



Village Bridge Ad Hoc Committee

CHARTER

Pursuant to the Select Board Rules of Procedure, Appendix A. Section 2.4, this Charter shall regulate the Village Bridge Ad Hoc Committee (“Committee”).

- I. **MISSION:** The mission of the Committee is to follow through on the Next Steps detailed in the Final Report of the Village Piscataquog River Pedestrian Bridge Ad Hoc Committee, presented to the Goffstown Select Board in 2021 for constructing a pedestrian bridge across the river in the location of the old railroad bridge that was destroyed by fire in 1976.
- II. **OBJECTIVES:** Maintain natural resources and provide the appropriate level of public access, with minimal impact to abutting property owners.
- III. **DELIVERABLES/DEADLINES:** The Committee provided the Committee Report to the Select Board at a public meeting 05/06/2024.

The Select Board extended the charter for a two (2) year period to accomplish the following additional tasks:

- Support a Town application for a NHDOT Transportation Alternative Program Grant (TAP) as the primary funding source for construction of the pedestrian bridge in the Fall 2024; and
- Collaborate with and support the Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail in outreach and soliciting of donations for the construction of the pedestrian bridge; and
- Continue working with the Town to seek other grant funding opportunities.

These additional tasks and the extension of this Ad Hoc Committee Charter shall not be construed in any manner to bind the Select Board to request budget appropriations for the construction of a future pedestrian bridge. Appropriation requests by the Select Board shall be decided on a year-to-year basis considering all fiscal needs confronting the Town, using the budget process defined in NH RSA 32.

- IV. **OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS AND GUIDELINES:** At a minimum, meetings shall be publicly noticed 24 hours in advance in two public places and on the Town’s website. Public presentations and public input sessions should be advertised with as much notice as possible. Summary minutes shall be kept for all meetings and provided to the Town Clerk within 5 business days of the meeting, in accordance with RSA 91-A:4.

Town Staff shall be available to provide professional support to the Committee and answer questions at a scheduled meeting.



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V. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

There shall be 9 members of the Committee:

- 1 – Representative from the Select Board
- 1 – Representative from the Economic Development Council
- 1 – Representative from the Goffstown Conservation Commission
- 1 – Representative from the Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.
- 1 – Representative from the Goffstown Parks & Recreation Commission
- 1 – Representative from Goffstown Rotary Club
- 1 – Representative from Friends of Goffstown Rail Trail
- 2 – Members from the community at large, as appointed by the Select Board

Membership preference shall be given to those individuals that served on the Village Piscataquog River Pedestrian Bridge Ad Hoc Committee in 2020-2021. Departmental representatives on an as needed basis.

The Committee will be supported by staff and other participants, including but not limited to: site inspections, report and plan preparation, public education and outreach, coordination with other entities as may be required.

- 1 **BUDGET:** There is no budget for this ad hoc committee. Staff support and supplies are available from Town Hall.
- 2 **PERIOD OF EXISTENCE:** The initial two (2) year period of existence was extended by the Select Board 06/03/2024. The Committee shall continue in existence until a decision has been rendered on NHDOT TAP Funds, unless specifically extended by the Select Board.
- 3 **DRAFT SCHEDULE:** The Committee shall present updates to the Select Board regularly each 6 months.



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GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD

Approved by the Select Board 03/28/2022

Amended by the Select Board 11/07/2022

Amended and Extended by the Select Board 06/10/2024

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