

Town of Goffstown 2022 ANNUAL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the County of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at seven o'clock in the evening at Mountain View Middle School in the Gymnasium, located at 41 Lauren Lane in said Town, for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 10, 2022)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 8, 2022 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 8, 2022 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF CANDIDATES

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by inserting the following definition to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance Glossary?

Animal Daycare, Groomer, Trainer – An establishment in which dogs or domesticated animals are cared for, groomed, or trained with no overnight housing.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the following definition and text in the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance Glossary and Sections 5.8, 5.8.1, and 5.8.2?

The title of Institutional Residential will be changed to read Institutional Residence.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the following definition to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance Glossary?

Remove the following, “Commercial Kennel – a use of property where any number of dogs is domiciled for a fee, or from which dogs are regularly sold as a business”, and replace with – “Kennel – An establishment, in which dogs or domesticated animals are housed, groomed, bred, boarded, trained, or sold all for compensation.”

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

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ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the following definition to the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance Glossary?

Remove the following language, “Lot of Record – Land designated as a separate and distinct parcel in a legally recorded deed and plan filed in the records of Hillsborough County, New Hampshire”, and replace with – “Lot of Record – A lot which is part of a subdivision of record filed in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds, or a lot or parcel which has been legally created and described in a deed recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds”?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance – Section 3, Allowable Uses in Zoning District, Section 3.11 Table of Principal Uses, by amending the following use?

D. 7. Kennels. by eliminating – “with or without external animal areas”.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 6, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance – Section 3, Allowable Uses in Zoning District, Section 3.11 Table of Principal Uses, by adding the following use?

D.8. Animal Daycare, Groomer, Trainer.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 7, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, Section 4 Dimensional Standards, 4.2.4. by eliminating the entire paragraph, which reads – Lot Size: Where a lot is not served by a municipal sewer system and an on-site subsurface disposal system is required, the lot size shall not be less than the larger of either the area required by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Water Division (NHDES-WD), or the minimum lot size as specified in the Table of Dimensional Regulations, Section 4.3?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

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ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 8, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, Section 5.6. Commercial Kennel – Commercial Kennels are permitted, provided that they are located on lots of not less than two (2) acres, and that no buildings or structures for commercial kennel use are located within (100) feet of any lot line. Eliminate the word “Commercial”, and “by Special Exception” will be inserted after the words, “are permitted”?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 9, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending Section 13.3.4., to read: Relief from the outer 50 feet of the wetland or surface water buffer may be granted by the Planning Board after submission of a report from a certified wetland scientist, retained by the applicant, to the Planning Board, and after allowing the Conservation Commission a minimum of 45 days to review the report and make comment to the Planning Board. The reports shall include the identification and delineation of all wetlands and surface waters, and an assessment of the functions, values, and condition of all existing wetland and surface water resources, including the identification of wetlands that function as vernal pools, and specify the following:

- are the wetlands a Priority Resource Area (PRA) as identified on the NHDES Wetland Permit Planning Tool (WPPT) and defined by the NHDES Wetland Rules Env-Wt 100-900 feet;
- are the wetlands within the 1/4 mile protected buffer of a Designated River as determined by the NHDES Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP) and identified on the NHDES WPPT;
- are the wetlands within the 250-ft protected Shoreland as defined by the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (RSA 483-B) and its associated rules, Env-Wq 1400;
- are the wetlands identified on the NH Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) as either Highest Ranked Habitat in NH or Highest Ranked Habitat in Biological Region;
- are the wetlands Prime Wetlands as determined by the Town of Goffstown and shown on the Goffstown Prime Wetland Map dated March 8, 2005 or as updated, and identified on the NHDES WPPT; and,
- are the wetlands habitat for a state-listed species as determined by the NH Natural Heritage Bureau?

In granting relief, the Planning Board shall make a finding that the functions, values, and condition of the wetland resources will not be compromised, as a result of the proposed project.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

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ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 10, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by inserting Section 5.24, Solar Energy Systems - The purpose of this section is to acknowledge that increasing installation of solar panels will occur. This ordinance will accommodate solar energy systems (SES) in appropriate locations while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare. Consideration of the town's scenic views, historic properties, and rural character will be taken into consideration to minimize potential impacts.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7 - 0 - 0.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget approved by the Budget Committee in the amount of Twenty-Six Million, Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$26,753,131).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Nine Million, Four Hundred Twelve Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$9,412,694).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million, Nine Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$1,927,834) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations requested in this article.

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

“Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Twenty-Six Million, Seven Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$26,753,131)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-Five Million, Ninety-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$25,096,844), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown, or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

*Recommended by the Select Board 5 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 11 - 1 - 0.*

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ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Four Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$492,851) for the purpose of funding EMS operations, said funds to come from the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund as previously established in 2001. This appropriation is offset by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and **there will be no funds raised from general taxation.**

(Passage of this article will reduce the operating budget in Article 12 by \$492,851.)

***Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 12 - 0 - 0.***

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town of Goffstown will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the Professional Firefighters of Goffstown, Local #3420, International Association of Firefighters which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2022	\$106,202
2023	\$86,017
2024	\$79,984

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of One-Hundred and Six Thousand, Two-Hundred and Two Dollars (\$106,202) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

(This appropriation is in addition to Article 12.)

***Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 12 - 0 - 0.***

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008. ***This sum to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.***

***Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 11 - 0 - 1.***

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ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a ventilation and fire suppression system for the Public Works garage facility. *This sum to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.*

*Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 12 - 0 - 0.*

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing an air curtain burner to assist with more environmentally friendly disposal of organic matter/brush and small logs at the Public Works Transfer Station. *This sum to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.*

*Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 11 - 0 - 1.*

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the purpose of replacing the truck scale at the Public Works Transfer Station. *This sum to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.*

*Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 12 - 0 - 0.*

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of conducting a 10-year update to the Town's GIS mapping data, which is based upon updated aerial photography. *This sum to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.*

*Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 11 - 0 - 1.*

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ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of helping to support the programs of Goffstown nonprofit Crispin's House Coalition for Youth Inc., a youth drug, alcohol and suicide prevention agency. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 12.)*

*Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and Budget Committee 12 - 0 - 0.*

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of helping to support the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 12.)*

*NOT Recommended by the Select Board 5 - 0 - 0
and NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 - 1 - 1.*

ARTICLE 22

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00); for the purpose of a study to bring Station 17 to current safety standards. *This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance and no amount to be raised by taxation.*

*Submitted by petition.
NOT Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0
and NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 7 - 3 - 2.*

ARTICLE 23

Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices.

*Submitted by petition.
NOT Recommended by the Select Board 4 - 0 - 0.*

ARTICLE 24

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

ARTICLE 25

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

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Given under our Hands and Seal this 24th day of January, 2022.

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD

Peter Georgantas, Chair



Chet Bowen, Vice Chair



Collis Adams



Jim Craig



Mark T. Lemay