

Town of Goffstown 2020 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 4, 2020 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown High School in the Dr. Craig Hieber Auditorium in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. (Snow date for the first session is Thursday, February 6, 2020.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 10, 2020 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 10, 2020 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 – Glossary, by removing the current definition of Recreational Vehicle in its entirety, and replacing it with the following definition: “**Recreational Vehicle** shall mean a self-propelled or towed vehicle that is equipped to serve as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel purposes”?

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 7.7, Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles by removing the current paragraph in its entirety, which states, “No Recreational Vehicle shall be parked or stored in a residential district, except in a carport or enclosed building, or in the rear yard area. No such equipment shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes,” and replacing 7.7 to read, “No Recreational Vehicle shall be parked or stored on a public way. Parking shall not create a safety hazard. Recreational Vehicles shall not be used for sleeping and housekeeping purposes?”

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 13.2 Flood Hazard (FH) District, by replacing portions of Section 13.2., and inserting sections of FEMA’s Updated Model Ordinance?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

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ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4, as proposed by petition by registered voters of the Town of Goffstown, to amend the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of the following property identified as: Tax Map 38 Lot 117, from Residential 1 (R-1) to Village Commercial (VC)? The property address of this lot is 21 Elm Street, Goffstown, NH 03045.

*Submitted by Petition.
Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0.*

ARTICLE 6

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-Three Million, Seven Hundred Fourteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$23,714,941).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Eight Million, Six Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$8,688,725).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of Two Million, Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$2,326,892) 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-Three Million, Seven Hundred Fourteen Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty-One Dollars (\$23,714,941)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-Two Million, Eight Hundred Four Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$22,804,287), 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.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0.*

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Six Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand, Four Hundred Eight Dollars (\$634,408) 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 6 by \$634,408.)

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

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ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) 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 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0.

ARTICLE 9

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 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-0-1.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for Goffstown's Road Improvement Program. Passage of this article will direct the Select Board to include this amount in future operating and default budgets of the Town of Goffstown.

This sum to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount to be raised by taxation. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 6 which has \$1,100,000 budgeted for reclamation of roads.)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 12-0-0.

ARTICLE 11

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 6.)*

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

ARTICLE 12

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 6.)*

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-0.

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ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$4,000 for service connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety.

*Submitted by petition.
Recommended by the Select Board 4-0-0.*

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will urge the New Hampshire General Court, following the 2020 census, to redraw the state's political district maps in a fair manner providing for effective representation of New Hampshire's voters. And, in order to fulfill this obligation, the New Hampshire General Court shall appoint an independent redistricting commission to draw the district maps in a way that does not rely on partisan data favoring political parties of candidates.

Within 30 days after the Town Election, the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Goffstown Select Board to all Goffstown state legislators and to the Governor of New Hampshire informing them of the results.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 15

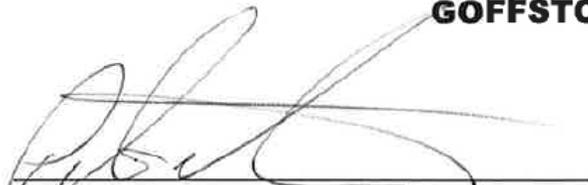
To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

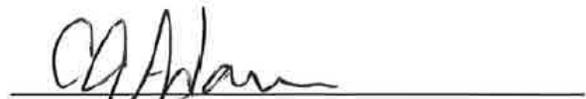
ARTICLE 16

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this 27th day of January, 2020.

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD


Peter Georgantas, Chair


Collis Adams


Mark T. Lemay, Vice Chair

Chet Bowen


Kelly Boyer