

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN
Official Election Results – March 12, 2024

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board, to rezone 326 Mast Road (Police Station), Map 6, Lot 39-1-A from Agricultural to Commercial?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES	2217
NO	1003

Passed

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Amend Section 13.2 Flood Hazard District to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES	2356
NO	833

Passed

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Insert into Definition of Terms the following definition: As used in this subdivision, “accessory dwelling unit” means a residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

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YES	2422
NO	774

Passed

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:
Amend Section 3.12.A.6. Accessory to Principal Residential Use, accessory attached dwelling unit by removing the requirement that a Special Exception is required for this use in the Conservation, Agricultural, Residential-1, Residential-2, and RSBOD-1 zones, and allow ADU's by right as a Permitted Use in these same zones?

Recommended by the Planning Board 6-1-0

YES	2106
NO	1016

Passed

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:
Amend Section 7.3.1. by changing the length of a standard parking space from eighteen and ½ (18 ½') feet in length to twenty (20') feet in length?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES	2000
NO	1174

Passed

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ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Add a new Section 7.3.2. Compact Automobile Space – Each compact auto space shall contain a rectangle area of at least fifteen feet (15’) in length and eight feet (8’) in width. The length shall be increased to eighteen feet (18’) where spaces are located parallel to the travel aisles. Each space must be conspicuously designated as reserved for compact automobiles by a sign. Add Section 7.5. Alternative Parking Requirements, 7.5.1. Compact Auto Spaces To encourage the reduction of impervious areas, parking for compact cars will be required for parking lots of one hundred (100) or more spaces serving non-residential uses.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES	1812
NO	1357

Passed

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: amend Section 7.6. Off-Street Loading Requirements, 7.6.1. Table of Off-Street Loading Requirements, add a requirement for multi-family projects to provide one (1) parking space for 5,001-20,000 square feet of gross floor area?

Recommended by the Planning Board 5-2-0

YES	1763
NO	1361

Passed

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ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:
Amend Section 7.7 Parking and Storage of Recreational Vehicles by including Storage Containers.
These containers will not be permitted to be stored on a public way nor will they be permitted to be used for sleeping and housekeeping purposes?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES	2203
NO	961

Passed

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:
amend Section 7.9. Parking and Storage of Certain Vehicles, by adding 7.9.2. No motorized vehicle may be visually offered for sale in the Residential-1 and Residential-2 districts that is not owned by a resident of the property on which it is offered. Only one vehicle per property will be offered at any time and remain for sale in a visible portion of the property for no more than sixty (60) days total?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES	1996
NO	1152

Passed

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ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Section 14.9.2.1. currently reads, A structure shall not be enlarged or altered in a way that increases its non-conformity, but any structure or portion thereof may be altered to decrease its nonconformity. Amend this Section by adding a 14.9.2.4. A structure that does not conform to an applicable setback or overlay district requirements may be enlarged, if the proposed enlargement will not increase the existing non-conformity, will not violate any other provision of the zoning ordinance, and is a permitted use in the district.

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0

YES	2179
NO	908

Passed

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to 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-Nine Million, Three Hundred Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$29,300,126)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$27,538,537), 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 10-3-0.

YES	1242
NO	1936

Failed

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ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Fifty Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$550,726) 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 \$550,726.)

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0

YES	2249
NO	946

Passed

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between Select Board and the Public Works, Teamsters, Local 603 of NH which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$151,752
2025	\$177,829

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One-Hundred Fifty-One, Seven-Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$151,752) 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).

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0.

YES	1702
NO	1486

Passed

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ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective Bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the Goffstown Patrol Officers, New England Police Benevolent Association, Local No. 24, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$96,059
2025	\$132,441
2026	\$128,105

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Six Thousand, Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$96,059) 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).

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0.

YES	1745
NO	1482

Passed

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ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the Goffstown Police Dispatchers/Clerks American Federation of State, County and Municipal 93, Local 3657, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024	\$46,454
2025	\$72,270
2026	\$49,385

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$46,454) 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).

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0.

YES	1770	Passed
NO	1456	

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town 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 appropriation is in addition to Article 12).

(Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 11-2-0.

YES	1539	Failed
NO	1695	

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ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town vote to establish a Goffstown Public Library Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for building repairs and renovations projects and matching grant funds and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be placed in this fund? Further, to name the Select Board and the Library Board of Trustees as joint agents to expend from said fund.

(Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-4-1

YES	1346	Failed
NO	1903	

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Three-Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000) for the purpose of funding engineering design of a replacement Pool and Bath House at Barnard Park. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12).

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2-1.

YES	1077	Failed
NO	2127	

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ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town 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.)

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-3-2.

YES	1883
NO	1328

Passed

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the purpose of helping to support the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 12.)

(Majority vote required)

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

YES	1872
NO	1312

Passed

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ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of maintenance and replacement of the Town’s dispatch center, hardware and software related to first responder dispatch services, including the first responder radio infrastructure. All revenues received from fees, charges, or other income from providing dispatching services to other entities will be deposited into the fund, beginning January 1, 2024, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town’s general fund balance? The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

YES	1920
NO	1237

Passed

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of funding operating and capital expenditures of Emergency Medical Services. All revenues received from fees, charges, or other income from providing emergency medical services, along with any donations or grants accepted for the purpose of operating and capital expenditures of emergency medical services, beginning January 1, 2024, will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town’s general fund balance? The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

YES	2000
NO	1157

Passed

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ARTICLE 24

Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund created in 2001. The remaining amount in the fund is to be transferred to the municipality's general fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-d? This article is contingent on the passage of Article 23, which establishes the Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

YES	2035
NO	1102

Passed

ARTICLE 25

Shall the Town vote pursuant to RSA 31:95-h to modify the existing CABLE ACCESS REVOLVING FUND established in 2013, to increase the amount of franchise fee revenues received from our Cable Franchise Agreement from Forty Percent (40%) to Seventy Percent (70%)? The Cable Franchise Agreement revenue share shall be as follows:

Beginning January 1, 2024 = 70% to the Cable Access Revolving Fund
30% to the Town's General Fund.

Such monies, in addition to any Cable Franchise equipment grants, will be deposited into the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0

YES	1666
NO	1470

Passed

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ARTICLE 26

Shall the Town vote to modify the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit and the All Veterans' Tax Credit from its current tax credit of \$500 per year to \$600 per year? (If adopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2024 property tax year. If this article is not adopted, the Veteran's Tax Credit and the All Veteran's Tax Credit will remain at \$500 per year.)

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 3-0-2.

YES	2238
NO	974

Passed

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a, to modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property from its current tax credit of \$2,000 per year to \$2,400 per year? (If adopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2024 property tax year. If this article is not adopted, the Service Connected Total Disability Tax Credit will remain at \$2,000 per year.)

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

YES	2068
NO	1128

Passed

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ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:81 and enable the Town to grant tax exemptions for new construction performed on commercial or industrial uses? The intent of the exemption authority is to provide incentives to businesses to build, rebuild, modernize, or enlarge within the municipality. The exemption shall apply only for municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the municipality. The exemption will not apply to the entirety of the property value, but only to any increase in assessment which results from the new construction. The period of time for which the property is eligible for exemption is five years.

The percentage of authorized exemption is as follows:

- Year 1, 50% of the increased assessment value as described above;
- Year 2, 40% of the increased assessment value as described above;
- Year 3, 30% of the increased assessment value as described above;
- Year 4, 20% of the increased assessment value as described above;
- Year 5, 10% of the increased assessment value as described above.

For purposes of this exemption, the term "new construction" shall mean new structures, or additions, renovations, or improvements to existing structures. For purposes of this exemption, the term "commercial" and the term "industrial" shall refer to the uses listed in the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance Table of Principal Uses (Section 3.11).

- B. Educational and Institutional
- C. Services - Entertainment and Recreation
- D. Services - Financial, Medical and Professional
- E. Services - Lodging and Restaurants
- F. Retail Trade (except motorized vehicles and restaurants)
- G. Motor Vehicle Sales and Service
- H. Transportation, Communications, and Utilities
- I. Manufacturing and Construction
- J. Agricultural

For purposes of this exemption, the term "commercial" and the term "industrial" shall not refer to any of the residential uses listed in the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance (Section 3.11, A. Residential) including dwelling units as part of a mixed use (residential and nonresidential) building or project. In a project involving dwelling units as part of a mixed-use (residential and nonresidential) building or project, only the nonresidential portion shall be eligible for this exemption. If adopted, this Warrant Article will become effective April 1, 2024 and will remain in effect for five (5) years.

(Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0

YES	1594	Passed
NO	1451	

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ARTICLE 29

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 35%?

(3/5 Majority vote required)

Submitted by Petition.

Not Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0

YES	1336	Failed
NO	1741	