

Town of Goffstown 2021 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 2, 2021 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown High School in the Gymnasium in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

(Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 4, 2021)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 9, 2021 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 9, 2021 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 amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by adding definitions for Brewer, Brewery, Brew Pub, and Nano Brewery to the Zoning Ordinance Glossary – Definition of Terms?

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 Goffstown Zoning Ordinance – Section 3, Allowable Uses in Zoning District, Section 3.11 Table of Principal Uses, by adding the following new uses?

I. Manufacturing, construction and wholesale trade

New Use #2 Brewery and Nano Brewery; renumber the remaining uses.

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 Goffstown Zoning Ordinance – Section 3, Allowable Uses in Zoning District, Section 3.11 Table of Principal Uses, by adding the following new uses?

E. Services – Lodging & Restaurants

Use #5 Brew Pub and Nano Brewery.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by amending the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance by Eliminating Section 5.2.5? “No new exterior entrance or exit to an accessory dwelling unit shall be constructed facing the front of the single-family residence”.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

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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, 3.7.2 to read as follows: Single family dwellings. More than one (1) single family dwelling may be located on a single lot only pursuant to Section 13.5 Open Space Development.

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 4.3. Table of Dimensional Regulations, by eliminating “zero yards as part of a condominium project, or zero side yards in the Village Commercial district (VC district) with masonry construction”, and adding, “For Multi-Family Dwellings, refer to Section 4.4 for minimum side and rear building setbacks”.

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 4.4 Multi-Family Dwellings to read as follows?

4.4.1.1 The maximum building coverage and maximum number of dwelling units per buildable acre as specified in Section 4.3., Table of Dimensional Regulations; and

4.4.1.2 The dimensional standards for minimum lot size, minimum lot frontage, minimum front yard building setbacks, and maximum height; and

4.4.1.3 Unless otherwise specified in Section 4.3., Table of Dimensional Regulations, the side and rear minimum building setbacks for multi-family structures shall be the greater of the underlying setback for that zone or the length of the building side most parallel to that lot line divided by two.

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-1-0

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ARTICLE 9

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-Four Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$24,844,592).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Eight Million, One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$8,152,589).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of Two Million, One Hundred Eighty Thousand, Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$2,180,615) 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-Four Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$24,844,592)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-Three Million, Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$23,752,598), 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 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0*

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Eight Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$834,764) 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 9 by \$834,764)

*Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0
and Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0*

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ARTICLE 11

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 New England Benevolent Police Association representing Local #24 consisting of the Patrolmen which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2021	\$84,141
2022	\$119,053
2023	\$68,106

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand, One-Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$84,141) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 9)*

***Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0
and Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0***

ARTICLE 12

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 American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Council 93, Local 3657, consisting of the Dispatchers and Clerks, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2021	\$31,879
2022	\$41,965
2023	\$21,115

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand, Eight-Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars (\$31,879) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 9)*

***Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0
and Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0***

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ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Thousand, Two-Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$90,233) for the purpose of hiring four (4) full-time Firefighter / EMTs to cover shifts currently staffed by part-time or overtime personnel and to authorize the Select Board to contract for, accept and expend Federal Homeland Security – Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the amount of Ninety Thousand, Two-Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$90,233) to be applied against said appropriation? The SAFER Grant obligation is 36-months, and the estimated amounts over the next four years are as follows:

Year	Gross Appropriation	Town Share	SAFER Grant
2021	\$90,233	\$ 0	\$90,233
2022	\$360,893	\$ 0	\$360,893
2023	\$360,893	\$ 0	\$360,893
2024	\$270,670	\$ 0	\$270,670

When, and if, the Town receives the contemplated grant, the Town will be obligated by the terms of the grant and failure to adhere to the terms of the grant could result in returning the grant funding to the federal government. If this article passes, the Town will include the costs of these four additional full-time positions in future operating and default budgets. If this article fails, it is expressly intended not to impair the traditional authority of the Select Board to control staffing levels of the fire personnel within the limits of the operating budget appropriation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation for a period of three years (RSA 32:7). *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 9)*

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

ARTICLE 14

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 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0***

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2005. *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 Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0***

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) for the purpose of continuing the planning for a renovation and addition to the current library; this includes hiring a construction manager and fundraiser, and to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw and expend Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) from available monies in unrestricted Library Funds. *This sum to come from the Library Trustees Unrestricted Funds and no amount to be raised by taxation.*

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

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ARTICLE 17

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 9)*

*Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0
and Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0*

ARTICLE 18

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 9)*

*Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0
and Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0*

ARTICLE 19

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

ARTICLE 20

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this 18th day of January 2021.

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD



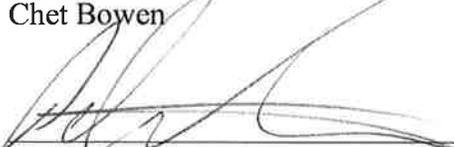
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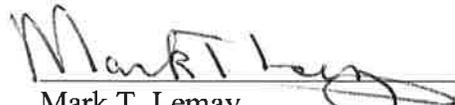
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