to the town administration for audit, and to the public through an annual report.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Like every town in southern NH, we have an inadequate housing supply; It is necessary to grow that supply while preserving the environment and the character of the town, and to provide services to this populace. The position which I seek only has a tangential impact on this need by ensuring that trust funds are raised and spent for their dedicated purposes in an efficient manner.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I plan to run effectively with my other Trustees the Trust funds we are charged with overseeing. The broader growth concerns are not directly related to the Trust Fund role, but as an active citizen I will address broader concerns as the need and opportunity arises.



## Leonard "Len" Stuart

### Town Election: Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

ZBA member, both as alternate and as elected member, since 2008, with a one-year hiatus.

Webmaster/Facebook group administrator for Medvil Cooperative.

#### **Education**

Studied at Syracuse University, New School for Social Research, NYC, and University of New Mexico in 1970s.

Various professional trainings and certificates.

#### **Professional**

Retired after 40+ years as daily newspaper news editor/copy editor/page designer. Also spent six years as public relations/communications officer for New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Secretary and executive committee member, Goffstown Democratic Committee.

#### **Experience**

More than a decade of experience in deciding difficult and often contentious land-use cases.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Making fair and well-reasoned decisions in difficult zoning matters. Often end up refereeing contentious neighborhood disputes.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

To continue public service.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Land-use matters must be decided on the basis of the law, not on personal opinions/feelings or prevailing public sentiment.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

Controlling growth and tax rates.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official?**

#### **What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

We need to find policies to incentivize construction of affordable/workforce housing so we're not forcing younger people to move away from NH.

# School Election

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## Nicole Bump

### School Election: School Board (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I'm brand new to public office! However, I've been volunteering with Goffstown Parents in Action for the past year and collaborating with the district independently to improve school safety since 2019.

#### **Education**

M.A., Health Communication, Emerson College and Tufts University, 2011

B.A., Communication, University of New Hampshire, 2007

High School Diploma, Pinkerton Academy, 2002

#### **Professional**

Marketing Executive, Bump Inbound

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

Goffstown Parents in Action—founding member, volunteer

Goffstown Forward—member, volunteer

New Hampshire Public Radio—Leadership Circle, regular supporter

Families in Transition—regular supporter

#### **Experience**

My job requires me to listen carefully, identify needs, and communicate/collaborate with a variety of people—to achieve goals within budget. These skills will help me to listen to, collaborate with, and serve our school community and taxpayers.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I worked closely with the school district to identify gaps in our emergency preparedness—we found our schools were in need of stop-the-bleed (STB) equipment and training. STB is a national effort from the American College of Surgeons to train, equip, and empower bystanders to help in a bleeding emergency.

I collaborated with the SAU, Elliot Health System, and Goffstown Police and Fire Departments on a months-long effort to equip every classroom with a STB kit and get all staff trained on how to use them—at no cost. District administration found the training so useful, we're planning to host another training this summer.

I've also researched and recommended a variety of actions the district could take to prevent violence at school, including implementing a tip reporting system to allow students (and others in the community) to anonymously report safety concerns. The district subsequently launched the reporting system—it's now live for use.

I look forward to expanding my community service.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I'm a big fan of the quote, "There's no such thing as other people's children." I'm an energetic, productive community member that cares about our kids, collectively.

To continue to provide a high-quality education as our school community grows, it's extremely important to have level-headed members on the school board that will collaborate with our educators, budget committee, and other town officials to plan appropriately for our future.

We need to consider the needs of all children in our community, while also staying fiscally minded so our young people, families, and elderly can afford to stay in the beautiful town we've built. That's going to require thoughtful, long-term planning by people that can respectfully have hard conversations.

I'm running because I am one of these people—and I know I can make a positive impact as a member of the school board.

### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

The duties of NH school boards are outlined by the New Hampshire State Board of Education. At its simplest, the school board must do the following:

1. Set and establish policies (like those related to employment, purchasing, bullying, discrimination, truancy/absenteeism, etc.).
2. Establish the district's budget, provide budgetary oversight, and work in conjunction with the budget committee.
3. Hire, oversee, and evaluate the superintendent.
4. Develop strategic plans for the district (long-term goals and short-term objectives).
5. Participate in collective bargaining.
6. Keep the public informed.

It's important to note the role of the school board is not to run the schools, but to see that they are run well. The school board governs the district, while the superintendent manages it.

### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

**Growth**—The most pressing issue facing Goffstown schools is continued growth and enrollment, especially at the kindergarten and elementary levels. We've built a desirable community that attracts young families. As the school community grows, it's putting a lot of pressure on our physical spaces and other resources.

**Funding**—We're also facing difficulties around funding an "adequate education," especially as costs increase. The average cost to educate a student in Goffstown is about \$16,000 per year. The state only pays just under \$3,800 per student—one of the lowest contributions in the country. Insufficient state-level funding, coupled with cost downshifting, has put tremendous pressure on our community's property taxes.

**School safety**—Safety at school weighs heavily on most parents' and educators' hearts. It's important we're doing everything we can to prevent and mitigate the impact of physical violence at school.

### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

**Growth**—The town's current capital improvement plan—which goes through 2028—has no plans to expand any elementary facilities. This needs to change, or the quality of education in town will degrade. We need to work collaboratively with our town and state partners to make sure our spaces align with our district's needs—now and in the future.

**Funding**—I would like to invite Goffstown's state representatives to regularly present/discuss any bills they support related to education/funding with our school board. This would make sure our representatives know what our school community needs from them—and hold them accountable if they support legislation that goes against our needs.

**School safety**—There are many ways we can protect students and educators on school grounds. I am particularly interested in exploring a preventative curriculum that would address loneliness and bullying, as well as improve upon students' and educators' abilities to "see something, say something."



## Natassja Hunter

School Election: School Board  
(3-year term)

**Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**  
None

### Education

High School and some college

### Professional

Insurance Professional, Event Coordinator & Promoter, Small Business owner and Mother.

### Organizations & Affiliations

Nashua Lions Club, Holiday Cards for our Military Challenge NH, 603 Diesels Toy Drive for local Families, Manchester Animal Shelter, Live and Let Live Farm Rescue and Roca Kidz.

### Experience

My background as both an Insurance Professional and a Small Business owner gives me a perspective that is unique. I look forward to using my skills to find a plan for our schools that put our children, parents, staff and tax payers in the best position possible.

### How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I have had the pleasure of getting to know many local businesses in town. I enjoy being able to support them with my business as well as refer them to others I know.

Each year I look forward to being able to impact our community through my businesses toy drive. This past Christmas we helped families who needed basic necessities needed for their children. We were able to help a total of 47 children!

### Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

My why is simple. The students, our children, my neighbors' children and, one day, my own daughter. All while balancing the financial needs of our residents during these financially trying times.

As parents, we want to protect our children and help them have the best lives possible. Helping our children attain their full potential starts at home, but it doesn't end there. The things that our children are learning about and experiencing on a daily basis at school are keys to their successes.

We need accountability, balance and transparency for the betterment of our children, parents, taxpayers and town as a whole. My goal is to help us have the best possible school system for our children while helping lower unnecessary funding so that our taxpayers can afford to stay in this beautiful town.

It is essential that we provide an atmosphere where our children feel safe. Safety requires readiness and preparedness in case of an emergency. Safety also requires an environment where our children feel safe from other types of threats, in order to thrive. We must also focus on the mental health of our children.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

There are several RSAs that encompass our school system, from budgeting, student age, student discipline, staff reporting, lunch and even bussing. While these only focus on what we need to do, our school policies articulate how we will do it.

As a school board candidate, I have read the Policies on our SAU website and familiarized myself with how the board has implemented them.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

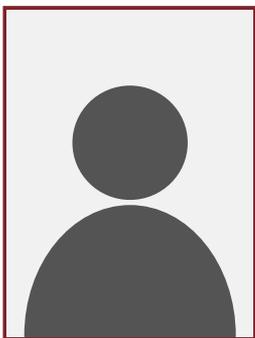
Our community is facing an increase in everyday expenses at a rapid rate. Cumulatively as a town, we need to be diligent when spending funds. We need to prioritize our “needs” vs our “wants” when it pertains to budget. This community deserves the best. The “best” needs to be a balance between essentials to thrive and the ability to prioritize luxuries in order to maintain living in our beautiful town longterm.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I will promote open and honest discussions that need to be had in order to best support our schools while also supporting all other members of our community. My goal is to provide a thriving environment for our children in which they feel safe and supported in while simultaneously honoring the financial needs of our community members/taxpayers.

Bullying is something that I feel passionately about. It affects many children and their mental health. I would love to propose the creation of a monthly report from the Principal of each school to the Board, that includes instances of bullying. The report should specify the age, grade level and school each student attends. This would allow for parents and members of the Board to get a bird’s eye view into this issue, to see how we can better provide an environment where our children can thrive.

We are living in a time where our students need more support in order to thrive. We are also living in a time where our community is seeing everyday expenses increase at a rapid rate. There must be a balance to make sure that we are doing the best we can for our community.



## Donna Pinard

### School Election: School Board

(3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I have traveled to 3rd world countries to assist physicians with medical clinics. On a few of those trips, I was the Mission Leader. Being active at my church, I have performed the duties for Worship Team, Worship Leader, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible Schools, Prison Ministry visitations,

#### **Education**

I earned an undergraduate degree in Philosophy. Though my college, at the time, did not allow a student to take a double major, I earned the equivalent of an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice (33 credits). I did an internship with the NH State Police. I earned a Masters degree in Education with

#### **Professional**

I am a retired teacher from SAU 19. I am currently an antiques dealer in Southern NH.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I recently joined the Goffstown Republicans. With regards to money, I have tithed my income to charity since I was 13 years old, beginning with my babysitting earnings. My husband and I have always tithed our income, for the entire 42 years we have been married, donating to many different causes.

#### **Experience**

I am a mother of three grown, successful children and the grandmother (Memere) to five children. I have 23 years experience in the public school system. Certification in Emotional/Behavioral Disorders has prepared me to know what is best for students. As a special education teacher, I know the need

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I have served the Town of Goffstown as a teacher, as well as a taxpayer. I publically took a stand in my role as a teacher when I observed unethical things in the Goffstown School system, even though standing-up impacted my career in a negative way. I am happy to say, that battle was triumphant, but not before the unethical behavior cost the taxpayers of Goffstown a large sum when a colleague won a settlement after filing a lawsuit. I never want to see a situation like that occur again.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

Living in Goffstown, on the same street, for my entire life. I wish to continue serving my community. Education was my career of choice. It is the area I have professional knowledge in.

#### **What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Since both my husband and my daughter have served long-terms on the Goffstown School Board, I am well aware from observing their service, of the requirements for the office.

#### **What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

There are two pressing issues facing the Goffstown School system. The first is our aging buildings as well as the high enrollment of students impacting space. The second was brought up at a recent Curriculum Subcommittee meeting at the SAU where a current School Board member cited the appalling numbers. Our students are only 55% proficient in math and 65% proficient in reading. Many will cite Covid as the factor causing this decline, however, gains are not being made since students returned to full-time, in-house learning. I know why and, if elected, will go after it.

#### **How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

With regards to aging buildings and space, moving the 4th grade back to the middle school will allow Bartlett and Maple Ave. to continue functioning for our younger students, however, the supreme solution would be one campus for all schools, preferably at a mid-point location so the younger students are not far from their homes. With regards to student progress or lack of progress in reading and math, I have been attending Curriculum Subcommittee meetings. I am prepared to bring my arguments and cite my researched sources to implement the necessary changes in classroom management, classroom expectations, and errors in administrative leadership impacting the educational needs of every student whether I am elected or not.



## Caroline Racine

### School Election: School Board (3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

I have served on the Goffstown School Board and finance committee since April 2022. I volunteered at the weekend food program, I was a CASA for children who were abused/neglected, volunteered at a parent support group for caregivers of children with ADHD & an active Key Club Member in high school.

#### **Education**

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) BA Psychology, 2006

University of New Hampshire (UNH) Masters, Social Work, 2010. Through my master's program I was given the opportunity to work in a school setting as a counselor for children with emotional, behavioral & learning disabilities.

#### **Professional**

I have worked in the social work field since graduating college and have worked for the State of NH for 15 years & part time at Elliot Hospital for 10 years.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I have supported the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth, Granite State Children's Alliance and Red Cross.

#### **Experience**

I have connected families w/ community resources & agencies to ensure safety & provide support. I have participated in reviewing policy & built lasting relationships w/ a number of community partners throughout NH. Assisted families access educational support services as early as infancy.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

I have always been invested in the community I live in and find volunteering and community service an invaluable, enriching experience. My past experience through public service and volunteering has allowed me to see the value in working together as a team to achieve goals. Being on the school board has provided me the opportunity to work with other board members & the Superintendent to accomplish important goals. The board consists of many individuals with various degrees, backgrounds & life experiences. Working as a team is absolutely necessary as everyone brings their knowledge, skills, experience & offers a different perspective which allows each member to think critically when making decisions. As a school board member, I am not making decisions for my own personal benefit but what makes sense for the overall student population.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

I believe it's important to have solution-focused, responsible, dedicated, motivated, & passionate individuals in elected positions, who truly understand the role & act in the best interest of the town. All of these traits come naturally to me, as my true passion is to ensure children are provided with a safe place to learn, grow & access various opportunities within their school & community. As a current member of the Goffstown School Board, I am committed to the role & responsibilities that come with the position. I have been prepared for each meeting, have attended all scheduled Goffstown School Board meetings, & I remain solution focused when faced with a challenge. I am open minded & open to the multiple perspectives brought forth when faced with tough decisions. Being a part of the School Board has been a natural fit given my educational background, years of experience & dedication to assisting children & families. I would be honored to continue serving the Goffstown schools & town for an additional three years.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Being a member of the Goffstown School Board over the last 10 months has allowed me to become familiar & experienced in the role & responsibilities. First & foremost, it is necessary to show up to every scheduled school board meeting & not just be present but be prepared for the meeting. It is the school board's job to review & adopt policy that provides the district direction. The board is also responsible to oversee & adopt the budget. The School Board is also tasked with hiring, firing & evaluating the Superintendent. There are also many things that are brought to the school board's attention for approval throughout the school year. It has been an honor to work with the extremely knowledgeable & experienced administration who work tirelessly for every student in the Goffstown School District. I have also had the opportunity to participate in presentations from the dedicated staff in each school who are clearly passionate about learning & care tremendously for their students.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

I would love to see the children of Goffstown benefit from full-day Kindergarten & for the district to be able to get rid of the portable classrooms used to accommodate the increasing student population. Over the past year, I've learned a lot about the challenges our schools are facing as we reach maximum capacity in multiple schools. The cost of ensuring adequate space in our schools is a pressing issue that I do not see going away, especially with various new construction projects in town, which will likely attract families & increase enrollment in the school system.

Although COVID is not something plaguing our day-to-day operations anymore, there are many long-term impacts it continues to have on everyone, including students. The district has put a lot of effort into ensuring the students are supported not only academically, but socially/emotionally, too. It is important for the district to continue with the support & interventions put in place for students & the staff.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

I plan on continuing to work professionally with the School Board, other committees, town boards & the residents to make sure the community is aware of these issues & that they are well understood. I plan on continuing to participate in the discussion to find solutions to current issues or other challenges that come up. It is important for the residents of Goffstown to be made aware of the issues & challenges we are facing & how to message that has changed significantly. I would like to continue enhancing the ways we can inform the residents of what is happening on the School Board.



## Heather Trzepacz

### School Election: School Board

(3-year term)

#### **Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience**

Served on the School Board for the past 9 years (Chair 3 years). Committees include: Finance & Admin, Policy Review, (Chair 3 years) SAU Policy Review and the AREA Agreement. I worked on the Teachers Contracts, the Bartlett Principal Search, the Business Admin hiring and was the SAU19 Board Chair.

#### **Education**

State University of New York, Canton College, NY 1992-1993; Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY 1996-2001; I Studied Veterinary Technician/Management. McKinley College, Fort Collins, Colorado; 2018-2022. Healthcare Document Specialist Certification.

#### **Professional**

I'm currently a stay-at-home mom. My previous career was in the Veterinary field, which I worked for 12 years. During my years in the field, I managed a Veterinary Hospital in New York and worked as a technician in New Hampshire.

#### **Organizations & Affiliations**

I have been active at the New Boston Community Church. I have been a Session Member from 2021-Present and active in the Stewardship Committee, 2019-Present. I was a part of Maple Avenue PFT and a MVMS volunteer. Activities included, book fairs, popcorn fundraiser, and helped my children's teachers.

#### **Experience**

My children attended Glen Lake and are now in GHS. Involvement in our schools has given me perspective. I saw what works and what doesn't. I have used management, active listening and collaborative skills. They have been integral to defining needs to be weighed against budget responsibility.

#### **How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?**

Undoubtedly, the Pandemic over the past three years placed the largest stress on our educational systems that have been experienced in our lifetimes. I had the privilege and opportunity to serve as the Chairperson of the Goffstown School Board during that time. It became clear that there were no perfect solutions to the obstacles and trials that were created by the virus. I believe that my ability to manage our board meetings as Chairperson and promote respect between those having differing opinions was a positive impact on our community. My intentions were, and are, to be an active listener, disseminate the facts, be fair, and vote in a manner that is in the best interest of our students, schools and community.

#### **Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?**

My involvement in our schools began shortly after our son started at Glen Lake Elementary School as a volunteer.

I believe in being involved in my community and our children's education. In 2014 I ran for a vacant position on the School Board at the prompting of a fellow parent and Budget Committee Member. Immediately I became actively involved in several committees. Since that time, I have progressively increased my responsibilities and commitment to our community. We have one child that is a Senior and the other a Sophomore at GHS and I feel that I have more to give. Our schools are our best investment in our collective future, and I want to help make them be the best they can be.

**What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?**

Being on the School Board for 9 years, I'm fully aware of the responsibilities that come with sitting on the Board. Members are required to sit on 2-3 subcommittees, Board meetings meet 2 times a month plus whenever the committees meet. I have always exceeded the minimum responsibilities required of the position. Very rarely have I ever missed a meeting during my tenure on the Board and SAU. As Chairperson of both the School Board and SAU (2019-2020) at times additional responsibilities included preparing meeting agendas, disseminating information to administration and board members, contract signing, Administration Personnel Reviews and signing the diplomas of graduating Seniors.

**What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?**

The most pressing issues facing the Goffstown School Board in 2023 are addressing the space needs within our growing schools and implementing initiatives to return student learning and curriculums to pre-pandemic standards. Bartlett Elementary School recently celebrated its 100-year anniversary. Much of the District's infrastructure is aged. Diligent planning is required to maintain our schools in safe and serviceable conditions in a fiscally responsible manner. There are a number of housing projects that have been approved or are under construction in our Town. Some of these projects will be attractive to growing families and will result in increased enrollment in our schools.

**How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?**

As a School Board incumbent, it is my desire to continue to develop and implement solutions to our growth, learning and infrastructure needs. Emphasis on social emotional learning, support services and academic tools are needed to assist students that may have receded, or not advanced to grade level standards as a result of the disruptions caused by the Pandemic. The School Board Facilities Planning Committee recently concluded their baseline research. If re-elected, I look forward to reviewing this information and collaborating with our Boards, Committees and Town Officials to develop a solution to our growing space needs. The best way to complete infrastructure projects and minimize impacts to our tax rates are to utilize grant funds. I will continue to advocate for aggressive grant writing applications. My ambitions today are the same as when I first sought election to the School Board 9 years ago. I endeavor to make our School District the best value in the State by providing the highest levels of learning, in a fiscally responsible manner. I look forward to your continued support.



# Notes



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Election Day Is:  
**MARCH 14,**  
**2023**

Polls are open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Vote At:

Bartlett Elementary School  
689 Mast Rd, Goffstown, NH 03102

-or-

Goffstown High School  
27 Wallace Rd, Goffstown, NH 03045

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