



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2025**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Cathleen Ball
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECT BOARD</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>FRED PLETT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSHUA DOUGLAS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RICHARD MANZO <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JESSICA PEUTIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>VALERIE NEAL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JEAN WALKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SEWER COMMISSION</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>TIM REDMOND <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Four</p> <p>RICH JERRELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SAMANTHA PEARL KEARNS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DAN O'CONNELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JAMES PIERCY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CRAIG B. STANSFIELD <input type="radio"/></p> <p>ALLISON DECESERE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>HENRY R. GIASSON III <input type="radio"/></p> <p>FRANK HOBBS <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>CHRISTINE TEMPLETON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>THERESA CURTIS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JORDAN WILLOW EVANS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KAREN MONASKY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>BILL "TUCK" TUCKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">For 2 Years Vote for not more than One</p> <p>JOE ALEXANDER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KERSTIE HAZELBAKER <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>BARBARA GRIFFIN <input type="radio"/></p> <p>TIM SEARLES <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p align="center">For 3 Years Vote for not more than Two</p> <p>BRUCE BUTTRICK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>KRISTEN DAWES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DENISE LANGLEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
		<p align="center">ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</p> <p align="center">For 1 Year Vote for not more than One</p> <p>JOHN J. BELIVEAU <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, to amend the definition of an "Abutter" in the Glossary, amend Section 15.3.3 Administrator Appeals and Section 15.3.7.7 Rehearing, and adding Section 15.3.7.10 Appeal of Administrative Officer's Decision? This amendment will meet the 2024 change to state law relative to the statutory definition of "abutter" and to appeals of certain zoning decisions by abutters under NH House Bill 1359 (laws of 2024, Chapter 130).

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 8-0-0.

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, to amend the Glossary by removing the definition of "Family Day Care Home" and replacing it with a new definition for "Family Child Care Home"; to amend the Glossary by removing "Family Group Day Care Home" and replacing it with a new definition "Family Group Child Care Home"; and add Section 5.6.4 Group Child Day Care? This amendment will meet the 2024 change to state law concerning family and group family child care uses under NH House Bill 1567 (laws of 2024, Chapter 271).

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 8-0-0.

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, to Amend 7.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements to add: "A two-family with a studio & 1-bedroom under 1,000 sf that meets Workforce Housing Requirements will require 1 ½ parking spaces per unit. A Multi-Family with 10 or more units will require 1 ½ parking spaces per unit. Guest parking shall be provided in the amount of .25 of the total number of units."? This amendment will meet the 2024 change to state law relative to residential parking spaces under NH House Bill 1400 (laws of 2024, Chapter 370).

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 8-0-0.

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance, to amend Section 7.3.3. Handicapped Accessible Spaces by changing the size of the handicapped accessible spaces from eighteen and one half (18.5) feet in length and eight (8) feet in width to twenty (20) feet in length and nine (9) feet in width?

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 8-0-0.

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, by adding: "Section 7.5.3.2 - An applicant may present an alternative parking arrangement to the Planning Board for residential use, the Planning Board shall be required to consider the alternative parking solution."? This amendment will meet the 2024 change to state law relative to residential parking spaces under NH House Bill 1400 (laws of 2024, Chapter 370).

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 8-0-0.

ARTICLE 7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, to combine Section 8.3 Light Projection and 8.5 Illumination of Parking Areas, add a requirement that all lighting shall have full cutoff shields, and include "front" lot lines to limitation of illumination sentence? The combined Section 8.3 shall read: "8.3 Light Projection-Any new outside lighting, whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, shall project no more than 3% of its light rays above the horizon from the lamp, its lens structure or any associated reflector. In addition, any new lighting greater than 20 foot-candles on the ground requires the submission of a detailed engineering lighting plan. Lighting fixtures used to illuminate parking areas shall direct the light away from adjacent properties and away from traffic on adjacent streets. Lighting shall be designed to limit any increase in off-site illumination to a maximum of 0.2 foot-candles as measured at the front, side, and rear lot lines, except where parking lots are interconnected. All lighting fixtures shall have full cut-off shields."

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 8-0-0.

ARTICLE 8

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance, rewriting the current Section 9, Manufactured Homes & Manufactured Home Parks to allow for the expansion of manufactured housing parks that existed as of 7/1/24, as well as allowing manufactured housing on individual lots and subdivisions created for manufactured housing parks? This amendment will meet the 2024 change to state law requiring municipalities that adopt land use control measures to provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the siting of manufactured housing on individual lots and in manufactured housing parks and subdivisions within residential districts under NH House Bill 1361 (laws of 2024, Chapter 23).

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board 8-0-0.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as a General Fund 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 for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Twenty-Five Million, Nine Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$25,976,883)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty Five Million, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty-Four Dollars (\$25,550,534), 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.

YES
NO

*Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0-0.*

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as a Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Two Million, Two Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Two Dollars (\$2,236,502)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Sewer Enterprise Fund shall be One Million, Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$1,783,876), 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 is paid for by customers serviced by the Goffstown Sewer collection system, which operates as a municipal enterprise fund. This article (Sewer Enterprise Fund operating budget) has no tax impact.

YES
NO

*Recommended by the Sewer Commissioners 3-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0-0.*

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town 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.)*

YES
NO

*Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 15-0-0.*

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town 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.

YES
NO

*Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 14-1-0.*

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town 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.)*

YES
NO

*Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Not Recommended by the Budget Committee 9-6-0.*

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 14

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 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.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town 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).

YES
NO

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$0.00 to authorize the Select Board to commission a third-party operational efficiency study of all Town departments? The study aims to identify opportunities for improved efficiency and strategize optimization in the Town of Goffstown.

The 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. *(Majority Vote Required.)*

YES
NO

*Submitted by petition.
Not Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.
Recommended by the Budget Committee 10-2-1.*

ARTICLE 17

Shall the Town 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 make 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.

YES
NO

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT