



Town of Goffstown, NH

2025 Deliberative Session

February 4, 2025



GSD-OPEN

School filters Social
Media and content to
maintain their
compliance.



www.GoffstownNH.gov

Handouts, budget detail,
and information click



Operating Budget - \$25,976,883

Select Board Recommended 5-0-0

Budget Committee Recommended 15-0-0

Operating Budget - \$25,976,883

Select Board Recommended 5-0-0

Budget Committee Recommended 15-0-0

**Difference between 2024 appropriations
and proposed 2025 budget:**

\$ 441,784 = 1.7%

ARTICLE 9 – PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Committee's Recommended 2025 Operating Budget

	2024 BUDGET	2024 YTD (unaudited)	2025 DEFAULT	2025 PROPOSED
11 - Town Hall	3,261,779	2,930,032	3,038,355	3,385,307
15 - Insurance	3,434,749	3,057,327	3,512,211	3,664,243
22 - Police	5,274,929	4,808,451	5,611,533	5,828,725
33 - Fire	3,625,736	3,472,509	3,594,831	3,731,908
44 - Public Works	5,905,615	5,925,115	5,768,216	6,162,302
55 - Parks and Rec	610,218	582,684	585,382	630,527
66 - Library	851,940	835,786	830,427	952,292
77 - Debt Service	203,799	203,798	199,579	199,579
88 - CIP	2,366,334	2,979,556	2,410,000	1,422,000
GENERAL FUND	25,535,099	24,795,257	25,550,534	25,976,883

2025 INCREASES – GENERAL FUND

	DEFAULT BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET
Increased Software, Hardware, & Telecomm costs (+11.3% from 2024; +20.5% from 2023)		
Increases in Solid Waste, Recycling, Bulky Waste, and Household Hazardous Waste disposal fees (+7.1% from 2024; +14.0% from 2023)		
Increases in Townwide Insurance (+6.7%)		
Approved wage increases for the 3 Union Collective Bargaining Agreements approved by voters in 2024.		
Non-Union Wage Increases implemented by the Select Board in 2024.		

ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Tax rates are ONLY estimates and can vary greatly by increases or decreases in revenues.

Estimated Tax rates and Estimated Tax Impact are based on projected local revenues and \$2.2M in projected shared revenues from the State of NH.

	2025 Default Budget	2025 Budget Committee Proposed Budget
 Estimated tax rate impact in 2025	- 1 cent	+ 15 cents
 Estimated Increase to 2025 Municipal portion of the tax bill for a median single-family residence (\$414,400 valuation)	- \$2.75	+ \$62.16

ARTICLE 10 – SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

Budget Committee's Recommended 2025 Sewer Enterprise Fund

	2024 BUDGET	2024 YTD (12/31/24)	2025 DEFAULT	2025 PROPOSED
Sewer Administration	241,015	180,826	241,263	256,422
Sewer Operations	1,395,929	942,423	1,396,261	1,884,800
Sewer Pump Stations	146,352	47,417	146,352	95,352
Sewer Enterprise Fund	1,783,296	1,170,665	1,783,876	2,236,574

***Recommended by the Sewer Commission 3-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-0-0.***

Article 10 has no Tax Impact. The Sewer Enterprise Fund is completely supported by fees paid by customers connected to the sewer system.

ARTICLE 11

Professional Firefighters of Goffstown – 3-year CBA

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
2025	\$ 136,983
2026	\$ 182,289
2027	\$ 105,628

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$136,983) 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.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0-0.



Estimated tax rate impact in 2025 is
5 cents.



Estimated increase to 2025 municipal portion of the tax bill for a median single-family residence (\$414,400 valuation) = **\$20.72.**

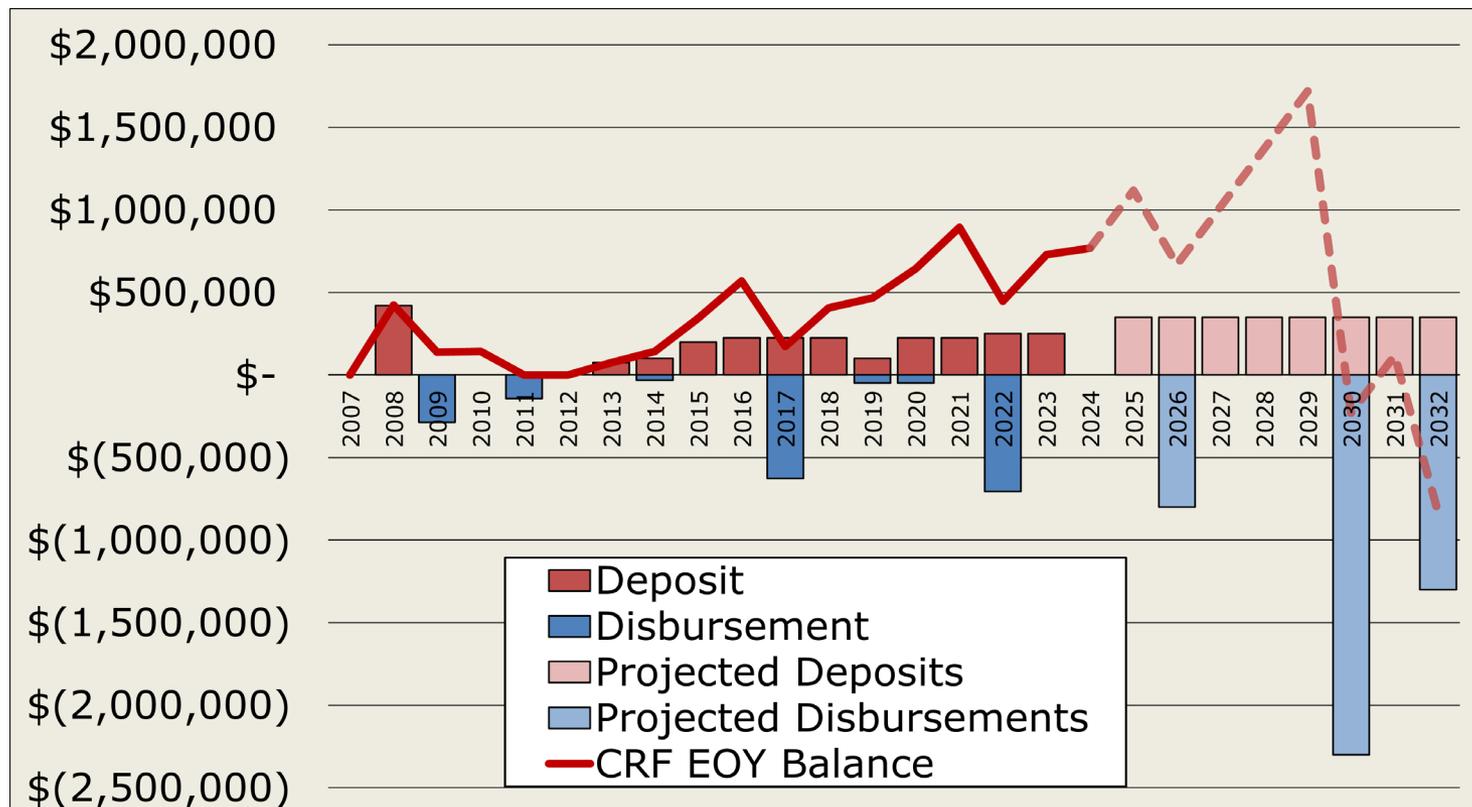
ARTICLE 12 – \$350,000 Deposit into Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund from Unassigned Fund Balance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to be added to the Fire Department Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008.

This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No new amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1-0.



ARTICLE 13

\$450,000 Road Plan Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) 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 appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)*

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-6-0.



Estimated tax rate
impact in 2025 is
16 cents

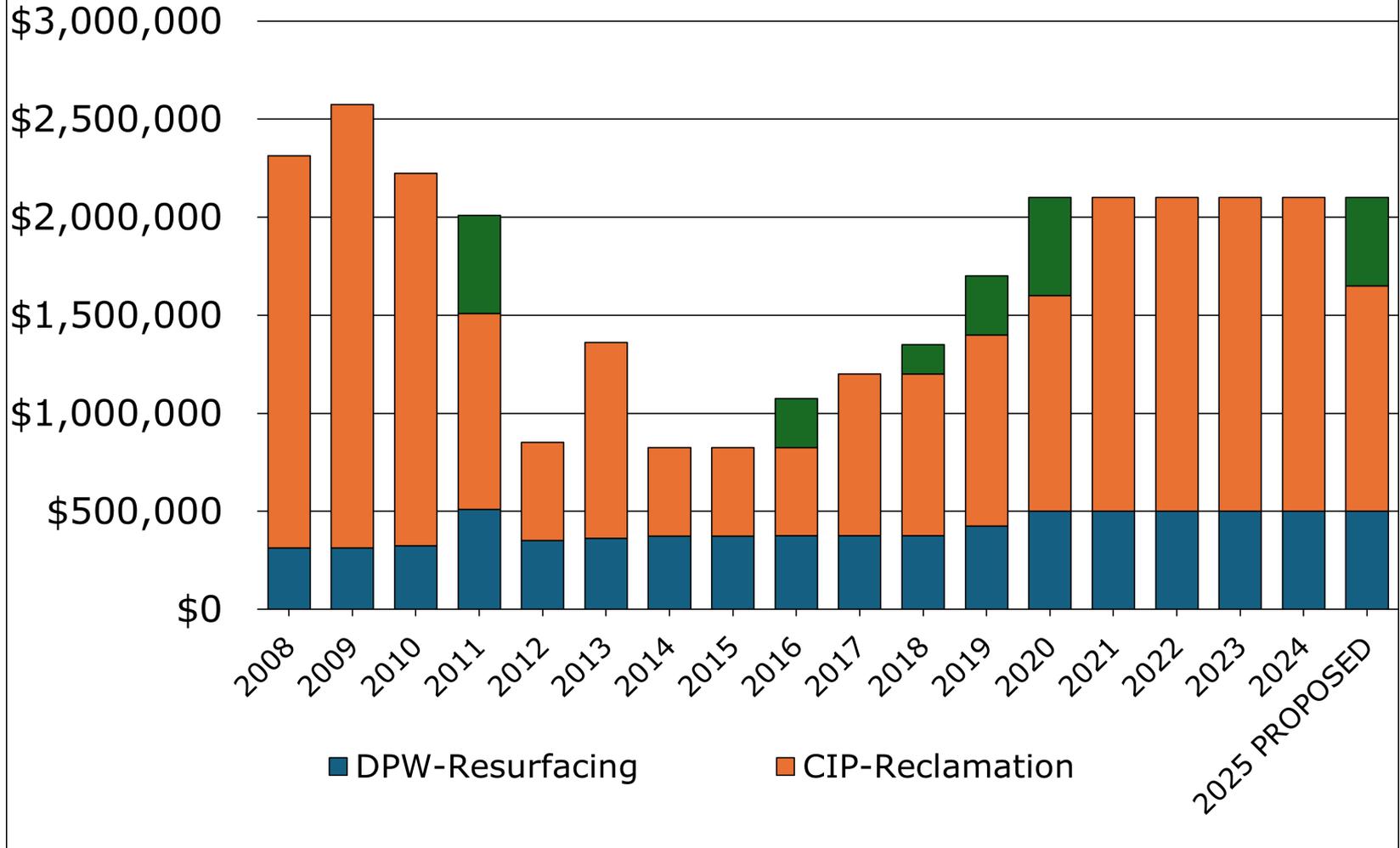


Estimated increase to 2025 municipal portion
of the tax bill for a median single-family
residence (\$414,400 valuation) = **\$66.30.**

ARTICLE 13

\$450,000 Road Plan Funding

Road Plan Funding Reclamation & Resurfacing



ARTICLE 13

\$450,000 Road Plan Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) 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 appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)*

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-6-0.



Estimated tax rate
impact in 2025 is
16 cents.



Estimated increase to 2025 municipal portion
of the tax bill for a median single-family
residence (\$414,400 valuation) = **\$66.30.**

ARTICLE 14

Modify Cable Access Revolving Fund

To see if the Town will 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 Seventy Percent (70%) to One Hundred Percent (100%). The Cable Franchise Agreement revenue share shall be as follows:

Beginning January 1, 2025 = 100% to the Cable Access Revolving Fund
0% 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.

ARTICLE 15

Modify Solar Energy System Exemption

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with RSA 72:62, to modify the solar exemption adopted by the Town in 2015 and increase the exemption to 100% of the amount of a residential solar energy system, up to the first 20 kW. (If adopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2025 property tax year. If this article is not adopted, the residential solar exemption shall remain at 100% of the amount, up to the first 10 kW or less, if any).

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

ARTICLE 16

Citizen Petition Article: Appropriation to Fund Third-Party Operational Efficiency Study

Shall the voters of Goffstown vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to fund a third-party operational efficiency study and audit of all departments, with the goal of identifying opportunities for improved efficiencies and identify potential risks within the Town of Goffstown?

This study would include, but not be limited to, the following departments: Town Hall, Police, Fire, Library, Department of Public Works (DPW), and Parks and Recreation. *(This appropriation is in addition to Article 9.)*
(Majority Vote Required.)

Submitted by petition.

Not Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0-0.



Estimated tax rate impact in 2025 is **2 cents.**



Estimated increase to 2025 municipal portion of the tax bill for a median single-family residence (\$414,400 valuation) = **\$8.28.**

ARTICLE 17

Citizen Petition Article: Direct Town to Post Check Register on Town Website

To see if the Town will direct the Town Manager to make available access to the check register on the town website. Similar information has been available to Bedford residents for many years. Bedford residents can monitor monthly expenses paid out of the school district bank account. Residents can access this information through a 91-a, Right to Know Request, but this can be a cumbersome task for town officials. By providing this information on the town website, town officials can direct people to the website for this information. That should cut down on time and money spent on gathering this information Why should you support this? 1) Transparency. This will male many expenditures transparent. 2) Fiscally Responsible. This will cut down on the cost of having the search and provide information to those who file 91-a's Right to Know Request for this information.

Submitted by petition.

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.



Official Ballot Voting Day

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Goffstown High School

(District 1)

27 Wallace Road

Bartlett Elementary School

(District 5)

689 Mast Road