

Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire



2023
ANNUAL REPORT



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2023

For the year ended December 31, 2023

DEDICATION



Pictured above: Richard Fletcher, with his wife Arline Fletcher.

RICHARD FLETCHER

Every year the Select Board has the distinct privilege to honor a person that has contributed years of service to the Town of Goffstown with the dedication of the Annual Report. Therefore, it is our honor to dedicate the 2023 Annual Report to Richard Fletcher.

Richard Fletcher joined the Goffstown Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter in November 1958 after serving in the United States Air Force. After seventeen years as a volunteer firefighter and Captain, he was appointed Fire Chief in September 1975. During his tenure, Chief Fletcher improved the quality of fire service by upgrading fire apparatus, and continually recruiting and maintaining a highly skilled and trained fire fighting force. He oversaw the creation of the Goffstown Emergency Medical Association (GEMSA) and the beginning of ambulance service to the residents of Goffstown. After twenty-one years of full-time firefighting service, he retired as Fire Chief on January 31, 1997.

After retirement from the Fire Department, Richard continued his public service to Goffstown. Richard served as a State Representative representing Goffstown in Concord for four (4) terms, 1999-2004 and 2007-2008. He has served continuously as a Goffstown Village Water Precinct Commissioner since 1997. Richard has been an active member on the Town's Budget Committee, representing the Water Precinct, and served on the Parks & Recreation Commission as a Budget Committee representative from 1998-2003.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



GOFFSTOWN NETWORK INC.

The food pantry in Goffstown (Goffstown Network Inc.) has been in existence in one form or another since the mid 1970's when it began as a food locker at St. Matthews Episcopal Church. The years have brought growth and change to the organization and although a food locker is no longer sufficient to store our food, the pantry still gratefully resides at St. Matthews.

Today the pantry is operated entirely by volunteers. Our board of directors is comprised of local community members who, along with our team of approximately sixty volunteers, work tirelessly to aid our clients throughout Goffstown, New Boston and Dunbarton.

In 2023, client activity increased by approximately fifteen percent year over year resulting in over one-thousand visits to the pantry. Over the same period new clients increased by nearly sixty percent. Our weekend Food Bags for Kids Program continues to grow as well. Each week bags containing food for weekend meals are distributed to the schools in Goffstown and New Boston.

None of this would be possible without the tremendous support received from the community including individuals, local businesses and the schools. The Goffstown Network is eternally grateful for the support and looks forward to continuing their mission with your help.

More information about the Goffstown Network, including additional history, information about getting involved, donating and how to receive assistance can be found on their website at:

www.GoffstownNetwork.org

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TOWN INFORMATION

In 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4 but the settlement of the town did not begin in earnest until the 1740s. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760s, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. Oxen drew the wood to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through town.

Goffstown is located at 43° 01' N and 71° 36' W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114; and 16 miles from Concord, the state capital of New Hampshire. The town has three boroughs or regions: Goffstown Village, Grasmere Village and Pinardville.

The Town has a population of approximately 18,360 and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306' above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1,321' above sea level.

A five member Select Board governs Goffstown. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the Annual Town Meeting. At the 1996 Annual Meeting residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional town meeting to a ballot determination meeting in February followed by an official ballot the second Tuesday in March.

TOWN HALL: Located at 16 Main Street, the Town Hall houses the following offices: Administration/Select Board, Assessing, Building, Finance, Information Technology, Planning & Zoning, Sewer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk. Town Hall office hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Town Clerk: Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age as of the date of the next election, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local, state and federal elections may be done at the polls on Election Day. For eligibility to vote at the Ballot Determination Meeting, you must register prior to the opening date for candidates to file for elected office. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for all elections.

Dog licenses expire on April 30th each year. A dog must be licensed at 4 months of age. A rabies certificate is required. Fees are \$2.00 for senior-citizen-owned dogs (one per household), \$6.50 for neutered pets, \$9.00 unaltered. Additional penalties are assessed as of June 1st for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registrations, initiated at the Town Clerk's office, are due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner. Completion of the state registration decals are available for an additional fee of \$3.00. Passenger, motorcycle, and trailer plates are also available in this office. The Town is online with the NH Division of Motor Vehicles to provide a full range of motor vehicle registration services, including boat registrations. You must present your driver's license and your state issued renewal form, or previous registration.

Property Taxes: Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1st and December 1st. Property is assessed as of April 1st. The tax rate for 2023 was \$18.86 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Zoning: The Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Goffstown was originally adopted and made effective on March 14, 1961. The Ordinance regulates land use in town and zoning amendments are adopted at the Annual Town Meeting each year. The Zoning Ordinance can be found on the Town's website at www.Goffstown.com for more information.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The Fire Department provides services to the community from two (2) facilities that are located throughout the Town. Active fire stations are located on Church Street in the Village and Mast Road in Pinardville. There is an inactive fire station located on Tirrell Hill Road in East Goffstown. The Department's Administration Office is located at the Village Fire Station on Church Street and can be contacted by calling 603-497-3619.

POLICE: The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the Hillsborough County Complex. The department provides emergency response to a variety of situations within the community 24 hours a day. To reach the Police Department via the non-emergency line, please call 603-497-4858.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Department is located at 404 Elm Street adjacent to the Transfer Station facility. Its office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. The Transfer Station for solid waste and recyclables is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week. Please see the department's website at www.Goffstown.com/dept/pw for more information or call 603-497-3617.

LIBRARY: The Goffstown Public Library is located at the intersection of Main Street (Route 114), High Street and Elm Street adjacent to the historic Popcorn Stand. The library is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check our website at www.goffstownlibrary.com for more information, or call us at 603-497-2102.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: The Parks and Recreation Center is located at 155 S. Mast Street with meeting rooms and gymnasium for activities. The Department provides two playgrounds with excellent summer programs, two public swimming pools, seven public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, and an outdoor ice-skating area. Extensive recreational activities for youth and adults are offered year-round. Please visit www.Goffstown.com/dept/pr for more information, or call us at 603-497-3003.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: The School Board is comprised of 9 elected members. In 1996, voters passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional school meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot. The Superintendent serves the school districts of Goffstown and New Boston with offices located at 11 School Street in Goffstown. The Goffstown School District schools are Glen Lake School (pre-school and kindergarten) 251 Elm St.; Maple Ave Elementary School (grades 1-4) 16 Maple Ave; Bartlett Elementary School (grades 1-4) 689 Mast Road; Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane, (grades 5-8); and Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Rd. (grades 9-12). Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown High School accept tuition students from the New Boston School District.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Select Board

Second and Fourth Monday at 6:00 p.m. at Goffstown Town Hall, except Holidays.
Special meetings may be held at different times or locations, as needed.

Budget Committee

Typically meets monthly March-June; usually does not meet in July or August;
September-February meeting schedule to be determined, as needed.

Capital Improvements Program Committee

Typically meets May through Sept. on First and Third Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Conservation Commission

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Goffstown Town Hall.

Economic Development Council

First Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Goffstown Town Hall.

Highway Safety Committee

Quarterly, as needed. Meetings are held at 9:00 a.m. at Goffstown Police Department.

Historic District Commission

Fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Grasmere Town Hall or as designated.

Library Trustees

Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Goffstown Library.

Parks & Recreation Commission

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Parks & Recreation Building.

Planning Board

Second & Fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Goffstown Town Hall.

School Board

First & Third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Goffstown High School.

Sewer Commission

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at Goffstown Town Hall.

Trustees of the Trust Fund

Second Tuesday of even numbered months at 6:00 p.m. at Goffstown Town Hall.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Goffstown Town Hall.

**Meeting schedules subject to change. Meeting notices and agendas
are posted at Town Hall, as well as on the Town's website at
www.GoffstownNH.gov/calendar**

PEOPLE SERVING GOFFSTOWN

Governor

Chris Sununu

United States Senators

Maggie Hassan

Jeanne Shaheen

Representative in US Congress - 1st District

Christopher C. Pappas

Executive Councilor – District 4

(Biennial Session 2023-2024)

Theodore L. Gatsas

State Senator – District 16, Goffstown, Hooksett, Candia, & Raymond

(Biennial Session 2023-2024)

Keith Murphy

Representatives to General Court - District 29, Goffstown

(Biennial Session 2023-2024)

Joseph H. Alexander, Jr.

Judi Lanza

Fred R. Plett

Sheila Seidel

Representatives to General Court - District 44, Goffstown & Weare

(Biennial Session 2023-2024)

Travis Corcoran

Lisa Mazur

Select Board

Kelly Boyer, *Chairwoman* 2025

Peter Georgantas, *Vice-Chairman* 2026

Collis Adams 2025

Jim Craig 2024

Mark T. Lemay 2024

Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 2024

Town Clerk

Cathy Ball 2026

Town Treasurer

Danielle Basora

Administrative Officers

Derek Horne, *Town Administrator and
Deputy Treasurer*

Eric Sereno, *Police Chief*

Shawn Murray, *Fire Chief, Emergency
Management Director and Forest Fire Warden*

Adam Jacobs, *Public Works Director*

Rick Wilhelmi, *Recreation Director*

Dianne Hathaway, *Library Director*

Danielle Basora, *Assistant Town Administrator,*

Finance Director and Town Treasurer

Deborah Nikias, *Welfare Officer*

Stephanie Beaudoin, *Tax Collector*

Deborah Nikias, *Deputy Tax Collector*

Karen LeClerc, *Deputy Town Clerk*

Scott Bartlett, *CNHA, Assessor*

Jack Shephard, *Code Enforcement: Building
Inspector/Zoning Administrator*

Jo Ann Duffy, *Planning & Economic
Development Director*

Daniel Conley, *Police Captain & Prosecutor*

Drummond Woodsum, *Attorneys at Law,
Town Counsel*

Budget Committee

Joseph H. Alexander, Jr., <i>Chair</i>	2024
Frank Hobbs, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	2025
Stacey M. Bellemore	2024
Lauren Doukas	2024
Melanie Renfrew-Hebert	2024
Allison DeCesere	2025
Samantha Kearns	2025
Richard W. Manzo	2025
Brian Mazur	2026
Doug Pounds	2026
Laura Stevens	2026
Olivia Welch-Erdahl	2026
Peter Georgantas, <i>Select Board Rep.</i>	
Jared Talbot, <i>School Board Rep.</i>	
Ellen Vermokowitz, <i>Alt. School Board Rep.</i>	
Richard Fletcher, <i>Goffstown Village Water Precinct Rep.</i>	
Unassigned, <i>Grasmere Village Precinct Rep.</i>	

Building Board of Appeals

Mark Collins	2024
4 Member Vacancies	
3 Alternate Vacancies	

Cemetery Trustees

Jean Walker, <i>Chairperson</i>	2025
Linda Reynolds Naughton	2026
Deborah Nikias	2024

C.I.P. Committee

Kimberly Peace,	2024
<i>Planning Board Rep, Chairperson</i>	
Gail Labrecque, <i>Community Rep.</i>	2024
Daniel O'Connell, <i>Community Rep.</i>	2024
Brad Parkhurst, <i>Community Rep.</i>	2024
Jim Raymond, <i>Community Rep.</i>	2024
Tim Redmond,	2024
<i>Planning Board Rep., Alternate</i>	
Kelly Boyer, <i>Select Board Rep.</i>	2024
Samantha Kearns, <i>Budget Comm.Rep.</i>	2024
Ellen Vermokowitz, <i>School Board Rep.</i>	2024
Jo Ann Duffy, <i>Planning & Economic Development Director (Staff liaison)</i>	
Danielle Basora, <i>Finance Director</i>	

Conservation Commission

Jean Walker, <i>Chairperson</i>	2025
Andrew Chaplin, <i>Vice-Chairperson</i>	2024
Evelyn Miller	2024
David Nieman	2025
Amy Pollock	2024
Jane Raymond	2026
Susan Tucker	2026
William Cunningham, <i>Alternate</i>	2026
Collis Adams, <i>Select Board Rep.</i>	
Patty Gale, <i>Planning Assistant (Staff liaison)</i>	
2 Alternate Vacancies	

Economic Development Council

Chet Bowen, <i>Chairman</i>	2026
Jonathan Napoli, <i>Vice-Chair</i>	2025
Charles Birchmeier	2024
Richard Bruno	2026
Melanie Renfrew-Hebert	2025
Sarah Smith-Troupakis	2024
Christopher Barrett, <i>Alternate</i>	2024
Emma Purcell, <i>Alternate</i>	2024
Unassigned, <i>Planning Board Rep.</i>	2024
Jim Craig, <i>Select Board Rep.</i>	2024
Jo Ann Duffy, <i>Economic Dev. Director</i>	
1 Alternate Vacancy	

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Richard Fletcher, <i>Chairperson</i>	2024
Stephen Crean	2027
Thomas Neforas	2024
Mark Renaud	2025
Janet Spencer, <i>Moderator</i>	2024
Brian Untiet	2028
Vacant, <i>Treasurer</i>	2024
Linda Reynolds Naughton, <i>Clerk</i>	2024

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Raymond St. Pierre,	2025
<i>Moderator & Chairperson</i>	
John Foss	2024
Earl S. Wajenberg	2026
Christine "Tina" Daniels, <i>Clerk</i>	2024
Bruce Rand, <i>Treasurer</i>	2024
Lee Minnich, <i>Superintendent</i>	2024

Highway Safety Committee

Eric Sereno, *Police Chief, Chairperson*
 Don Ball, *Community Rep.* 2024
 Jo Ann Duffy, *Town Planner*
 Adam Jacobs, *Public Works Director*
 Mark Lemay, *Select Board Rep.* 2024

Historic District Commission

Philip D'Avanza, *Chairperson* 2024
 Mark Collins 2024
 Lionel Coulon, *Corresponding Sec.* 2024
 Michael Przekaza 2025
 Rodney Stark, *Alternate* 2024
 Mark Lemay, *Select Board Rep.* 2024
 Derek Horne, *Town Administrator*
 2 Member Vacancies
 4 Alternate Vacancies

Library Trustees

Diane Hebert, *Chairperson* 2025
 Kathy Coughlin, *Vice-Chair* 2026
 Margaret "Happy" Beale 2025
 Brian Campbell 2024
 Kathleen Holt 2024
 Elizabeth Jipson 2024
 Judith Gaynor Johnson, *Alternate* 2024
 Kelly Boyer, *Select Board Rep.* 2024
 Dianne Hathaway, *Director*
 2 Alternate Vacancies

Parks & Recreation Commission

Howard Sobolov, *Chairperson* 2025
 Jane A. Steckowych, *Vice Chairperson* 2025
 Lance Auger 2025
 Pamela Boyer 2026
 Kevin Daigle 2026
 Gary Gendron 2024
 Brad Parkhurst 2024
 Eric Emmerling, *Alternate* 2025
 Peter Georgantas, *Select Board Rep.* 2024
 Rick Wilhelmi, *Parks & Recreation Director*

Piscataquog Rivershed Local Advisory Committee

Andrew Cadorette 2024
 2 Vacancies

Planning Board

Tim Redmond, *Chairman* 2024
 Kimberly Peace, *Vice Chairperson* 2024
 Philip D'Avanza 2026
 Barbara Griffin 2025
 Colleen Mailloux 2026
 Brian Mazur 2025
 David Pierce, *Alternate* 2025
 Collis Adams, *Select Board Rep.* 2024
 Mark Lemay, *Alt. Select Board Rep.* 2024
 Jo Ann Duffy, *Town Planner*
 1 Alternate Vacancy

Sewer Commission

Timothy Redmond, *Chairperson* 2025
 Daniel Taylor 2024
 David Pierce 2026
 Jim Craig, *Select Board Rep.* 2024

Southern NH Planning Commission

Jacob LaFontaine 2025
 Barbara Griffin 2024
 Colleen Mailloux 2027
 Jo Ann Duffy, *Alternate* 2026
 2 Alternate Vacancies

Supervisors of the Checklist

Denise Lemay, *Chairperson* 2026
 Marie Morgan 2024
 Robyn Perry 2028

Trustee of the Trust Funds

Melanie Refrew-Hebert, *Chairperson* 2024
 Fred Plett, *Secretary* 2026
 William Tucker 2025
 Scott Gross, *Alternate* 2024
 Brian Lombardi, *Alternate* 2024

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Gail Labrecque, *Chairperson* 2025
Leonard Stuart, *Vice-Chairperson* 2026
Jason L. Cote 2024
Denise Langley 2025
Alan Yeaton 2026
Judy Allain, *Alternate* 2025
4 *Alternate Vacancies*

School Clerk

Jo Ann Duffy 2024

School District Moderator

James Raymond 2024

School District Treasurer

Lissa Winrow 2024

Village Piscataquog River Pedestrian Bridge Ad Hoc Committee

Andrew Cadorette, *Chair* 2024
Community at Large Rep.
Paula Bedard, *Vice-Chair* 2024
Community at Large Rep.
Cynthia Boisvert, 2024
Rotary Club Rep.
Richard Bruno, 2024
Economic Development Council Rep.
Tina Lawton, 2024
Goffstown Main Street Rep.
David Nieman, 2024
Conservation Commission Rep.
David Pierce, 2024
Friends of the Goffstown Rail Trail Rep.
Collis Adams, *Select Board Rep.*
Rick Wilhelmi, *Parks & Recreation Director*

School District Administration S.A.U. #19

Brian Balke, *Superintendent*
Wendy Kohler, *Assistant Superintendent*
Scott Gross, *Business Administrator*
Kate Magrath, *Human Resources Director*
Jennifer Dolloff, *Director of Special Education*
Randy Loring, *Facilities Director*
Stephen Bourget, *Technology Director*

Bartlett Elementary School

Gerri Goguen, *Principal*
Kristine Colburn, *Assistant Principal*

Glen Lake School

Kathryn Stoye, *Principal*
Kristine Colburn, *Assistant Principal*

Goffstown High School

Frank McBride, *Principal*
Kim McCann, *Assistant Principal*

School Board

Heather Trzepacz, *Chairperson* 2026
Nicole Bump 2026
Reta Chaffee 2025
Daniel J. Cloutier 2025
Virginia McKinnon 2024
Caroline Racine 2026
Shane Rozamus 2025
Jared Talbot 2024
Ellen Vermokowitz 2024
Lil Hazelbaker, *Student Rep.* 2024
Christine Bean, *Teacher Rep.* 2024

Maple Avenue Elementary School

Suzanne Pyszka, *Principal*
Lisa Johnson, *Assistant Principal*

Mountain View Middle School

Jessica Milligan, *Principal*
Brandy Williams, *Assistant Principal*

SELECT BOARD 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



*Seated (left to right): Vice Chairwoman Kelly Boyer; Chairman Peter Georgantas
Standing (left to right): Collis Adams; Jim Craig; Mark Lemay*

The Town's Annual Report provide the Select Board with the opportunity to look back on the past year and reflect on the challenges faced and progress made in key areas of town governance.

In the spring the Town was notified of the State's intention to surrender the hydropower license at Hadley Falls Dam in the Village, with a plan to remove the dam. At the same time, the Town was notified the power generation company at Kelley Falls Dam at the Manchester/Goffstown line made the decision to stop the re-licensing process due to requirement for upstream and downstream fish passage, stop generation, surrender the license, and vacate the site in 2024. The Select Board hosted public meetings with representatives of the NH Department of Environmental Services, Water Division, Dam Bureau (NHDES), to explain the process and explore available options. In the fall, the Select Board supported two (2) NHDES grant applications to help protect Kelley Falls Dam and evaluate options at Hadley Falls Dam. Decisions on both grant applications are expected in the first half of 2024. Meanwhile, NHDES and the State's engineering consultant

continue the process of developing cost estimates for the necessary repairs/reconstruction of Hadley Falls dam to provide the Town with all information on the options available. NH State Representatives Lisa Mazur, Joe Alexander, Jr., Fred Plett, and Sheila Seidel of Goffstown also submitted proposed legislation for the 2024 legislative session to establish a procedure for NHDES to transfer ownership of dams to municipalities or others, including making loans.

Over the summer the year the Select Board worked with developers building multi-family residential projects in Goffstown to secure grant funding from the State of NH's InvestNH Housing Program. The Board secured a \$300,000 demolition grant to reimburse the developer of the Residences at Hadley falls (Map 34, Lot 171) for qualifying demolition in the creation of 99 market rate housing units. The Board also secured a \$630,000 grant for Woodland Village (Map 4, Lot 87-6) for the creation of 63 affordable housing units. The Board voted in October to grant \$210,000 to the developer of Woodland Village and retain \$400,000 for use by Town Departments.

In the Fall the Town's Police and Fire Departments completed the replacement project of the town's first responder emergency radio infrastructure. This \$1.8 Million project was funded through use of the Town's Local Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This project supports the Town's ability to provide reliable communication to the Town's first responders during emergencies. At Town Meeting 2024 the Select Board is seeking to establish a Police Radio and Dispatch Revolving Fund (Article 22). Once established, any revenue from dispatching services will be deposited into this fund, which will accumulate from year-to-year, can be used to maintain and replace the Town's dispatch center, hardware and software related to first responder dispatch services, and radio infrastructure.

Throughout the year the Select Board collaborated with Department Heads to hire and retain qualified staff in the difficult labor market local governments and businesses are currently faced with. The Select Board worked with professional services firm, Paypoint HR, to conduct a compensation analysis for town employees, with the primary focus of updating the town's compensation plan for non-union employees. The Select Board also negotiated with three (3) of the Town's four (4) union groups to bring forward new collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) to Town Meeting in March 2024. The Select Board hopes the three (3) proposed CBAs and the non-union compensation plan included in the proposed operating budget will be passed by the voters so the town can retain excellent staff and hire new employees to fill existing vacancies.

As 2023 ended, Town IT staff and departments worked with municipal website vendor CivicPlus to move the Town's in-house managed website and web content to a rebranded website and new content management system. The goal of this project is to improve communication with residents and utilize a website design more typical of a local town/city. The Town's new website, www.GoffstownNH.gov, will be active in January 2024. It will allow residents to sign-up for RSS feeds, minutes and agendas, and news & announcements.

The Select Board worked with Department Heads and the Budget Committee to produce a 2024 budget that has no new positions, while providing the same level of service. Significant cost increases to the Town's insurance, utilities, fuel, and supplies resulted in a proposed budget with increases across all Town Departments.

The Select Board recognizes and thanks the many volunteers who serve on town committees, commissions and boards, as well as the many poll workers that assist at Town and State Elections. Your countless hours and efforts assist us in meeting the ever-increasing demands on municipal government. The activities of committees are incorporated in their reports throughout this publication.

The Select Board thanks the dedicated hardworking team of town employees who have helped in carrying out the Town's mission given by the voters. The Board bids farewell to town retiree Sergeant Matthew Hozeny, Police Department (24 years).

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD

Peter Georgantas, Chairman

Collis Adams

Kelly Boyer, Vice Chair

Jim Craig

Mark T. Lemay

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH

2024 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 Saturday, February 3, 2024 at ten o'clock in the morning at Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road, 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 12, 2024. (Snow date for the first session is Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. at the same location.)

You are further notified to meet Tuesday, March 14, 2023 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 14, 2023 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown High School, 27 Wallace Road and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School, 689 Mast Road.

ARTICLE 1

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES

ARTICLES 2 - 11

ZONING AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will 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-Nine Million, Three Hundred Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$29,300,126).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Nine Million, Ninety-Five Thousand and Two Dollars (\$9,095,002).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of Two Million, Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$2,075,727) 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 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.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will 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.*

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will 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.*

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will 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.*

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will 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.*

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will 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.*

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Goffstown Public Library Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for building 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.*

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will 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.*

ARTICLE 20

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 12.) *(Majority vote required.)*

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

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will 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.*

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will 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.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will 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.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town vote to discontinue the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund created in 2001. Said funds are to be transferred to the municipality's Emergency Medical Services Revolving Fund. 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.

ARTICLE 25

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 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.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will 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.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will 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.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will 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.

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town of Goffstown vote to implement a cap on local municipal taxes. The warrant article aims to establish a cap on local municipal taxes to provide fiscal responsibility and stability for residents and businesses within the Town of Goffstown. The cap ensures that the tax burden remains reasonable while allowing essential municipal services to be maintained, if not improved.

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 2.5%? *(3/5 Majority vote required.)*

Submitted by Petition.

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

ARTICLE 30

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this 22nd day of January, 2024.

GOFFSTOWN SELECT BOARD

Kelly Boyer, Chairwoman

Collis Adams

Peter Georgantas, Vice Chairman

Jim Craig

Mark T. Lemay

BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

In attendance were Moderator Rod Stark, Town Clerk Cathy Ball, Assistant Town Moderator Jim Raymond, Select Board Chairman Peter Georgantas, Vice Chair Kelly Boyer, Selectman Collis Adams, Selectman Jim Craig, Selectman Mark Lemay, Town Administrator Derek Horne, and Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Danielle Basora.

7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

Moderator Rodney Stark called the meeting to order. Chairman Georgantas led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS

Moderator Stark introduced the head table: Town Clerk Cathy Ball, Assistant Town Moderator Jim Raymond, Gail Labrecque-Scribe, Select Board Chairman Peter Georgantas, Vice Chair Kelly Boyer, Selectman Collis Adams, Selectman Jim Craig, Selectman Mark Lemay, Town Administrator Derek Horne, and Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Danielle Basora.

Moderator Stark said the Budget Committee members who may be in attendance are Chair Melanie Renfrew-Hebert, Vice Chair Stacey Bellemore, Fred Plett, Joe Alexander, Lauren Doukas, Frank Hobbs, Samantha Kearns, Bill Kordas, Gail Labrecque, Richard Manzo, Evelyn Redmond, and Laura Stevens. The Budget Committee also includes Goffstown Village Water Precinct Representative Richard Fletcher, School Board Representative Jared Talbot, and Select Board Representative Kelly Boyer.

RECOGNITION OF DIGNITARIES

The dignitaries who may be in attendance are our State Representatives Joe Alexander, Jr., Judy Lanza, Fred Plett, Sheila Seidel, Travis Corcoran, and Liza Mazur, as well as State Senator Lou D'Allesandro.

PRESENTATION OF THE ROBINSON CULLEROT VOLUNTEER AWARD

Moderator Stark recognized Parks and Recreation Director Rick Wilhelmi to present the Robinson Cullerot Volunteer Award. Parks & Recreation Director Wilhelmi said he's been the Parks & Rec Director for 13 years. It's a great job and he's been involved with many people and activities in Goffstown. He recognized the Parks & Recreation Commissioners, who help guide the ship for recreation and leisure in the community: Chairman Howard Sobolov, Vice Chair Jane Steckowych, Kevin Daigle, Brad Parkhurst, Pam Decker, Gary Gendron, Eric Emmerling, and Select Board Representative Peter Georgantas.. For any community to be strong it relies on the people within it. Goffstown has many people who volunteer in many ways, all with a similar goal. They provide programming, facilities and special events that help all the residents within the community foster a strong community spirit. That's a great thing to be part of.

He's here to present the 33rd Annual Robinson Cullerot Volunteer Award. These 2 gentlemen were part of the Parks & Recreation Department 30+ years ago. Their heart and soul went into a lot of different aspects of what we do in recreation. This year the Robinson Cullerot Volunteer award is presented to two very outstanding women who are leading our Bone Builders Program. Bone Builders is a program that helps with strength training, balance, and exercise to help prevent and reverse osteoporosis. This class also builds

bone density and improves balance. This class started in 2017. It's a 100% volunteer-based program. These two women are phenomenal. It's a wonderful program with great socialization. He recognized Catherine Lane and Mary Philippi for the 33rd Annual Robinson Cullerot Volunteer of the Year Award. Mary and Kay are always finding ways to improve and motivate these people. He presented them with the 33rd Annual Robinson Cullerot Volunteer of the Year Award.

MODERATOR'S OPENING STATEMENT & RULES OF PROCEDURE:

At the 1996 Town Meeting, the Town of Goffstown voted to adopt what is known as "Senate Bill 2" (which has since been codified and is also known now as RSA 40:12 & 13). This Act is otherwise referred to as the "STANDARDIZED OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM SYSTEM." It is under this system which the Town of Goffstown in general, and this meeting, will conduct its business. He reviewed some of the features of this system as well as the rules of engagement for tonight's meeting.

He said we are guests at the High School this evening. There is no smoking while on school grounds. To assist in standing votes, registered voters have been given a voting card which must be displayed during a standing vote. If you have not signed the card, please do so now. You will be asked to return these cards to the checklist table if you leave before the meeting ends. All speakers must use microphones, show their voting card, and state their name and address. Please spell your last name for the scribe.

The most important thing for you to know is that we will not be voting to pass or defeat any warrant article tonight. All warrant articles will be on the Town's Official Ballot, which will be voted upon at the second session of this town meeting. Voting will take place on March 14, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the High School and at the Bartlett Elementary School.

At this meeting, Articles 7 through 16 will be open for discussion, debate, and amendment. If an amendment is properly offered, it will be discussed, debated and voted upon. If an amendment to any warrant article is adopted by this meeting, the article as amended, will appear on the official ballot for voting on March 14, 2023.

With respect to amendments, please keep in mind that the purpose of the Warrant is to simply place the "subject matter" before the voters. Senate Bill 2, by allowing amendments, allows the same range of possible amendments which voters have always had under the traditional town meeting system. Amending appropriation articles up or down is permitted. Details as to how a warrant article subject matter is to be treated, or the addition or deletion of terms and conditions of the article, can be accomplished through amendments as long as they relate to the general subject matter of the article. Substantive amendments not relating to the article subject matter will be ruled out of order and will not be accepted by the moderator.

Further, with respect to amendments, as in the past, all amendments must be presented to the moderator in writing. Forms are available in the hall for this purpose. Proposed amendments must be moved to the floor and seconded before any discussion of the proposed amendment will be allowed. Following the discussion on the proposed amendment, a vote will be taken on the amendment. Following the vote on the amendment, discussion will resume on the main article. At the conclusion of the discussion on the main article, there will be no vote on the article. We will simply begin consideration of the next article.

The "previous question" is a procedure which will apply to the conduct of this meeting. After an article, or a proposed amendment to an article, has been discussed, a voter may move the previous question. This

motion is not debatable. A “yes” vote on the previous question means there will be no further discussion on the main article or proposed amendment, as the case may be. A simple majority vote is required to pass the previous question and thus end the debate.

In 2011, the Legislature amended RSA 40:13 to prevent the practice of amending an article to eliminate all words but “to see”. Please do not offer amendments which attempt to do this because they are not allowed and will not be accepted by the moderator.

Prior to a voice or standing vote on a proposed amendment, five registered voters may make a request in writing for a written secret ballot. These five voters must be present at the meeting when the vote is taken. Once a voice vote has been taken or a standing vote is underway, a written request for a secret written ballot may be made. This request must be made by seven registered voters who are present at the meeting, before any other business is begun. Forms are available for this purpose.

If, we have a written ballot, you need to show your voting card. The card will be initialed by the ballot clerk as you are handed your ballot. All written ballots which are cast must be whole. If a cast ballot is torn, ripped or crumpled up, it will not be counted. You may fold your ballot if you wish, but please do no more.

In the case of a tie vote, it is recognized by voting authorities, most notably Roberts Rules of Order, that the moderator protects his impartial position by exercising his voting right only when the vote would affect the outcome, in which case he can either vote, and thereby change the result, or he can abstain. Since a majority is necessary to pass a motion, the motion fails if the result of the vote is a tie. In my over 40 years of moderating town meetings, there has been only one dead even tie - that was on the article to raze and sell the building I was born in, the Moore General Hospital.

A motion to reconsider can only be made by a person who voted with the prevailing side. It may be seconded by anyone period it is debatable and requires a simple majority for passage. A motion to restrict reconsideration may be made with respect to any vote taken at this meeting, or any warrant article previously considered at the meeting. This motion is not debatable and requires a simple majority for passage.

Finally, please note that I will not tolerate derogatory comments to be made about any speaker or person in this hall – so please be civil.

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE WARRANT

Moderator Stark recognized Chairman Georgantas.

Chairman Georgantas made a motion to dispense with the Reading of the Warrant. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ORDER OF ARTICLES FOR DISCUSSION

Moderator Stark said the Select Board has requested to begin with Article 8, the Operating Budget, and continue through all appropriation articles and separate articles placed on the Warrant by the Select Board. **The two articles submitted by petition will be discussed at the end of tonight’s meeting.**

ARTICLE 8 - OPERATING BUDGET

Moderator Stark said Article 8 is the Operating Budget. He recognized Vice Chair Boyer.

Vice Chair Boyer moved Article 8 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Vice Chair Boyer said the Town Operating Budget consists of 2 funds—the General Fund and the Sewer Enterprise Fund. EMS ambulance expenses are included in the Operating Budget and the Default Budget, to ensure continuation of EMS services. The EMS Special Revenue Fund appropriation is in Article 9. If Article 9 fails, EMS operations will be funded by the General Fund through taxation. The proposed Operating Budget is \$26,949,893. We will focus on the General Fund as that is the only fund which impacts the Town's property tax rate.

The General Fund Budget has a slight increase of \$358,354 over a last year's adopted budget. The Select Board and Budget Committee recommended this budget with a focus on maintaining current services and retaining the Town's staff. The budget increase is due to increases the Town is experiencing in fuel, oil, and electricity, as well as computer hardware, software, and other equipment and commodities to maintain existing services.

Revenues are estimated at this time based on best known information. The General Fund revenues are estimated to decrease \$702,840. This is primarily because of one-time use of Capital Reserve Funds in last year's budget for a Fire Engine. You can see in the handout the proposed General Fund Budget is approximately \$1.1 million dollars more than the Default Budget. The Default Budget is last year's adopted budget reduced or increased by debt service, contracts and other obligations and reduced by one-time expenditures in the adopted operating budget.

There are contractual increases for four union contracts approved at prior Town Meetings. This includes DPW Teamsters, Police Officers, Police Dispatchers/Clerks, and Firefighters. These increases are in both the Default Budget and the Operating Budget because they were approved by the voters at previous Town Meetings. The budget includes a 3.0% wage increases for non-union employees at the Library and other non-union employees in Town. The budget does include two new positions. One (1) new full-time HR Coordinator that will work out of Town Hall. This new position will assist Departments in hiring and on-boarding new employees, town wide training, and policy development. One (1) new Police Officer at the Police Department. The proposed officer will help support new training requirements and evolve community policing and recruitment & retention needs.

There are increases and one-time expenses in the Town's Capital Improvements Program. The Town has worked to maintain the Police Cruiser fleet by replacing three (3) cruisers annually. This budget continues that trend of purchasing three (3) cruisers, however the cost has increased. The cost of three (3) cruisers increased 29% (\$40,000) in the 2023 budget. The proposed budget includes a replacement dump truck at Parks & Rec. (current is 2012).

One new item in CIP this year is a trailer to store and transport election material, such as ballot booths, signs, and other items that do not need to be secured by the Town Clerk. This will save significant staff loading and unloading time, as we move towards the 2024 presidential election cycle.

As talked about before, the proposed budget includes the increased costs in fuel, electricity, computer hardware and software licenses, and other equipment and commodities required to continue existing operations. These increases are not allowed to be included in the Town's Default Budget.

If Article 8, the Operating Budget fails, the Default Budget for the General Fund, EMS, and Sewer Enterprise Fund shall be \$25,957,687 (Twenty-Five Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars). The Operating Budget has been recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee.”

Moderator Stark opened Article 8 to the floor for discussion.

Anthony Smelt, 95 Henry Bridge Road, said he doesn't understand these numbers. These numbers are insane.

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert, 23 College Road, said she's here today as a resident. She wanted to express her appreciation to the Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator in their efforts along with all the Town Department Heads in participating in the Budget process and for educating her and other members of the community. We've benefited from their open-door policies and their depth of knowledge. It's appreciated for our Town.

Moderator Stark closed the discussion.

Vice Chair Boyer made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 8. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 9 - EMS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Moderator Stark said Article 9 is the annual appropriation from the EMS Special Revenue Fund. He recognized Vice Chair Boyer.

Vice Chair Boyer moved Article 9 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Vice Chair Boyer said the EMS Special Revenue Fund was established in 2001, and 100% of all revenues collected from EMS operations is deposited into the fund. EMS ambulance expenses are included in the Operating Budget and the Default Budget, to ensure continuation of EMS services.

This article asks voters to fund 2023 EMS operations from the EMS Special Revenue Fund, with no funds to be raised by taxation. The Proposed 2023 EMS budget is \$526,576, which is an increase from last year. If Article 9 passes, then Article 8, the Operating Budget, will be reduced by the amount of the EMS operations. If Article 9 fails, EMS operations will be funded through taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion of Article 9. There was no discussion on Article 9. Moderator Stark closed discussion.

Vice Chair Boyer made a motion to restrict consideration of Article 9. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 10 - FIRE APPARATUS CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Moderator Stark said Article 10 is a deposit into the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund from Unassigned Fund Balance.

Selectman Lemay moved Article 10 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

Selectman Lemay said the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2008 to help defray the single year impact of the replacement cost of modern fire apparatus, which can run between \$750,000 and \$1.5 million.

This Capital Reserve Fund helps to spread that cost over multiple years to avoid spikes in the tax rate. This fund can also provide the Town leverage, in the form of a local match, when seeking grants to replace apparatus. This was the case in 2010 when the Fire Department was able to accept an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to replace the Town's obsolete ladder trucks with one Tower/Ladder. In that instance, the required match dollars came from the fund.

The current balance, as of 12/31/22, of the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund is \$447,630.62. Over the years this fund has been used to purchase many different fire apparatuses. A list of purchases are included in tonight's handout on page 5. This article is to be funded from the Unassigned Fund Balance, with no additional monies to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion of Article 10.

Karen Monasky, 22 Rochambeau Street, said she has a question about the Unassigned Fund Balance. What is it?

Selectman Lemay said that is monies that have not been used and is set aside to be used for items such as this that we are discussing tonight.

Karen Monasky asked why the money wasn't given back to the taxpayers. She would like it back.

Finance Director Basora explained that the Unassigned Fund Balance is a balance sheet number. It is not actual cash sitting in an account. It accumulates based on taking the Town's assets and equity and subtracting the liabilities. When you consider Unassigned Fund Balance, the DRA calculates those figures for us at tax rate setting. It's accumulated over the course of years based on under expenditures from a previous years' budget(s) and increased revenues higher than we had predicted in previous years' budgets. That figure is the difference between what was expended, appropriated, and collected. That's how it accumulates. From there, the Unassigned Fund Balance can only be used by specific purposes. One is Town Meeting, like you see here tonight going before the voters for a vote. It can be used at tax rate setting. The Select Board has the authority each fall to utilize the fund balance to reduce the tax rate, which they did this past fall, utilizing \$750,000. It can also be used for emergency purposes, but they have to go through a process to get approved through the DRA and a petition to the courts. It cannot be utilized by any other means.

Karen Monasky asked if taxpayers got a refund of \$750,000.

Finance Director Basora said the \$750,000 was used to reduce the amount of taxes needed to be collected. It's a way that closes that gap and is returned at tax rate setting.

Karen Monasky asked how she knows that she actually paid less taxes this year because there was a rebate.

Finance Director Basora said the Select Board holds their tax rate setting during the fall, usually in October. DRA gives us the figure and it's announced at their public meetings. It will be on the Select Board's agenda each fall, so you can keep your eye on it. It's posted on the Town's website with those agendas, and you're welcome to come and participate in the meeting.

Karen Monasky asked if there is a summary that comes out of this meeting that goes out to the citizens.

Finance Director Basora said after the meeting the tax rate is set, they do a press release that is announced to all the citizens, and they announce it on the website. The tax rate setting, the final rate by DRA that shows the use of those funds, is also posted on the Town's website every year.

Karen Monasky said to be able to see this information she has to go to the website.

Finance Director Basora said the website is the easiest way to find it. It's available 24/7 and you can also call Town Hall for a copy. They can also help direct you at that point where you can find it or send it to you in the mail. The tax form is hard-coded, so we don't have the ability to add a message onto the tax bill itself.

Karen Monasky asked about the current balance of this Unassigned Balance.

Finance Director Basora said the Unassigned Fund Balance is calculated each fall. The number we had at the tax rate setting last year was \$7.2 million. That was prior to use of the Fund Balance to reduce the taxes, as well as prior to the number that Town Meeting would be putting forward this year. There are additional funds when the Town closes their books that get identified. But there are also additional receivables.

For example, there is usually \$1.5 million - \$2 million that's due to the Town that is counted in that figure that's available in fund balance. But they are just sitting on the books as receivables.

Budget Committee member and State Representative Fred Plett asked, if there is a maximum amount that the Unassigned Fund Balance can grow to, and a minimum amount that people are comfortable within that range.

Town Administrator Derek Horne said the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) does have a suggested range. It is a minimum recommended of 5%, which in 2022 would have been about \$2.8 million. There is a maximum recommended of 17%, which would be \$9.5 million. The Select Board has a Fund Balance Policy that sets a target for 12%. The percentage retained at tax rate setting was 12.95%. So, they were just a little over that target.

Anthony Smelt, 93 Henry Bridge Road, asked if it was just \$7.2 million that was just hanging out there. Now you want a library for \$7.2 million and taxing us for it.

Town Administrator Horne said there is a petition article submitted by a petition of 25 or more registered voters. It was not put forward by the Select Board this year. And a portion of that \$7.2 million is in receivables, not cash in the bank. They also collect the majority of our funds twice per year in June/July and in December when tax bills go out. We collect taxes for the Town, the Schools, and the County. We collect about \$45 million in taxes. We have to turn over taxes to the school and the county, whether they are paid or not. So, although that might be \$1.5 million in back taxes or in liens, the Town is still responsible to turn over all the money to the School. That goes into the Select Board's fund balance policy, which is available either at Town Hall or on the website. It is a balance sheet account and is not money in the bank. It's accounted for and tracked. It's a balance sheet number of the General Fund.

Phil D'Avanza, East Dunbarton Road, said if we don't have a substantial amount of money in that fund, when we have to give the School and the County their money, we have to give the cash whether we've collected in the taxes or not. We'd have to borrow money and pay interest on that borrowed money. The Select Board and Budget Committee have worked together over many years. He's been on the Select Board. The biggest thing they didn't want to do is to have to borrow money. You'd see the interest on borrowed money to pay taxes to the School and County. It was taxes we weren't able to collect because people didn't have the money to pay their taxes.

Moderator Stark closed the discussion.

Selectman Lemay made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 10. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 11 - CRISPIN'S HOUSE

Moderator Stark said Article 11 is to fund a portion of Crispin's House annual operating budget. He recognized Chairman Georgantas.

Chairman Georgantas moved Article 11 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

Chairman Georgantas said this article would continue taxpayer support of Crispin's House Coalition for Youth. Crispin's House has provided services to youth and families of Goffstown for over 30 years, providing a wide range of program opportunities to help kids make positive choices. The annual budget of Crispin's House is approximately \$129,000. The warrant article funds \$20,000, or 16%, of their total budget. The organization works hard to raise the remaining funds through fund raising activities, community involvement and grants. This article demonstrates strong and continued community support, which helps these efforts. Programs include an accredited Juvenile Court Diversion Program, VolunTEENS, Youth Forums, Challenge Day, Mental Health education, Suicide Prevention and Substance Misuse Prevention. This article is recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion of Article 11.

Henry Giasson, 20 Amoskeag Drive, said this looks like a great organization. Their cause is excellent. On the flip side, he doesn't believe in tax enforced charity. He thinks that's a wrongful appropriation of tax funding to take from the people and donate to any charity. If there was a way to amend this down to \$10,000 and ween them off that support, he'd want to go in that direction. But he doesn't think we should be taxing

people and giving the money to charity.

Samantha Kearns, 5 Washington Street, Budget Committee member, said she thinks Crispin's house does a fantastic job at the diversion that they do. A recent statistic she heard on NHPR today was that 1.2 million people are set to overdose on Fentanyl this year. She hopes Crispin's House will help lower that number.

Moderator Stark closed the discussion.

Chairman Georgantas made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 11. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 12 - MODIFY ASSET & INCOME LIMITS AND THE AMOUNT OF THE ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

Moderator Stark said Article 12 is seeking to modify the Asset & Income Limits and the Amount of the Elderly Exemption. He recognized Chairman Georgantas.

Chairman Georgantas moved Article 12 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

Chairman Georgantas said the Town will be undergoing a valuation update for the 2023 tax year. The last change to the elderly exemption limits was made in 2018. The total number of exemptions in 2022 is the lowest it has been since 2006. The total dollar amount is the lowest it's been since 2017. The Town reviewed Social Security data since 2018. Social Security payments have increased by 18% since 2018.

The Town is proposing to increase the income and asset limits to the following:

Single income to \$42,500, or 13% increase, Married income to \$60,000, or 9% increase and Maximum average asset level of \$180,000, or 20% increase. The proposed levels are less than actual cost-of-living adjustments, but more in line with other municipalities. For those who qualify, the tax exemptions are \$76,500 for a person a person 65-74 years old, \$103,500 for a person 75-79 years old, and \$137,500 for a person 80 years of age or older. As assessments are increasing, an increase in exemption amounts will not increase the Town's tax rate. This article is recommended by the Select Board.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion of Article 12. There was no discussion. Moderator Stark closed discussion.

Chairman Georgantas made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 12. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 13 - MODIFY AMOUNT OF THE EXEMPTION FOR THE BLIND

Moderator Stark said Article 13 is seeking to modify the amount of the Exemption for the Blind. He recognized Selectman Adams.

Selectman Adams moved Article 13 to the floor. Selectman Lemay seconded. Motion carries.

Selectman Adams said the Exemption for the Blind was adopted by the Town in 1986. The standard exemption for the blind is \$15,000. This has never been adjusted since it was adopted 37 years ago. In 2022

the Town had 6 blind exemptions. As assessments are increasing, an increase in the exemption amounts will not increase the Town's tax rate. This article is recommended by the Select Board.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion of Article 13. There was no discussion. Moderator Stark closed the discussion

Selectman Adams made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 13. Selectman Lemay seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 14 - RE-ADOPT THE OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT AND THE ALL-VETERANS' TAX CREDIT OF \$500

Moderator Stark said Article 14 is seeking to readopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit and the All-Veterans' Tax Credit of \$500. He recognized Selectman Craig.

Selectman Craig moved Article 14 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

Selectman Craig said this article seeks to re-adopt the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit and the All-Veterans' Tax Credit at its current amount of \$500 per year. This tax credit is subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property. In 2022, the State amended eligibility criteria for veterans' property tax credit. The "Standard and Optional Veterans' Tax Credit" and the "All Veterans' Tax Credit" were amended to expand the eligibility requirements to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. The Town must re-adopt the existing "Optional Veterans' Tax Credit of \$500, and the All-Veterans' Tax Credit" of \$500 to include the expanded eligibility. If Article 14 fails, the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 and the All-Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 will be in place for the April 1, 2023 tax year, which would include expanded eligibility requirements.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion of Article 14. There was no discussion. Moderator Stark closed discussion.

Selectman Craig made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 14. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 15 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Moderator Stark said Article 15 is Goffstown's Capital Improvement Program. He recognized Selectman Craig.

Selectman Craig moved Article 15 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

Selectman Craig said this a housekeeping article. Goffstown has utilized a Capital Improvement Program since 1983. This is a planning tool under the Goffstown Planning Board that coordinates, unifies, and facilitates accomplishment of the long-range Master Plan and capital improvement planning for the Town. The NH Legislature recodified the State's land use laws in 1983 and authorized CIP programs. Research by Town staff discovered the enabling statute authorizing municipal improvement programs (NH RSA 674:5) was never adopted by the local legislative body—the voters at Town Meeting. This housekeeping article seeks local legislative authorization of the Goffstown Capital Improvements Program, thereby continuing

capital improvement planning for the Town, School District, Boards, Commissions, Committees, Departments, Districts, Precincts, Trustees, and personnel.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion of Article 15. There was no discussion. Moderator Stark closed discussion.

Selectman Craig made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 15. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 7 - PETITION ARTICLE \$7.2 MILLION DOLLAR BOND FOR RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF THE GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Moderator Stark said they will now present the Articles submitted by petition.

Article 7 is a Petition Article seeking a \$7.2 million dollar bond to renovate and expand the Goffstown Public Library. He recognized Chairman Georgantas.

Chairman Georgantas moved Article 7 to the floor. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

Chairman Georgantas said this article was submitted by a petition of 25 or more registered voters in Goffstown, in accordance with NH RSA 39:3. The actual cost and annual payments of the proposed \$7.2 million dollar bond will depend on the term of the bond, the negotiated interest rate of the bond, and whether level principal or level debt is chosen.

The Goffstown Select Board and Budget Committee voted to Not Recommend this Bond Article. He stepped aside to allow the petitioners to explain the background and purpose behind the petition article.

Cathy Coughlin, 83 New Boston Road, Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees, said in 1998 an elevator was put into the Library to help with ADA needs. It allowed us to access the third floor. We also did a renovation of the Library to open up more spaces. There was also a reorganization at that time. In 2009 they purchased the lawn next door, which is the grass lot where the book sale tends to happen. That was in preparation for an anticipation of expansion at some point. In 2014 and 2015, the Library Board of Trustees went before the CIP Committee. They had a rough drawing and rough numbers and were told to go back and get real numbers. Then we set a hard path to get that done. They sent out a community survey. They did a building feasibility study to make sure it was feasible to add on to the building. They contracted with an engineering and architectural firm. They did the bid process and got a construction manager in order for them to get these hard numbers. That is what the price tag is based off of. In 2021, the Library renovation, expansion, and preconstruction warrant article for \$95,000 gave us the ability to get those hard numbers. The Library Board of Trustees wanted to get this article in front of the voters. In order to do that they had to use this petition article. They didn't want to wait another year. They've been waiting and delaying and not moving forward. They were ready. They had their numbers and were prepared. They are asking the voters to approve a \$7.2 million dollar bond for the expansion and renovation of the current Library. So, it would include renovation of some of the interior spaces of the current library. This would add approximately \$850,000 to the annual budget. The life of the bond and its payments are based off the bond rates. The financial folks in Town Hall helped them with that. Right now, the rates are still relatively good. They haven't adjusted too much in the face of what's happening economically. A common refrain they've heard

is that now is not the time period it's too much. Don't do it. Times are tough. She would like to ask, when is the time? There's always going to be something around the bend such as economy, wages, or a pandemic. There are no other capital projects in the CIP matrix coming up in this coming year. We know there are other projects in the works down the road. But our project, which we've been working on for the past several years, is ready to go. We do look for the support of the community. They do have to update some of the language to make it what bond counsel wants.

Cathy Coughlin presented Moderator Stark with a proposed amendment.

Moderator Stark read the proposed amendment as follows: "Passage of this article shall override the 10% limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200,000 (gross budget) for the renovation and expansion of the Goffstown Public Library (2 High Street), and to authorize the issuance of not more than seven million, two-hundred thousand dollars of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver other terms thereof; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any and all federal, state, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, and to apply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto." (3/5 ballot vote is required for passage.)

Cathy Coughlin said this was recommended from going back and forth with Bond Counsel and the Finance Department. It was to make sure it was the most proper and up-to-date language.

Fred Plett, 29 My Way, asked if this proposed language was approved by the 25 petitioners that submitted the original petition.

Moderator Stark said he doesn't know why it would need to be.

Cathy Coughlin said this extra language was added purely for legal language. They didn't go back out to all the signatures. That's why they are doing it in this forum. This is where we can do the amendment.

The Moderator had discussion continue while the amendment was reviewed.

Fred Plett asked if it's possible to support the amendment without supporting the underlying article. Moderator Stark said it is.

Joe Alexander, 3 Oakwood Lane, asked where in the RSAs does it say the Select Board can't solicit funds and use those funds and put them on the ballot every year. He's thinking about the SAFER grant. We got grant funding for \$270,000 for 4 years and decided to put it on the warrant to let the voters make that decision. Does this override the ability of the voters every year to approve grants the Library is receiving for the municipal bond?

Town Administrator Horne said, this language was recommended by Bond Counsel to allow the Select Board to accept donations and grants and to pay down debt service when those donations come in. The Library Trustees had mentioned that they are in an effort to do a capital campaign, and this would be a

mechanism that would allow them to take those funds in and pay off the annual principal and interest costs when they came in.

Theresa Curtis, 43 Tipping Rock Road, said she was on the Board of Trustees when they did the renovation of the third floor and adding the elevator in the 1990s. At that time, they were told that, while the Library needed to expand, that this was the best we could do at that time. We were told we should wait until we proved that we could use the additional space, and that the Library would still be used. It's commendable for the Library Trustees, Director Hathaway, and staff to have made excellent use of the space we gained 25 years ago. But the time is now. The Library has needed to be expanded for more than 40 years for a town of this size. Our Library Director was recognized as the best in the state. We deserve the best library in the state. Why now, it was asked. Why not now? We need a new library expansion. The Town can use it. She wholeheartedly supports the amendment that's been put forward.

The Amendment was verified and displayed on the projected screen.

Moderator Stark opened the floor to discussion on the amendment. There was no discussion. Moderator Stark closed discussion.

Vote on Amendment. Amendment passes.

Moderator Stark continued discussion on the article as amended. He said the last speaker was one who was in favor and now he'd like to hear from an opponent. He'd prefer to hear the comments in that manner.

Laura Stevens said now that we've discussed the amendment, we have to go back to the original article, people can speak, and it doesn't matter if they are opposed or in favor.

Lauren Doukas made a motion to overrule the Moderator's ruling. Stacey Bellemore seconded. Motion carries.

Sarah Perez, 36 Checkerberry Lane, said she's here as an advocate for the Library expansion. We're all tightening our belts in the face of rising costs of living, and many are here tonight in opposition to the expansion because you don't want to see an increase in your property taxes. It's not good to be faced with potential cost increases, even if they are minor, when it won't necessarily have a direct positive impact on one's life. Where does that leave us? Goffstown is made up of hardworking, down to earth, kind people. We have our Police and Fire Departments and all of our town offices. She asked that people consider, just as we support the infrastructure of our town, the departments, and the schools, our taxes also serve to support our Library. It's a vital part of our Town infrastructure and has a direct and positive impact on our children and the families of the Town of Goffstown. She asked people to support the Library in its time of need for more space and better facilities for our community. If you don't visit the Library often, she encourages people to stop in. Parking may be difficult because they have incredible attendance at all their events. You'll also find clubs, books, DVDs, books on CDs, digital books, free museum passes, and perhaps a quiet space where you'll be treated with kindness and respect.

Lisa Mazur, 39 Shirley Park Road, said she is speaking as a State Representative and a citizen. The Representative piece is that, when she knocked on doors, she heard about the cost of inflation and putting food on the table. She is advocating for lowering our taxes. We love the Library. This isn't a fight against the Library. At this moment, we can't afford \$7.2 million. This is a want. This is about not affording to put this burden on the taxpayers of Goffstown. We're taxed to the max now. Maybe sometime in the future possibly.

Laura Stevens, 33 Orchard Hill Road, said when times are hard, it means different things to different people. Not everyone has internet access at home. Not everyone has a safe place to go. The Library is and can be these things to more people in our community. You may not see these people every day, but we have to remember to stand up for them as well. No one wants to raise taxes, but this is an investment in our community that will pay us back many times over. Consider what it means to support the people who need these resources.

Anthony Smelt said everyone has a library in their pocket—a cell phone. A library is not the future. It's a waste of money.

Melissa Landry, 25 Cove Street, said there is a lot of talk about grants to help toward the \$7.2 million. There haven't been grants laid out before us. She'd like to hear about them and what they are. Does it need to be \$7.2 million on the ballot to show the community supports the library.

Cathy Coughlin said the Library formed a private foundation for doing a capital campaign and they've been researching numerous grants. Many require proof of community support. This warrant article will show we have funds available. But we can't apply until we have an approved project.

Melissa Landry asked what research they've done on the grants. Cathy Coughlin said they have a spreadsheet with 10-20 grants, and they've been working with a fundraising consulting.

Joy Herbert, 55 High Street, said her objection was because of the architecture proposed. It's nothing like what's at the corner of High Street and Mast Road. It should look more appropriate. She thinks this is a monstrosity to have it up against High Street. It doesn't match what we have. They do have the area on the side where they have their sales. Why didn't they try to make it a little more like our nice little town?

Cathy Coughlin said the design process is still going on. We're still seeking community input. The newer building is not to match the old building identically. But it does have the same tones. We'd love people to come to our next listening session when scheduled.

Curt DeVetter, 536 Black Brook Road. He speaks in favor and in support of the library. Now is the time, even with the serious concerns of the economy and inflation. We don't know what next year will bring, or what 5 years will bring. Approval will allow us to apply for grants. That's not taxpayer dollars. A lot of people use libraries to access information when they don't have internet access. It's a place to feel safe, get an assignment done, and meet people.

Kyle Burton, 5 Haig Street, said is resource he was able to use when he moved to NH was the library. He's lived in NH now for 14 years and contributes more to taxes. A lot of folks don't have access. A lot of people don't have access. The problem would be exacerbated with increased costs in the future. If possible, what has been the relative increase in costs since first proposed?

Cathy Coughlin said the original cost estimate was about \$5.9 million. Going two years out resulted in the \$7.2 million.

Frank Hobbs, 119 Danis Park Road, said he is a member of the Budget Committee but is speaking as a private citizen. He is against the Library expansion plan. He thinks it's a want, not a need. Mortgage

interest rates have gone up. Food costs have increased. We are going to have a library. We are discussing the difference between this and what we have now. People don't want our taxes to increase. Senior citizens don't want their taxes to increase. There would be bond interest, and heat, as well as cost overruns. He doesn't like the look of it either.

Stacey Bellemore, 8 Goffstown Back Road, said in looking at the numbers, she trusts the Select Board and Budget Committee, to go after those grants. She trusts they'd bring those numbers down. It's sad to know that people think everyone has access to the internet. She went to the Library to do her work for the quiet away from home. If she has to let go of things in this economy, it would be the internet and other things the library can provide with a bigger space. We don't have a great library. It's small and not ADA compliant. We can trust our representatives in the state and in Town Hall to bring the costs down.

Marie Morgan, 3 Stacey Lane, asked how much \$7.2 million would cost the taxpayer. Has it been mentioned at this meeting? Has it been mentioned at past meetings?

Chairman Georgantas replied that the details of the bond wouldn't be determined until the bond sale. There are multiple scenarios.

Marie Morgan said 20 years at 5.5% would cost \$600,000 per year, which is less than \$120 a year per taxpayer. She then attempted to submit a written amendment.

Moderator Stark said it needs to be signed by five people at the meeting.

Discussion continued.

Henry Gaisson, 20 Amoskeag Drive, said one of his big concerns is the sustained costs. We would be building a larger building and it will take more to heat and more electricity. What is the sustained price beyond the \$7.2 million? Hours are currently more like business hours. Would the hours increase? Would we need more staff. That would increase the \$7.2 million. He'd like to see the annual budget.

Cathy Coughlin said the plan is to restrict activity on the 3rd floor. The utility costs would about double. They are the largest driver of her budget. They would have the same number of staff, who could manage the first 2 floors.

Michael York, 15 Catamount Road, said the question has been why now. That's constantly been said for the 40 years he's been here. The reason is that we don't have a library that reflects Goffstown now. It reflects Goffstown of 40 years ago. We'll provide adequate toilet facilities, which we don't have now. Every single one of the 240 communities in NH have a library. We've not kept pace with the rest of the state in terms of our library. When he bought his house 14 years ago, it was at 14% interest. These problems plagued us years ago. We need a better library than we have so our fabulous staff can work better.

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert, 23 College Road, said the Library staff and Trustees, in their presentation of this project to the Budget Committee, are concerned about the comfort of those using the Library. Their deeper concerns were lost in the tone. The Library has ADA issues and people may not be able to use the Library for lack of accessibility. It's important to have a building that's accessible, even toilets. It's important to the

community to be able to provide this service to everyone in the community, not just those with cell phones in their pocket. Not everyone has a cell phone in their pocket. Our public buildings need to meet the needs of every member of our community.

Raymond Philibot, 86 Mo-sett Ave. asked how many people use the Library every day. Libraries are going out of date. \$120 per year is for one item. What about the fire trucks and other items?

Library Director Dianne Hathaway said, in the year 2022 they welcomed 22,608 visitors to the Library.

Gina Gravied, 60 Summer Street, said she supports having a library. She doesn't hear anyone talking about getting rid of the Library. She supports what Frank Hobbs said. The number is excessive of what the needs are. We need to bring things up to code for ADA compliance and proper toilet facilities \$7.2 million is a lot more want than need to happen for the library. The voters and residence would find another number much more palatable. They are looking to lessen their tax burden.

Dominic Privy, 36 Laurel Street said a public library is a public service. It's not a voluntary institution. Voluntary institutions have perverse incentives that require you to pay consistently for access to it. We don't want to see access to our books and internet to be run as a voluntary service. We want to see it be a public service and see it expanded as much as we can and as much as it desperately needs given it doesn't meet ADA compliance.

Mary Ellen Emmerling, 33 Mo-sett Ave, said when she thinks of the cost of the library, 25 years ago it was about \$2 million. In 1983, it was about \$5.9 million. \$7.2 million has a lot of zeros. She issued debt as the treasurer for the City of Concord, NH. This is the time to get those bonds on the books. The rates are low and are only going to go up. It's not a want. It's a need. As a previous tax collector of another community, she's concerned when our community doesn't keep up with other communities in our area. If we don't have the library, her real estate market value could go down. It might not be as high compared to other places. That's going to hurt our community in the long run. Please support the library and approve the article.

Evelyn Redmond, 134 Pattee Hill Road, said a library is a vital part of our community. It was a vibrant library and a reason they chose to live in Goffstown. It's one of the most important things you can give your children. She supports the expansion of the Library. What the staff has to survive with, when they don't have space for an employee to nurse a child in private, it's unacceptable. You'd be appalled at the lack of space and storage. \$7.2 million seems like a lot of money. But it's never going to be less money. Two years ago, it was less. If we wait 2 more years, it will still be too much. A great library will be reflected in what you can sell your house for.

Rich Bruno, 17 High Street, said the Library has been his neighbor for 40 years. He's amazed with what they do with the building. He's been through building schools, fire stations, new police stations, and the same arguments come all the time. The cost of not doing anything is what we are talking about. It's time for the Library to get it's due. They've been waiting a long time. It's \$10/month is what will come out of the taxpayer's pocket. They have great programs. It's time for the Library to get its due.

Laura Stevens said she wants to call the question. Moderator Stark declined and allowed others who were waiting to speak.

John Burt, 7 Bay Street, said he bought his house in 2003. He's been State Rep for 12 years. He is against this \$7.2 million. He was on the Budget Committee in 2010, 2011, and 2012. The School problems haven't gone away. We bought the land behind the High School to build a new school. It will eventually be built and cost us millions. There will be a huge cost to run this building. He'd rather put his money toward the School that needs to be built. He thanked the Select Board for voting 5-0-0 to not recommend this, as well as the seven on the Budget Committee. The big elephant in the room is Bartlett and Maple Ave Schools, as well as the Police Department.

Evelyn Redmond said she was the Town Accountant for 9 years. During that time, one of the biggest impacts on the Town budget was the State downshifting expenses to the Town and ending some of the cash sharing programs they had. The increase in what the Town and us taxpayers pay is almost 75%. The State used to contribute to teacher and police retirement. She's asking the legislators to do something to help us. We wouldn't be questioning this addition to the Library if our taxes weren't increased by downshifting from the State.

Lauren Doukas, 23 Ginger Drive, also of the Budget Committee, said she voted to recommend passage of the article. A recurring theme we've heard on tours of the Town facilities, it was always asked if they had all they needed to run the town. The Library is telling us they don't have what they need to serve the Town since 2009. This has been in the CIP since 2015. If we're not planning our infrastructure purchases, why do we have CIP? Why are we taking the time to plan out and level fund our town if we're not doing the things that require support for infrastructure when our department heads are saying they need help. As a Budget Committee member, she was cognizant of that price. But if our department heads and directors are saying they don't have what they need, it's in our best interest to the recommend to the Town that they should have what they need to run it.

Aimee Huntemann, 6 Barnard Lane asked if she could make a motion to restrict reconsideration.

Moderator Stark said that motion is premature.

Melissa Landry, 25 Cove Street, said someone said they didn't like the way it looked and what the \$7.2 million would go to for the changes. There was conversation about it changing. Will the number be changed in the future, and will they be asked for more? Also, when you look at this and the \$7.2 million, when they do get the grants, does the money come back to the taxpayers and how?

Laura Stevens, 33 Orchard Hill Road, said any grants or monies received would offset the tax rate. It will lessen the amount we owe on the bond. She asked to call the question. Again, Moderator Stark declined to call the question.

Eric Emmerling said he's in favor of the Library. We are talking about the future. It's not about economics. We all spend more than we make. It's about the future or our kids, their education system. We need a foundation for literacy and a place you can go to get some information. Alexa doesn't find a book for me. And he has to pay for it to get a book through the phone. The Library is a foundation; a part of America and who we are. Taxes never go down. Prices never go down. The time is now because sometimes we have to stand up and say where we are. Do we care about our community and our kids? Do we care about a place where historical data and stuff is saved and preserved, honored and treasured? We have to pay for it now. We should be a leader and not a follower.

Cathy Coughlin said regarding the question about input on the design process, they are working closely with an architect and engineering firm. They are looking for cost effective materials, etc. When we get true drawings, the materials chosen will be based on budgetary matters. Any donations and grants would be turned over to the Town and tax money wouldn't have to be raised for that portion of the funds. She'd love to provide a solid number, but they are just in the early process of that fundraising venture.

Kate Shea, 29 Tamar Drive, said we don't have what we need. Not in terms of the Library, but in terms of getting by. Many are hanging on by their fingernails. We aren't arguing about the Library. We have a great library. This is about want versus need. Space and parking haven't been an issue. Her mortgage just went up \$200 a month. We can do a little better than \$7.2 million for ADA purposes This isn't working for us. The good, hardworking people in town will disappear. Those on fixed incomes will disappear. It's a flawed logic to say now is the time. Please don't vote for this.

The motion made by Marie Morgan was withdrawn.

Lauren Doukas made a motion to close discussion. Samantha Kearns seconded. Motion carries.

Aimee Huntemann made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 7. Samantha Kearns seconded the motion. Motion carries.

ARTICLE 16—PETITION ARTICLE SEEKING A RESOLUTION FROM TOWN MEETING

Moderator Stark said Article 16 is a Petition Article seeking a resolution from Town Meeting. He recognized Selectman Adams.

Selectman Adams moved Article 16 to the floor. Selectman Lemay seconded.

Selectman Adams said this article was submitted by a petition of 25 or more registered voters of Goffstown, in accordance with NH RSA 39:3. The Goffstown Select Board voted to Not Recommend this Article. He said he will step aside to allow any of the petitioners to explain the background and purpose behind the petition article.

Moderator Stark opened the floor for petitioners to present this article. No one came forward to do so. Moderator Stark opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion.

Selectman Craig made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 16. Selectman Adams seconded. Motion carries.

A motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Georgantas and seconded by Selectman Adams. Motion carries.

The Deliberative Session adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Labrecque
Recording Secretary

2023 ELECTIONS STATISTICAL REPORT

Election	Date	Voters Attending 1st Session	Ballots Cast	% Voters	# New Registered Voters	Total # Registered Voters
Ballot Determination Sessions:						
School	02/06/2023	96	0	<1%	n/a	11,204
Town	02/07/2023	177	0	<1%	n/a	11,204
Official Ballot Session:						
Town/School - POSTPONED	03/14/2023		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Town/School - Rescheduled	03/28/2023		2,835	25.18	62	11,257

OFFICIAL TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

MARCH 28, 2023

(POSTPONED FROM MARCH 14, 2023)

Registered Voters	11,257	Total Ballots Cast	2,835	% Voter Turnout	25.18%
Number of Total Ballots Cast above includes <u> 0 </u> Affidavit Ballots.					

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Offices	Votes	Offices	Votes	Offices	Votes
Select Board - 3 Years		Library Trustee - 3 Years		Sewer Commission - 3 Years	
Vote for not more than One		Vote for not more than Three		Vote for not more than One	
Kimberly R. Peace	1,210	Kathleen "Kathy" Coughlin	1,754	David Pierce	1,377
Peter Georgantas	1,420	Samantha Homan	1,628	Richard "Bear" Freeman	1,050
Overvotes	0	Laura Stevens	1,738	Overvotes	0
Undervotes/Blanks	201	Overvotes	0	Undervotes/Blanks	401
Write-In	0	Undervotes/Blanks	3,322	Write-In	
Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	4	Write-In: Joe Alexander	13	Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	7
		Write-In: Brian Mazur	5		
Budget Committee - 3 Years		Write-In		Supervisor of the Checklist -	
Vote for not more than Four		Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	45	5 Years	
Schuyler M. Sund	389			Vote for not more than One	
Oliva Welch-Erdahl	1,195	Library Trustee - 1 Year		Robyn Perry	2,040
Adam Barriere	1,141	Vote for not more than Two		Overvotes	0
Jeff Day	1,132	Elizabeth Jipson	1,710	Undervotes/Blanks	778
Curt DeVetter	947	Brian Campbell	1,670	Write-In: Shawn Goodwin	10
Brian Mazur	1,235	Overvotes	0	Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	7
Doug Pounds	1,153	Undervotes/Blanks	2,244		
Laura Stevens	1,344	Write-In: Joe Alexander	9	Town Clerk - 3 Years	
Overvotes	0	Write-In		Vote for not more than One	
Undervotes/Blanks	2,756	Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	37	Cathleen "Cathy" Ball	2,285
Write-In: Dan O'Connell	31			Overvotes	0
Write-In		Planning Board - 3 Years		Undervotes/Blanks	546
Write-In		Vote for not more than Two		Write-In	
Write-In		Phil D'Avanza	1,020	Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	4
Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	17	Richard "Bear" Freeman	994		
		Thomas Hanley	757	Trustee of Trust Funds -	
Budget Committee - 2 Years		Colleen Mailloux	1,079	3 Years	
Vote for not more than One		James Raymond	873	Vote for not more than One	
Allison DeCesere	1,038	Overvotes	8	Fred Plett	2,200
Henry R. Giasson III	867	Undervotes/Blanks	935	Overvotes	0
Bill Kordas	425	Write-In		Undervotes/Blanks	612
Overvotes	12	Write-In		Write-In	
Undervotes/Blanks	490	Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	4	Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	23
Write-In					
Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	3	Planning Board - 2 Years		Zoning Board of Adjustment -	
		Vote for not more than One		3 Years	
Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years		Alan Yeaton	1,186	Vote for not more than Two	
Vote for not more than One		Brian Mazur	1,235	Alan Yeaton	1,606
Linda Reynolds Naughton	2,011	Overvotes	0	Leonard "Len" Stuart	1,639
Undervotes	808	Undervotes/Blanks	405	Overvotes	0
Overvotes/Blanks	0	Write-In		Undervotes/Blanks	2,400
Write-In		Write-in w/< 5 Votes	9	Write-In	
Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	16			Write-In w/ < 5 Votes	25

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by removing all references to residential use, multi-family use, and mixed-use residential as permitted uses in the Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ) in Sections 3.11, 5.9, 4.3, and 2.3.9. Also, add a sentence in Section 2.3.9, “Residential uses are not allowed in the Commercial Industrial Flex Zone (CIFZ)”?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

YES	1883
NO	785
BLANKS	167
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by modifying zoning restrictions for the location of Tattoo Parlors, treating them in a manner similar to beauty shops, barbershops, and similar personal services?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

YES	2065
NO	660
BLANKS	110
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by removing Section 15.3.7.5 Report from the Planning Board, in its entirety, where Zoning Board applications relating to (a) a commercial or industrial project or use, or (b) a residential use of three or more units for which Site Plan approval will be required, are delivered to the Planning Board for comment?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

YES	2001
NO	597
BLANKS	237
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by removing Section 15.8, Violations, in its entirety and refer to the NH State Statutes for violation procedures?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

YES	2001
NO	597
BLANKS	237
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Goffstown Planning Board, by adding Section 6.6.4. Electronic Message Centers (EMC) in order to address the maximum brightness permitted for EMC's?

Recommended by the Planning Board 7-0-0.

YES	2116
NO	508
BLANKS	211
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 7

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,200,000) (gross budget) for the renovation and expansion of the Goffstown Public Library (2 High Street) and to authorize the issuance of not more than Seven Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,200,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend any and all Federal, State, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project, and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to take any and all action necessary in connection therewith or to pass any other vote relative thereto? *(3/5 ballot vote is required for passage.)*

Submitted by petition.

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

NOT Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-5-2.

YES	758
NO	2030
BLANKS	47
OVERVOTES	0

Failed

ARTICLE 8

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-Six Million, Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars (\$26,949,893)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Twenty-Five Million, Nine Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$25,957,687), 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 14-0-0.

YES	1599
NO	1116
BLANKS	120
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Five Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$526,576) 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 8 by \$526,576.)

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

YES	2261
NO	456
BLANKS	118
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town 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 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 14-0-0

YES	2139
NO	565
BLANKS	131
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 11

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 8.)*

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee 13-1-0

YES	1969
NO	717
BLANKS	149
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for Elderly Exemption from property tax in the Town of Goffstown, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 74 years, \$76,500; for a person 75 years of age up to 79 years, \$103,500; for a person 80 years of age or older \$137,500? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$42,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$60,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$180,000, excluding the value of the person’s residence. If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. *(Majority vote required.)*

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0

YES	2236
NO	458
BLANKS	141
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:37, Exemption for the Blind, to allow an inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the blind services program, to be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of \$25,000? If approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. *(Majority vote required.)*

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0

YES	2083
NO	593
BLANKS	159
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, and RSA 72:28-b, both previously adopted, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit and an All Veterans' Tax Credit of \$500.00 per year? If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. *(Majority vote required.)*

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0

YES	2227
NO	442
BLANKS	165
OVERVOTES	1

Passed

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town vote, in accordance with RSA 674:5, to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years?

Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0

YES	2011
NO	588
BLANKS	236
OVERVOTES	0

Passed

ARTICLE 16

Shall the Town vote to authorize the following resolution to be forwarded to our State and Federal elected representatives:

Resolved: We the town of Goffstown hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire’s economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan. 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire’s natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Goffstown’s State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Goffstown’s Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Goffstown’s Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

***Submitted by petition.
NOT Recommended by the Select Board 5-0-0***

YES	943
NO	1719
BLANKS	173
OVERVOTES	0

Failed



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, New Hampshire

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, the major governmental and proprietary funds, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, the major governmental and proprietary funds, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown, as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and where applicable, cash flows thereof, and the respective budgetary comparison for the major general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Goffstown and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Town of Goffstown's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Goffstown's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Goffstown's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Goffstown's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2-C to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2022 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information – Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Management’s Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the Town’s Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town’s Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits,
- Schedule of Changes in the Town’s Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information – Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Goffstown’s basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the

basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 14, 2024 on our consideration of the Town of Goffstown's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town of Goffstown's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



PLODZIK & SANDERSON
Professional Association

February 14, 2024
Concord, New Hampshire

Management Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire (the Town), we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements,
2. Fund financial statements,
3. Notes to the financial statements.
4. Required supplementary information (including this management discussion and analysis)

This also contains the other supplementary information (SI) which includes the combining and individual fund schedules as well as the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all assets, liabilities, and deferred outflows and inflows of resources with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected taxes, reimbursement-based grant funding, and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, and culture and recreation. The business-type activities include sewer activities.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Town's funds can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions as reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of available resources, as well as on balances of available resources readily accessible at the end of fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Town's near-term financial requirements.

Due to the focus of governmental funds being narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financial decisions. Reconciliations are provided to facilitate the comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary fund reporting focuses on the determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position, and cash flows. The proprietary fund category includes enterprise and internal service funds. The Town currently only operates one enterprise fund.

Enterprise funds are used to report activity for which a fee is charged to external users, and must be used when one of the following criteria is met:

1. Activity is financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges,
2. Laws or regulations require the activity's costs of providing services be recovered with fees and charges, and
3. The pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs such as depreciation and debt service.

The primary focus on these criteria is on fees charged to external users. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements, in more detail. Specifically, the Town's enterprise fund is used to account for sewer operations, which is considered to be a major fund.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Town. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information (RSI) which is required to be disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Included in this report are exhibits and notes pertaining to the Town's share of participation in the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS). These have a continual impact on the Town's government-wide financial statements and the associated RSI may shed light on otherwise ambiguous figures reported in the government-wide financial statements.

Also included in this report is other supplementary information which includes individual schedules for major funds, schedules for nonmajor governmental funds, and schedules for custodial funds which distinguish between the various governmental and custodial funds operated by the Town, as well as delve deeper into the budgetary performance and fund balance impact of the General Fund.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis*Statement of Net Position - Governmental Activities*

Net position of the Town of Goffstown as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

	2022	2021	Change	% of Change
Capital Assets, Net	\$36,722,647	\$35,150,252	\$ 1,572,395	4.47%
Other Assets	31,101,346	29,610,057	1,491,289	5.04%
Total Assets	67,823,993	64,760,309	3,063,684	4.73%
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	5,067,305	3,745,808	1,321,497	35.28%
Long-term Liabilities	24,854,622	19,228,645	5,625,977	29.26%
Other Liabilities	13,299,552	13,537,139	(237,587)	-1.76%
Total Liabilities	38,154,174	32,765,784	5,388,390	16.45%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	4,850,980	6,551,140	(1,700,160)	-25.95%
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	34,748,219	33,158,049	1,590,170	4.80%
Restricted	2,039,109	3,572,485	(1,533,376)	-42.92%
Unrestricted	(6,901,184)	(9,202,594)	2,301,410	-25.01%
Total Net Position	\$29,886,144	\$27,527,940	\$ 2,358,204	8.57%

Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities

Changes in net position for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	2022	2021	Change	% of Change
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 1,637,477	\$ 1,881,102	\$ (243,625)	-12.95%
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,119,224	328,330	1,790,894	545.46%
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	420,370	(420,370)	100.00%
General Revenues:				
Property and Other Taxes	15,835,378	14,083,296	1,752,082	12.44%
Licenses and Permits	3,635,960	3,703,924	(67,964)	-1.83%
Grants and Contributions	2,148,421	1,328,017	820,404	61.78%
Miscellaneous	537,337	688,380	(151,043)	-21.94%
Total Revenues	25,913,797	22,433,419	3,480,378	15.51%
Expenses				
General Government	4,856,264	5,221,124	(364,860)	-6.99%
Public Safety	6,264,188	7,758,557	(1,494,369)	-19.26%
Public Works	10,870,766	7,316,205	3,554,561	48.58%
Health and Welfare	29,428	35,727	(6,299)	-17.63%
Culture and Recreation	1,485,611	1,229,290	256,321	20.85%
Interest - Long-term Debt	61,084	71,423	(10,339)	-14.48%
Total Expenditures	23,567,341	21,632,326	1,935,015	8.95%
Transfers	11,748	-	11,748	-100.00%
Change in Net Position	2,358,204	801,093	1,557,111	194.37%
Net Position, Beginning of Year, As Restated	27,527,940	26,726,847	801,093	3.00%
Net Position, End of Year	\$29,886,144	\$27,527,940	\$ 2,358,204	8.57%

Government-Wide Financial AnalysisStatement of Net Position - Business-type Activities

Net position of the Town of Goffstown as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 is as follows:

	2022	2021	Change	% of Change
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 2,955,498	\$ 3,795,974	\$ (840,476)	-22.14%
Other Assets	5,532,711	4,696,637	836,074	17.80%
Total Assets	<u>8,488,209</u>	<u>8,492,611</u>	<u>(4,402)</u>	<u>-0.05%</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>51,185</u>	<u>37,801</u>	<u>13,384</u>	<u>35.41%</u>
Long-term Liabilities	232,426	173,843	58,583	33.70%
Other Liabilities	276,497	90,944	185,553	204.03%
Total Liabilities	<u>508,923</u>	<u>264,787</u>	<u>244,136</u>	<u>92.20%</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>22,636</u>	<u>66,165</u>	<u>(43,529)</u>	<u>-65.79%</u>
Net Position:				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,955,498	3,795,974	(840,476)	-22.14%
Unrestricted	5,052,337	4,403,486	648,851	14.73%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 8,007,835</u>	<u>\$ 8,199,460</u>	<u>\$ (191,625)</u>	<u>-2.34%</u>

Statement of Activities - Business-type Activities

Changes in net position for the years ending December 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows:

	2022	2021	Change	% of Change
Revenues				
Program Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 1,743,094	\$ 1,446,190	\$ 296,904	20.53%
Operating Grants and Contributions	-	70,568	(70,568)	-100.00%
General Revenues:				
Miscellaneous	71,192	37,409	33,783	90.31%
Total Revenues	<u>1,814,286</u>	<u>1,554,167</u>	<u>260,119</u>	<u>16.74%</u>
Expenses				
Sanitation	<u>1,994,163</u>	<u>1,168,650</u>	<u>825,513</u>	<u>70.64%</u>
Transfers	<u>(11,748)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,748)</u>	<u>-100.00%</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>(191,625)</u>	<u>385,517</u>	<u>(577,142)</u>	<u>-149.71%</u>
Net Position, Beginning of Year, As Restated	<u>8,199,460</u>	<u>7,813,943</u>	<u>385,517</u>	<u>4.93%</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>\$ 8,007,835</u>	<u>\$ 8,199,460</u>	<u>\$ (191,625)</u>	<u>-2.34%</u>

Financial Highlights

- As of the close of the current fiscal year, net position in governmental activities was \$29,886,144, a change of \$2,358,204, and net position in business-type activities was \$8,007,835, a change of \$(191,625). As both the net position of the Governmental Activities and Business-type Activities were restated, please refer to Note 17, Prior Period Adjustments, contained within the Notes to the Financial Statements for further information.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$14,345,449, a change of \$(163,623) in comparison to the prior year. As the previous year's combined governmental funds fund balance was restated, please refer to Note 17, Prior Period Adjustments, contained within the Notes to the Financial Statements for further information.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, total fund balance for the General Fund was \$10,831,384, a change of \$(264,061). As the previous year's General Fund fund balance was restated, please refer to Note 17, Prior Period Adjustments, contained within the Notes to the Financial Statements for further information.

Financial Analysis of the Town's Funds

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of available resources. Such information is useful in assessing financial requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Town's net resources available for appropriation during the next fiscal year, depending upon various factors and budgetary constraints.

General Fund

The General Fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$7,471,352 (non-GAAP basis), while total fund balance was \$10,831,384, which includes capital reserve funds and other similar assets. GAAP basis fund balance accounts for \$472,044 in deferred property taxes not collected within 60 days of the fiscal year-end. Unassigned fund balances decreased by \$(516,840), primarily resulting from favorable budgetary results of \$1,100,909 and amounts voted from prior year's surplus of \$(865,000) and amounts used to reduce or stabilize the tax rate of \$(750,000). The remaining decrease of \$(2,749) resulting from a change in the non-spendable fund balance carried which reflects tax dedeed properties not yet available for resale.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u>	<u>Change</u>
		<i>(As restated)</i>	
Unassigned fund balance (non-GAAP basis)	\$ 7,471,352	\$ 7,988,192	\$ (516,840)
Total fund balance (GAAP basis)	\$ 10,831,384	\$ 11,095,445	\$ (264,061)

The change in unassigned fund balance (non-GAAP basis) can be seen here:

Revenues in excess of budget	\$ 125,607
Expenditures less than budget	975,302
Use of prior fund balance	(1,615,000)
Other	(2,749)
Total	\$ (516,840)

Included in the total fund balance of the General Fund are the Town's capital reserve funds with the following balance:

	<u>December 31, 2022</u>	<u>December 31, 2021</u> <i>(As restated)</i>	<u>Change</u>
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,506,662	\$ 1,936,127	\$ (429,465)
Total	<u>\$ 1,506,662</u>	<u>\$ 1,936,127</u>	<u>\$ (429,465)</u>

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

The fund balance of nonmajor governmental funds changed by \$100,438, primarily resulting from a net surplus from activity across the Town's various special revenue and permanent funds.

Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the business-type activities reported in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net position of the enterprise fund (Sewer Fund and blended reserves) at the end of the year amounted to \$5,052,337, a change of \$(191,625) in comparison to the prior year resulting primarily from certain asset restatements addressed below and negative operating results.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

While included in the original budgetary process for the fiscal year, the Select Board of the Town withdrew \$705,313 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve fund in order to pre-pay for the new fire engine.

For the purpose of reporting, the transfer in from capital reserves was reclassified in the final budget presented in the fund financial statements as other funding sources, rather than revenues.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

Total investment in capital assets for governmental and business-type activities at year-end amounted to \$39,678,145 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, machinery, equipment, and furnishings, and infrastructure. Major capital asset additions during the fiscal year included the following:

- Pierce Enforcer Fire Engine (Construction in Progress, anticipated for 2024) - \$709,313
- New Radio System (Emergency Services – Construction in Progress) - \$1,608,189
- New Ambulance - \$250,635
- New 10-Wheel Plow - \$215,275
- Burn Curtain (incinerator system for the transfer station) - \$167,702

Major capital disposals and/or retirements included the following:

- 2007 10-Wheel Plow (trade-in - replaced by acquisition in current fiscal year)
- 100 yd Semi Trailer (retired – sold via closed bid)

Of the major capital additions in the current year, the new radio system for emergency services is entirely grant funded through federal dollars and the Pierce Enforcer fire engine was funded entirely through capital reserves. The ambulance was entirely funded through the Emergency Medical Services Special Revenue Fund, which is funded through charges for services rendered.

Capital asset changes in the proprietary Sewer Fund were primarily infrastructural but included the purchase of a fleet vehicle for operations.

Additional information on capital assets can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

Long-Term Debt

At the end of the current fiscal year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$1,974,428, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Additional information on long-term debt can be found in the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements.

Restatement of Prior Financial Statements

A restatement is the act of revising one or more of the Town's previous financial statements to account for an error, misstatement, or omission. For the purposes of these financial statements, this means a change to the beginning fund balance, as any impact that would have otherwise impacted revenues or expenditures in a previous period would have closed into fund balance effective at the end of that fiscal year.

As a result of many factors, such as a change of auditors, a change of staff, and a more detailed look into various miscellaneous balances and activity during and subsequent to the fiscal year, many restatements were made to rectify accounting errors, misstatements, or omissions primarily accumulated from data conversion from a previous accounting software. The following is a summary of those restatements:

School Resource Revenues

In 2018, the services provided to School Administrative Unit No. 19 for a school resource officer were billed to, and paid by, the School Administrative Unit; however, the billing and collection of these funds were both posted between balance sheet accounts and not recognized as revenue.

This restatement reflects the recognition of that revenue and the clearing of inaccurate balances maintained in the general fund accounting for this error. The impact is a net increase in the General Fund fund balance.

Library Interfund Activity

In the prior reporting period, an audit entry was proposed that inaccurately removed the interfund activity between the Library Fund and the General Fund for payment of bookkeeping services rendered by the General Fund, instead misstating cash for a payment that was otherwise properly made.

This restatement rectified an inaccurate entry reflected in the prior year's financial statements. The impact is a net increase in the General Fund fund balance.

Overlay

In prior periods, overlay activity related to abatements and other tax changes were being improperly posted to a balance sheet account previously established for budgetary purposes only.

This restatement reclassified accumulated overlay activity from prior years against tax revenues, where overlay is an offsetting account as intended. The impact is a net increase in the General Fund fund balance.

Quarterly Cable Franchise Fees – GTV/General Fund

It was identified during the fiscal year that the cable franchise fees received in 2022 associated with the last quarter of 2021 were improperly recognized as revenue in 2022.

This restatement moves revenue to the correct accounting period. This impact is a net increase in the General Fund and GTV Fund fund balance; however, subsequent proper period accounting for these quarterly revenues mostly nullified the impact in the current fiscal period.

Carrying Balances – Accounts Payable

As a result of a detailed reconciliation of system reporting to account balances in various funds' Accounts Payable accounts, it was identified that conversion data from the previous accounting software resulted in inaccurate carrying balances reported in the financial statements.

This restatement rectifies inaccurate carrying balances. The impact is a net increase in the General Fund and Sewer Fund fund balances.

Carrying Balances – Insurance Withholding

As a result of a detailed reconciliation of system reporting to account balances in an inactive insurance withholding account, it was identified that conversion data from the previous accounting software resulted in inaccurate carrying balances reported in the financial statements. Current withholding accounts, including those dedicated to insurance, are reconciled on a monthly basis without error.

This restatement reclassifies prior period health insurance expenditure offset activity held as balances in the General Fund. The impact is a net increase in the General Fund fund balance.

Capital Improvement Plan Account – Full-Accrual Recognition

In prior periods, the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan) accounts held in the Sewer Fund for planning

purposes were misconstrued as Construction in Progress accounts, resulting in the total of that activity being recognized as a capital asset addition. As the vast majority of these expenses could not be tied to specific projects that would otherwise be recognized as asset additions, reclassification of those assets back to expenses was necessary.

This restatement reclassifies asset additions back to expenses in prior periods. The impact is a net decrease in net position.

Salvage Values

In prior periods, capital assets were added to the accounting system with salvage values. Salvage values are both not required and do not provide accurate information for reporting the disposal or retirement of assets, especially those of the infrastructure category.

This restatement removes salvage values on Sewer Fund infrastructure assets. The impact is a net decrease in the Sewer Fund (proprietary fund) net position.

Deferred Tax Revenue

In an effort to explain the interaction between tax receivables and deferred tax revenues, both exist on the balance sheet of the General Fund and must always equal each other. When monies are collected against tax receivable balances, both the tax receivable accounts and the equal and opposite deferred revenue are reduced to reflect a recognition of revenue in that period.

Starting in 2015, the first year of conversion to a new accounting software, the deferred tax revenue account was established with the guidance of the Town's previous auditor. Likely as a result of misunderstanding in the system processes tied to deferred tax revenue and the interaction with the associated tax receivable accounts, activity that flowed through tax receivable accounts was periodically not reflected in the deferred tax revenue account, and vice versa. The cumulative effect of this miscommunication resulted in a significant imbalance between the two account types and a surplus of deferred tax revenues that would have otherwise been recognized as revenue in the period those funds were collected.

This restatement recognizes the tax revenues of those prior periods and brings the tax receivable accounts back into balance with the deferred tax revenue account. The impact is a net increase in the General Fund fund balance.

Landfill Post-Closure Care

Likely due to a change in management with the Town's previous audit firm, the liability carried for the post-closure care costs of the landfill previously included in financial reporting was missed and/or removed in the 2021 financial statements. As this liability is assessed by the Town's engineer annually, but accounted for in the annual audit as a reporting requirement, it was not picked up in the Town's annual review of draft financial statements before they were issued in final format.

This restatement recognizes the liability and associated expense in the prior fiscal period. The impact is a net decrease in Government-wide net position.

Compensated Absences

Compensated Absences is a liability carried on a full-accrual basis of accounting that is generally accounted for only for reporting purposes. A listing with balances of time earned by employees that would otherwise be paid upon severance is provided to the audit firm annually and included in reporting. For reasons unknown, the amount reported for this liability differed from that of the listing provided in the prior audit period.

This restatement rectifies the difference between the balance we supported and the balance that was reported. The impact is a net decrease in Government-wide net position.

Grant Receivable

In the process of recording and requesting reimbursement for grant funding associated with the federal SAFER grant which funds firefighter positions, it was identified that the final submission of a prior year was not recorded as revenue in that period.

This restatement recognizes the receivable and revenue in a prior period. The impact is a net increase in fund balance.

Escrow Balances and Activity

It was identified through audit procedures in the current fiscal period under audit that escrow activity in the prior period was not properly reclassified from balances, which is historically performed by the auditors with the assistance of the Town.

This restatement recognizes escrow withdrawals and deposits which are treated as expenditures and revenues, respectively, to the fund for reporting purposes. The impact of this is a net increase to the Escrow Fund fund balance.

School Impact Fees

For the purposes of reporting, impact fees collected by the Town on behalf of Goffstown School District are held in Town accounts for the benefit of the School District. As such, these balances should be reported in a custodial capacity, which was not reflected in the prior financial report.

This restatement properly reports impact fees held on behalf of the School District as Fiduciary Funds. The net impact on fund balance for Other Governmental Funds is a decrease in fund balance, with a corresponding increase in fund balance for Fiduciary Funds.

EMS Revenues

It was identified through audit procedures and a change in how periodic EMS reporting is used for recognizing revenue effectively, that revenue from the prior period was improperly recognized in the current period.

This restatement properly accounts for revenues in the correct period. The impact is a net increase in the EMS Fund fund balance; however, the net effect of this adjustment is mostly nullified through current year activity recorded using the same updated practices.

Local Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

This is an actuarial assessment that is performed every two years by the Town's chosen actuarial firm. The process estimates the long-term liability of the Town's fringe benefits provided to existing employees eligible for the plans upon retirement and retired employees currently on the plans.

This restatement reconciles prior balances and full-accrual activity to the latest actuarial report. The impact is a net increase in Government-wide net position. Individual funds' fund balances are not impacted.

Economic Factors and Current Conditions

In fiscal year 2022, supplemental funding provided by COVID-19 response grants were still active, providing funding for the remaining costs associated with the public safety radio system. In addition, State budget surplus provided for additional supplementary funding in future periods to supplement road and bridge repair, maintenance and upgrades. These are generally recognized as revenue deferred until associated costs are recognized, so no impact to fund balances will be seen in the current fiscal year.

There were many open positions across various departments throughout the fiscal year, and planned efforts to remedy this issue include a wage and salary study to remain competitive with other local municipalities, as well as renegotiation of three out of four current collective bargaining agreements that are coming to an end in 2023. In 2022, eight public safety positions were supplemented by federally-funded public safety grants. In 2023, only four of those positions will be funded by grants.

In fiscal year 2022, the Town voted to use \$1,615,000 in unassigned fund balance to offset taxes (either to offset purchases or transfers to reserves or to reduce the tax rate directly). It is expected that the Town's unassigned fund balance in the general fund will intentionally decrease in 2022 as a result. As fund balance reserves were below the Select Board's approved percentage range at the end of 2022, no use of fund balance to offset taxes in 2023 is anticipated.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire's finances for all those with an interest in the Town's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Office of the Finance Director
Town of Goffstown
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Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045

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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major governmental and proprietary fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Goffstown as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town of Goffstown's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 14, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Goffstown's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Goffstown's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Goffstown's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-001 and 2022-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Goffstown's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Town of Goffstown's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Goffstown's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of Goffstown's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

February 14, 2024
Concord, New Hampshire



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, New Hampshire

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Town of Goffstown's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Town of Goffstown's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Town of Goffstown's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Town of Goffstown complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Town of Goffstown and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for

our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Town of Goffstown's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Town of Goffstown's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Town of Goffstown's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists.

The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Town of Goffstown's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Town of Goffstown's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Town of Goffstown's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Goffstown's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-003. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Goffstown's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of Goffstown's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-003 to be a material weakness.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Town of Goffstown's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Town of Goffstown's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



February 14, 2024
Concord, New Hampshire

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REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (MS-434)



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

**2023
MS-434-R**

Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Goffstown

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the estimated revenues used in computing the tax rate.

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Taxes				
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$84,000	\$0	\$84,000
3187	Excavation Tax	\$100	\$0	\$100
3189	Other Taxes	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$92,000	\$0	\$92,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal		\$231,100	\$0	\$231,100
Licenses, Permits, and Fees				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$3,450,000	\$0	\$3,450,000
3230	Building Permits	\$87,500	\$0	\$87,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$32,750	\$0	\$32,750
3311-3319	From Federal Government	\$324,409	\$0	\$324,409
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		\$3,901,159	\$0	\$3,901,159
State Sources				
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$1,300,000	\$450,395	\$1,750,395
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$430,000	\$1,321	\$431,321
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
3379	From Other Governments	\$182,853	\$0	\$182,853
State Sources Subtotal		\$1,918,853	\$451,716	\$2,370,569
Charges for Services				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$376,258	\$0	\$376,258
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal		\$376,258	\$0	\$376,258



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Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted

Account	Source	Estimated Revenue	Change Amount	Estimated Revenue Adjusted
Miscellaneous Revenues				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	\$450,000	\$0	\$450,000
3503-3509	Other	\$284,500	\$0	\$284,500
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$734,500	\$0	\$734,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$526,576	\$0	\$526,576
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	\$1,732,517	\$0	\$1,732,517
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$2,260,093	\$0	\$2,260,093
Other Financing Sources				
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revised Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$9,421,963	\$451,716	\$9,873,679



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Revised Estimated Revenues Summary

	Estimated	Change Amount	State Adjusted
Subtotal of Revenues	\$9,421,963	\$451,716	\$9,873,679
Unassigned Fund Balance (Unreserved)	\$0	\$7,471,352	\$7,471,352
(Less) Emergency Appropriations (RSA 32:11)	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Less) Voted from Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
(Less) Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance Retained	(\$250,000)	\$7,471,352	\$7,221,352
Total Revenues and Credits	\$9,671,963	\$451,716	\$10,123,679
Requested Overlay	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000

Assessment Overview

Total Appropriations	\$27,219,893
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$10,123,679
Net Assessment	\$17,096,214

Explanation of Adjustments

Account	Reason for Adjustment	Warrant Number
3352	=STATE REVENUE	08
3353	=STATE REVENUE	08

2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION



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Tax Rate Breakdown Goffstown

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$17,588,409	\$2,706,202,200	\$6.50
County	\$2,390,086	\$2,706,202,200	\$0.88
Local Education	\$27,520,664	\$2,706,202,200	\$10.17
State Education	\$3,394,811	\$2,595,512,800	\$1.31
Total	\$50,893,970		\$18.86

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Goffstown Village	\$0	\$510,311,650	\$0.00
Grasmere Village Water	\$0	\$101,375,800	\$0.00
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$50,893,970
War Service Credits	(\$445,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$50,448,970

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/24/2023
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2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION CONTINUED

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$27,219,893	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$9,873,679)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$250,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$445,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$47,195	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$17,588,409	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$2,390,086	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$2,390,086	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$38,756,497	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		(\$7,841,022)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$3,394,811)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$27,520,664	
State Education Tax	\$3,394,811	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$3,394,811	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$2,706,202,200	\$1,759,819,500
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$2,595,512,800	\$1,681,394,300
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$2,706,202,200	\$1,759,819,500

Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	
Goffstown Village	\$510,311,650	
Grasmere Village Water	\$101,375,800	

2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION CONTINUED

Tax Commitment Verification

2023 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II	
Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$50,448,970
1/2% Amount	\$252,245
Acceptable High	\$50,701,215
Acceptable Low	\$50,196,725

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2023 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:	Date:
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Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Goffstown	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2023 Tax Rate	\$18.86	\$9.43
Associated Villages		
Goffstown Village	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grasmere Village Water	\$0.00	\$0.00

2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION CONTINUED

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$1,732,517
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$58,792,937
Final Overlay	\$47,195

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2023 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Goffstown	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (12.28%)	\$7,221,352
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$9,994,799
10% Retained	\$5,879,294
8% Retained	\$4,703,435
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$2,939,647

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

Unaudited for Year Ended December 31, 2023

Debits			
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levy
			2022
Property Taxes	3110		\$ 1,053,860.78
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		
Yield Taxes	3185		
Excavation Tax	3187		
Other Taxes	3189		\$ 168,457.37
Property Tax Credit Balance		\$ (15,930.13)	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance		\$ (3,662.89)	
Taxes Committed This Year			
	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levy
			2022
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 50,458,705.83	
Land Use Change Tax	3120	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 105,500.00
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 6,965.00	
Excavation Tax	3187	\$ 53.80	
Other Taxes	3189	\$ 1,501,884.55	
Overpayment Refunds			
	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levy
			2022
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 41,963.02	\$ 21,109.61
Land Use Change Tax	3120		\$73.61
Yield Taxes	3185		
Excavation Tax	3187		
Other Taxes	3189	\$ 2,457.00	
Deferrals			
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$ 10,938.80	\$ 26,058.73
Total Debits		\$ 52,030,874.98	\$ 1,450,060.10

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61) CONT.

Unaudited for Year Ended December 31, 2023

Credits			
Remitted to Treasurer	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levy
			2022
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 49,203,865.21	\$ 637,482.05
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 180,573.61
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 6,888.00	
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	3190	\$ 10,472.80	\$ 22,359.73
Penalties	3190	\$ 466.00	\$ 3,699.00
Excavation Taxes	3187	\$ 53.80	
Other Taxes	3189	\$ 1,330,389.07	\$ 138,447.89
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)			\$ 445,707.84
Elderly Deferrals			\$ 6,240.73
Credits Cont.			
Abatements Made	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levy
			2022
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 716.68	\$ 15,349.25
Land Use Change Tax	3120		
Yield Taxes	3185		
Excavation Tax	3187		
Other Taxes	3189	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 200.00
Current Levy Deeded			
Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levy
			2022
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 1,294,724.56	
Land Use Change Tax	3120		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 77.00	
Excavation Tax	3187		
Other Taxes	3189	\$ 177,116.74	
Property Tax Credit Balance		\$ (14,567.73)	
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance		\$ (9,027.15)	
Total Credits		\$ 52,030,874.98	\$ 1,450,060.10

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61) CONT.

Unaudited for Year Ended December 31, 2023

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

*Below Summary of Debits & Credits include property tax, betterment tax and sewer use charges.

Summary of Debits				
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		2021	2020	2019-2018
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$ 162,376.74	\$ 113,276.44	\$ 4,019.43
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 470,385.71			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$ 7,242.01	\$ 17,238.95	\$ 32,632.80	\$ 426.57
Property Tax Lien Credit Balance		\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.09)	
Refunds	\$ 9,086.66	\$ 152.65		
Total Debits	\$ 486,714.38	\$ 179,768.07	\$ 145,909.15	\$ 4,446.00

Summary of Credits					
Remitted to Treasurer		Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			2021	2020	2019-2018
Redemptions		\$ 136,228.38	\$ 77,523.67	\$ 113,276.35	\$ 3,961.23
Interest & Cost Collected (after lien execution)	3190	\$ 7,242.01	\$ 17,238.95	\$ 32,632.80	\$ 426.57
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 245.70			\$ 58.20
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	1110	\$ 342,998.29	\$ 85,005.45		
Credits - End of Year					
Total Credits		\$ 486,714.38	\$ 179,768.07	\$ 145,909.15	\$ 4,446.00

2023 PROPERTY TAX YEAR: APRIL 1, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024

The Tax Department wishes to thank the taxpayers of Goffstown for all of your cooperation.
I am looking forward to serving you in the years to come.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephanie Beaudoin, Tax Collector

BALANCE SHEETS

FUND 10, GENERAL FUND

BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

ASSETS

Cash	\$	19,645,301.63
Petty Cash		1,900.00
Returned Checks Outstanding		600.40
Investments		3,393,205.99
Taxes Receivable		1,294,801.56
Tax Liens Receivable		496,389.73
Tax Deeded Property		2,749.38
Betterment Receivable		7,541.33
Betterment Liens		2,975.39
Accounts Receivable		483,683.79
Due From Other Funds		98,357.86
Total Assets	\$	<u>25,427,507.06</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	289,154.30
Due To School District		14,415,475.00
Due To Others		2,591.51
Overpayments and prepayments of taxes		14,814.55
Deferred Revenues		1,943,564.32
Other Liabilities		579,456.79
LVDP Receipts Payable		136,307.61
Total Liabilities	\$	<u>17,381,364.08</u>

FUND BALANCES

Assigned (encumbrances)	\$	1,292,263.50
Nonspendable (tax deeded property)		2,749.38
Unassigned		6,751,130.10
Total Fund Balance	\$	<u>8,046,142.98</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	<u>25,427,507.06</u>

BALANCE SHEETS CONTINUED

FUND 20, FIRE/EMS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

ASSETS

Cash	\$	767,775.92
Accounts Receivable		1,859,890.88
Total Assets	\$	<u>2,627,666.80</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	15,105.26
Due to Other Funds		59,866.35
Deferred Revenue		1,857,658.38
Other Liabilities		9,506.92
Total Liabilities	\$	<u>1,942,136.91</u>

FUND BALANCE

Assigned (encumbrances)	\$	-
Unassigned		685,529.89
Total Fund Balance	\$	<u>685,529.89</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	<u>2,627,666.80</u>
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FUND 25, CONSERVATION FUND

BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

ASSETS

Cash	\$	270,239.52
Due from General Fund		31,000.00
Total Assets	\$	<u>301,239.52</u>

LIABILITIES

Other Liabilities	\$	-
Total Liabilities	\$	<u>-</u>

FUND BALANCE

Assigned (encumbrances)	\$	-
Unassigned		301,239.52
Total Fund Balance	\$	<u>301,239.52</u>

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	<u>301,239.52</u>
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BALANCE SHEETS CONTINUED

FUND 40, PARKS & REC. REVOLVING FUND

BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

ASSETS

Cash	\$	334,471.19
Total Assets	\$	334,471.19

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	-
Other Liabilities		-
Total Liabilities	\$	-

FUND BALANCE

Assigned	\$	-
Unassigned		334,471.19
Total Fund Balance	\$	334,471.19

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	334,471.19
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FUND 50, CABLE/GTV REVOLVING FUND BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

ASSETS

Cash	\$	15,165.67
Accounts Receivable		66,231.90
Total Assets	\$	81,397.57

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	763.39
Other Liabilities		3,946.82
Due to Other Funds		-
Total Liabilities	\$	4,710.21

FUND BALANCE

Assigned	\$	-
Unassigned		76,687.36
Total Fund Balance	\$	76,687.36

Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	81,397.57
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BALANCE SHEETS CONTINUED

FUND 70, POLICE DETAIL REVOLVING FUND BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

ASSETS

Cash	\$	130,035.38
Accounts Receivable		19,650.00
Total Assets	\$	<u>149,685.38</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	-
Other Liabilites		4,364.40
Total Liabilities	\$	<u>4,364.40</u>

FUND BALANCE

Unassigned	\$	<u>145,320.98</u>
Total Fund Balance	\$	<u>145,320.98</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	<u>149,685.38</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following reports represent a summary of financial transactions administered through each of the Town's various funds, as compiled by the Finance Department and Town Treasurer.

Unaudited for Year Ended December 31, 2023 FUND 10, General Fund

Receipts:

Tax Collector- Property Taxes, Interest, Costs, and Other Taxes	\$	50,335,856.33
Town Clerk- Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		3,506,116.07
Town Clerk- Other Fees		38,655.28
Community Development		102,390.81
Administration and Other Miscellaneous Revenues		514,058.99
Cable Franchise Fees		184,303.89
Transfers In from Other Funds		32,548.00
Library - Printing Monies and Other Misc Revenues		2,558.50
Police Department Revenues		189,549.13
Fire Department Revenues		28,771.00
Public Works Department Revenues		255,270.04
State of NH- Highway Block Grant		431,267.06
State of NH- Meals & Rooms Distribution		1,750,395.39
State of NH- Shared Revenue		-
State & Federal Grants*		328,051.41
Total Receipts	\$	57,699,791.90

Disbursements:

Town Hall/Administration (Dept 11)	\$	2,791,393.32
Insurance (Dept 15)		2,488,495.63
Police (Dept 22)		4,753,683.50
Fire (Dept 33)		3,409,611.80
Public Works (Dept 44)		6,057,339.91
Parks & Rec (Dept 55)		580,507.40
Library (Dept 66)		797,081.62
Debt Service (Dept 77)		208,019.28
CIP (Dept 88)		4,117,263.59
Special Warrant Articles (Dept 99)		473,900.63
Payments to School District		30,915,475.00
Payments to County		2,390,086.00
Total Cash Disbursements	\$	58,982,857.68

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Basora, Treasurer

*Note: The 'Transfers In from Other Funds' revenue includes approved use of impact fees. 'Disbursements' include amounts encumbered from previous years paid out in 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

FUND 20, Fire/EMS Special Revenue Fund

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

Receipts:

Revenues	680,759.33
Special Detail Revenues	18,627.50
Total Receipts	\$ 699,386.83

Expenditures:

Regular Wages FT	102,585.00
Regular Wages PT	16,210.97
Special Detail Wages	8,554.50
Overtime	11,118.09
FICA	1,086.67
Medicare	1,952.81
Retirement-Fire	35,556.55
Unemployment Comp.	650.59
Worker's Comp.	28,803.67
Professional Dues	-
Clothing and Uniforms	1,636.04
Physical Exams	2,853.00
Training Expenses	3,259.75
Office Supplies	-
Operating Supplies	4,616.71
Postage	-
Turnouts	4,140.98
Computer Software	9,715.20
Mobile Communication	2,594.40
Service Fees	34,945.87
Radios	2,665.26
Diesel Fuel	7,638.73
Fleet Maintenance	22,356.38
Equipment	26,569.03
Property Insurance	13,454.43
To General Fund	9,800.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 401,147.23

FUND 25, Conservation Fund

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

Receipts:

Current Use Change Tax	177,000.00
Interest on Investments	306.12
Total Receipts	\$ 177,306.12

Expenditures:

Contracted Services	-
Administrative Expenses	-
Land Acquisition	25,186.60
To General Fund	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 25,186.60

FUND 40, Parks & Rec Revolving Fund

Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

Receipts:

Facility Rental	9,907.50
Other Revenues	91,445.00
Total Receipts	\$ 101,352.50

Expenditures:

Contracted Services	-
Programs	9,353.63
To General Fund	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,353.63

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

FUND 50, Cable/GTV Revolving Fund Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

Receipts:

Revenue	162,868.26
School District Revenue	71,809.10
Total Receipts	\$ 234,677.36

Expenditures:

Regular Wages-FT	108,948.73
Regular Wages-PT	32,720.33
Overtime	984.16
FICA	8,346.31
Medicare	1,952.25
Retirement	14,698.05
Unemployment Compensation	65.45
Workers Comp	621.69
Benefits	33,700.99
Professional Dues	600.00
Employee Development	225.00
Travel Expenses	43.23
Consulting Services	-
Office Supplies	-
Postage	0.63
General Supplies and Materi	136.47
Computers and Communcation	-
Computer Software	1,780.91
Internet/Phone Access	3,843.06
Mobile Communications	-
Equipment	7,139.45
Equipment Maintenance	-
To General Fund	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 215,806.71

FUND 70, Special Detail Revolving Fund Unaudited for Year Ended 12/31/23

Receipts:

Other Revenues	-
Special Detail Revenues	204,018.75
Total Receipts	\$ 204,018.75

Expenditures:

Special Detail Wages	124,410.50
FICA	-
Medicare	1,804.14
Retirement-Police	24,726.46
Service Fees	12,418.75
Miscellaneous Expenses	-
To General Fund	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 163,359.85

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS



Left to Right: Brian Lombardi (Alternate); Melanie Renfrew-Hebert (Chair); Bill “Tuck” Tucker; Fredd Plett; Scott Gross (Alternate).

The Trustees of Trust Funds oversee funds placed in trust by the Town for capital reserve purposes and left or donated to the Town for specific purposes such as perpetual cemetery care or annual scholarships. Funds held by the Trustees are held in accounts managed by New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP) and Citizens Bank – Clarfeld Private Wealth Management Division in accordance with RSA 292:23.

At the end of 2023, \$6,304,753.63 was held in capital reserve accounts, and \$1,911,210.24 was held for specific future purposes as specified by the various donors or trusts. In 2023, scholarships in the total amount of \$17,887.48 were awarded to 16 Goffstown High School students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert, Chair

Scott Gross, *Alternate*

Bill “Tuck” Tucker

Brian Lombardi, *Alternate*

Fredd Plett, Clerk

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		Cemetery Trust Funds														
1	01/01/1897	Cemetery Fund 1	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	6.56%	104,416.10	6,173.90	(992.99)		109,597.02	3,071.62		(331.00)	28,151.82	137,748.84
2	1/1/1960	Cemetery Fund 2	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	2.91%	46,246.48	2,740.37	(440.75)		48,646.11	1,363.38		(146.92)	17,798.80	66,444.91
3	1/1/1957	Unknown	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.12%	1,947.78	115.17	(18.53)		2,044.43	57.30		(6.18)	710.20	2,754.63
4	1/1/1957	Lovell Fund	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	978.04	57.83	(9.30)		1,026.57	28.77		(3.10)	179.95	1,206.52
5	1/1/1957	Herman Koenig	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	889.09	52.57	(8.46)		933.20	26.15		(2.82)	156.99	1,090.19
6	1/1/1957	Robert St. Pierre	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	444.53	26.28	(4.23)		466.58	13.08		(1.41)	81.79	548.37
7	1/1/1957	Cora Cook	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	444.53	26.28	(4.23)		466.58	13.08		(1.41)	81.79	548.37
8	1/1/1957	Edgar S. rods	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.11%	1,778.23	105.14	(16.91)		1,866.47	52.31		(5.64)	297.62	2,164.09
9	1/1/1957	Beverly Eaton	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	408.99	24.18	(3.89)		429.29	12.03		(1.30)	76.87	506.16
10	1/1/1957	Lorenzo Bean	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.08%	1,333.65	78.86	(12.69)		1,399.82	39.23		(4.23)	229.09	1,628.91
11	1/1/1957	Emily Harden	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	444.42	26.28	(4.23)		466.47	13.07		(1.41)	81.73	548.20
12	1/1/1977	Mrs. Ricard Doneault	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
13	1/1/1977	Joseph A. Smith	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
14	1/1/1977	Mrs. Clifford Stone	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
15	1/1/1977	Mrs. Clarence Hunter	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
16	1/1/1977	Joseph P. Smith	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.12	27.21	(4.38)		482.95	13.54		(1.46)	74.09	557.04
17	1/1/1977	Mrs. Peter Boetsky	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
18	1/1/1977	Christie Karanikas	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	724.27	42.82	(6.89)		760.21	21.31		(2.30)	113.30	873.51
19	1/1/1977	Mrs. Francis O'Brian	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.09%	1,448.60	85.65	(13.77)		1,520.48	42.61		(4.59)	227.75	1,748.23
20	1/1/1977	Mrs. H. Duane Rowley	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
21	1/1/1977	Elmer Nickerson	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
22	1/1/1977	Stanley M. Gordon	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	724.27	42.82	(6.89)		760.21	21.31		(2.30)	113.30	873.51
23	1/1/1977	Arthur Blouin	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
24	1/1/1977	Phillip Shepard	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.92	27.25	(4.38)		483.79	13.56		(1.46)	80.70	564.49
25	1/1/1977	Albert W. Hill Jr.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.01%	158.00	9.34	(1.50)		165.84	4.65		(0.50)	26.50	192.34
26	1/1/1977	Mrs. Carl Friborg	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	460.66	27.24	(4.38)		483.52	13.55		(1.46)	80.61	564.13
27	1/1/1978	Harry E. Batty	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	469.34	27.16	(4.37)		482.14	13.51		(1.46)	78.43	560.57
28	1/1/1978	Robert S. Harris	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.14%	2,238.68	132.37	(21.29)		2,349.77	65.86		(7.10)	382.91	2,732.68
29	1/1/1978	Mrs. Alan McKennan	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	724.27	42.82	(6.89)		760.21	21.31		(2.30)	123.33	883.54
30	1/1/1978	Edith Colson Estate	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.04%	658.43	38.93	(6.26)		691.11	19.37		(2.09)	110.61	801.72
31	1/1/1978	Carl P. Barton	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80	54.50	(8.76)		967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.07	1,122.61
32	1/1/1978	David L. Bourque	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80	54.50	(8.76)		967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.07	1,122.61
33	1/1/1978	Howard a. Thayer	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.07%	1,119.36	66.19	(10.65)		1,174.90	32.93		(3.55)	192.57	1,367.47
34	1/1/1978	Joseph P. Gouffault	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.02%	263.35	15.57	(2.51)		276.42	7.75		(0.84)	44.47	320.89

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35	1/1/1979	Gardner Brown	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	156.87	1,124.41
36	1/1/1979	Docas O'Neil	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	156.87	1,124.41
37	1/1/1979	Doris Purvis	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	526.72		31.14		(5.01)	552.85	15.49		(1.67)	82.59	635.44
38	1/1/1979	Hammon Woodbury Jr.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.07%	1,119.37		66.19		(10.65)	1,174.91	32.93		(3.55)	187.60	1,362.51
39	1/1/1979	Arthur Baril	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.07%	1,119.37		66.19		(10.65)	1,174.91	32.93		(3.55)	187.60	1,362.51
40	1/1/1979	Mrs. Roy Durmer	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.08	1,122.62
41	1/1/1979	Mrs. Bertrand Bourgault	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	724.29		42.83		(6.89)	760.24	21.31		(2.30)	123.33	883.57
42	1/1/1979	Donald E. Hall	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.09%	1,448.60		85.65		(13.77)	1,520.48	42.61		(4.59)	247.14	1,767.62
43	1/1/1979	John Haefield Jr.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.08	1,122.62
44	1/1/1979	Clinton E. Smith	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.08	1,122.62
45	1/1/1979	Luther M. Jackson	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.08	1,122.62
46	1/1/1979	Mrs. Donovan Stevens	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	987.68		58.40		(9.39)	1,036.69	29.05		(3.13)	166.67	1,203.36
47	1/1/1979	Mrs. Ralph Foss	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.13		46.72		(7.52)	829.34	23.24		(2.51)	132.43	961.77
48	1/1/1979	Joseph P. Goudreau	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.02%	263.35		15.57		(2.51)	276.42	7.75		(0.84)	44.38	320.80
49	1/1/1979	Mrs. Robert Beauchemin	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	724.40		42.83		(6.89)	760.35	21.31		(2.30)	111.58	871.93
50	1/1/1980	Arthur Grant	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.08	1,122.62
51	1/1/1980	Peter Jenkins	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	132.41	961.73
52	1/1/1980	John Fletcher	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	132.41	961.73
53	1/1/1980	Mr. Phillip Nault	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	724.30		42.83		(6.89)	760.25	21.31		(2.30)	123.35	883.60
54	1/1/1980	John Hills	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.07	1,122.61
55	1/1/1980	Marvin Akerly	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	921.80		54.50		(8.76)	967.54	27.12		(2.92)	155.07	1,122.61
56	1/1/1980	Albert Wakefield	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.06		46.71		(7.52)	829.26	23.24		(2.51)	132.41	961.67
57	1/1/1980	Marjorie Stanyan	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	132.41	961.73
58	1/1/1980	Despou Kokulis	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	132.41	961.73
59	1/1/1980	Alice Vincent	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	132.51	961.83
60	1/1/1980	John Parker	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.10%	1,580.30		93.44		(15.03)	1,658.71	46.49		(5.01)	242.48	1,901.19
61	1/1/1980	William Goss	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.08%	1,316.89		77.86		(12.53)	1,382.23	38.74		(4.18)	203.23	1,585.46
62	1/1/1980	Aoi Charbonneau 1	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.02%	263.38		15.57		(2.51)	276.45	7.75		(0.84)	42.69	319.14
63	1/1/1981	Alfred & Helen Duval	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	132.42	961.74
64	1/1/1981	Aoi Charbonneau 2	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	526.73		31.14		(5.01)	552.86	15.49		(1.67)	75.46	628.32
65	1/1/1981	Pauline Emery	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.02%	395.07		23.36		(3.75)	414.68	11.62		(1.25)	62.65	477.33
66	1/1/1981	Reul B. Hall	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	130.62	959.94
67	1/1/1981	Byron Rollins	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	130.62	959.94
68	1/1/1981	Dana R. Chase	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32	23.24		(2.51)	130.62	959.94
69	1/1/1981	George E. Holden	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	461.45		27.28		(4.40)	484.34	13.57		(1.47)	80.87	565.21

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70	1/1/1981	Thelma Duplitch	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72	(7.52)		829.32	109.88	23.24	(2.51)	130.62	959.94
71	1/1/1982	J & R Coughlin	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.12%	1,843.62		109.01	(17.54)		1,935.10	248.62	54.23	(5.85)	297.01	2,232.11
72	1/1/1982	Raymond Brian	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	724.30		42.83	(6.89)		760.25	104.33	21.31	(2.30)	123.35	883.60
73	1/1/1982	Evelyn Bissonnette	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.11%	1,711.93		101.22	(16.28)		1,796.88	234.99	50.36	(5.43)	279.93	2,076.81
74	1/1/1982	Ray Durrner	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72	(7.52)		829.32	109.88	23.24	(2.51)	130.62	959.94
75	1/1/1982	Ethel C Stone	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	526.73		31.14	(5.01)		552.86	75.94	15.49	(1.67)	89.76	642.62
76	1/1/1982	Jane Sherman	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.02%	395.07		23.36	(3.75)		414.68	60.32	11.62	(1.25)	70.69	485.37
77	1/1/1990	Various Cemetery Fund 1	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.79%	12,576.95		743.65	(119.61)		13,200.99	4,579.97	369.98	(39.87)	4,910.08	18,111.07
78	1/1/1990	Various Cemetery Fund 2	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	4.04%	64,254.99		3,799.26	(61.06)		67,443.20	23,724.04	1,890.20	(203.69)	25,410.56	92,853.76
79	1/1/1990	Bessie Emery	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.82%	13,028.66		770.36	(123.90)		13,675.12	2,692.84	383.27	(41.30)	3,034.81	16,709.93
80	1/1/1990	Ethel Graer	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	2.44%	38,757.51		2,291.65	(368.58)		40,680.58	7,778.68	1,140.14	(122.86)	8,795.96	49,476.54
81	1/1/1990	T. Butterfield	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.17%	2,633.89		155.74	(25.05)		2,764.58	404.58	77.48	(8.35)	473.71	3,238.29
82	1/1/1997	Surplus Revenue A/C	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	794.04		46.95	(7.55)		833.45	229.03	23.36	(2.52)	249.88	1,083.33
83	1/1/1983	John Sellers Fund	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.02%	263.39		15.57	(2.51)		276.46	36.64	7.75	(0.84)	43.56	320.02
84	1/1/1983	Fried A. Hamilton	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.15		46.72	(7.52)		829.36	109.90	23.24	(2.51)	130.64	960.00
85	1/1/1983	Kenneth Harden	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.12%	1,843.77		109.02	(17.54)		1,935.26	250.40	54.24	(5.85)	298.80	2,234.06
86	1/1/1983	Gerald McNeil	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.07%	1,183.23		69.96	(11.25)		1,241.94	163.26	34.81	(3.75)	194.32	1,436.26
87	1/1/1983	Mrs. R.H. Rogers	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.15		46.72	(7.52)		829.36	109.90	23.24	(2.51)	130.64	960.00
88	1/1/1983	Robert Wilke, Sr.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	987.68		58.40	(9.39)		1,036.69	139.16	29.05	(3.13)	165.08	1,201.77
89	1/1/1983	Henry Wagner	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.33		46.73	(7.52)		829.55	109.94	23.25	(2.51)	130.69	960.24
90	1/1/1983	Mrs. John Scanlon	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	790.15		46.72	(7.52)		829.36	109.90	23.24	(2.51)	130.64	960.00
91	1/1/1984	Virginia Boulet	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	458.18		27.09	(4.35)		480.92	67.83	13.48	(1.45)	79.86	560.78
92	1/1/1984	LesleyYvonne Fellows	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.09%	1,505.59		89.02	(14.33)		1,580.29	204.77	44.29	(4.78)	244.29	1,824.58
93	1/1/1984	Mrs. Richard Kohle	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	981.89		58.06	(9.35)		1,030.61	137.48	28.88	(3.12)	163.25	1,193.86
94	1/1/1984	Alfred F. Lively	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.09%	1,505.59		89.02	(14.33)		1,580.29	204.77	44.29	(4.78)	244.29	1,824.58
95	1/1/1984	Gloria P. McKeane	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.05%	785.55		46.45	(7.47)		824.53	109.47	23.11	(2.49)	130.09	954.62
96	1/1/1984	Lorenzo J. Perry	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.02%	392.76		23.22	(3.74)		412.25	67.70	11.55	(1.25)	78.01	490.26
97	1/1/1984	Wilfred S. Whittier	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.09%	1,479.40		87.47	(14.07)		1,552.80	203.97	43.52	(4.69)	242.80	1,795.60
98	1/1/1984	Julian Vanoudehvoer	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	981.89		58.06	(9.35)		1,030.61	153.58	28.88	(3.12)	179.35	1,209.96
99	1/1/1984	Mrs. John Loveren	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	458.30		27.10	(4.37)		481.04	67.85	13.48	(1.46)	79.88	560.92
100	1/1/1984	Albert Gilbert	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	981.89		58.06	(9.35)		1,030.61	153.58	28.88	(3.12)	179.35	1,209.96
101	1/1/1984	J & P Goudreau	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	981.89		58.06	(9.35)		1,030.61	153.58	28.88	(3.12)	179.35	1,209.96
102	1/1/1989	Cemetery Fund 3	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.32%	5,023.29		297.02	(47.78)		5,272.54	1,686.69	147.77	(15.93)	1,818.54	7,091.08
103	1/1/1993	K. Holler/Wedstawn Cemetery	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	7.90%	125,708.36		7,432.87	(119.54)		131,945.76	11,752.29	3,697.98	(388.49)	15,051.78	146,997.54
104	1/1/1952	Cemetery Fund 4	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	1.74%	27,677.83		1,636.53	(263.21)		29,051.16	10,078.73	814.20	(67.74)	10,805.20	39,856.36

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Town #	DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Type	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	PRINCIPAL				INCOME				GRAND TOTAL OF PRINCIPAL & INCOME				
							BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	BALANCE END YEAR	FEES	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	FEES		BALANCE END YEAR			
105	1/1/1955	Cemetery Fund 5	Trust	Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.70%	11,099.39		656.28		(105.56)	11,650.12			326.51		(35.19)	4,487.64	16,137.76
106	1/1/1900	Ethel Greer Fund 1	Trust	Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.09%	1,415.49		83.69		(13.46)	1,485.73			41.64		(4.49)	285.82	1,771.55
107	1/1/1900	Cemetery Fund 6	Trust	Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.03%	400.17		23.66		(3.81)	420.02			11.77		(1.27)	125.97	545.99
108	1/1/1955	Cemetery Fund 7	Trust	Perpetual Care	Common Investment	2.35%	37,461.14		2,215.00		(356.25)	39,319.89			1,102.00		(118.75)	14,494.35	53,814.24
		Total Cemetery Funds					569,597.71		33,679.03		(5,416.73)	597,860.29			16,755.92		(1,805.58)	149,374.30	747,234.59
		Flower Funds																	
115	1/1/1984	Ethel Greer Fund 2	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.10%	1,580.29		93.44		(15.03)	1,658.70			46.49		(5.01)	460.22	2,118.92
116	1/1/1900	Cemetery Flower Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.85%	13,943.82		800.82		(128.81)	14,215.84			398.42		(42.94)	4,275.22	18,491.06
117	1/1/1905	K. Holler Flower Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.07%	1,064.65		62.95		(10.13)	1,117.48			31.32		(3.38)	9.47	1,126.95
118	1/1/1905	Marion S. Foss Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.14%	2,239.63		132.42		(21.30)	2,350.75			65.88		(7.10)	456.60	2,807.35
119	1/1/1905	Woodson/Greer Flower Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.16%	2,488.88		147.16		(23.67)	2,612.37			73.22		(7.89)	1,926.41	4,538.78
120	1/1/1983	Roy Durmer Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.05%	790.11		46.72		(7.52)	829.32			23.24		(2.51)	81.66	910.98
121	1/1/1983	Verne Bartlett Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.03%	526.73		31.14		(5.01)	552.86			15.49		(1.67)	12.35	565.21
122	1/1/1983	Ethel Cilley Stone Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.03%	482.21		28.51		(4.59)	506.13			14.19		(1.53)	8.72	514.85
123	1/1/1996	M/M Clayton Sargent Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.07%	1,119.81		66.21		(10.65)	1,175.37			32.94		(3.55)	169.03	1,344.40
124	1/1/1900	Ethel Greer Gravestone Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.02%	263.38		15.57		(2.51)	276.45			7.75		(0.84)	192.19	468.64
125	1/1/1989	Beaie Emery/Westland Cemetery	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.04%	700.89		41.44		(6.66)	735.67			20.62		(2.22)	87.32	822.99
126	1/1/1989	Estate-Hedley Pingree Flower Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.07%	1,168.07		69.07		(11.12)	1,226.03			34.36		(3.71)	124.39	1,350.42
127	1/1/1989	Albert Waterfield Flower Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.07%	1,168.07		69.07		(11.12)	1,226.03			34.36		(3.71)	113.85	1,339.88
128	1/1/1989	William Parker Flower Fund 1	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.07%	1,168.07		69.07		(11.12)	1,226.03			34.36		(3.71)	140.52	1,366.55
129	1/1/1997	William Parker Flower Fund 2	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.07%	1,107.16		65.46		(10.53)	1,162.09			32.57		(3.51)	256.60	1,418.69
130	1/1/1999	J Robert Merrill Flower Fund	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.06%	1,022.47		60.46		(9.72)	1,073.21			30.08		(3.24)	150.08	1,223.29
131	1/1/2005	Philbrick/Elison Family	Trust	Flower/Flag	Common Investment	0.38%	9,173.46		542.41		(67.24)	9,638.63			269.86		(29.08)	1,867.42	11,496.05
		Total Flower Funds					39,607.70		2,341.92		(376.70)	41,572.96			1,165.15		(125.57)	10,332.05	51,905.01
		Library Funds																	
109	1/1/1997	Library Improvement Fund	Expendable Trust (RSA 31:19-a)	Library	Common Investment	0.07%	1,102.80		65.21		(10.49)	1,157.53			32.44		(3.50)	197.93	1,355.46
110	1/1/1910	Parker Fund	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.62%	9,863.82		583.23		(93.81)	10,353.24			290.17		(187.73)	258.90	10,612.14
111	1/1/1932	Goodwin, Hazellins, Knox Tibbett & Greer	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.59%	9,432.20		557.71		(89.70)	9,900.21			277.47		(29.90)	247.57	10,147.78
112	1/1/1933	T. Butterfield Fund	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.17%	2,633.73		155.73		(25.05)	2,764.41			77.48		(8.35)	69.13	2,833.54
113	1/1/1900	Ethel Greer Fund	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.09%	1,415.21		83.68		(13.46)	1,485.44			41.63		(4.49)	37.15	1,522.59
114	1/1/1900	Trust Fund 1	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.03%	400.13		23.66		(3.81)	419.98			11.77		(7.62)	10.50	430.48
115	1/1/2007	Elizabeth Merrill	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.00%	-		-		-	-			-		-	-	-
		Total Library Funds					24,847.89		1,469.22		(236.31)	26,080.81			730.96		(451.94)	821.18	26,901.99
		Scholarship Funds																	
131	1/1/1992	Paul Lemery	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.64%	10,139.99		599.56		(96.44)	10,643.12			298.29		(200.00)	311.27	10,954.39
132	1/1/1992	Donis Bailey	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	1.49%	23,765.67		1,405.27		(226.02)	24,945.92			699.15		(500.00)	671.58	25,617.50
137	1/1/1996	Kuntachi Fund	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.11%	1,765.30		104.26		(16.77)	1,850.79			51.87		(5.59)	802.17	2,652.96
148	1/1/2003	William Marston Scholarship Fund	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.74%	11,702.63		691.95		(111.29)	12,283.30			344.26		(250.00)	331.56	12,614.86
149	1/1/2004	R.S. Watt Scholarship Fund (1)	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	1.15%	18,346.89		1,084.81		(174.48)	19,257.22			539.71		(350.00)	527.83	19,785.05
151	1/1/2005	Sandra A. Ellison Trust	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	37.25%	592,721.12		35,046.33		(5,636.70)	621,130.75			17,436.17		(6,137.48)	21,694.75	643,825.50
		Total Scholarship Funds					5,768.24		341.06		(54.86)	6,054.45			211.84		(250.00)	(843.20)	5,211.25
1/1/2016		Lockwood Family Scholarship	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.12%	1,988.61		117.58		(18.92)	2,087.28			58.50		(6.31)	(1,936.42)	150.86
1/1/2019		Hesser College Alumni Scholarship Fund	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.44%	7,075.34		418.35		(67.29)	7,426.40			208.14		(500.00)	(1,032.70)	6,373.70

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							BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	FEES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	FEES	BALANCE END YEAR				
	1/1/2019	Paul Kokulis Alumni Scholarship	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.61%	9,642.98		570.17	(91.71)		10,121.44	(668.33)	283.67	(1,000.00)	(30.57)	(1,415.23)	8,706.21			
	1/1/2017	Lindsay Paradis Scholarship	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	0.66%	10,484.98		619.95	(99.71)		11,005.23	(956.01)	308.44	(500.00)	(33.24)	(820.81)	10,184.42			
		Total Scholarship Funds					693,400.75		(6,594.17)		727,805.90	9,758.45	20,440.04	(9,729.63)	(2,198.06)	18,270.80	746,076.70				
		Various Funds																			
133	1/1/1947	W. Richards Fund 1	Trust	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.08%	1,316.86		77.86	(12.53)		1,382.20	767.33	38.74	(350.00)	(4.18)	451.90	1,834.10			
134	1/1/1947	W. Richards Fund 2	Trust	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	1.99%	31,605.13		1,868.74	(300.56)		33,173.32	1,923.98	929.73		(100.19)	2,753.53	35,926.85			
135	1/1/1987	W. Richards Fund 3	Trust	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.00%	-		-	0.00		-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-			
136	1/1/1976	TriCentennial Fund	Trust	Celebration/Old Home Day	Common Investment	0.05%	855.14		50.56	(8.13)		897.57	1,622.02	25.16	(2.71)	1,644.47	2,542.04				
139	1/1/2001	Reserved for Future Trust	Trust	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town	Common Investment	0.00%	-		-	0.00		-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-			
140	1/1/1900	Trust Fund 2	Trust	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town	Common Investment	0.03%	400.13		23.66	(3.81)		419.98	145.26	11.77	(1.27)	155.76	575.74				
141	1/1/1900	Trust Fund 3	Trust	Discretionary/Benefit of the Town	Common Investment	0.65%	10,405.99		615.28	(98.96)		10,922.32	797.71	306.11	(32.99)	1,070.84	11,993.16				
143	1/1/1999	Goffstown Main Street	Trust	Celebration/Old Home Day	Common Investment	0.00%	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
144	1/1/1968	Town Hall Fund 1	Trust	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	9.13%	145,279.28		8,590.05	(1381.59)		152,487.74	42,095.69	4,273.70		(460.53)	45,908.86	198,396.60			
145	1/1/1968	Town Hall Fund 2	Trust	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.00%	65.46		3.87	(0.63)		68.70	14.59	1.93		(0.21)	16.31	85.01			
146	1/1/1968	H.S. Library Fund	Trust	Library	Common Investment	1.99%	31,605.11		1,868.74	(300.56)		33,173.30	4,842.17	929.73	(100.19)	5,671.72	38,845.02				
147	1/1/1988	H.S. Scholarship Fund	Trust	Scholarship	Common Investment	1.99%	31,605.11		1,868.74	(300.56)		33,173.30	709.69	929.73	(100.19)	1,539.24	34,712.54				
		Total Mildred Stark Funds					208,554.96		12,331.40	(1,983.33)		218,903.04	47,662.14	6,135.09	(661.11)	53,136.13	272,039.17				
		Grasmere Town Hall																			
138	1/1/1997	Grasmere Town Hall Restoration fund	Trust	Restoration	Common Investment	0.65%	10,404.66		615.21	(98.94)		11,355.93	2,418.82	306.08		(32.98)	2,691.92	14,047.85			
		TOTAL COMMON TRUST FUND				100.00%	1,590,996.92		435.00	(15,130.16)		1,670,374.32	209,565.78	46,844.75	(10,531.57)	(5,043.40)	240,835.92	1,911,210.24			
		Capital Reserve Funds																			
152	1/1/2003	Conservation Capital	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Public Deposit Investment Pool		180,617.37					180,617.37	14,971.53	10,236.00		25,207.53	205,824.90				
153	1/1/2005	Grasmere Town Hall	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Public Deposit Investment Pool		365,966.20					365,966.20	12,912.10	19,828.31		32,740.41	398,706.61				
154	1/1/2019	Bartlett Elementary School	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Public Deposit Investment Pool		7,577.44					-	285.62	5.68	(291.30)	-	-				
156	1/1/2008	Fire Equipment	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Public Deposit Investment Pool		412,539.73		250,000.00		662,539.73	35,090.89	31,724.46			66,815.35	729,355.08				

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							BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	NEW FUNDS CREATED	CASH GAINS OR (LOSSES)	WITHDRAWALS	FEES	BALANCE END YEAR	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	DURING YEAR AMOUNT	EXPENDED DURING YEAR	FEES		BALANCE END YEAR
	1/1/2017	Land Acquisition	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Public Deposit Investment Pool		458,500.00					458,500.00	26,064.30	25,359.29			51,423.59	509,923.59
	1/1/2019	Goffstown School District - Facilities	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Public Deposit Investment Pool		447,296.53	250,000.00	(36,056.00)			661,230.53	9,198.21	29,014.19			38,212.40	699,442.93
	1/1/2020	Sewer Commission	Capital Reserve (RSA 34/35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Public Deposit Investment Pool		3,500,000.00					3,500,000.00	59,223.45	186,269.11			245,492.56	3,745,492.56
	1/1/2021	Clayton S Ginnard Memorial Scholarship	Scholarship	Scholarship	Public Deposit Investment Pool		12,500.00	10,000.00	(7,500.00)			15,000.00	222.92	785.04			1,007.96	16,007.96
		TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					5,384,997.27	510,000.00	(51,143.44)	-	5,843,853.83	157,969.02	303,222.08	(291.30)	-	460,899.80	6,304,753.63	
		TOTAL ALL FUNDS					6,975,994.19	510,435.00	94,072.17	(51,143.44)	7,514,228.15	367,534.80	350,066.83	(10,822.87)	(5,043.40)	701,735.72	8,215,963.87	

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INVESTMENT NAME	CUSIP	TYPE	SHARES	PRINCIPAL							INCOME			GRAND TOTAL	PRINCIPAL ONLY BEGINNING OF YEAR FAIR VALUE	PRINCIPAL UNREALIZED GAINS	PRINCIPAL ONLY END OF YEAR VALUE
				PRINCIPAL BEGINNING OF YEAR	PRINCIPAL PURCHASES	PRINCIPAL CASH CAP GAINS	PRINCIPAL SALE PROCEEDS	PRINCIPAL SALE GAINS	PRINCIPAL END OF YEAR BALANCE	INCOME BEGINNING OF YEAR	INCOME EXPENDED	INCOME END OF YEAR BALANCE					
TESLA INC	88160R101	Stock	-	18,009.86	0.00	0.00	15,269.46	(2,740.40)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,376.24	0.00	0.00
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS INC	882508104	Stock	-	9,053.22	0.00	0.00	14,473.57	5,420.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,208.92	0.00	0.00
TEXTRON INC	883030101	Stock	126.00	8,509.31	605.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,114.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,114.99	8,354.40	1,017.93	10,132.92
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	883556102	Stock	15.00	4,047.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,047.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,047.41	8,260.35	3,914.44	7,961.85
TIK COMPANIES NEW	872540109	Stock	129.00	0.00	10,326.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,326.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,326.39	0.00	12,101.49
THOMSON REUTERS	872590104	Stock	72.00	0.00	10,241.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,241.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,241.69	0.00	11,543.76
TRAVELERS COMPANIES INC	89417E109	Stock	48.00	8,255.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,255.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,255.24	8,995.52	888.28	9,143.52
TYSON FOODS INC. CL A*	902494103	Stock	-	9,897.97	0.00	0.00	7,129.77	(2,768.20)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,772.25	0.00	4,899.90
LUTA BEAUTY INC	903845303	Stock	10.00	6,399.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,399.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,399.69	10,256.56	2,436.88	9,276.57
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	911312106	Stock	59.00	8,246.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,246.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,246.52	19,086.48	10,706.40	18,952.92
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	91324P102	Stock	36.00	13,563.57	1,413.12	0.00	9,140.54	3,591.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,059.48	8,068.31	17,496.27
VERTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC COM	92532F100	Stock	43.00	7,497.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,497.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,497.51	12,673.36	8,383.84	15,881.35
VISTA INC	92826C839	Stock	65.00	0.00	9,842.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,842.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,842.48	0.00	-404.77	10,247.25
WALMART STORES GLOBAL	931142103	Stock	-	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	19,117.77	(882.23)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,754.43	0.00	0.00
INFRASTRUCTURE FUND CL	192488404	Mutual Fund/Index Fund/ETF	-	30,229.65	0.00	0.00	27,699.20	(2,530.45)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,125.68	0.00	0.00
VANGUARD REAL ESTATE ETF	922908555	Mutual Fund/Index Fund/ETF	-	0.00	7,667.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,667.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,017.28	8,684.28
ZOETIS INC CL A	98978V103	Mutual Fund/Index Fund/ETF	44.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Government Bonds																	
US TREAS NOTE 1.375% 06/30/23	912828535	Treasury Bond/Note	-	49,981.52	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	18.48	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	687.50	0.00	0.00	49,212.90	0.00	0.00
US TREAS NOTE 1.375% 08/31/26	912828Y06	Treasury Bond/Note	25,000.00	24,862.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.55	24,898.79	0.00	0.00	343.76	0.00	24,898.79	22,695.30	(1,583.36)	23,315.43
US TREAS NOTE 1.750% 11/15/29	912828V53	Treasury Bond/Note	25,000.00	25,198.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	(27.05)	25,171.86	0.00	0.00	437.50	0.00	25,171.86	21,849.60	(2,830.06)	22,341.80
US TREAS NOTE 2.000% 11/15/26	912828U24	Treasury Bond/Note	25,000.00	23,735.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.54	24,035.84	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	24,035.84	23,145.50	(589.29)	23,646.48
US TREAS NOTE 2.500% 11/15/24	912828E58	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	51,339.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	(666.74)	50,672.72	0.00	0.00	1,125.00	0.00	50,672.72	48,046.90	(1,791.86)	48,880.86
US TREAS NOTE 3.000% 10/31/25	912828S15	Treasury Bond/Note	25,000.00	24,900.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.17	24,932.56	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	24,932.56	24,166.03	(509.71)	24,422.85
US TREAS NOTE 3.125% 11/30/23	912828U57	Treasury Bond/Note	-	24,877.23	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	122.77	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	531.26	0.00	0.00	24,416.03	0.00	0.00
US TREAS NOTE 3.250% 02/15/28	912828JW8	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	26,643.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	(288.82)	26,354.43	0.00	0.00	687.50	0.00	26,354.43	23,946.83	(2,437.44)	23,916.99
US TREAS NOTE 3.500% 02/15/30	912828Z94	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	49,887.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.30	49,901.51	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	49,901.51	42,722.65	(6,280.42)	43,621.09
US TREAS NOTE 1.125% 02/28/27	912828Z69	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	49,764.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.22	49,815.69	0.00	0.00	562.50	0.00	49,815.69	44,519.55	(3,989.52)	45,836.17
US TREAS NOTE 1.250% 06/30/28	912828C42	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	49,512.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.48	49,590.51	0.00	0.00	625.00	0.00	49,590.51	43,318.35	(4,957.70)	44,652.81
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS %0.00%	3130A0780	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	49,899.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.39	49,911.64	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	49,911.64	49,216.40	182.04	50,093.68
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK 2.50%	313381FD2	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	49,471.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.04	49,571.59	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	0.00	49,571.59	46,436.80	(2,304.86)	47,267.57
FEDERAL FARM CR BKS 5.180% 8/15/30	3133EP101	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	49,625.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.22	49,629.22	0.00	0.00	647.50	0.00	49,629.22	0.00	205.96	49,835.08
FEDERAL FARM CR BKS 6.590% 10/04/2032	3133EPXL4	Treasury Bond/Note	50,000.00	0.00	49,882.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	49,882.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49,882.58	0.00	250.33	50,132.91
Taxable Bonds																	
CISCO SYS INC 2.000% 9/20/2023	17275RBH4	Bond	-	49,805.60	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	194.40	(0.00)	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	0.00	49,113.00	0.00	0.00
GLEAD SERVICES INC 12/1/2025 @100	375558BF9	Bond	25,000.00	26,322.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	(368.06)	25,954.11	0.00	0.00	912.50	0.00	25,954.11	24,130.23	(1,485.13)	24,468.98
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS 2.650% 11/15/2026	452308AX7	Bond	50,000.00	52,200.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	(537.80)	51,662.88	0.00	0.00	1,325.00	0.00	51,662.88	46,497.20	(3,897.21)	47,765.67
INTEL CORP (CALLABLE 9/29/25 @ 100)	458140A59	Bond	25,000.00	26,346.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	(440.70)	25,906.07	0.00	0.00	925.00	0.00	25,906.07	24,407.35	(1,296.70)	24,609.37
ORACLE CORP @100 3.400% 07/08/2024	68389XAU9	Bond	25,000.00	25,189.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	(93.14)	25,095.97	0.00	0.00	850.00	0.00	25,095.97	24,376.85	(389.18)	24,706.79
TORONTO DOMINION BANK FR 0.750% DUE 9/11/2025	89114QCX2	Bond	50,000.00	49,018.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	387.98	49,406.65	0.00	0.00	375.00	0.00	49,406.65	44,670.05	(2,742.72)	46,663.93
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP SR GBLN MT 2.760% 7/2/2029	892331AG4	Bond	50,000.00	51,465.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	(195.22)	51,270.06	0.00	0.00	1,380.00	0.00	51,270.06	44,379.00	(4,299.23)	46,970.83
WHOLE FOODS MKT INC 9/3/2025 @100	966837AE6	Bond	50,000.00	55,023.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,645.50)	53,378.18	0.00	0.00	2,600.00	0.00	53,378.18	50,554.50	(3,189.06)	50,188.52
ISHARES MSCI EAFE ETF	464287AE5	Bond	1,202.00	61,441.13	9,541.42	0.00	0.00	76,982.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,520.56	0.00	76,982.55	70,169.16	(13,588.15)	90,570.70
SPDR S&P MIDCAP 400 ETF TR UTSEI	78467Y107	Bond	-	61,574.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	69,841.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	449.70	0.00	0.00	119,553.30	0.00	0.00
SKPDPCR																	
Total Common Trust Fund				1,754,347.82	435,429.09	435,429.09	445,081.14	93,647.76	1,638,343.53	46,215.11	47,723.21	(21,072.33)	72,865.99	1,911,205.52	2,007,991.05	372,897.50	2,384,107.02
Capital Reserves																	
Capital Reserve Funds				5,384,997.27	-	-	51,434.74	5,333,562.53	157,969.02	813,222.08	971,191.10	1,044,057.09	7,550,957.34	6,304,753.63	372,897.50	8,588,860.65	
Total All Funds				7,139,345.09	435,429.09	435,429.09	496,515.88	93,647.76	7,171,906.06	204,184.13	860,945.29	(21,072.33)	72,865.99	8,215,963.15	8,215,963.15	372,897.50	9,588,860.65

TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY

	2022				2023			2024		
	Adopted	Actuals	Adopted	YTD (12/31/23 un-audited)	Encumbr (12/31/23)	DEPT HEAD	DEFAULT	SELECT BOARD	BUDGET COMMITTEE	
TOWN HALL BUDGET										
41300 Administration	402,602	407,324	526,310	475,534	8,618	518,317	504,270	527,317	676,483	
41400 Town Clerk	239,399	226,550	246,030	239,343	0	266,364	258,260	266,364	266,364	
41401 Election	51,525	57,044	28,979	29,598	0	67,648	62,748	68,323	68,323	
41500 Finance	385,134	366,306	420,496	420,173	16,676	445,735	433,630	445,735	445,735	
41510 Tax Collection	93,305	90,195	97,293	97,954	0	103,520	99,182	103,520	103,520	
41530 Information Technology	788,743	785,462	974,294	931,042	24,427	1,215,206	1,005,992	1,215,206	1,215,206	
41520 Revaluation of Property	195,779	166,820	197,219	176,196	0	202,481	199,450	202,481	202,481	
41910 Planning, Zoning & Econ	321,012	245,507	345,281	251,757	35,000	313,979	312,245	313,979	313,979	
41990 Other General Governmen	33,750	15,152	25,950	20,084	2,780	30,600	25,950	30,600	30,600	
42400 Building/Health Inspect	126,463	112,947	128,799	113,101	0	163,004	160,778	163,004	163,004	
44410 Human Services	30,393	9,516	20,391	10,876	0	20,519	20,442	20,519	20,519	
TOWN HALL TOTAL	\$ 2,668,105	2,482,822	3,011,042	2,765,658	87,501	3,347,373	3,082,947	3,357,048	3,506,214	
INSURANCE BUDGET										
00000 No Division Number	2,856,111	2,514,249	3,007,285	2,548,880	0	3,496,725	3,496,726	3,496,725	3,496,725	
INSURANCE TOTAL	\$ 2,856,111	2,514,249	3,007,285	2,548,880	0	3,496,725	3,496,726	3,496,725	3,496,725	
POLICE BUDGET										
42101 Police Operations	4,093,231	3,889,667	4,321,037	3,830,944	4,440	4,277,028	4,263,481	4,277,028	4,277,028	
42104 Police Communications	937,662	929,432	960,698	908,318	0	1,010,549	972,321	1,010,549	1,010,549	
POLICE TOTAL	\$ 5,030,893	4,819,099	5,281,735	4,739,262	4,440	5,287,577	5,235,802	5,287,577	5,287,577	
FIRE BUDGET										
42201 Fire Operations	3,070,197	3,088,901	3,387,767	3,368,865	6,944	3,647,128	3,581,372	3,647,128	3,647,128	
42102 Emergency Management	7,990	3,315	10,783	5,381	0	10,272	10,783	10,272	10,272	
FIRE TOTAL	\$ 3,078,187	3,092,216	3,398,550	3,374,246	6,944	3,657,400	3,592,155	3,657,400	3,657,400	
PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET										
41950 Cemetery Operations	170,901	161,020	183,631	161,093	0	191,096	184,866	191,096	191,096	
43111 Public Works-Highway	3,220,963	2,704,636	3,342,318	3,279,140	10,000	3,422,608	3,282,576	3,422,608	3,422,608	
43190 Fleet	560,115	555,745	560,838	698,932	0	664,384	627,792	664,384	664,384	
43230 Solid Waste Operations	1,251,442	1,432,738	1,411,098	1,494,284	5,604	1,585,426	1,413,363	1,585,426	1,529,854	
PUBLIC WORKS TOTAL	\$ 5,203,421	4,854,140	5,497,885	5,633,449	15,604	5,863,514	5,508,597	5,863,514	5,807,942	
PARKS AND REC BUDGET										
45201 Parks & Rec Operations	506,377	508,463	589,897	579,829	0	626,218	585,381	626,218	626,218	

TOWN BUDGET SUMMARY CONTINUED

SUMMARY - 2024 OPERATING BUDGET ARTICLE - BUDGET COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

	2022		2023		2024				
	Adopted	Actuals	Adopted	YTD (12/31/23 un-audited)	Encumbr (12/31/23)	DEPT HEAD	DEFAULT	SELECT BOARD	BUDGET COMMITTEE
PARKS AND REC TOTAL	\$ 506,377	508,463	589,897	579,829	0	626,218	585,381	626,218	626,218
LIBRARY BUDGET									
45501 Library Operations	779,739	741,502	821,386	794,827	0	861,464	830,427	861,464	911,464
LIBRARY TOTAL	\$ 779,739	741,502	821,386	794,827	0	861,464	830,427	861,464	911,464
DEBT SERVICE BUDGET									
47110 Principal-Long Trm Bond	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000	0	105,000	105,000	105,000	105,000
47230 DS-ST INTEREST	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1
47111 LVDP WATER MAIN	53,244	53,244	53,244	53,244	0	53,244	53,244	53,244	53,244
47120 Debt Serv-Long Term Bon	55,047	55,046	49,775	49,775	0	45,554	45,554	45,554	45,554
DEBT SERVICE TOTAL	\$ 213,292	213,290	208,020	208,019	0	203,799	203,799	203,799	203,799
CIP BUDGET									
MACH, VEH & EQUIP TOTAL	1,617,321	858,123	1,205,000	536,671	259,094	966,334	1,035,000	966,334	966,334
BUILDINGS TOTAL	110,000	50,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IMP OTHER THN BLDG TOTAL	2,269,000	1,353,411	1,670,000	2,570,735	82,252	2,550,000	1,670,000	2,210,000	2,210,000
CIP TOTAL	\$ 3,996,321	2,261,534	2,875,000	3,107,406	341,346	3,516,334	2,705,000	3,176,334	3,176,334
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	24,332,446	21,487,316	24,690,800	23,751,577	455,835	26,860,404	25,240,834	26,530,079	26,673,673
FIRE BUDGET									
42150 Fire / EMS	447,851	352,128	526,576	377,590	0	550,726	514,406	550,726	550,726
FIRE TOTAL	\$ 447,851	352,128	526,576	377,590	0	550,726	514,406	550,726	550,726
CIP BUDGET									
Fire-EMS CIP TOTAL	45,000	27,967	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIP TOTAL	\$ 45,000	27,967	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMS REVENUE FUND TOTAL	492,851	380,095	526,576	377,590	0	550,726	514,406	550,726	550,726
SEWER BUDGET									
43260 Sewer Administration	224,306	183,660	207,288	152,502	7,704	244,247	241,015	244,247	244,247
43261 Sewer Operations	958,176	1,004,838	1,378,877	644,463	0	1,735,228	1,395,930	1,735,228	1,735,228
43262 Sewer Pump Stations	745,352	339,452	146,352	-18,123	0	96,252	146,352	96,252	96,252
SEWER TOTAL	\$ 1,927,834	1,527,950	1,732,517	778,842	7,704	2,075,727	1,783,297	2,075,727	2,075,727
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	1,927,834	1,527,950	1,732,517	778,842	7,704	2,075,727	1,783,297	2,075,727	2,075,727
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET:	26,753,131	23,395,361	26,949,893	24,908,009	463,559	29,486,857	27,538,537	29,156,532	29,300,126

OUTSTANDING DEBT SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

2011 LVDP Water Project			
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	43,694	9,550	53,244
2025	44,946	8,298	53,244
2026	46,233	7,011	53,244
2027	47,557	5,687	53,244
2028	48,919	4,325	53,244
2029	50,320	2,924	53,244
2030	51,761	1,483	53,244
Totals	333,430	39,278	372,708

2016 Fire Station #18 Bond			
Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	105,000	45,554	150,554
2025	105,000	41,333	146,333
2026	105,000	36,062	141,062
2027	105,000	30,791	135,791
2028	105,000	28,670	133,670
2029	105,000	26,549	131,549
2030	105,000	24,297	129,297
2031	105,000	20,076	125,076
2032	105,000	15,855	120,855
2033	105,000	12,684	117,684
2034	105,000	9,513	114,513
2035	105,000	6,342	111,342
2036	105,000	3,171	108,171
Totals	1,365,000	300,897	1,665,897

GENERAL FUND TOTALS

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	148,694	55,104	203,798
2025	149,946	49,631	199,577
2026	151,233	43,073	194,306
2027	152,557	36,478	189,035
2028	153,919	32,995	186,914
2029	155,320	29,473	184,793
2030	156,761	25,780	182,541
2031	105,000	20,076	125,076
2032	105,000	15,855	120,855
2033	105,000	12,684	117,684
2034	105,000	9,513	114,513
2035	105,000	6,342	111,342
2036	105,000	3,171	108,171
Totals	1,698,430	340,175	2,038,605

The Sewer Fund paid off all remaining
outstanding debt in 2019.

ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF THE ASSESSING OFFICE

The Town underwent an assessment update for the 2023 tax year. The Town's assessments and assessment practices were last reviewed by the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration for the 2018 tax year; therefore, the DRA is now in the process of reviewing the Town's assessments and assessment practices for the 2023 tax year. This five-year review is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

Prior to the assessment update, a five-year cyclical measure and list was completed by Corcoran Consulting Associates; they visited 4,000 properties from 2019 to 2023. As the Town's Assessor I reviewed (mostly in-office) every updated property record card and entered the updated data into the Town's VISION CAMA (computer assisted mass appraisal) system. During the same time frame, I have visited or reviewed over 3,000 properties. The intent of these visits is to verify and correct data, as necessary. Since 2006, this is the Town's third, five-year cyclical measure and list.

Per RSA 75:8-a: "The assessors and/or selectmen shall reappraise all real estate within the municipality so that the assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year." Therefore, the Town was required to update its assessments for the 2023 tax year. Preliminary assessments were posted on the Town's website in late July 2023, the 2023 MS-1 was filed on September 18, 2023, and the required USPAP compliant report (see <https://www.goffstownnh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2271/2023-Manual-in-PDF?bidId=>) was filed with the Select Board on October 10, 2023 and with the DRA on October 18, 2023. The assessment update increased the total assessed value of the Town by 54%. This large increase was a result of a greatly increasing residential market over the last few years. As an example, the average selling price of a single family home in Goffstown in 2018 was \$292,500; in 2022, the average selling price of a single family home was \$470,200 (a 61% increase).

Article 12 of the 2023 Town Warrant increased the income levels of the elderly exemption (\$42,500 single, \$60,000 married) and the asset limits of the elderly exemption (\$180,000). The article also increased the amount of the exemptions by 53% (\$76,500 – age 65 to 74, \$103,500 age 75 to 79, \$137,500 age 80+).

The Assessing Office has improved, and is continuing to improve, the quality of its assessments without causing undue disruption to taxpayers or large budget increases. The Assessing Office asks for the continued understanding and cooperation of the Town's citizens. Assessing is an ongoing process. The participation of taxpayers in this process is not only welcomed, but encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott W. Bartlett, CNHA, Town Assessor

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
4-103	16 MAPLE AV	4.00	673,400	3,448,000	4,121,400
5-14-1	251 ELM ST	25.79	1,077,000	2,238,000	3,315,000
5-61-1	NORMAND RD	79.20	428,000	0	428,000
5-95-1	WALLACE RD	26.95	272,700	0	272,700
5-98	27 WALLACE RD	30.00	2,917,800	16,696,200	19,614,000
8-74	41 LAUREN LN	60.30	3,744,900	11,460,400	15,205,300
17-182	689 MAST RD	1.25	434,000	1,742,200	2,176,200
34-138	11 SCHOOL ST	0.65	343,000	380,100	723,100
GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTALS		228.14	\$9,890,800	\$35,964,900	\$45,855,700

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
1-37	MOUNTAIN RD	110.00	690,800	0	690,800
4-11	OFF HILLSDALE DR	0.33	182,100	34,800	216,900
7-2	MAST RD	24.00	73,200	11,000	84,200
7-5	NORTH MAST ST	3.54	182,600	132,300	314,900
7-8-1	NORTH MAST ST	23.76	220,500	0	220,500
7-106-2	HIGH ST	1.38	141,100	0	141,100
4-16-2	MOUNTAIN RD	15.55	144,800	0	144,800
1-38	BACK MOUNTAIN RD	465.00	1,539,600	159,400	1,699,000
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT TOTALS		643.56	\$3,174,700	\$337,500	\$3,512,200

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
2-39-4	OFF BACK MOUNTAIN RD	2.45	117,400	0	117,400
2-64-28	SHIRLEY HILL RD	3.23	2,700	0	2,700
2-64-29	ADDISON RD	7.00	11,000	0	11,000
3-9	OFF SCHOOL HOUSE RD	1.00	3,000	0	3,000
4-61	OFF NEW BOSTON RD	21.32	46,900	0	46,900
5-14	GOFFSTOWN BACK RD	39.60	423,900	11,200	435,100
5-15-3	274 ELM ST	2.00	86,200	0	86,200
5-15-4	278 ELM ST	5.00	285,900	0	285,900
5-24	404 ELM ST	70.66	2,116,500	1,025,300	3,141,800
5-38-39	JUNIPER DR	6.24	83,700	0	83,700
5-97	WALLACE RD	0.90	35,300	0	35,300
5-59A	MAST RD	0.28	14,100	0	14,100
6-39-1-A	326 MAST RD	2.16	362,300	2,364,400	2,726,700
7-72	NORTH MAST ST	9.00	319,200	22,200	341,400
8-14	OFF HEATHER HILL LN	10.00	1,000	0	1,000
8-44	OFF LOCUST HILL RD	3.00	6,100	0	6,100
8-13A	OFF STINSON RD	10.90	1,100	0	1,100

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN CONT'D		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
8-13B	STINSON RD	34.50	3,600	0	3,600
9-29-1	289 TIRRELL HILL RD	1.60	179,100	664,600	843,700
9-60-2	FIELDSTONE DR	0.74	32,300	0	32,300
10-11	TENNEY RD	0.75	16,700	0	16,700
12-9-1	OFF MONTELONA RD	32.00	15,500	0	15,500
12-10A	OFF MONTELONA RD	65.00	207,300	0	207,300
15-58	ROSEMONT ST	2.40	201,400	0	201,400
15-59	ROSEMONT ST	0.25	16,400	0	16,400
15-57A	31 ROSEMONT ST	4.42	417,500	152,800	570,300
15-73A	OFF ROSEMONT ST	0.48	17,400	0	17,400
16-118	OFF MOREAU ST	0.09	1,900	0	1,900
16-225-1	PINE HILL AV	0.19	9,700	0	9,700
16-117A	BROOK ST	0.07	3,700	0	3,700
17-37	656 MAST RD	0.57	458,000	1,440,600	1,898,600
17-238	36 LAURIER ST	37.56	776,400	36,500	812,900
17-220A	LOUIS ST	0.22	13,700	0	13,700
19-47	EAST UNION ST	1.84	32,800	0	32,800
19-47-1	OFF EAST UNION ST	1.36	11,600	0	11,600
19-47-2	OFF SHIRLEY PARK RD	1.28	10,900	0	10,900
19-47-3	OFF SOUTH MAST ST	0.49	4,200	0	4,200
19-47-4	OFF BLUE JAY LN	4.41	37,500	0	37,500
19-47-5	OFF MAST RD	1.69	14,400	0	14,400
19-47-6	OFF MAST RD	4.76	40,500	0	40,500
19-47-7	OFF MAST RD	0.27	2,300	0	2,300
19-47-8	OFF HENRY BRIDGE RD	1.82	15,500	0	15,500
19-47-9	OFF HENRY BRIDGE RD	6.16	52,400	0	52,400
19-47-10	OFF DANIS PARK RD	1.38	11,700	0	11,700
19-47-11	OFF MORGAN CR	2.20	18,700	0	18,700
19-47-12	OFF LYNCHVILLE PARK RD	8.38	71,200	0	71,200
19-47-13	OFF MOOSE CLUB PARK RD	8.24	70,000	0	70,000
19-47-14	OFF MOOSE CLUB PARK RD	2.17	18,400	0	18,400
19-47-15	OFF MOOSE CLUB PARK RD	1.14	9,700	0	9,700
19-47-16	EAST UNION ST	0.01	300	0	300
21-85	60 COVE ST	0.37	160,300	0	160,300
21-64A	BAY ST	0.42	62,300	0	62,300
24-37	ANDRE/RUSSELL	0.76	42,200	0	42,200
24-43	ANDRE ST	0.11	10,800	0	10,800
24-59A	LYNCHVILLE PARK RD	0.19	58,600	0	58,600
26-13A	MAST RD/HENRY BRIDGE	0.07	26,100	0	26,100
27-23	HENRY BRIDGE RD	0.30	64,800	0	64,800
27-25	86 CENTER ST	9.00	76,500	3,500	80,000
28-28	87 CENTER ST	0.33	163,600	248,900	412,500

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN CONT'D		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
30-81	9 BARNARD LN	18.00	747,100	570,300	1,317,400
30-25A	PINERIDGE ST	2.00	17,300	0	17,300
30-29A	HIGHLAND AV	0.12	31,200	0	31,200
30-43A	SOUTH MAST ST	0.12	1,600	0	1,600
31-19	155 SOUTH MAST ST	1.38	278,600	351,000	629,600
32-26E-18	HERMSDORF AV	0.30	33,100	0	33,100
32-26E-19	HERMSDORF AV	0.31	33,200	0	33,200
32-26E-22	HERMSDORF AV	0.25	32,600	0	32,600
32-26E-30	JANICE DR	0.30	31,400	0	31,400
32-26E-55	THOMAS DR	0.38	33,700	0	33,700
34-83	16 MAIN ST	0.88	226,000	1,751,600	1,977,600
34-106	1 NORTH MAST ST	0.09	73,600	0	73,600
34-107	2 HIGH ST	0.96	228,300	650,200	878,500
34-114-1	50 ELM ST	0.08	99,300	0	99,300
34-127-1	MILL ST	0.07	14,900	0	14,900
34-129	MILL ST	0.21	15,800	0	15,800
34-148	MAIN ST	0.32	203,700	14,700	218,400
34-152	MAIN ST	0.25	199,800	0	199,800
37-9	83 NORTH MAST ST	9.00	420,900	0	420,900
38-13	18 CHURCH ST	1.73	266,100	4,038,100	4,304,200
40-11	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.19	11,900	0	11,900
40-12	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.34	87,100	0	87,100
40-22	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.25	12,100	0	12,100
40-23	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-40	17 GRANDVIEW RD	0.17	8,300	200	8,500
40-41	15 GRANDVIEW RD	0.17	8,300	0	8,300
40-43	8 GRANDVIEW RD	0.13	8,200	0	8,200
40-47	197 PERIMETER RD	0.11	81,100	500	81,600
40-48	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.10	8,100	0	8,100
40-51	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.23	12,000	0	12,000
40-52	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.12	11,700	0	11,700
40-57	MAPLE LN	0.10	11,600	0	11,600
40-60	41 CRESCENT LN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-86	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.17	11,800	0	11,800
40-87	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.14	11,700	0	11,700
40-90	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.12	11,700	0	11,700
40-94	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.10	11,500	0	11,500
40-96	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.12	3,600	0	3,600
40-102	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.21	3,700	0	3,700
40-113	222 PERIMETER RD	0.08	335,800	194,500	530,300
40-50A	OFF PERIMETER RD	0.08	11,400	0	11,400
41-18	MOUNTAIN AV	0.14	11,700	0	11,700

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN CONT'D		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
41-34	CHOCORUA AV	3.98	47,000	0	47,000
41-47	KAOKA AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-49	KAOKA AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-50	KAOKA AV	0.26	24,300	0	24,300
41-52	INCLINE AV	0.13	11,700	700	12,400
41-56	UNCANOONUC AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-59	MASCOMA AV	0.13	11,700	0	11,700
41-69	46 INCLINE AV	0.19	11,900	0	11,900
41-78	MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.05	13,900	0	13,900
42-1	MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.49	0	0	0
42-4	MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.06	22,400	0	22,400
42-6	3 ORR ST	0.32	30,900	0	30,900
42-30	169 MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.23	190,800	0	190,800
43-24-1	ARROWHEAD DR	0.11	131,600	20,000	151,600
99-9-9	PUBLIC ROW	0.00	9,520,000	0	9,520,000
TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN TOTALS		481.12	\$21,145,000	\$13,561,800	\$34,706,800

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN - SEWER		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
19-15	19 CHANNEL LN	0.20	40,900	2,000	42,900
34-177	27 EAST UNION ST	3.67	297,500	244,300	541,800
TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN - SEWER TOTALS		3.87	\$338,400	\$246,300	\$584,700

GOFFSTOWN CONSERVATION LAND		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
1-35	MOUNTAIN RD	137.00	615,700	0	615,700
7-3-1	OFF MAST RD	4.50	27,600	0	27,600
8-17-1	SANBORN FARM LN	2.25	200	0	200
8-17-2	SANBORN FARM LN	2.64	300	0	300
8-17-3	SANBORN FARM LN	2.43	200	0	200
8-17-4	SANBORN FARM LN	3.03	300	0	300
8-17-5	PAIGE HILL RD	39.87	4,000	0	4,000
31-22	OFF MAST RD	1.08	113,000	0	113,000
35-48	ISLAND ON GLEN LAKE	2.00	64,200	0	64,200
40-1	CRESCENT LN	0.10	128,700	0	128,700
40-8	PERIMETER RD	0.14	11,700	0	11,700
40-14	CRESCENT LN	0.28	12,300	0	12,300
40-15	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	26.20	138,000	0	138,000
40-16	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.19	12,000	0	12,000
40-17	CRESENT LN	0.15	11,800	0	11,800
40-18	CRESENT LN	0.14	11,700	0	11,700
40-19	CRESENT LN	0.07	11,300	0	11,300
40-20	CRESENT LN	0.07	11,300	0	11,300

GOFFSTOWN CONSERVATION LAND CONT'D		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
40-21	CRESENT LN	0.16	11,800	0	11,800
40-24	CRESENT LN	0.16	11,800	0	11,800
40-25	CRESENT LN	0.52	13,000	0	13,000
40-27	PERIMETER RD	0.21	12,000	0	12,000
40-29	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.24	12,100	0	12,100
40-34	SUMMIT RD	0.14	11,700	0	11,700
40-35	SUMMIT RD	0.14	11,700	0	11,700
40-42	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	5.40	31,000	0	31,000
40-50	OFF PERIMETER RD	0.52	13,100	0	13,100
40-53	BEECH LN	0.12	11,700	0	11,700
40-54	SUMMIT AV	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-56	MAPLE LN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-58	SUMMIT RD	0.10	11,600	0	11,600
40-59	MAPLE LN	0.27	12,200	0	12,200
40-61	CHESTNUT LN	0.10	11,600	0	11,600
40-63	CHESTNUT LN	0.10	11,600	0	11,600
40-64	CHESTNUT/SUMMIT	0.21	12,000	0	12,000
40-65	BEECH LN	0.25	12,100	0	12,100
40-66	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.10	11,600	0	11,600
40-67	BEECH LN	0.30	2,400	0	2,400
40-68	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.14	11,700	0	11,700
40-69	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.13	11,700	0	11,700
40-70	CHESTNUT LN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-71	CHESTNUT LN	0.15	11,800	0	11,800
40-72	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.09	11,500	0	11,500
40-73	OFF PERIMETER RD	0.12	11,700	0	11,700
40-74	CHESTNUT LN	0.36	12,400	0	12,400
40-76	BIRCH LN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-77	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.10	11,500	0	11,500
40-78	BIRCH LN	0.09	11,500	0	11,500
40-79	UNCANOONUC MTN	0.10	11,500	0	11,500
40-80	BIRCH LN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-81	UNCANOONUC MTN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-82	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-83	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.12	11,600	0	11,600
40-85	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-88	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.12	11,600	0	11,600
40-89	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.18	11,900	0	11,900
40-91	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.14	11,700	0	11,700
40-92	UNCANOONUC MTN	0.15	11,800	0	11,800
40-93	CEDAR LN	0.09	11,400	0	11,400
40-95	UNCANOONUC MTN	0.22	12,000	0	12,000

GOFFSTOWN CONSERVATION LAND CONT'D		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
40-97	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.11	11,600	0	11,600
40-98	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.19	11,900	0	11,900
40-99	PINE LN	0.61	4,900	0	4,900
40-101	PINE LN	0.40	12,600	0	12,600
40-103	OFF PERIMETER RD	0.12	11,700	0	11,700
40-104	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	0.72	4,400	0	4,400
40-105	SUMMIT AV	6.35	36,100	0	36,100
40-106	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	1.15	7,000	0	7,000
40-107	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	1.20	7,300	0	7,300
40-115	SOUTH UNCANOONUC MTN	37.50	190,800	0	190,800
40-4A	UNCANOONUC MTN	3.45	19,300	0	19,300
40-47A	OFF PERIMETER RD	0.48	3,900	0	3,900
41-6	FOREST AV	0.18	23,700	0	23,700
41-7	36 INCLINE AV	0.39	25,100	0	25,100
41-9	INCLINE AV	0.22	24,100	0	24,100
41-11	INCLINE AV	0.52	16,200	0	16,200
41-14	MOUNTAIN/PARK AV	0.74	27,100	0	27,100
41-15	MOUNTAIN AV	0.52	16,200	0	16,200
41-16	MOUNTAIN AV	0.38	25,100	0	25,100
41-17	MOUNTAIN AV	0.13	11,700	0	11,700
41-19	UNCANOONUC AV	0.16	23,600	0	23,600
41-21	PARK AV	1.73	33,800	0	33,800
41-22	CROWN AV	0.35	25,000	0	25,000
41-23	UNCANOONUC AV	0.07	22,600	0	22,600
41-24	UNCANOONUC AV	0.25	24,200	0	24,200
41-29	UNCANOONUC AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-30	INCLINE AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-31	SOUTH MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.12	23,300	0	23,300
41-32	KAOKA AV	0.52	25,900	0	25,900
41-33	KAOKA AV	2.77	29,800	0	29,800
41-35	WONOLANCET AV	1.00	29,100	0	29,100
41-36	WONOLANCET AV	1.89	15,300	0	15,300
41-37	MASCOMA AV	2.58	38,100	0	38,100
41-38	CHOCORUA AV	0.29	2,300	0	2,300
41-39	CHOCORUA AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-40	CHOCORUA AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-41	CHOCORUA AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-42	CHOCORUA AV	0.39	25,100	0	25,100
41-43	CHOCORUA AV	0.92	27,700	0	27,700
41-45	KAOKA AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-46	KAOKA AV	0.26	24,300	0	24,300
41-48	KAOKA AV	0.52	26,000	0	26,000

GOFFSTOWN CONSERVATION LAND CONT'D		Acres	Land Value	Improvement	Total Value
41-51	MASCOMA AV	0.13	116,800	0	116,800
41-61	UNCANOONUC AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-62	UNCANOONUC AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
41-75	SOUTH MTN BASE/RR AV	0.88	34,200	0	34,200
41-76	MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.29	24,600	0	24,600
41-77	MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.18	29,600	0	29,600
41-79	MASCOMA AV	0.25	24,300	0	24,300
41-80	SOUTH MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.26	24,300	0	24,300
41-37A	MASCOMA AV	0.52	25,900	0	25,900
41-64A	UNCANOONUC AV	0.12	23,300	0	23,300
42-2	MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.45	25,500	0	25,500
42-5	OFF MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.42	25,400	0	25,400
42-12	INCLINE AV	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
42-15	MOUNTAIN AV	0.26	24,300	0	24,300
42-18	MOUNTAIN AV	0.67	26,600	0	26,600
42-19	ORR ST	0.50	4,000	0	4,000
42-22	PARK AV	1.00	27,800	0	27,800
42-23	CROWN AV	1.19	29,400	0	29,400
42-24	CHESTNUT SLOPE	2.00	192,600	0	192,600
42-25	CHESTNUT SLOPE	1.95	11,800	0	11,800
42-28	165 MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.12	23,300	0	23,300
42-29	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.11	36,700	0	36,700
42-31	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.12	36,800	0	36,800
42-32	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.13	23,400	0	23,400
42-33	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.26	24,300	0	24,300
42-35	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
42-36	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
42-37	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.13	23,300	0	23,300
42-40	OFF MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.24	38,200	0	38,200
42-41	CHESTNUT SLOPE	0.12	23,300	0	23,300
42-42	CHESTNUT SLOPE	4.10	38,400	0	38,400
42-45	LAKE UNCANOONUC	0.22	24,100	0	24,100
42-51	MOUNTAIN BASE RD	0.02	22,000	8,800	30,800
GOFFSTOWN CONSERVATION TOTALS		321.60	\$3,806,700	\$8,800	\$3,815,500

GRAND TOTALS

1,678.29	\$38,355,600	\$50,119,300	\$88,474,900
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Staff Members of the Community Development Department include: Planning and Economic Development Director Jo Ann Duffy; Planning and Zoning Assistant Patty Gale; Code Enforcement: Building & Zoning Administrator Jack Shephard; Assessor Scott Bartlett; and Assessing & Building Secretary Jodi Morel. The Land Use Office also includes the Sewer Commission Secretary Lynne Pooler.

This report comprises activities from the Planning and Zoning Office and the Building/Health Inspection Office, as well as information regarding assessed values of properties in town. The citizen boards, committees and council participants report separately. These groups include the Economic Development Council, the Planning Board, its Capital Improvements Program Committee, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

PLANNING

In addition to the committees listed above, the Planning and Zoning Office also serves as staff to several other boards and committees, including the Conservation Commission, Highway Safety Committee, Technical Review Committee (TRC), Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) Technical Advisory Committee and other project review committees through the Commission.

The Planning and Zoning Office continues to process applications for development. The table below shows the number of new Subdivisions, Site Plans and Conceptual Plan applications submitted for Planning Board review for the last ten years.

Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Subdivision	9	6	7	11	10	7	11	13	10	8
Site Plan	11	6	11	8	13	14	11	5	11	7
Conceptual	1	7	3	5	5	1	3	2	2	6
Sub-Total	21	17	21	24	28	22	25	20	23	21
Time Extensions	5	2	3	1	1	1	2	1	0	0
Conditional Use Permits	5	3	2	5	5	7	11	5	11	12
Site Plan Waivers	2	0	0	2	2	7	2	1	6	4
Relief from Outer 50' of 100' WSWC District		2	1	5	2	6	7	3	3	3
Scenic Road Tree Cut	-	-	-	1	-	2	0	0	1	1
Subdivision Revocation	-	-	-	-	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	7	6	12	11	18	22	10	21	20

In addition to the planning applications reviewed this year, Goffstown also welcomed several new businesses, as well as some new residential units into town.

We now have a new Masonry/Landscape Business located at 431 Elm Street. Several projects were approved for Eversource - they have been replacing overhead electric utility structures and damaged poles in several locations throughout the Town. The Board also approved a 44,500 sf Nursing & Health/Science building to replace Poisson Hall at St. Anselm College. Other new projects include a 30-unit residential condominium on Mast Road and Tatro Drive; a laundromat at 586 Mast Road/2 Haig Street; a 4,800-sf commercial building to be used for a trailer dealership at 186 Mast Road. We also welcome the following new commercial businesses, such as The Lost Page Found Bookstore located at 35 Main Street; and Wags and Whiskers, a pet grooming business located at 679 Mast Road. Welcome all new businesses to Goffstown!

ZONING

The Zoning and Building Code Enforcement Officer enforces the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, as well as specific approval conditions attached to actions taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Planning Board, and Historic District Commission. Investigations into possible zoning violations are largely complaint driven, although all violations observed are also investigated. Once notified of a violation, most property owners take corrective action to bring their property into compliance. When compliance cannot be achieved, the Zoning and Building Code Enforcement Officer works with the town's legal counsel to pursue legal action through the Hillsborough County Superior Court.

The Zoning and Building Code Enforcement Officer serves as staff to the ZBA, assisting applicants, preparing the Board's monthly agenda, providing a review of NH Supreme Court decisions, and serving as a liaison between the public and the Board. The Zoning Office reviews building permit applications to ensure zoning compliance, reviews sign permit applications, and performs other such duties as may be assigned.

In addition to enforcement in 2023, the Planning and Zoning Office processed ZBA applications for 23 Variances, 7 Special Exceptions, 2 withdrawn applications, and one request for a rehearing. Also in the year 2023, the Zoning Office was busy with issuing a few violation notices. The Planning and Zoning Office issued 16 commercial and 22 special event sign permits.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Unit Type	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1 & 2 Family	21	14	15	16	15	33	20	17	9	9
Multi-Family	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	25	28	1
Accessory Dwelling							2	1	3	4

Goffstown continues to face challenges of growth and additional pressures on our infrastructure due to increased development in our community, as well as neighboring communities.

Permit / Fee Source	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	#	Value								
New 1 & 2 Family Units	33	\$19,256	20	\$9,779	17	\$10,068	9	\$11,563	9	\$7,582
Condo/Multi-Family Units	-	-	0	0	25	\$15,411	28	\$52,995	1	\$926
Accessory Dwelling			2	\$1,949	1	\$182	3	\$451	4	\$868
Miscellaneous Residential Permits	176	\$15,415	174	\$15,918	508	\$47,924	194	\$33,529	655	\$66,139
Pools	11	\$710	23	\$1,235	25	\$1,430	10	\$745	12	\$990
Demolition	12	\$590	12	\$650	7	\$425	12	\$1,169	22	\$1,526
New Commercial Permits	5	\$3,339	3	\$2,592	2	\$22,424	11	\$49,346	0	0
Miscellaneous Commercial Permits	8	\$900	6	\$648	42	\$13,289	11	\$8,875	25	\$5,640
Health Inspections	2	\$120	2	-	2	-	1	\$30	1	\$60
Junkyard Inspections	-	-	0	0	1	\$25	-	-	1	\$25
Mobile Home Park Inspections	-	-	2	\$200	2	\$200	2	\$200	0	0
Foster/Group/Day Care Inspection	7	\$270	16	\$340	6	\$220	7	\$210	7	\$285
Sign Permits	16	\$635	22	\$735	26	\$1,345	19	\$885	16	\$860
ZBA Applications	37	\$8,064	36	\$4,141	45	\$4,570	51	\$6,115	26	\$3,670
Planning Board Applications	28	\$23,179	47	\$18,819	30	\$14,935	44	\$15,349	26	\$17,633
Misc. Fees / Sales	56	\$356	9	\$220	63	\$1,122	31	\$196	9	\$73

The Building Department also collects Life Safety Permit Fees for the Fire Department. This year there was a total of 421 permits issued at a value of \$28,673.

Town engineering review costs are also reimbursed by the Applicant through fees. For larger projects, an escrow account is established, as shown in the table below:

Engineering Reimbursement	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Fees	\$3,360	\$3,570	\$3,990	\$2,730	\$2,940	\$3,780	\$3,780	\$2,730
Initial Escrow	\$8,400	\$17,039	\$16,960	\$60,228	\$20,327	\$6,465	\$5,600	\$4,200
TOTALS	\$11,760	\$20,609	\$20,950	\$62,958	\$23,267	\$10,245	\$9,380	\$6,930

ASSESSING

In the early 2000's, new residential development added to Goffstown's tax base, creating a decline in the proportion of non-residential property to residential property. This trend reversed from 2008 to 2015 as residential property values decreased, new residential development stagnated, and commercial values remained relatively stable. Since 2016, all property values, especially residential, have been on the rise. The Town has experienced a slight decrease in the ratio of non-residential property in relation to all other property because of the increasing residential market.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Assessed Value	1,343	1,337	1,352	1,363	1,460	1,472
Non-Residential Assessed Value	180.7	187.6	191.5	195.5	211.6	217.1
Equalization Ratio	101%	99%	95%	92%	94%	87%
Equal Total Assess	1,330	1,345	1,428	1,482	1,553	1,692
Equal Non-Residential Assess	178.9	188.7	202.2	212.6	225.1	250
Non-Residential = Percentage of Total	13.50%	14.00%	14.20%	14.30%	14.50%	14.70%
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total Assessed Value	1,711	1,727	1,749	1,761	1,774	2,728
Non-Residential Assessed Value	248.8	255.4	262.88	263.4	259.8	347.1
Equalization Ratio	98%	90%	85%	71%	63%	100%
Equal Total Assess	1,746	1,919	2,058	2,480	2,816	2,728
Equal Non-Residential Assess	254	284	309.3	371.0	412.4	347.1
Non-Residential = Percentage of Total	14.55%	14.79%	15.30%	14.96%	14.64%	12.72%

IMPACT FEES

Impact Fee studies are generally reviewed and updated every five years. The Planning Board adopted updated methodology for the Transportation Impact Fees and the School Impact Fees in late 2011; however, the Board only adopted the new fees associated with the School Impact Fee methodology and kept the Transportation Impact Fees the same. In 2023, the Planning Board began working with a consultant to review a re-evaluate the impact fee rates and calculation methodology. The project will continue into 2024.

Impact Fees are assessed when a building permit is issued and are collected prior to the Certificate of Occupancy being issued. When projects that expand capacity are approved, they may become qualifying projects for impact fees. The following tables indicate a summary of fees collected, qualifying projects, fees disbursed, and year-end fund availability by year.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Duffy
Planning & Economic Development Director

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES IMPACT FEES				
[Initiated December 20, 2007]				
Impact Fees as of:	Public Safety Facility Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/07		\$0		-
12/31/08		\$2,931.30		-
12/31/09		\$11,004.32		-
12/31/10		\$40,318.35		-
12/31/11		\$46,935.43		-
12/31/12		\$67,453.23		-
06/10/13	Design for Fire Station Improvement Program at Stations 17, 18, and 19.		\$18,350.00	9/30/13 \$18,350.00
12/31/13		\$94,498.91		-
12/31/14		\$107,682.82		-
12/31/15		\$118,922.21		-
	Emergency Operations Center/ Training Room at the Police Department		\$85,515.00	03/08/16 \$85,515
12/31/16		\$54,871.69		
	Fire Department Station 18 Construction Expenses; shed structure, siding, and signage at the Church Street Fire Station project.		\$14,750.00	06/29/17 \$14,750
12/31/17		\$42,934.06		-
12/31/18		\$64,452.53		-
	Police Station Renovation and Expansion of Communications Division work space.	\$116,585.85	\$70,125.48	12/31/19 \$70,125.48
12/31/19		\$46,460.37		-
12/31/20		\$68,639.67		-
12/31/21		\$78,252.66		-
	Radio Tower Expansion; structural analysis and outdoor storage cabinets	\$101,031.64	\$34,238.90	12/31/22 \$34,238.90
12/31/22		\$72,648.74		-
12/31/23		\$83,702.04		-

RECREATION IMPACT FEES				
[Initiated February 13, 2003]				
Impact Fees as of:	Recreation Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/04		\$2,000.79		-
12/31/05		\$22,708.77		-
12/31/06		\$60,692.79		-
12/31/07		\$83,310.54		-
12/31/08		\$94,965.03		-
	Barnard Park Play-ground Expansion		\$14,363.52	11/25/09 \$14,363.52
12/31/09		\$103,560.56		-
	2009 Trail Bureau Grant Match		\$9,000	12/2010 \$9,000

RECREATION IMPACT FEES CONTINUED				
[Initiated February 13, 2003]				
Impact Fees as of:	Recreation Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/10		\$116,011.88		-
	Design project for Barnard/Pare land		\$8,000	12/2011 \$8,000
12/31/11		\$117,883.46		-
	Rail Trail TE Grant Match		\$19,535.80	3/26/12 \$19,535.80
	Remainder of Rail Trail TE Grant Match		\$59,536.20	7/24/12 \$59,536.20
12/31/12		\$64,143.90		-
12/31/13		\$87,911.36		-
12/31/14		\$102,469.85		-
12/31/15		\$106,361.50		-
	Development of Bardnard/Pare Athletics Fields: athletic fields and parking area.		\$65,000.00	03/08/16 \$65,000.00
12/31/16		\$54,871.69		-
12/31/17		\$67,336.61		-
12/31/18		\$89,185.22		-
	Development of Sports Complex, as approved at Town Meeting 2019.		\$60,000.00	12/31/19 \$60,000.00
12/31/19		\$47,569.11		-
	Continued development of Sports Complex, as approved at Town Meeting 2020.		\$10,000.00	12/31/20 \$10,000.00
12/31/20		\$59,380.68		-
12/31/21		\$68,326.11		-
12/31/22		\$86,331.85		-
12/31/23		\$94,291.61		-

TRANSPORTATION/ROAD IMPACT FEES				
[Initiated March 13, 2001]				
Impact Fees as of:	Road Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/04		\$26,842.84		-
12/31/05	2005 Road Reclamation		\$17,429.66	\$17,429.66
12/31/05		\$9,413.18		-
12/31/06		\$24,571.07		-
12/31/07		\$38,467.12		-
	Rosemont Drainage	\$47,604.99		
12/31/08			\$52,800.00	-
	Henry Bridge Road and Mountain Road Bridges		\$605,001.00	
	Snook Road Reclaim		\$160,779.26	
	Paige Hill Road Reclaim		\$138,300.00	
	Merrill Road Reclaim		\$132,442.20	
12/31/09		\$22,339.24		-
12/31/10		\$47,036.87		-

TRANSPORTATION/ROAD IMPACT FEES CONTINUED				
[Initiated March 13, 2001]				
Impact Fees as of:	Recreation Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/11		\$53,382.17		-
12/31/12		\$72,724.63		-
	CMAQ Grant Project – Elm/ High/ Main & Pleasant/Main St		\$62,448.00	12/10/13 \$62,448.00
12/31/13		\$44,048.21		-
12/31/14		\$54,771.17		-
	Transportation Enhancement Grant Project	\$8,965.68		11/23/15 \$55,000.00
12/31/16		\$18,771.92		-
12/31/17		\$27,631.72		-
12/31/18		\$43,074.82		-
12/31/19		\$57,002.88		-
	2020 Road Construction		\$10,000.00	12/31/20 \$10,000.00
12/31/20		\$63,170.52		-
	2021 Road Construction		\$10,000.00	12/31/21 \$10,000.00
12/31/21		\$51,269.61		-
	2022 Road Construction		\$10,000.00	12/31/22 \$10,000.00
12/31/22		\$72,105.84		
12/31/23		\$68,629.35	\$10,000.00	12/31/23 \$10,000.00

SCHOOL IMPACT FEES				
[Initiated March 13, 2001]				
Impact Fees as of:	School Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/01		\$22,979.19		-
12/31/02		\$128,533.42		-
12/31/03		\$456,024.45		-
12/31/04		\$620,785.35		-
	Expand parking and fields at High School		\$186,390	
	Kindergarten: portion authorized by 2005 school meeting vote to come from impact fees.		\$436,769	
12/31/05		\$213,655.47		\$623,159
	Kindergarten: portion authorized by 2005 school meeting vote to come from new taxes.		\$256,202	
	Kindergarten: portion authorized by 2005 school meeting vote to come from unreserved fund balance.		\$400,000	

SCHOOL IMPACT FEES CONTINUED				
[Initiated March 13, 2001]				
Impact Fees as of:	School Capacity Expansion Project Qualifying for Use of Impact Fees	Available Funds (Fees and Interest)	Cost of Qualifying Expansion	Date and Amount Transferred
12/31/06		\$367,101.20		-
	Kindergarten: additional funding authorized by 2006 school meeting to come from impact fees.		\$306,510	
12/31/07		\$473,054.17		-
	Bartlett School, Phase I: authorized by 2007 school meeting vote to come from impact fees		\$216,000	
	Bartlett School, Phase I: authorized by 2007 school meeting vote to come from reserve fund		\$384,000	
12/31/08		\$151,197.20		\$376,000
12/31/09		\$263,014.09		-
	Architectural and Engineering Study of the School District's Elementary facilities – Authorized by 2010 vote to have \$215,000 come from impact fees		\$215,000	10/26/10 \$215,000
12/31/10		\$162,900.28		-
	Additional funds for Architectural and Engineering Study of the School District's Elementary facilities for Bartlett and Maple Avenue Schools		\$162,900	4/20/11 \$162,900
12/31/11		\$39,207.73		-
12/31/12		\$164,311.14		-
12/31/13		\$360,220.98		-
12/31/14		\$454,867.91		-
12/31/15	Bartlett Elementary School Portable Classrooms	\$248,307.43		\$291,100
12/31/16		\$334,855.34		-
02/27/17	Modular Classroom Installation at Elementary Schools		\$373,986.70	03/08/17 \$373,986.70
12/31/17		\$41,422.78		-
06/21/18	School District Returned Impact Fees not used on Modular Classroom Installation			10/02/2018 (\$43,689.45) Return
12/31/18		\$149,933.01		-
12/31/19		\$263,092.11		-
12/31/20		\$407,317.75		-
06/01/21	Reimbursement for Glen Lake Modular Addition project completed in fall 2020.	\$432,304.78	\$1,191,762.32* *Funded by three different sources	06/09/21 \$166,762.32
12/31/21		\$299,895.68		-
12/31/22		\$373,368.21		-
12/31/23		\$406,759.11		-

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REPORT

This Information Technology (IT) Team yearly report will highlight some of the accomplishments and challenges faced in 2023. It will also highlight the IT Team goals for this coming year.

Accomplishments

Despite facing a second year of understaffing for several months the IT Team demonstrated resilience and commitment to maintaining the Town's Information Systems (IS) Infrastructure and supporting the technical needs of the Town's departments.

- **Network Infrastructure Refresh:** Upgraded all existing network infrastructure to improve network security, reduce downtime, and enhance manageability.
- **Radio Project:** Collaborated with emergency services and communications companies to implement a new emergency services radio network utilizing existing and new network infrastructure.
- **Office 365:** Continued the rollout of Office 365 SharePoint and OneDrive to additional departments to enhance collaboration, document management, and usability of content.
- **Website:** Successfully migrated website from an open-source content management system to a CivicPlus hosted architecture increasing security, usability, and reliability.
- **Physical Security:** Worked closely with Department Heads to enhance physical security of Town facilities balancing accessibility for staff and ensuring safety.
- **End User Support:** Maintained a high standard of end user support for Town Personnel, resolving over 2100 support tickets, prioritizing productivity and satisfaction despite balancing staffing challenges.

Challenges

The IT Team faced multiple challenges throughout 2023 to include the following:

- **Staffing:** Faced multiple periods of staffing loss, leading to project delays and slower issue resolutions.
- **Vendor Management:** Coordinating timing and projects proved difficult due to vendor staffing shortages, changes in personnel, and increased workload as many businesses compete for the same professional services.
- **Software and Hardware Costs:** Steep increases in software and hardware costs have impacted project timelines. Exploring alternative solutions has proven to be crucial.



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Goals

In 2024 our goals adjust slightly from previous years as we look to continue current efforts and improve the Town's technology posture:

- **Improve Business Continuity:** Harden the network and physical infrastructure to ensure integrity and function while enhancing business operations using new technologies.
- **Enhance End User Training:** Boost cybersecurity awareness and understanding of IS infrastructure and procedures.
- **Staffing & Supplemental Resources:** Achieve full staffing and implement tiered support structure with overlapping responsibilities. Integrate supplemental support services for IS infrastructure maintenance.

The IT Team continues to maintain the full stack of the Town's IS infrastructure. This begins with the support of end users in the use of the various IS hardware (desktops, laptops, printers, phones, tablets) and software. The IT Team also continues supporting over 50 software applications that are used by the Town's departments. This responsibility includes updating, monitoring for security events, troubleshooting, and training. The core of the Town's IS infrastructure are the two datacenters that house the virtualized infrastructure and networking infrastructure that the IT Team manages and maintains internally. This management includes maintenance, backup and disaster recovery, resiliency and redundancy, and security.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Rae
Information Systems Director



GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

RSA 165 requires Municipalities throughout the state to lend financial assistance and support to any person(s) who are unable to support themselves. Eligibility is based on guidelines established, reviewed, and adjusted by the Select Board, and any assistance granted is paid directly through a voucher system.

The Welfare Office facilitates payment arrangements with utility providers and interfaces with other agencies on behalf of residents. Referrals were made to Southern NH Services for fuel and electric assistance, and to other federal, state and local agencies, as applicable to each unique case. The largest need for general assistance continues in the categories of housing and utilities. Referrals for emergency housing are made to the local homeless outreach program, as needed, as Goffstown does not maintain a shelter of its own.

During 2023 the Town experienced an increase in calls, inquiries, and applications for General Assistance as the COVID-19 pandemic programs began to sunset. Even though there were many COVID-19 related relief programs offered by both public and private agencies for much of the year, we continued to hear from people who experienced financial difficulty for a variety of reasons, and were unsure about how to connect with the resources they needed at the state level. Unemployment and/or under-employment, an unskilled labor force, disabilities, and familial support failures continued to be the largest contributing factors in requests for assistance.

General funding from state and federal agencies for on-going and pre-existing needs, continued to shrink, and stricter eligibility guidelines continued to cause longer decision timelines from other programs. The need for temporary relief at the local level continues to be steady, while applicants await decisions from ongoing assistance programs at the state and federal levels. Housing and other utility expenses in our area continued to rise, and will continue to affect the number of applications received at the local level.

Recipient Assistance Statistical Data	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
# of Contacts*	74	287	125	215	264
# of Applications Requested	24	27	30	25	32
# of Applicants Eligible	11	4	2	0	1
Financial Assistance Granted	\$10,001	\$13,937	\$1,104	-	\$1,000

**In 2020, we switched to a new welfare software system which tracks the total points of contact by occurrence. The 2019 and prior figures related to the number of contacts were tracked by individual inquirer, manually.*

The Town is grateful for the continued support of the local non-profit, church and civic organizations, which generously assist whenever possible. Their generosity helps to reduce the burden on the Taxpayers of Goffstown. The Town is committed to assisting those in need and directing them to programs that can not only help in the short term, but also get the people of our community back to a level of self-sustainability.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Basora, MBA, SHRM-SCP
 Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director/Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During July 2023, the Town Clerk's Office experienced a change in staff due to the resignation of a team member with five years of local clerk experience. Municipal government continues to be challenged to retain and attract skilled staff due to the competitive market and lucrative pay scales offered by the private sector. As a result of being down one clerk, Deputy Clerk Karen LeClerc and I scrambled over ten weeks to keep up with daily servicing requests from citizens. We appreciate residents' patience and understanding when, on some days, we operated with only one of us working in the office alone.

We welcomed Jenn Sullivan, as she joined our three-person team, in late September. Jenn, immediately, completed the NH Division of Motor Vehicle Driver Privacy Online Class. The NH DMV then restricted Jenn to observation only of motor vehicle transactions within our office, for a minimum of 30 days, before allowing her to participate in their next monthly training classes. Jenn attended motor vehicle training in Concord on November 14th and 15th. She received a certificate of Successful Completion of the Training Program for Municipal Registration Agents and returned to our office to begin independent processing of motor vehicle transactions. Over the coming months, Jenn will continue to receive on-the-job coaching as she encounters more complicated motor vehicle questions from incoming residents.

I am thankful to Goffstown voters for approving the Town 2023 budget authorizing us to purchase and outfit the inside of an 18 foot enclosed utility trailer specifically for election equipment storage and transport. We bought several heavy-duty transport carts to organize and move collapsible voting booths and election supplies. The election trailer provides centralized storage, reduces labor hours and increases safety for workers that are shuttling all election materials in and out of two voting poll locations for each Election Day.

As always, I welcome your suggestions as my staff and I strive to provide pleasant and efficient customer service.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Ball,
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK TRANSACTIONS

ACCOUNT	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 3,369,530	\$ 3,452,064	\$ 3,500,582	\$ 3,427,933	\$3,506,116
Boat Fees	8,821	4,847	8,141	9,737	10,255
Dog Licenses & Fees	16,224	16,834	16,576	16,466	14,984
Licenses, Permits & Misc.Fees	6,429	8,207	7,169	6,356	5,911
Vital Record Fees	7,700	7,208	7,719	8,139	7,505
TOTALS:	\$ 3,408,704	\$ 3,489,160	\$ 3,540,187	\$ 3,468,631	\$3,544,771

VITAL STATISTICS: 2023 BIRTHS

CHILD'S NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER'S/ PARTNER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
SIMONEAU, LUCAS MALCOM CHRISTOS	01/03/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	SIMONEAU, MATTHEW CHRISTOPHER	SIMONEAU, BRIANA MARIE
MINER, VIVIEN IRIS	01/03/2023	CONCORD, NH	MINER, MICAH ALLAN	MINER, SIERRA JOY
STAHL, ARCHER RAY	01/27/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	STAHL, JONATHAN PETER	STAHL, AMANDA GRACE
RUSSELL, RYLIE KATE	01/31/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	RUSSELL, SETH ALLEN	RUSSELL, MARIAH JEAN
DAVIS, ADELAIDE ROSE	02/04/2023	MILFORD, NH	DAVIS, MICHAEL WARREN	DAVIS, HELENA CLAIRE
AUBIN, LILY MARIE	02/16/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	AUBIN, SHAWN WILLIAM	BENTON, DENISE MARIE
COUTURE, CELINA ROSE	03/03/2023	DOVER, NH	COUTURE, DAVID JUSTICE	COUTURE, NANCY LEE
PALTINAVICH, CHLOE ELIZABETH	03/06/2023	LEBANON, NH	PALTINAVICH JR, MICHAEL	COLBY, LINNEA KATE
MCCLURE, ELLIE RHAЕ	03/18/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	MCCLURE , JEFFREY ELLIS	MCCLURE, DAWN MARIE
CAMPBELL, CONRAD JAMES	03/21/2023	CONCORD, NH	CAMPBELL, ISAAC OLIVER	GELINAS, SALEEN MARIE
KELLY, COREY JAMES	03/24/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	KELLY, BRENDAN THOMAS	BENOIT, SHYRA MARIE
COSKREN, LEVI BO	03/25/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	COSKREN, JOSEPH PATRICK	DAPOLITO, KENDRA ANGEL
KILAR, MACK PATRICK	04/10/2023	GOFFSTOWN, NH	KILAR, PATRICK TIMOTHY	KILAR, KATELIN BEATRICE
MIKHAK, CORDELIA ELIZABETH	05/13/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	MIKHAK, AMIR MAHMOOD	MIKHAK, VALERIE ELISABETH
SANCHEZ, SOPHIA MAUREEN	05/14/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	SANCHEZ, DARIO	DEFREITAS, JILLIAN MARIE
KELLIHER, NORA MEI	06/02/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	KELLIHER, CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH	KELLIHER, KIM CHRISTINE
PETERSON, JAMES JEFFREY	06/07/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	PETERSON, ERIC JEFFREY	PETERSON, MICHELLE NICOLE

2023 BIRTHS CONTINUED

CHILD'S NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER'S/ PARTNER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
PENDERGAST, KEEGAN THOMAS	06/16/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	PENDERGAST, BRYAN MICHAEL	PENDERGAST, WHITNEY NICHOLE
MINER, BROOKS THOMAS	06/25/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	MINER, KEVIN MATTHEW	MINER, HANNAH LYNN
HINCAPIE, FELIX LEVI	06/30/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	HINCAPIE, CESAR AUGUSTO	HINCAPIE, VANESSA VICTORIA
TISSOT, NOELLE MARIE	07/04/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	TISSOT, JOSEPH LOUIS	TISSOT, HEIDI ELIZABETH
DUMAIS, VINCENT DUNCAN	07/07/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	DUMAIS, RICHARD JOSEPH	DUMAIS, CORRIENA NICOLE
CAMERON, RYDER DEVIN	07/09/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	CAMERON, KASEY REJEAN	CAMERON, SARAH ASHLEY
MAXWELL, AMELIA JOY	07/18/2023	GOFFSTOWN, NH	MAXWELL, DAKOTA WADE	MAXWELL, MEAGHAN LUCILLE
HANDRAHAN, ROBERT DANIEL	07/27/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	HANDRAHAN, COLEMAN DANIEL	HANDRAHAN, ADRIANNA GENAVIEVE
POWERS, BRINLEY ELIZABETH	07/28/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	POWERS, JESSE BRANDON	LABRIE, SIDNEY ANNE
BOLSTRIDGE, HUDSON MARC	07/30/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	BOLSTRIDGE JR, KEVIN LEIGH	BOLSTRIDGE, EMMA RITA
ALLAN, HARPER JAYN	08/11/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	ALLAN JR, ROBERT KURT	ALLAN, JENNIFER ROSE
ALLAN, HUDSON ROBERT	08/11/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	ALLAN JR, ROBERT KURT	ALLAN, JENNIFER ROSE
STASZ, JOSIE ALICE	08/14/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	STASZ, JUSTIN SCOTT	STASZ, AMELIA CATHERINE
RAMDIN, BENJAMIN ANTHONY	08/17/2023	NASHUA, NH	RAMDIN JR, LARRY AINSWORTH	RAMDIN, OLIVIA RAE
PAREZ, RYLEIGH SHEA	08/28/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	PAREZ, RICHARD JOSEPH	PAREZ, ALYSSA JANET
MORRISSEY, HALLIE ELIZABETH	09/03/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	MORRISSEY, PATRICK JOSEPH	MORRISSEY, ASHLEY LAUREN
GEISELMAN, ASHER RAIDEN	09/07/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	GEISELMAN, TYLER HARRY	GEISELMAN, NOEL RUTH

2023 BIRTHS CONTINUED

CHILD'S NAME	BIRTH DATE	BIRTH PLACE	FATHER'S/ PARTNER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
SINCLAIR, DECLAN COLE	10/03/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	SINCLAIR, JONATHAN NICHOLAS	GARVIN, KENDRA SUSAN
COLEMAN, ASHTON GRAY	10/04/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	COLEMAN JR, MICHAEL JAMES	PLOURDE, MACKENZIE FAITH
MCNALLY, KILIAN PATRICK	10/09/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	MCNALLY, SEAMUS CIALDEA	MCNALLY, HEATHER MARIE
BREAULT, BRYCESON MATTHEW	10/13/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	BREAULT, ERIC MICHAEL	BREAULT, JULIA LYNN
WHITE, CECILIA JEANNE	10/16/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	WHITE, JONATHAN SEELY	WHITE, JILLIAN BISHOP
HARNING, FINNIAN SCHLETTER	10/24/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	HARNING, BRIAN LANAGAN	SCHLETTER, BRITTA URSULA
LANGE, GRETCHEN MARIE	10/30/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	LANGE, CHRISTOPHER JAMES	LANGE, REBECCA ANN
MWAMBI, JABARI MWANGKA	11/07/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	MWAMBI, JOSHUA MWANGKA	MWAMBI, REBECCA ANN
BATTEY, HENRY MICHAEL	11/24/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	BATTEY, MICHAEL STEWART	BATTEY, JACQUELINE CARON
LABOSSIÈRE, SOPHIE HELEN	12/28/2023	MANCHESTER, NH	LABOSSIÈRE, SETH MICHAEL	LABOSSIÈRE, JESSYCA FRANCES
TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS: 44				

2023 MARRIAGES

PERSON A's NAME and RESIDENCE	PERSON B's NAME and RESIDENCE	TOWN of ISSUANCE	PLACE of MARRIAGE	DATE of MARRIAGE
ALLARD, TIMOTHY D GOFFSTOWN, NH	MORROW, ERIN E GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	BETHLEHEM	02/13/2023
LAVOIE, BRYAN R GOFFSTOWN, NH	QUINLAN, MATTHEW J GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	MANCHESTER	02/18/2023
FOSTER, JARROD J HAMPSTEAD, NH	GUIMOND, KELSEY C GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	WHITEFIELD	02/26/2023
DADE, JEFFREY D GOFFSTOWN, NH	WELCH, WHITNEY A GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	03/04/2023
GOLDSCHMIDT, DANIEL A GOFFSTOWN, NH	HALLENBECK, STEPHANIE M GOFFSTOWN, NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	03/17/2023
GAMACHE, MICHAEL J GOFFSTOWN, NH	GILCHRIST, TIA M NEW BOSTON, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	03/25/2023
DEMERS, MICHAEL P GOFFSTOWN, NH	SHARPE, BILLIE-JO HAMPTON, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	04/07/2023
OSWALT, EMILY R GOFFSTOWN, NH	WALSH, CASEY J GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GILFORD	06/03/2023
PARRISH, JEFFREY C.A. GOFFSTOWN, NH	REED, NICOLE A GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	06/03/2023
BENNETT, VINCENT J GOFFSTOWN, NH	FORCIER, MARIE E GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	06/03/2023
TURNER, DYLAN J GOFFSTOWN, NH	COUTURIER, KAYLA E GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	WEARE	06/10/2023
PALMER, JOSEPH R GOFFSTOWN, NH	EAVES, ELIZA A GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	06/17/2023
DOWDEL, DENNIS L GOFFSTOWN, NH	COMEAU, LAURIN GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	06/17/2023
OUELLETTE, RONALD P GOFFSTOWN, NH	WILLIAMS, DEBRA A GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	BARNSTEAD	06/24/2023
LAPOINTE, ALEX S GOFFSTOWN, NH	TABER, AMY K GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	BEDFORD	06/24/2023
ABOLT, ALEXANDER D GOFFSTOWN, NH	HAENEL, JIAN M GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	MILTON	07/15/2023

2023 MARRIAGES CONTINUED

PERSON A's NAME and RESIDENCE	PERSON B's NAME and RESIDENCE	TOWN of ISSUANCE	PLACE of MARRIAGE	DATE of MARRIAGE
LEVESQUE, KEVIN R GOFFSTOWN, NH	SMITH, COLLEEN R GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	07/22/2023
DEVRIENDT, JOSHUA C GOFFSTOWN, NH	CAMPBELL, HAELI L GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	BEDFORD	08/05/2023
WHITNEY, JASON B CONCORD, NH	BRIGAGLIANO, LESLIE M GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	PORTSMOUTH	08/12/2023
DOUGHERTY, KEVIN P GOFFSTOWN, NH	HARKINS, CASEY L GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	NOTTINGHAM	08/20/2023
CURTIN, FREDERICK C GOFFSTOWN, NH	CHAN, VIVIAN T GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	ATKINSON	08/27/2023
LANDRY, JOSHUA R GOFFSTOWN, NH	DECORMIER, OLIVIA J GOFFSTOWN, NH	CONCORD	CAMPTON	09/09/2023
SELIG, DANA W GOFFSTOWN, NH	BEARD, JENNIFER L GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	09/16/2023
MORIN, DAMON M GOFFSTOWN, NH	TREMBLAY, MICHELE L GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	CONCORD	09/29/2023
MARCHI, RICHARD A CANTERBURY, NH	TETELMAN, RACHEL B GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	CHICHESTER	10/07/2023
PHANEUF, JASON R GOFFSTOWN, NH	DUMENSIL, TIFFANY D GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	10/13/2023
O'NEILL, RYAN P GOFFSTOWN, NH	CANNING, ZYNETTA D GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	CARROLL	10/14/2023
THERIAULT, JACOB J GOFFSTOWN, NH	RIDGE, KIRSTIN J GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	10/27/2023
JARZEMBOWSKI, LEO M GOFFSTOWN, NH	PROVENCHER, TIFFINY M GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	11/10/2023
ST JEAN JR, DARON T GOFFSTOWN, NH	KEATON, ELIZABETH G GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	EPPING	11/11/2023
WALTON, GALEN M GOFFSTOWN, NH	HAGLER, KATHRYN E GOFFSTOWN, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	12/10/2023
TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS: 31				

2023 DEATHS

DEATH DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	DEATH PLACE	FATHER'S/PARENT'S NAME	MOTHER'S/PARENT'S NAME PRIOR TO FIRST MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION
01/03/2023	VALADE, EDMOND JOSEPH	CONCORD	VALADE, ARMAND	CONSTANT, ERNESTINE
01/03/2023	MORRIS, ROSALIE HELEN	MANCHESTER	POULIN, WILLIE	CHAMPAGNE, EUGENIE
01/05/2023	BEVIN, RALPH C	GOFFSTOWN	BEVIN, SAMUEL	KENT, FLORENCE
01/07/2023	SMITH, NEIL ROY	GOFFSTOWN	SMITH, PAUL	TALLMAN, EVELYN
01/17/2023	HOLTSHOUSER, DIANA	MANCHESTER	BOND, ORLO	STICKNEY, MARJORIE
01/17/2023	TITUS, ARTHUR	GOFFSTOWN	TITUS, HAROLD	POWELL, MARY
01/18/2023	PRATT, JEANNETTE V	GOFFSTOWN	POULIN, ARMAND	POLIQUIN, IRENE
01/20/2023	PUCCIO, SHARON L	PORTSMOUTH	BORNHAM, ROBERT	STORY, JUNE
01/21/2023	CARACHUELO, ELENA	GOFFSTOWN	ACOSTA, MODESTO	FARIAS, PILAR
01/24/2023	PARRY, WILLIAM BRADFORD	GOFFSTOWN	PARRY, GEORGE	BRADFORD, FLORA
01/24/2023	ST CYR, ALFRED W	GOFFSTOWN	ST CYR, ALFRED	DESFOSES, ALICE
01/24/2023	GOUDREAULT SR, JOSEPH	CONCORD	GOUDREAULT, NAPOLEON	ZIENISZ, JENNIE
01/25/2023	ST ONGE, PAUL LEO	GOFFSTOWN	ST ONGE, MAURICE	VALLEE, THERESA
01/26/2023	LEONARD JR, HOWARD	GOFFSTOWN	LEONARD, HOWARD	HURLBUT, CLAIRE
01/26/2023	MARKEE, CLAIRE DAY	MANCHESTER	DAY, CARL	HYDE, ELIZABETH
01/27/2023	GILMAN, RICHARD	MANCHESTER	GILMAN, JOHN	BLANCHETTE, VERNA
01/28/2023	DELLAS, DEMETRIOS	GOFFSTOWN	DELLAS, GEORGE	UNKNOWN, ARGORO
01/31/2023	CHASE, STEPHEN R	MANCHESTER	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
02/05/2023	TAYLOR, JOYCE LABARE	GOFFSTOWN	LABARE, CHARLES	RYAN, BLANCHE
02/06/2023	HAMPTON JR, BENJAMIN H	GOFFSTOWN	HAMPTON SR, BENJAMIN	PETRUFF, MARY
02/07/2023	TOUSIGNANT, IRENE A	GOFFSTOWN	MADDEN, JAMES	NORMAN, AGNES
02/08/2023	LAPRISE, YOLANDE	GOFFSTOWN	RIVARD, ROMEO	BLAIS, ROSE EVA

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02/08/2023	KAIMAN, JANE NICHOLS	GOFFSTOWN	DAVIES, GILBERT	NICHOLS, MARY
02/10/2023	ANDERSON, GEORGE H	GOFFSTOWN	ANDERSON, HERMAN	MORRIS, EDITH
02/16/2023	GALLAGHER, CATHERINE J	GOFFSTOWN	BARRY, GARRETT	MURPHY, JULIA
02/22/2023	CAMP, CLARK ANTHONY	GOFFSTOWN	CAMP, CARL	SARGENT, ENRITA
02/23/2023	OLIVER, MARK	GOFFSTOWN	OLIVER JR, JOSEPH	BAILEY, FLORENCE
02/23/2023	ST ONGE, GERARD DONALD	COLEBROOK	ST ONGE, DONALD	DIONNE, GERTRUDE
03/03/2023	BREAULT, BRUNO	CONCORD	BREAULT, ROMEO	BOULAY, YVONNE
03/04/2023	THOMAS JR, RICHARD M	MANCHESTER	THOMAS SR, RICHARD	MASON, MARION
03/04/2023	HAGGETT, HERMAN	GOFFSTOWN	HAGGETT, FRANCIS	ORDWAY, DORIS
03/08/2023	LAROCQUE, LORRAINE	CONCORD	WARNER, FRANK	CLARK, BERTHA
03/09/2023	PETRIN, DANIEL JACOB	MANCHESTER	PETRIN, ANDRE	VAUGHAN, KATHLEEN
03/14/2023	ALSBERG, ROSEMARY MCCARTHY	GOFFSTOWN	MCCARTHY, JOHN	MAGEE, LAURETTA
03/19/2023	MARCOUX, GUY FERRIER	GOFFSTOWN	MARCOUX, GERARD	CLICHE, IRENE
03/21/2023	KIMBALL, ANMARIE C	GOFFSTOWN	CULLINAN, WILLIAM	GRIFFIN , MARGARET
03/22/2023	STAMP, REBECCA LYNN	GOFFSTOWN	STAMP, WALTER	EMERICK, CAROL
03/23/2023	WOLF-PINARD, IRENE HELENE	GOFFSTOWN	GINGRAS, NELSON	MOORE, ELLEN
03/24/2023	JANAS, MAUREEN	GOFFSTOWN	GENEST, MIKE	BROUILLARD, MARTHA
03/27/2023	POITRAS, GLORIA	CONCORD	STRONG, ARTHUR	WATERMAN, DORIS
04/03/2023	YOUNG, JANICE L	MANCHESTER	JONES, EDWARD	JONES, MADONNA
04/03/2023	MCKAY, BARBARA	MANCHESTER	JONES, ANTHONY	HOWLAND, BARBARA
04/04/2023	MANGAN, FRANK	MANCHESTER	MANGAN, ROBERT	BUSHEY, THERESA
04/05/2023	CUNNINGHAM SR, THOMAS C	MANCHESTER	CUNNINGHAM JR, PAUL	UNKNOWN, JANICE
04/07/2023	FIGLIO, THOMAS	GOFFSTOWN	FIGLIO, MICHAEL	TOMASI, VIOLA

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04/07/2023	CARLSON, THOMAS J	GOFFSTOWN	CARLSON, OSCAR	KENNEY, MILDRED
04/09/2023	BONENFANT, PAUL L	GOFFSTOWN	BONENFANT, ALBERT	PAUL, JEANETTE
04/10/2023	KINDURIS, ROBERT LEO	GOFFSTOWN	KINDURIS, LEO	MILAS, ADELLE
04/11/2023	MILLARD, SUSAN	GOFFSTOWN	CHATFIELD, GEORGE	WALTERS, MARIE
04/12/2023	CALLAHAN III, JOHN J	GOFFSTOWN	CALLAHAN JR, JOHN	HAKER, JEAN
04/13/2023	REDMAN, MARTHA JOYCE	GOFFSTOWN	PUNTY, CHARLES	PRICE, MARY
04/16/2023	LOWE, FLORENCE A	GOFFSTOWN	HANSEN, MARTIN	DINASS, GARDA
04/18/2023	POTHIER, DEREK M	GOFFSTOWN	POTHIER, MICHAEL	RUSSELL, PATRICIA
04/18/2023	POLAND, JOYCE EMILY	GOFFSTOWN	PAGE, STEVEN	MCKAY, GERALDINE
04/19/2023	MARTIN, VIRGINIA E	MERRIMACK	HOOPER, EARL	ROBERTSON, DOROTHY
04/22/2023	HICKEY, BESSIE MAY	GOFFSTOWN	CUSHING, LLEWELLYN	HILL, EDNA
04/29/2023	PEPINO, DIANA LYNN	MERRIMACK	HARDY, CURTIS	HUTCHINS, JOAN
05/02/2023	FEELEY, PAMELA	GOFFSTOWN	RUMAS, MATTHEW	WOLANAKI, IRENE
05/02/2023	KARCZMARCZYK, JOYCE A	MANCHESTER	DENAULT, FRANCIS	CLARK, PRISCILLA
05/06/2023	HARRIS, ROBERT STEPHEN	GOFFSTOWN	HARRIS SR, HENRY	MULVEY, GERTRUDE
05/07/2023	HARPER, LUCILLE JEANNE	GOFFSTOWN	GAGNON, HORMIDAS	ST PIERRE, ALICE
05/09/2023	MARCHAND, JASON ALBERT	GOFFSTOWN	MARCHAND, RICHARD	PERRAULT, PATRICIA
05/18/2023	ANDERSON, DOROTHEA F	GOFFSTOWN	EDWARDS, LEON	SEARS, MILDRED
05/22/2023	BURPEE, HELEN MARIE	GOFFSTOWN	CANTIN, ALFRED	HICKEY, MARGARET
05/28/2023	BENJAMIN, GLORIA LUCILLE	MANCHESTER	CULVER, ARTHUR	WILSON, RENA
05/29/2023	MAXWELL, DAVID A	GOFFSTOWN	MAXWELL, FREDERICK	TEMPERLEY, BARBARA
05/31/2023	BRUCE, BARBARA JEAN	GOFFSTOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	SHANNON, LOUANNA
05/31/2023	SANTOS, GORICA S	AUBURN	STOJANOV, TRAJKO	UNKNOWN, LJUBICA

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06/01/2023	CURRIER, GEOFFREY L	MANCHESTER	CURRIER, CYRUS	NASH, DOROTHY
06/02/2023	SHEEHAN, KEVIN	GOFFSTOWN	SHEEHAN, FRANCIS	GUSHUE, ELEANOR
06/04/2023	SOUCY, ARMAND RAYMOND	MANCHESTER	SOUCY, LIONEL	PETIT, BEATRICE
06/04/2023	DAMM, CYNTHIA HELEN	GOFFSTOWN	RAMSEY, THOMAS	NEWTON, HELEN
06/05/2023	TARR, JUDITH	GOFFSTOWN	GAGNE, EDMOND	RICHARD, LUCILE
06/08/2023	MOREHOUSE, BARBARA G	GOFFSTOWN	KIMSEY, GERALD	COLBY, JULIA
06/10/2023	NICHOLS, CHARLENE YVETTE	BEDFORD	DUSSEAU, CHARLES	FRANCOEUR, FRANCES
06/13/2023	LACHANCE, ASHLY	MANCHESTER	LACHANCE, MICHAEL	LEMIEUX, ROBERTA
06/13/2023	MOSONYI, MARILYN ANN	GOFFSTOWN	MUISE, PIERRE	AMIRAU, MARIE
06/14/2023	PARRY, KATHLEEN FRANCES	GOFFSTOWN	HOWARD, WILLIAM	KNIGHT, MARY
06/15/2023	HUJSAK, BEVERLY ANN	MANCHESTER	GOODWIN, OTIS	HASLAM, SARA
06/17/2023	STURTEVANT, DIANNE ALICE	GOFFSTOWN	STURTEVANT, PAUL	PERSSON, ANNA
07/02/2023	ESENWINE, FORREST HENRY	GOFFSTOWN	MCNAUL, KENNETH	HENRY, IRIS
07/02/2023	BURNES, KENNETH	GOFFSTOWN	BURNES, HAROLD	WHITING, MYRTLE
07/02/2023	BARROWS, JANITH LORRAINE	MANCHESTER	FORD, EARL	HAMEL, MARGARET
07/03/2023	FRAWLEY, CAROL VIRGINIA	GOFFSTOWN	GARDNER, VERNARD	JOLLY, LENORE
07/03/2023	SWEENEY, JEFFREY	GOFFSTOWN	SWEENEY, JOHN	FRENCH, NORMA
07/06/2023	CABLE, MAE FRANCIS	GOFFSTOWN	WILCOX, HARRY	WHITLEY, NEOMI
07/07/2023	NGUYEN, HIEP VAN	GOFFSTOWN	NGUYEN, EM	LI, HOANG
07/14/2023	GAMACHE SR, EDWARD ARMAND	BEDFORD	GAMACHE, ARTHUR	MESSIER, FABIOLA
07/14/2023	MARDEN, JANICE M	MANCHESTER	MARDEN, RANDALL	HERMSDORF, MARY
07/15/2023	HICKEY SR, JOSEPH GEORGE	GOFFSTOWN	HICKEY, JOHN	MCNEILL, JENNIE
07/15/2023	GAMANS JR, ALLEN D	GOFFSTOWN	GAMANS SR, ALLEN	CLARKE, EDNA

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07/15/2023	LOCKER, DOUGLAS NEIL	MANCHESTER	LOCKER, NEIL	DOUGLAS, EMMA
07/16/2023	DUDKA, JACQUELYN ALTA	MANCHESTER	ROBINSON, JAMES	GATES, ALTA
07/19/2023	VALLEE, LAURA C	HILLSBOROUGH	HUDON, LUCIEN	THIBEAULT, CECILE
07/21/2023	LAMB, RICHARD CECIL	GOFFSTOWN	LAMB, CECIL	UNKNOWN, MARION
07/29/2023	PERILLO, MARY JOSEPHINE	GOFFSTOWN	PERILLO, NICOLA	SANTORO, MARY
08/03/2023	DUVAL, EILEEN M	BOSCAWEN	JENNINGS, FRANCIS	LYNCH, CATHERINE
08/05/2023	LUSCOMBE JR, RICHARD BERTRAND	MANCHESTER	LUSCOMBE, RICHARD	YNVEE, EUNICE
08/08/2023	CHAVANELLE, ROBERT GEORGE	MANCHESTER	CHAVANELLE, ALFRED	DESRUISSEAU, AMORE
08/08/2023	HOLT, NORMAN R	MANCHESTER	HOLT, PAUL	WENTWORTH, EVA
08/12/2023	BOUCHER, BENOIT R	MANCHESTER	BOUCHER, REMI	BERNIER, ANNA
08/13/2023	O'BRIEN, ELEANOR C	GOFFSTOWN	GILLETTE, EVERETT	GRAMSTORFF, ELEANOR
08/14/2023	JONES, REINETTA D	GOFFSTOWN	JONES, ROBERT	BLEECH, YVONNE
08/15/2023	REYNOLDS, MARTHA LEIGH EMERY	MILFORD	EMERY, MARK	PARKER, SHIRLEY
08/19/2023	STAGNER, STEPHEN SEAN	CONCORD	STAGNER, STEPHEN	MANEY, SANDA
08/26/2023	RICKER, EDWARD H	GOFFSTOWN	RICKER, HENRY	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
08/26/2023	CHASE, JANE B	GOFFSTOWN	GAGNON, ARTHUR	DUGUAY, PAULINE
09/03/2023	THEOS, JAMES CALDWELL	GOFFSTOWN	THEOS, JAMES	CALDWELL, MABELLE
09/03/2023	DENONCOURT, DORIS B	GOFFSTOWN	DENONCOURT, MAURICE	LEX, LOTTE
09/07/2023	MAGEE, SUSAN MARY	MANCHESTER	ADKINS, RUDY	DUGGAN, DOROTHY
09/09/2023	BROWN, KENNETH MALCOLM	GOFFSTOWN	BROWN, KENNETH	FRY, WINIFRED
09/09/2023	LATULIPPE, RAYMOND A	GOFFSTOWN	LATULIPPE, ISRAEL	DELISLE, MARY
09/13/2023	NEFF, THEODORE D	GOFFSTOWN	NEFF, OWEN	UNKNOWN, SUSAN
09/16/2023	JOBIN, SALLY M	MANCHESTER	HARRINGTON, WARREN	ALLISON, ETHEL

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09/17/2023	SLIWERSKI III, HENRY L	GOFFSTOWN	SLIWERSKI, HENRY	JEAN, REBECCA
09/17/2023	PRIVE, JACQUELINE M	GOFFSTOWN	BOUCHARD, AIME	TREMBLAY, NOELLA
09/17/2023	SHEEHAN-WILLET, EILEEN ANN	GOFFSTOWN	SHEEHAN, ROBERT	CONTOIS, ANTOINETTE
09/19/2023	MACE, BARBARA TALLENT	GOFFSTOWN	HART, GORDON	SMITH, GERALDINE
09/20/2023	HARLAN, FRANCIS EDWARD	GOFFSTOWN	HARLAN, JOHN	WALCZAK, THERESA
09/25/2023	JANAS, COURTNEY ALLYCE	MANCHESTER	RICHER, DAVID	WILLIAMS, CYNTHIA
09/26/2023	MARTEL, JEANNINE B	CONCORD	THIBAUT, ALFRED	MINCE, MARIE
09/26/2023	LAVOIE, CASEY NICOLE	GOFFSTOWN	LOWNIE, ROBERT	FURRER, CATHERINE
09/28/2023	CARIGNAN, GERARD A	SALEM	CARIGNAN, HENRI	CARIGNAN, EMELIA
10/01/2023	DIONNE, ROBERT PAUL	GOFFSTOWN	DIONNE, ROLAND	GRANDMAISON, THERESE
10/03/2023	LABARRE, DELNA RITA	GOFFSTOWN	BEAULIEU, ALBERT	PLANTE, ZERILA
10/04/2023	DIORIO, CAROL	MANCHESTER	MONDOU, HARVEY	BUTTS, OLIVE
10/05/2023	PROULX, MURIEL L	GOFFSTOWN	MERCIER, MAURICE	GRENIER, JEANNE
10/06/2023	GOSSELIN, YVONNE BERNADETTE	GOFFSTOWN	WILLMER, BERNARD	VARNUM, JOAN
10/12/2023	BOLDUC, MARIE CLAIRE	GOFFSTOWN	DUQUETTE, JULIS	LAFLAMME, LUMINA
10/16/2023	ROSENBAUM, ROBERT ELLIOTT	GOFFSTOWN	ROSENBAUM, RICHARD	WEXLER, JUDITH
10/17/2023	MCDUFFEE, PATRICIA MAY	GOFFSTOWN	COBURN, HAROLD	LUCIER, DORIS
10/18/2023	LAMBERTI, PAUL ANTHONY	GOFFSTOWN	LAMBERTI, PETER	MARTINO, NICOLINA
10/19/2023	POEHLMAN, SHIRLEY	GOFFSTOWN	POEHLMAN, EDWARD	REID, VERNA
10/19/2023	TOWNSEND, DWIGHT G	GOFFSTOWN	TOWNSEND, DWIGHT	STODDARD, THEIGA
10/25/2023	CAPRACOTTA, FRANK J	MANCHESTER	CAPRACOTTA, FRANCESCO	MANMANCEI, FILOMENA
11/01/2023	PILOTTE, LORRAINE J	MANCHESTER	DESFOSES, OMER	LEVESQUE, LILIANE
11/02/2023	LOUKEDES, GLORIA J	GOFFSTOWN	TOWNE, ARCHIE	LEFEBVRE, IRENE

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11/04/2023	TERRIEN, STELLA	GOFFSTOWN	BISSON, ALFRED	ST GERMAINE, FLORIDA
11/04/2023	HUSE SR, DAVID S	GOFFSTOWN	HUSE, FOREST	SCOTT, LUCILLE
11/16/2023	HERMAN, PAUL MAYNARD	CONCORD	HERMAN, MAYNARD	LANSING, EVELYN
11/16/2023	BOOT, MARY CHARLOTTE	GOFFSTOWN	LEWIS, CLIFFORD	GRIFFITHS, DOROTHY
11/19/2023	BONAPARTE-KROGH, PAUL MARIO	GOFFSTOWN	BONAPARTE, MARIO	BORATYN, FRANCES
11/22/2023	SINKEVICH, LORA ANN	GOFFSTOWN	GALANIS, THOMAS	FREW, CHERYL
11/25/2023	LEWIS JR, JACK EDWARD	GOFFSTOWN	LEWIS SR, JACK	O'LOUGHLIN, ANN
11/26/2023	HIGHT, SUSAN MARGARET	GOFFSTOWN	SERINO, JOHN	SCHROER, BETTY
11/26/2023	TARR, JAMES JOHN	MANCHESTER	TARR, JAMES	GAGNE, JUDITH
11/28/2023	TUFTS, LINDA GAIL	GOFFSTOWN	TUFTS, HARRY	SULLIVAN, FLORENCE
11/30/2023	PERRY, ROBERT EDWARD	GOFFSTOWN	PERRY, MANUEL	CAREY, HELEN
12/01/2023	LEMAY, BARBARA KAREN	LEBANON	LEMAY SR, RAYMOND	JORDAN, MARGARET
12/04/2023	JENKERSON SR, ROY R	CONCORD	JENKERSON, HARRY	TAYLOR, MURIEL
12/08/2023	KOHL, JOYCE W	GOFFSTOWN	WRIGHT, WILLIAM	RYAN, RUTH
12/08/2023	MCLEAN, BARBARA A	CONCORD	MCLEAN, ALLAN	DEGRENIER, MILDRED
12/15/2023	WEBSTER, CARLENE D	MERRIMACK	CLARKE, EARL	LOMBARDO, LUCY
12/24/2023	PERKINS, GEORGE DICK	GOFFSTOWN	PERKINS, ARNOLD	SCHRICKER, SARAH
12/25/2023	BANDOLA, GERALD S	GOFFSTOWN	BANDOLA, STEPHEN	RUSNAK, ELIZABETH
TOTAL NUMBER OF RECORDS: 155				

2023 INTERMENTS

HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Decedent's Name	Age	Date of Death	Date of Interment	Sect/Range	Lot #	Grave #
Phyllis I. Morton	94	01/08/2023	05/16/2023	S - 1928	22	
Judith Marie Tarr	66	06/05/2023	06/14/2023	Range 1 - Div 4	2	5
Ethel Penney	86	06/01/2014	12/01/2023	Range - 38	1	1
Frederick Penney	96	11/21/2023	12/01/2023	Range - 38	1	2

SHIRLEY HILL CEMETERY

Decedent's Name	Age	Date of Death	Date of Interment	Sect/Range	Lot #	Grave #
Barbara Gatzweiler	96	10/17/2020	08/20/2023	Range 2	26	2
Joseph P. Goudreault Sr.	86	01/24/2023	05/05/2023	Range 2	10C	3
Miriam Janigan	95	11/24/2022	08/11/2023	S - 1	91	2
Daniel J. Petrin	45	03/09/2023	08/28/2023	S - 3	102	
Constance C. Fletcher	81	10/15/2023	11/09/2023	Range 3	17	4

WESTLAWN CEMETERY - EXPANSION

Decedent's Name	Age	Date of Death	Date of Interment	Sect/Range	Lot #	Grave #
Frank E. Mangan	66	04/04/2023	04/14/2023	S-2	114A	1
Gorica S. Santos	45	05/31/2023	06/16/2023	S-2	85	1
Allen D. Gamans Jr.	90	07/15/2023	07/22/2023	S - W1	21	1
Paul A. Lamberti	78	10/18/2023	10/20/2023	S - W1	39	1
Jason E. Keim	51	08/29/2023	09/02/2023	S - W1	35	1

2023 INTERMENTS CONTINUED

WESTLAWN CEMETERY

Decedent's Name	Age	Date of Death	Date of Interment	Sect/Range	Lot #	Grave #
Barbara McKay	85	04/03/2023	04/11/2023	S - 1989	46	6
Robert Meader	82	02/12/2023	04/23/2023	S - 1988	23	2
Richard J. Gilman	72	01/27/2023	04/28/2023	S - 1987	21	3
Daniel T. Hall	63	04/16/2023	05/05/2023	S - 1986	20B	3
Jacqueline A. Roux	87	12/29/2022	05/10/2023	S - 1992	165A	1
Robert S. Harris	85	05/06/2023	05/16/2023	S - 1960	131	3
Pamela Feeley	70	05/02/2023	05/20/2023	S - 1988	33A	3
Judith E. Logan	76	12/10/2022	05/24/2023	S - 1992	173	2
Hailey E. Gelinis	21	04/22/2023	05/25/2023	S - 1987	2B	1
Maurice O. Whipple	81	03/02/2023	06/07/2023	S - 1916	11	3
Lorraine Larocque	87	03/08/2023	06/08/2023	S - 1987	12B	1
Richard P. Lamy	86	03/22/2023	06/13/2023	S - 1984	11	4
Douglas N. Locker	93	07/15/2023	07/31/2023	S - 1994	191	2
Richard A. Clement	79	09/29/2022	09/12/2023	Range 24	6	8
Rita M. Banfield	80	09/21/2023	09/27/2023	S - 1803	36	4
Frank Capracotta	69	10/23/2023	10/30/2023	S - 1993	10	1
Angelia Statelman	90	01/02/2009	11/17/2023	S - 1990	106	2

FIRE DEPARTMENT



The Goffstown Fire Department is pleased to share with the Citizens of Goffstown your Fire Department's 2023 Annual Report. Goffstown Fire Department is a combination-type fire department made up of full-time, part-time, and paid-on-call Fire/EMS Professionals. We provide fire protection, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous material mitigation, disaster response, community services, and Community Risk Reduction. In 2023, we employed 28 full-time members and 8 active on-call and/or part-time members.



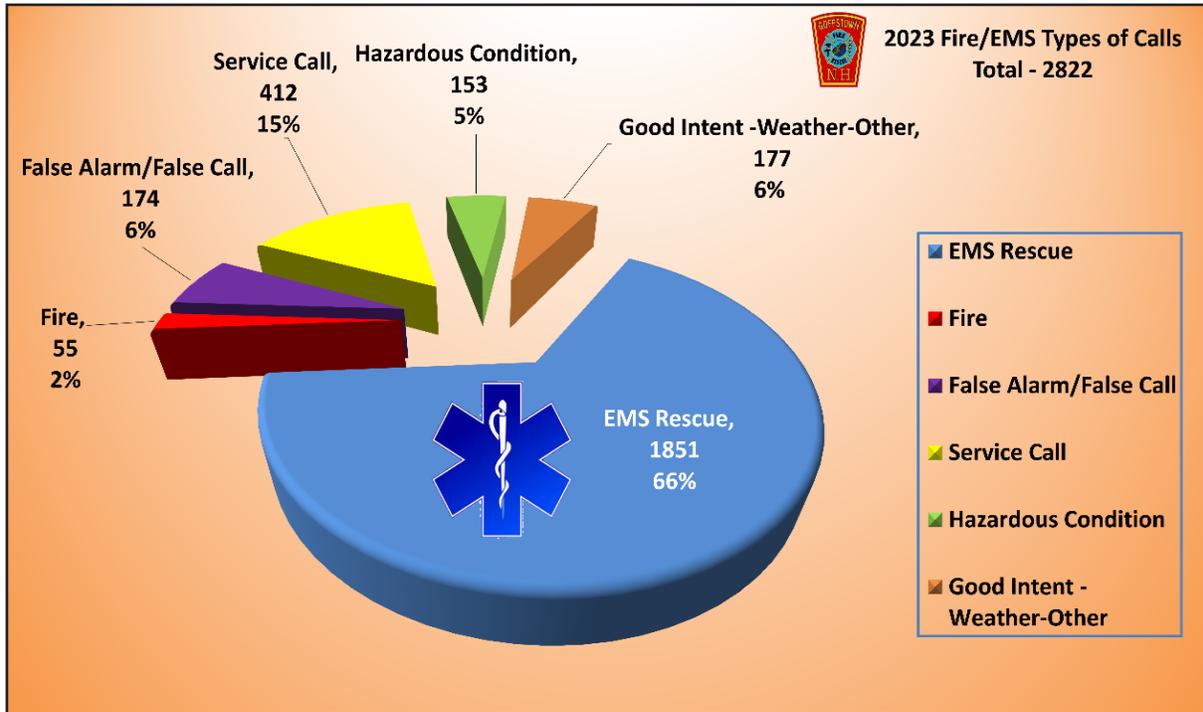
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PERSONNEL / STAFFING

In 2023, the fire department like many local, regional, and national fire departments were challenged with recruitment and retention of Firefighter – EMTs. The fire department had seven (7) vacancies throughout the year due to transfers to other fire departments, career changes, and competitive hiring arena between area fire departments offering higher salary and benefits. Despite these vacancies, an all-hands approach from our dedicated personnel and command staff continued to provide essential emergency services to our community. Our personnel pulled together and got the job done. The Selectboard was also instrumental in allowing us to bolster our part time – per diem positions by offering competitive hourly rates to be competitive with area fire departments. The addition of per - diem EMTs allows us to help with shift vacancies to supplement the crews that were down shift personnel. Vacancies within the Goffstown Fire Department is our largest challenge. Assuring enough first responders to meet the emergency services demand of the community is a continual effort. We are confident that through our continual recruitment and retention measures we will be back to full staffing soon. Your continued support is vital to meeting our goals. Thank You for your ongoing support!

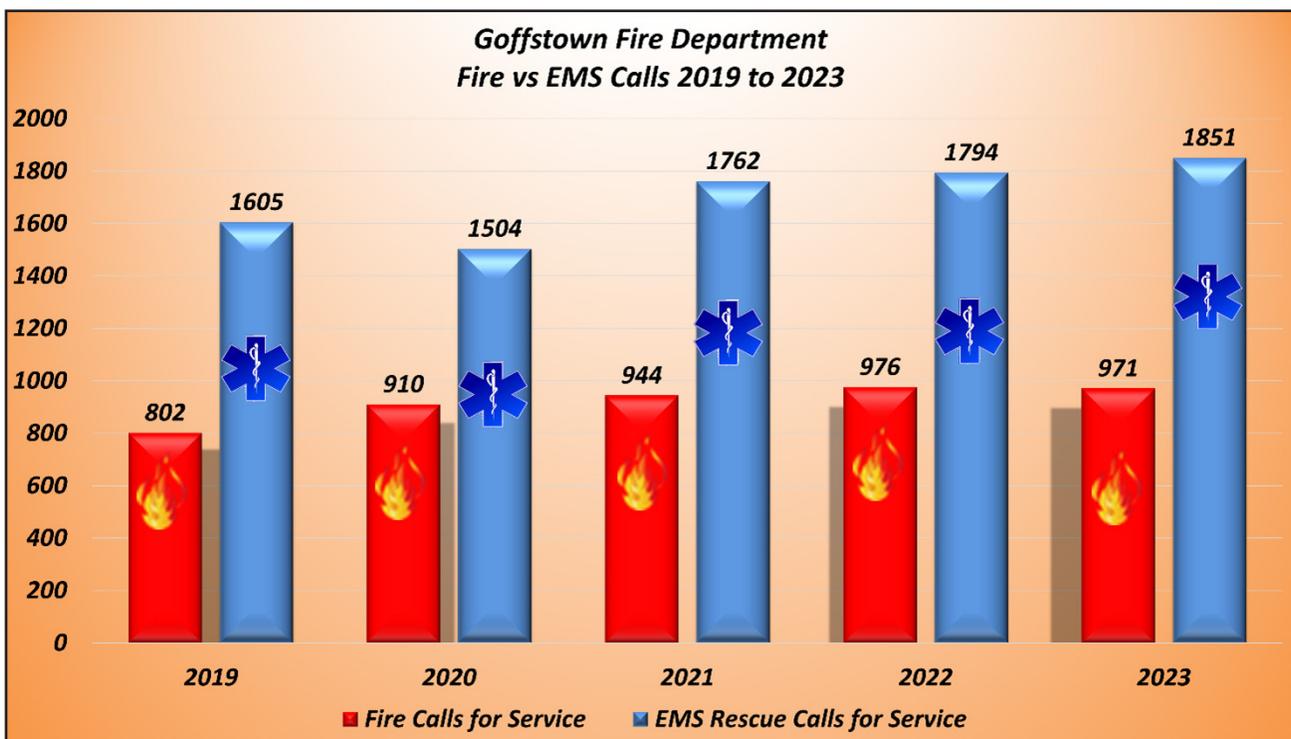
We continue to utilize a FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant that provided four additional firefighters for 3-years. This is our 3rd year of funding which sunsets in November of 2024.

The Goffstown Fire Department maintains an open recruitment process for people interested in a career in Fire and EMS services. Please visit the Town website at: www.goffstownnh.gov/Jobs.aspx to fill out an online application.



RESPONSE ACTIVITY

The fire department continues to experience an increase in our calls for emergency services. In 2023, we responded to 2,822 calls for service, an increase of 112 calls for service or 2% increase from 2022. Crews responded to a variety of emergencies that included building fires, large fuel spills, life-threatening medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, and major vehicle crashes. Emergency Medical Calls made up the largest increase and category of calls we respond to.



COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

This year we conducted a reorganization and changed the name of the Fire Prevention Division to the Community Risk Reduction Division (CRRD). The fire service has evolved in its area of responsibility and along with fire and life safety duties we have also expanded to also include a focus on health, and overall risk reduction. On any given day our expanding roles take us from EMS to pre-hospital healthcare, meeting the growing needs of our community, striving for a diverse workforce, working to reduce personnel exposure to by-products of a fire, and to ensure adequate resources. The overall goal of CRR is to reduce the impact incidents have on our community. While the foundation of our mission is in fire and life safety prevention, education, inspectional services, we are also adding a focus on risk reduction through community safety education and working with the community on various programs. To learn more about our Community Risk Reduction efforts and how it benefits the community please visit: [Community Risk Reduction \(fema.gov\)](#)

Captain Bill Connor continues to work closely with our public schools to complete the State of NH mandated annual fire and life safety inspections. These inspections begin after the schools open each Fall and must be completed by December. Captain Connor works with the schools to identify any necessary corrective measures where needed to assure the safety of the students, faculty, and staff. Captain Connor also works with our schools to conduct monthly emergency and evacuation drills to insure preparedness in the event of incident or disaster.

The number of building permits, requests for fire and life safety inspections, and other requests for assistance from the Community Risk Reduction Division continue to increase as each year goes by. This year we have added a part-time Fire Inspector who will assist the CRRD in conducting fire inspections and other life safety tasks to reduce the time it takes for inspection requests from homeowners and contractors to be completed. We do ask that you plan to give plenty of time to have your inspections scheduled to meet your project completion needs.

Commercial construction related inspections have picked up as new businesses develop existing spaces and the construction of apartment buildings at Factory Street and Bog Road. These two large projects are in the last stages of completion. We continue to see a resurgence in residential rehabilitation activities.

Residents are reminded:

- All new heating appliances must have a permit prior to installation & must be inspected by the Fire Department before use.
- All heating appliances require regular maintenance. Proper cleaning and adjustment are essential for safe and efficient operation of heating equipment.
- Check all vents after snow and ice fall, blocked vents can result in carbon monoxide problems.
- Read and follow all the manufacturer's instructions for your heating equipment as misuse of a heating appliance can result in carbon monoxide poisoning, fires, explosions, injuries, or deaths.
- Always have appropriate safety equipment on hand: fire extinguisher, working smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detection.
- Do not run portable generators inside garages and place the generator a minimum of 10 feet from the structure with the exhaust facing away from home. Carbon Monoxide is a clear, odorless gas that when generators are not placed safely may result in injury or death.

Campfires and fire pits: Campfires are a great way to bring the family together and wind down at the end of the day. Residents are reminded that the State of NH requires permits for all outdoor burning. Permits are available at the Pinardville and Village Fire Stations. For a small fee, NH also offers a convenient online fire permit as well. Permits are available for single day fires and can be obtained for season use as well. Online Permits are available for a small fee at: nh.burnsafeamerica.com.

There are a few simple rules that must be followed which include: distance from structures, what is allowed to be burned, and what time of day burning is allowed. All seasonal fire permits expire on December 31.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This year Captain Connor assumed the duties of Health Officer for the Town of Goffstown. The role of the health officer is to investigate, enforce and resolve local public health issues, know the relevant state laws on the duties and powers of the health officer, educate the community on public health issues, within their training and ability and to pursue any training or qualifications required to meet the job needs. The Health Officer’s powers and duties are outlined in NH state law RSA 128, RSA 48-A, and RSA 147.

Captain Connor performed several miscellaneous health inspections throughout this year. The Covid 19 virus and the Omicron variant continued to have an impact on public health in 2023. While the threat of Covid 19 has diminished it has not gone away. We continue to be vigilant in monitoring the number of cases in town. Businesses, schools, grocery stores, employment, etc. have all been impacted by these viruses. Goffstown will continue to issue guidance from the State Department of Health and the CDC on the Town’s website and other media platforms. Residents are encouraged to check the Town’s website for information on issues of concern or other health-related matters affecting our community. We encourage all to promote a safe and healthy environment at home, work, or play.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management in Goffstown encompasses many roles. Critical roles in emergency management are Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. In 2023, The Town of Goffstown continued to review our Emergency Plans, met with the SAU 19 Leadership Group to discuss school emergency planning, and search for grant opportunities to strengthen the emergency management disaster response in the community.

We have also been working with the Gregg Falls Hydro Dam personnel in reviewing and updating their emergency plans. This last year we conducted a tabletop

and full disaster exercise with the Gregg Falls Hydroelectric Dam organization to exercise the emergency response plan and update their emergency response plan. We are fortunate to have a strong working relationship with Gregg Falls Hydroelectric Associates, LLC, the dam operator under license from the State of NH.

This year we also worked with the Gregg Falls group to update the early warning system for residents downstream from the dam who are classified as being in imminent danger should a breach or catastrophic dam failure occur. The previous radio plectron system was replaced with the Code Red App which can send an alert remotely should the need to notify residents of potential dam issues.

The State of NH also has an alert app which will provide you with all the alerts that you have selected in the app. These alerts include weather alerts, emergency alerts, community alerts, and missing person alerts. To sign up for NH Alerts click on the link and follow online directions: <https://stateofnewhampshire.genasys.com/portal/en/>

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program that educates citizens about the hazards they face in their community and trains them in lifesaving skills. If needed following a disaster, citizen-responders use their training as part of a neighborhood or workplace team to help others when professional responders are overwhelmed or not immediately available. CERT members provide immediate assistance to victims in our community, organize spontaneous volunteers who have not had the training, and collect disaster intelligence that will assist professional responders with prioritization and allocation of resources when they arrive.

In 2023 the Goffstown Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) remained active, trained, and prepared to help our community in the event of a disaster. The CERT Team participated in Old Home Days, Pumpkin Regatta, Halloween Safety Patrol, and assisted with traffic for a marathon. The group also participated in some statewide exercises providing support to the Red Cross and City of Manchester. This coming year CERT will be working with us to establish a rehabilitation group who will provide resources for fire, police, or during large scale emergencies. Your volunteer efforts are appreciated! If you would like to learn more about CERT and potentially volunteer for your community visit: www.goffstowncert.org

THANK YOU

The Goffstown Fire Department extends its sincere thanks and appreciation for your support. Our personnel of the Goffstown Fire Department work to provide the highest level of service and compassion when responding to your emergency. Our members devote many hours training and being proficient in our fire and EMS skills. I am humbled and honored to lead a group of passionate and committed service-oriented individuals who respond daily to the emergency needs of the community. We also thank the Select Board, Budget Committee, Local 3430 Professional Firefighters of Goffstown, our Administrative and Command Staff, Goffstown Fire & Rescue Association, Goffstown CERT, and Town Departments for their continued support of *your* Fire Department.

Shawn Murray, Fire Chief
Goffstown Fire Department
Emergency Management Director



March 15, 2023 GFD Swearing-in Ceremony

2023 Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

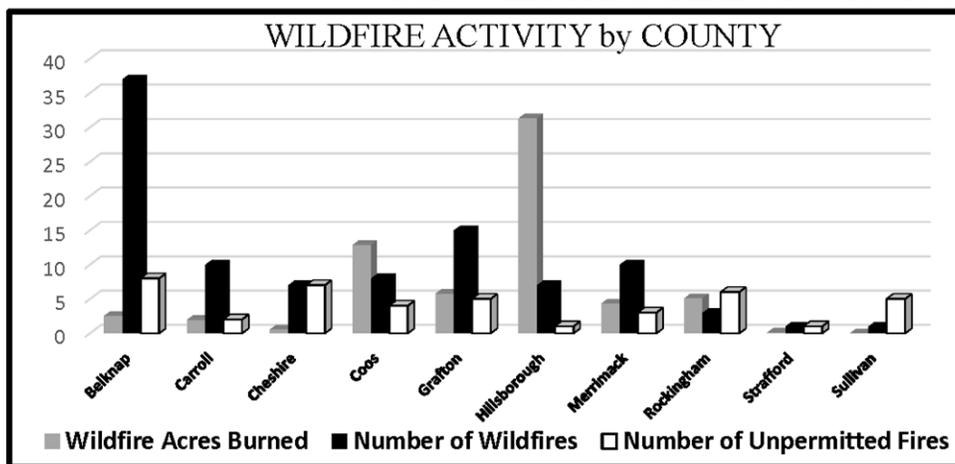
This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey’s message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC’s: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **“Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire’s forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdf/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: [@NHForestRangers](https://www.instagram.com/NHForestRangers)



2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4

PARKS AND RECREATION



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Pictured (Left to right): Select Board Rep. Peter Georgantas, Director Rick Wilhelmi, Lance Auger, Pam Decker, Brad Parkhurst, Kevin Daigle, Vice-Chair Jane Steckowych. Not pictured: Chairman Howard Sobolov, Gary Gendron, and Alternate Eric Emmerling.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is made up of eight town-appointed individuals, seven at-large members and one alternate. Their commitment is to oversee the town owned and run facilities and recreational activities. In no specific order, the group reviews/monitors the following areas within the departments charge based on the following areas: Development of the Goffstown Sports Complex, Rail Trail, Maintaining / Improving Existing Parks, Access to Natural Resources, Programing, and Special Events.

CURRENT PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY OVERVIEW

Our two town parks were developed in the early seventies to early eighties and are now showing their age. Over the past fourteen years, the commissioners have been moving to have our two parks become destination parks with no duplication of services/facilities, but to provide special features within the two parks for the greater Goffstown Community to enjoy. 2016 Roy Park had a new playground built for all ages and abilities. Examples like this will help maintain the unique features of each park and hopefully decrease the long-term cost of replacing similar/like facilities. The development of the sports complex now gives our young sports community a rectangular sports field (s) dedicated to any outdoor program to practice and play games. The community youth athletic teams still need one more rectangular field for practice This would become phase two of the sports complex.

We have two town pools each with a bath house & filter room which are 50 years old. In 2011 new pool liners were installed to fix a decaying gunite problem at both Roy and Barnard Parks. This has given the interior of each pool another 14 years of life. The entire rest of the facilities are the original design with many repairs over the years. In 2019-2020 the commissioners had a third-party company perform a pool feasibility study for Barnard pool. Weston and Sampson find Operating this pool much beyond 3 years (2023) would create unnecessary costs associated with operating an inefficient system. Currently much of the facility needs code compliant upgrades, along with recommended upgrades to improve its overall efficiency. Weston and Sampson provided the commissioners with a visual rendering of a zero-entry pool design and estimated cost for said facility, break down to include (pool, mechanical building, bath house, driveway, pool deck, fencing, demolition, hazardous materials, utilities, shade structures, misc. site work - \$3.4 Million. Contingency \$370K, Engineering \$340K – Total estimated \$4.1 million). During the 2024 budget process, it will be proposed to have a special article on the ballot for the build design of the new pool (Engineering \$350K). This will provide a true accurate cost for the project as well as support or no support for the project.

Glen Lake Waterfront falls under the supervision of the commissioners. This complex last saw improvements back in 2011 and now needs facility maintenance/improvements as well. The sitting areas and water access points are all eroded and becoming unsafe. In 2022 the boat ramp was repaired while the dam was under repair, however, the boat ramp needs to be fully upgraded to a Type “B” system to meet the demands of current day usage. This has been put into the Capital Improvement Matrix for 2027.

Recreation Building dates to the early 1970’s as a youth function center (Blue Goose). In 1995 a 30’ x 30’ room was added to the building. The building has two function rooms for programing and community usage. Department provides youth programing and 55-Plus programing through the building, and community groups utilize for meeting space.

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The department made continued maintenance improvements to both Roy and Barnard Park over the year. Roy Park – Overgrown trees were removed bordering residential properties. Drainage swales were cleared, and the wooded area behind the pavilion limbed to open it up. Barnard Park – new road was developed out to the pool. Tennis court cracks were repaired. Large overgrown trees around the playground were removed.

GOFFSTOWN RAIL TRAIL

Improvement of the town’s rail trail continued during 2023. As described below, the projects included a new trail section at the Shell Station on Mast Road, and installation of fencing and signage.

When the Shell Station was built in 2002, the parcel was already encumbered with a “straight through recreational & sewer easement” for the then future rail trail. The gas station developers, not wanting bicyclists zipping through the vehicle fueling area, provided a new easement to the town, 25-foot wide, that diverted the rail trail behind the gas station. In 2023, after coordination with the Park & Recreation Department and the Select Board, the Friends of the Goffstown Rail

Trail (FRGT) privately contracted for the construction of this 600-foot-long trail diversion through the easement area. The construction cost was 100% supported by private donations residents contributed to the non-profit organization. Also in 2023, the Department of Public Works provided a safe route for pedestrians to return to the straight through trail alignment, by installing 200-feet of new sidewalks along Tatro Drive.

The FGRT coordinated with the Goffstown Select Board and manager of the New Boston Rail Trail to install route guidance signage, at certain road intersections indicating a preferred on-road bicycle route connecting the ends of the Goffstown trail and the New Boston trail. This 2 .1-mile connection includes (if proceeding from Goffstown towards New Boston): left on Factory, right on Main, left on Depot, right on Kendell-Hadley, left on Church, left on North Mast, left on Parker, and finally right on Riverside. The NH Department of Transportation gave permission for Goffstown to designate the 8-foot-wide shoulders of NH-114 (North Mast Street) as bicycle lanes. The Goffstown Department of Public Works had bicycle sharrows painted on the pavement along the entire 2.1 miles route.



Goffstown Rail Trail

The other significant 2023 project was the reconstruction of East Union Street as part of the Department of Public Works annual road plan. This road project included providing a 10-foot-wide sidewalk along the north side of East Union Street to permit both bicyclists and pedestrians to safely use the sidewalk for connecting gravel trail sections that follow the original B&M trail alignment. At the suggestion of DPW, the FGRT volunteered to install 2-rail fencing at the East Union trailheads and installed appropriate route guidance signage. The design length of the Goffstown Rail Trail is 5.56 miles, which includes the lengths of several short diversions off the original alignment of the B&M tracks. With 2023 completion of the Shell Station section, 5.25 trail miles have now been improved to town trail specifications. The remaining 0.31 miles, while quite passible, still needs proper grading and to be covered with 3-inches-of nitpick gravel material. The FGRT anticipates that four short trail sections, which add up to 0.31 miles, will be completed in partnership with the abutting developers during 2024 and 2025.

For more information about the FGRT, visit their website at GoffstownRailTrail.org. A map of the trail is available at the following town website: www.GoffstownNH.gov/community/maps.

PROGRAMMATICALLY

- Youth Basketball leagues came back strong; Coed instructional grades 1 and 2 had 100 participants (this was the most we have seen in years), Girls grades 3-5 had 44 participants, Girls grades 6 – 8 had 45 participants, Boys grades 3-4 had 80 participants, Boys grades 5-6 had 60 participants, Boys grades 7-8 had 65 participants, and Boys High School grades 9-12 had 50 participants for a total of 444 total participants.
- Men's 18 plus Basketball league had 57 participants

- Boys and Girls lacrosse play in the New Hampshire Youth Lacrosse Association (NHYLEA) - Boys 8U Instructional Lacrosse had 20 participants, Boys 10U Lacrosse had 16 participants, Boys 12U Lacrosse had 13 participants, Boys 14U Lacrosse had 29 participants, Girls 10 U Lacrosse had 19 participants, Girls 12U Lacrosse had 18 participants, for a total of 134 participants.
- Roy and Barnard Parks Summer Camps came back very strong as well. This program runs for eight weeks over the course of the summer. Roy Summer Playground had 21 participants per week and a total of 165 for summer, Barnard Summer Playground had 57 participants per week and a total of 453 for the summer). The combined total was 618 participants.
- Afterschool Activity period 12-week program at Bartlett and Maple Ave schools for grades 1-4. The Maple Ave program is run through the Recreation building. Bartlett grades 1-2 had 13 participants, Bartlett grades 3-4 had 20 participants, Maple Ave grades 1-2 had 13 participants, and Maple Ave grades 3-4 had 12 participants.
- Growin' Grizzlies kindergarten instructional sports weekday program was a 15-week program on instruction of Soccer, Floor Hockey, and Basketball. This program had a total of 75 participants.
- Afterschool Instructional Soccer for grades 1-4 – This program had the following: Grades 1-2 had 21 participants and Grades 3-4 had 18 participants for a total of 39 participants.
- Bone Builders - A long standing program for 55-plus. A balance and strength program. Sponsored by Southern NH Health Services. Average participation 15 individuals.

New Programs in 2023

- 18+ Pickle Ball. We ran this program at the Barnard Park outdoor courts as a pilot program for 5 weeks. It was full with 40 participants.
- Drop-in Pickle Ball. This program ran from December to March at the MVMS Hilltop Cafe for residents only.
- 55+ Instructional Pickle Ball. This program was held in the recreation building, beginning in the late fall and continuing through winter and into the warmer months where the program could be moved outside. Average participation was 12 to 15 individuals per session.
- 55+ LeBell Tour of Lights - Trip held in December with 40 participants.

The Director of Parks and Recreation and the Program Supervisor have developed a committee of 7 residents with the goal to research and develop 55-Plus social activities for our community. Areas/Activities to be looked at include trips, programs, and education. Be on the look out for 2024 via the department website, Facebook, and newsletters.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 44th Annual David French Goffstown Gallop held on the fourth Saturday of June. (122 participants).
- 46th Annual Pumpkin Hunt – In October we held the annual pumpkin hunt in conjunction with the Pumpkin Regatta. 150 tags were returned out of 220 pumpkins to be found.
- 5th Annual Glen Lake Swim “Glennie” – This is a collaboration with Granite State Health & Fitness Foundation and the event had 122 registered participants.
- 41st Annual Senior Dinner – This is was the first time we were able to hold this event since the COVID-19 pandemic began. We had a small turnout. 50 participants.

I would like to take the opportunity to especially thank all the volunteer coaches within our youth lacrosse, and basketball programs. We would not be able to run such quality programs without your help. A special thank you goes out to our youth basketball volunteer officials as well; Gary Gendron, Lance Auger, Carl Chalbeck, and Bry Kelly.

Thank you also to the Parks and Recreation Commission who have spent many hours each month to think of ways to better serve our community through facility and program development. This is a volunteer committee that does an outstanding job for our community.

Thank you to Derek Horne and all Town Hall staff, to my fellow Department Directors, the Select Board, Budget Committee, and CIP Committee for giving us their support, guidance, and camaraderie. Thanks to all the local businesses for the continued support in making our programs so successful. Thanks to School Superintendent, the principals and support staff at each school, and Athletic Director Justin Hufft for allowing the use of the school facilities, Goffstown High School coaching staff for collaborating on youth skill clinics and all the Volunteers who help make the Parks and Recreation leagues, special events, and programs so successful. I would also especially like to again thank three very important people in our Recreation Department: Mike Guerrette, David Trnka and Erin Trnka. Without them, our programs would not be as strong, and our fields and facilities would not be in the great condition in which they are now. I am very proud to be part of a town that is surrounded by so many individuals, younger and older, willing to give of themselves so freely to make our community a happier and healthier place to live. The Parks and Recreation Department survives and thrives in Goffstown!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Wilhelmi
Parks & Recreation Director

GOFFSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

One of the significant challenges we faced in 2023 was the impact of retirements and the departure of some of our experienced officers who sought different employment opportunities outside of law enforcement. This resulted in a shortage of staff, making it essential for the remaining team members to step up and adapt to the increased responsibilities. Despite these challenges, our dedicated officers demonstrated resilience, commitment, and a continued focus on maintaining public safety.



Chief Eric Sereno

Community policing remains at the forefront of our strategy, as we believe in fostering strong connections between the police force and the community we serve. This year, despite being short-staffed, we successfully organized and participated in events like National Night Out, which brought together residents and law enforcement in a spirit of camaraderie and partnership. Our Senior Lights Tour, accompanied by a dinner, aimed at enhancing safety for our elderly population, was a tremendous success. We had several “coffee with a cop” events at local senior living housing communities. We also hosted a bicycle safety rodeo and participated in Halloween Trick or Treat. These events serve as a testament to our commitment to building trust and collaboration within the community.

Public safety, crime reduction, and the overall quality of life for our residents remain our top priorities. Despite the staffing challenges, our officers have continued to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and service. We are grateful for the support of our community, which enables us to meet these goals even in the face of adversity.

Our partnership with local schools and our commitment to school safety continue to be cornerstones of our community-oriented approach. This year, we expanded our School Resource Officer program by adding a dedicated officer to Mountain View Middle School. This year we hosted our first-ever “Cop Card Challenge” in both elementary schools. This challenge was a huge success and both winning classes were able to have an ice cream party with members of Goffstown Police. This initiative strengthens the bond between law enforcement and the educational community, creating a safer environment for students and staff.

The Communication Center’s commitment to excellence is particularly noteworthy given the wide range of communities and agencies it serves. Navigating the distinct needs and protocols of seven agencies across four different communities requires a unique skill set and an unwavering dedication to service. Whether dispatching emergency responders to a critical incident, providing vital information to officers in the field, or offering support to the public during distressing situations, the men and women in our Dispatch Center consistently demonstrate their crucial role in upholding the safety and well-being of our communities. Their collaborative spirit, adaptability, and resilience make them an invaluable asset, reinforcing the commitment we stand by for our community.

As we look ahead to 2024, recruitment and retention will be paramount. Balancing the demands of our community with the wellness of our employees is a priority. Together, we will navigate the challenges ahead and continue to serve with dedication and integrity.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the men and women of the Goffstown Police Department for their unwavering dedication, service, and commitment to our community. I also extend my thanks to the residents of Goffstown for your continuous support. Together, we will build a safer, stronger, and more connected community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Sereno
Chief of Police

*Pictured at Right:
Kickball with Mountain View Middle
School DARE participants in 2023.*

*Pictured Below: Challenger Little
League vs. Goffstown Police/Fire,
Spring 2023.*





Pictured Above: Bartlett Elementary School Cop Card Ice Cream party winners for being the first class to collect all the Cop Cards in their school.

Pictured Below: Maple Avenue Elementary School Cop Card Ice Cream party winners for the first class to collect all the Cop Cards in their school.



**GOFFSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
STATISTICS
JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2023**

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	2021	2022	2023	% INC/DEC vs. 2022
Abuse/Neglect & Juvenile Offenses (child/elderly, runaways, etc)	49	52	47	-10%
Alcohol	36	38	42	11%
Intoxication - Pro Custody Sub	50	47	35	-26%
Assaults (includes Safe School Acts)	85	119	129	8%
Assault on Police Officer	2	1	2	100%
Criminal Threat (includes Safe School Acts)	33	31	31	0%
Domestic Violence	42	80	78	-3%
Domestic Violence Restraining Order	55	65	71	9%
Homicide	0	0	1	100%
Sex Offenses	23	21	18	-14%
Drug Offenses (includes Safe School Acts)	23	22	27	23%
Robbery	4	1	1	0%
Sex Offender Registrations	63	73	70	-4%
TOTAL CRIME AGAINST PERSONS	465	550	552	0.3%

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY/OTHER

Alarms	535	366	498	-36%
Animal Complaints	426	432	488	13%
Arson	0	3	2	-33%
Burglary & Criminal Trespass	29	37	27	-27%
Courtesy Calls (lockouts, 911 calls, fingerprinting etc)	721	949	917	-3%
Crime Prevention	2,161	1,366	622	-54%
Administration	1,277	1,414	1,398	-1%
Criminal Mischief	47	51	56	10%
Disorderly Conduct	13	6	13	117%
Fraud (includes bad checks, credit card fraud, counterfeiting)	55	39	55	41%
Hazards (includes power outages, trees & wires down etc)	182	270	227	-16%
Larceny (includes motor vehicle thefts)	105	113	89	-21%
Mutual Aid	297	306	353	15%
Operations	14,934	14,178	10,685	-25%

	2021	2022	2023	% INC/DEC vs. 2022
Property (lost/found)	156	186	207	11%
Suspicious Persons (Activity)	376	272	241	-11%
Suspicious Vehicles	147	295	373	26%
TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY / OTHER	21,461	20,283	16,251	-20%

MOTOR VEHICLE AND ARREST ACTIVITY

Total Adult Arrests	403	419	408	-3%
Total Juvenile Arrests	49	53	19	-64%
DWI - Arrests	35	35	34	-3%
TOTAL ARRESTS	452	507	461	-9%

Motor Vehicle Activity (includes MV hazards, disabled, abandoned, parking tickets)	858	1054	949	-10%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	418	401	367	-8%
Motor Vehicle Incidents with Injuries	68	52	55	6%
Motor Vehicle Incidents with Fatalities	1	1	1	0%
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE ACTIVITY	1,345	1,508	949	-37%

TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE SUMMONS AGENCY WIDE	903	935	640	-32%
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE WRITTEN WARNINGS AGENCY WIDE	4,451	5,762	4,445	-23%

Drug Overdose	11	7	4	-43%
Drug Overdose Deaths	2	1	1	0%

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	37,948	36,751	30,300	-18%
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COMPLAINTS AGAINST EMPLOYEES/ OFFICERS/DEPT	2021	2022	2023	% INC/DEC vs. 2022
Founded	0	0	0	0%
Unfounded/Proper Conduct	1	1	1	0%
Insufficient Evidence	0	1	0	-100%
TOTAL COMPLAINTS AGAINST GPD	1	2	1	-50%

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The American Public Works Association theme for 2023 was “**Connecting the World**”, and your local Public Works Department did our part to connect our little corner of the world.

Speaking of “connected”, the global and national economy and workforce pressures continue to affect all of our operations. We entered the year with several full-time vacancies, and we turned to contractors for several facets of our road work. The cost of parts, services, and disposal of recycling and waste products also continued to remain high, and several projects were deferred to keep cost overruns at a minimum. I’m happy to say that a few new employees have joined us and we are getting closer to full staffing levels. If you or anyone you know would like to join the best group of DPW folks in the state, give us a call!

ADMIN/ENGINEERING DIVISION:

The numerous construction projects kept our Town Engineer Scott Ozana and Assistant Town Engineer Eric Gustafson busy this year. In addition to all of our in-house work, several multifamily developments are in various stages of construction requiring inspection and pre-approval design review. Our engineering interns returned this summer and were extremely busy with water quality and infrastructure inspections. We have also begun outsourcing DigSafe utility marking to focus on permitting and design. Executive Secretary Cara Gustafson managed the office, resident calls, and administrative tasks for our regular staff plus 10 seasonal employees, along with onboarding all new employees.

Our Engineering Division manages the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permit. This is a requirement under the clean water act, with a primary goal of maintaining or improving the surface water quality of our rivers and lakes.

The Admin and Engineering staff continue to work with consultant firms for design of the upcoming repairs to the Center Street and Henry Bridge Road bridges and pedestrian and traffic improvements on Mast Road in Pinardville prior to the street being repaved.

HIGHWAY DIVISION:



Pictured above: Sidewalk on East Union Street.

The Town road plan continued with a significant number of streets this year. 15% of the entire road network was slated for some form of improvement, which is much higher than a normal year due to some deferrals from 2022. A handful of reclaim projects and main road overlays were deferred again this year, due to the aforementioned market and labor issues, bringing the total closer to 9% of the entire network.

Reclaim and drainage projects that we *did* complete included all or portions of Holly

Street, Eden Street, Heald Street, Ridge Street, Lorraine Street, East Union Street, Amoskeag Drive, Keith Drive, and Kate's Lane. Gravel road conversion projects were completed on Joppa Hill Road and Brien Road. The East Union Street project included new sidewalk to connect South Mast with the Rail Trail, and a new mixed-use paved trail to connect two sections of the Rail Trail where users previously had to use the roadway by the Goffstown Truck Center.

Several other streets did not require significant drainage work, and were paved or received a top coat from a previous year reclaim project. Some streets are in failure status but could not be worked into the current rebuild schedule and need short term shim coat. These categories of overlay work help "keep our good roads good" and keeps road maintenance lifecycle costs low. This overlay list included all or portions of: South Mast Street, Pine Hill Avenue, Pershing Street,



Pictured above: Back Mountain Road before and after - Headwall and settlement repairs, new curb, guardrail, and paving.

Bog Road, Upton Lane, Glenwood Drive, Checkerberry Lane, Wallace Road, Back Mountain Road, Gorham Pond Road, Naser Place, Monarch Avenue, Benjamin Drive, Kimberly Lane, Hoyt Road, Snook Road, Crestwood Drive, Ridgewood Drive, Ryan Road, Pine Crest Drive, and Wood Circle.

In addition to reclaim and paving work, there were a handful of other projects were completed in 2023. After heavy rain storms in late December 2022, a 48" culvert on Leach Hill Road was found to be undermined. In early 2023 we replaced the culvert and added concrete headwalls and new guardrail. Perennial flooding and/or icing issues were addressed at Bay Street, Shirley Avenue and Shirley Park Road, Mountain Road, Tibbetts Hill Road, and Shirley Hill Road. We assisted the Parks and Recreation Department with some tree and stump removal at Barnard Park. Several stormwater detention or retention ponds were mowed or cleared of trees and overgrowth. A turnaround easement for the end of Upton Lane was acquired, permitted, and constructed to

finish the Glenwood/Upton project. This provides safe turning area for DPW plows and curbside trucks, and other large vehicles at the end of this narrow street. Emergency repairs were made to a few hundred feet of drain line on Orchard Street and Center Street after sinkholes were discovered.

Along with the East Union Street project, bike and pedestrian safety improvements were made in a handful of other areas. Sharrow and bike lane pavement markings were added to Depot Street, Kendall Hadley Way, Church Street, and North Mast Street to highlight the preferred route between the Goffstown and New Boston Rail Trails. New raised sidewalk and drainage was constructed on Tatro Drive to re-route the Rail Trail users around the gas station and carwash parking lot. ADA curb ramps were installed on South Mast Street at Barnard Lane to support future sidewalk along the park driveway. New video detection units and ADA pedestrian buttons and signals were also installed on Mast Road traffic signals in Pinardville.



Pictured: Shared use trail and sidewalk on East Union Street.

DPW SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Cemetery Maintenance & Burials

Curbside Recycle & Trash Pickup

Drainage System Cleaning & Maintenance

Environmental Monitoring of

Lakes & Streams

Environmental Permitting

All Department Fleet Maintenance

Landfill Monitoring & Maintenance

Mandatory Recycling Program

Plowing & Snow Removal

Public Education of DPW Programs

Roadway & Sidewalk Maintenance

Roadway Design & Construction

Sewer & Pump System Maintenance

Transfer Station Operation

Year Round Household Hazardous Waste Program

Assistant Director Mike Hillhouse and Highway Superintendent Jeff Sarette did an excellent job juggling staff, contractors, schedule, and materials to keep everything on track. Thanks to all of our Highway staff: Ray Gamache, Myron Beaulieu, Dalton Clark, Tim Holt, Nate Strong, Matt Clement, Steve Davis, Nic Dinardo, Adam Theokas, Ed Wootten, Joe Cousins, Jim McGeehan, Cameron Pooler, Liam Gates, Dima Pasichnyk, and Bob Gage.

SOLID WASTE DIVISION:

The Transfer Station has continued to see a large volume of material from all sources this year. Municipal Solid Waste, recycling, appliances, construction and demolition, and yard waste are all steadily coming in. The new air curtain burner was placed online this year and we have been able to successfully burn several hundred yards of brush saving the town budget for grinding or hauling. When it's burning at full efficiency, it's much faster and cleaner than traditional open burning. We also replaced the single stream recycling compactor which is used to load trailers for maximum capacity to haul to the processing facility.

Solid Waste Foreman Bill Holt has been instrumental in getting the new equipment projects completed and working with his staff to make improvements at the Transfer Station. Scale Operator Gary Chapdelaine keeps the scale moving and the dogs happy with biscuits and a smile. Truck drivers Terry Bourk, Denis LeBlanc, and Dave Gionet have logged more miles than any other DPW employees, along with thousands of tons of waste and recycling hauled. Solid Waste Operator John Nalette has continued doing a spectacular job keeping trailers loaded and things organized around the Transfer Station.



New air curtain brush burner in action - no smoke!

CEMETERY DIVISION:

In addition to providing professional assistance to families during difficult times, the Cemetery Division also maintains public areas such as the Town common, mulch beds, and Main Street areas. The Cemetery Division and DPW Administrative staff also work with the Cemetery Trustees and Finance staff to improve processes and record-keeping for interments, which can be a difficult task with records that can be up to two hundred years old. Jason Georgantas provided excellent customer service and attention to detail with grounds maintenance this year, including the South Mast Street/Wallace Road roundabout with the help of the Goffstown Garden Club. He also managed the procurement, preparation, and installation of the second columbarium unit at the Westlawn Expansion. Columbarium niches are now available for purchase at DPW.

FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION:

The fleet mechanics maintain the DPW, Police, and Fire vehicles and equipment to ensure the highest level of readiness. In addition, they prepare bid specifications for public works equipment. In 2023 we acquired a replacement Bobcat skid steer loader, a solid waste live floor trailer, and a dump truck that was ordered in 2022. We are still awaiting delivery on a replacement bucket loader, and a curbside refuse collection truck that was ordered in 2022. A solid waste tractor and roll-off trailer were both deferred from 2023 for budgetary purposes. The Fleet Division also prepares used vehicles and equipment for auction or transfer between departments, and with the help of our Finance staff several surplus vehicles were sold this year. Zeb Burnham was promoted to Fleet & Operations Manager, and continued to manage the garage ventilation and fire sprinkler project. Cassidy Barriere was promoted to Shop Supervisor, and he and Mechanics Brian Bugbee and Dale Williams provide top-notch maintenance and repair of our fleet while also being available for road plowing during storms. Fleet Clerk Anne Trudeau continues to manage our fuel use and fleet repair billing, as well as processing invoices for hundreds, if not thousands, of parts coming through the garage.

Thank you again for your support of the department and our employees in 2023. Here's to a new year, hopefully our best one yet!

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Jacobs, Director



Director Adam Jacobs and family.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Dianne Hathaway,
Library Director**

I have done a lot of pondering and reflection as I celebrate 25 years serving the Goffstown community. Over the years, we have transformed our services, staffing, and resources to become an award-winning library and one our community can be proud to support.

It is no secret that libraries and librarians are under attack nationwide. There is a movement to restrict access to materials, mostly about race and those with LGBTQ+ themes. Public libraries exist to represent the whole community, not just a select few. The resources and materials offered should reflect the entire community, so that each person is represented no matter who they are and what beliefs they hold. Our library staff works diligently to select materials that are diverse and representative of everyone, including marginalized populations. We use professional reviews and selection sources to make purchases based on our Collection Development Policy. We accept and welcome purchase suggestions from the public, which are also subject to the same due diligence procedure; we do not randomly purchase books for the community.

Our membership in GMILCS, Inc., a multi-type library consortium, broadens our collections so that we have many thousands of titles available outside our own small library. Cardholders can request books, audio, movies, and more, quickly and easily through our online catalog. Our courier delivery service makes sure materials owned by other libraries are in your hands within a week, in most cases. We offer three online platforms for digital materials: Libby, shared with most other public libraries in NH; CloudLibrary, a service of the GMILCS, Inc consortium, and hoopla, a service of the GPL where anything you want is always available. In 2023, the community has more books in multiple formats available than at any other time in our history. If you and your family are still struggling to find appropriate materials, please give me a call so we can talk, 603-497-2102.

ASPEN DISCOVERY LAYER

One of the benefits to being part of the GMILCS, Inc consortium is that we can provide enhancements to our online catalog by pooling our finances. In 2023, we added a discovery layer to the online catalog. This layer gathers all formats and editions of titles under one list in the catalog. That means if you want to read *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus and search the catalog, you will see the book, audiobook CD, eAudiobook and eBook options from CloudLibrary and Libby, as well as a large print version in one quick, easy search.

COMPENSATION STUDY

In 2023 the Town engaged in a compensation study for all non-union positions, including those at the GPL. It is important that we can attract and retain quality employees by providing appropriate wages and salaries. We employ twelve staff members: six professional librarians who are full-time employees, and six part-time, paraprofessional staff members. The goal for the 2024 budget is to raise our wages and salaries to the 60th percentile, not the 100th, to better compete for employees. If the budget passes in March, that change will take effect on July 1, 2024.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- Cardholders = 7,934 members. We purge expired cardholders every three years, as recommended, and our next purge will occur in January 2024. We added an average of 45 new cardholders every month this year.
- Visitors = 43,942 in 2023. This is a 16.84% increase over 2022. Door count alone is not an indication of public library success. It must be used in conjunction with our collected statistics to get a true picture of how a library is doing. We collect door count because it is required by state and federal government.
- Computer Network Use = 3,061 hours, a decrease of 296 hours and -8.82%. Wi-Fi usage can no longer be tracked by the town IT Department, accounting for most of the decrease. We have many visitors without home computers, internet access, and some use our Wi-Fi with their own laptops. Our users are checking email, the daily news, job hunting, taking online tests, and completing tasks for their volunteer work.
- Items Circulated = 112,059, an increase of nearly 21% or 2,683 items, a mixture of digital and physical materials.
- Digital Downloads = 23,900 audio, magazine, movie, TV, music, and e-book items borrowed, an increase of 2,539 items or 11.89%. We provide three digital platforms: Libby, CloudLibrary, and hoopla. Our most borrowed format is e-audiobooks, across all three platforms.
- Research Assistance = 7,038 requests for assistance, a 2.12% increase. Our telephone and email inquiries increased by 13.49%.
- Classes, Programs, Events and Attendance = 550 events and classes with a total attendance of 11,979 children, teens, and adults. This is an increase of 196 programs and events, and 3,342 attendees and reflects a return of the public to the GPL for our excellent programming for all ages.
- E-Library Usage = 15,660 sessions/searches were conducted, a decrease of about 9%. This year we added Consumer Reports Online, as requested by the community.
- Our Physical Collection = 35,561 items for all ages; we added 2,445 items and removed 1,922.
- The Digital Collection: many thousands of e-books, magazines, audio, movies, TV shows, music are available over multiple platforms: hoopla, Libby, and CloudLibrary. Digital materials are much more expensive than physical materials due to licensing and restrictions from publishers.

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A RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT

It is a fact that public libraries provide a huge return on the investment made by a community, and that translates into how much the individual cardholder saves by using the GPL. The receipt a cardholder receives with every check out displays the savings. In the same way, I use a value calculator at [What's Your Library Worth? - I Love Libraries \(https://ilovelibraries.org/what-libraries-do/calculator/\)](https://ilovelibraries.org/what-libraries-do/calculator/) to calculate the annual savings based on the usage numbers we gather throughout the year. In 2023, our municipal budget was \$824, 351; this is what your property taxes provided to support the Goffstown Public Library. The return on that investment is calculated to be \$2,414,984, nearly three times the library budget!

CLASSES, PROGRAMS, EVENTS: HIGHLIGHTS

CHILDREN:

- Drop-in Chess
- Graphic Novel Club
- Garden Club
- Little Math Wizards
- Family Game Night
- Family Gingerbread House Decorating, generously funded by our Friends of the Goffstown Public Library
- “The Night Before Christmas” family event, generously funded by the Goffstown Rotary Club
- Build a Leprechaun Trap
- Halloween Minute to Win It challenge.
- Comic Writing workshop
- Homemade Pie Crust workshop
- Annual Skywatch with the NH Astronomical Society
- Tiny Art Show (all ages)
- Flying High Dog show
- Community Ice Cream Social, generously funded by our Friends of the Goffstown Public Library
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover
- Family Book Discussion

TEENS:

- Anime Club
- Life Skills: Teen Cooking Series
- Winter Reading with Beanstack
- Summer Reading Experience: All Together Now
- Teen Writing Workshop: Write a Decide Your Own Adventure book.
- Teen Chess
- Learn Coding with Ned the Robotic Arm
- Teen Advisory Board
- Two Interactive Movie afternoons



One of the popular teen cooking events, part of our 2023 Summer Exerience.

ADULT SERVICES & OUTREACH:

- Amateur Detective Nights
- Crafturday Programs (Crafts on Saturdays!)
- Concert: North River Music
- Book Discussion Groups
- Knit and Crochet Club
- Birding 101, presented by the NH Audubon
- Keeping Chickens 101, presented by Templeton Family Organics
- State of NH's Birds, presented by the NH Audubon
- Spirit Medium: Karen Tatro
- Author Talks, including Annie Harnett and Mike Morin
- Culturally Curious Programs, in collaboration with GMILCS libraries, including Revolutionary Design: Modern Architecture in New England and Seaside Escapes
- NH Humanities Programs, funded by grants from New Hampshire Humanities, including Present Moment, Prolific Moment: Using Mindfulness to Write Poetry with Alexandria Peary, NH Poet Laureate and Banjos, Bones, and Ballads with Jeff Warner
- Programs with Hannaford at Goffstown, including Nutritious Meals on a Budget and One Pot and One Pan Meals
- Community Support Programs, including Staying in Your Home, presented by New Hampshire Legal Assistance; Medicare 101, presented by Hillsborough County ServiceLink; and Thrive as We Age, presented by Granite VNA
- One Goffstown Community Series, including What are Hate Groups and Hate Speech? and What is Implicit Bias?

SEED LIBRARY

We started the Goffstown Seed Library in May 2023 to promote gardening and sustainability in the community. As seed libraries pop up in libraries all over the country, we wanted the Goffstown community to have that same access to seeds. We were able to start it due to the generosity of the Friends of the Goffstown Public Library and the New Hampshire Master Gardeners through UNH Extension, especially our own trustee, Betty Jipson. Since May, visitors have “checked out” 229 packets of seeds, ranging from radish to kale to summer squash. Depending on the seed size, we can make 15-20 seed packets out of a store-bought seed packet. Visitors are excited to see that we have a seed library, and many harvested seeds and donated them back to us. Even though the growing season is short in New Hampshire, seed libraries are a great way to get the community outside and learn something new with no risk or cost involved. Looking forward we are planning gardening programs to support those new to growing their own food. Located on the 3rd floor, the Goffstown Seed Library is available to any visitor of the library, no library card required.



Goffstown Seed Library, located on the 3rd floor of the Goffstown Public Library.

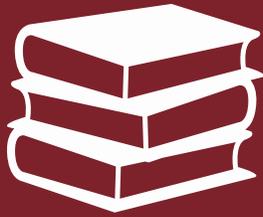
FRIENDS OF THE GPL

Our dedicated Friends of the GPL support and advocate for the mission of the Library and in 2023 held their regular book sales in June and October, where they raised over \$12,000! The Friends fully fund the Museum Pass Program at more \$5,000 and this year added Bedrock Gardens in Lee, NH for the community. The Friends also funded furniture for our teens, Tonieboxes for young people, and so much more. Please volunteer with the Friends by attending meetings and giving of your time at their fundraising events. The current members are all retired, and they need younger folks to help them achieve their mission and goals. Email them at friends@goffstownlibrary.com for more information.

The staff and Library Board of Trustees of the Goffstown Public Library appreciate the outpouring of support from the Goffstown community. It has been an honor to serve the Goffstown community for 25 years as your Library Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianne G. Hathaway, MSLIS
Library Director



Goffstown Public Library

Annual Report 2023



The library was open **2,652** hours in 2023.



7,934 people held a card at our library.



Over **43,942** people walked through our doors.



Public computers were used for **3,061** hours



In-library services included **61** meetings.



Museum Passes were borrowed **994** times.



There were **23,900** downloads of e-content.



Contributing to a total of **112,059** checkouts!

We lent our items outside our library **10,380** times.



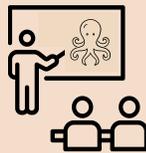
And brought in **17,569** items to fill cardholder requests.



Our service is delivered by **9** dedicated FTE staff.



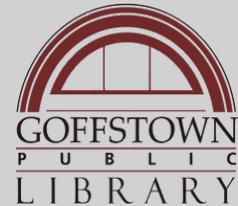
7,038 Reference questions were asked.



550 total programs offered.



11,979 people attended in total!



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Check out our program calendar.

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As Library Director, I gather and report numbers as required by IMLS and NH state law, RSA 202-A:12 (g).

~ Dianne Hathaway, Library Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES



*Seated Left to Right: Kathy Holt; Betty Jipson.
Standing Left to Right: Brian Campbell; Diane Hebert; Kathy Coughlin.
Not pictured: Margaret "Happy" Beal; Terry Curtis; Judy Johnson.*

2023 was a year of regrouping and refocusing for the Goffstown Public Library's Board of Trustees. In light of the very decisive vote against the building expansion warrant article, the Trustees decided to focus our efforts on addressing issues facing our historic building including restoration of the windows as well as the marble tablets and floors in the Memorial Room. We are also searching for solutions for major problems like ADA compliance issues and bathroom capacity.

To help offset the cost of these projects to the taxpayers, the Trustees committed to searching for grant funds. Applying for grants is only half the process; we also need to be in a position to act if an opportunity arises. Recognizing that many grants require matching funds and have a limited window of opportunity to secure funds, we are seeking to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (managed jointly by the Trustees and Select Board) in the amount of \$200,000. This fund will enable us to act quickly to secure grants for which the Library is eligible.

The Trustees also enjoyed attending community events in 2023, handing out cotton candy at a sticky but fun National Night Out in August. October saw our second annual participation in the Pumpkin Regatta. Sadly, our vessel was deemed not water-worthy, but pilot (and Pugsley cosplayer) Brian Campbell had a great time chatting with passersby and offering photo ops. In November, the Trustees and Goffstown Public Library Foundation co-hosted the much-anticipated Once Upon a Pie contest at a new venue, Goffstown High School. With more parking, more seating, and commercial kitchen facilities, GHS was a perfect location for the event.

One of the major highlights of 2023 was the recognition of the Friends of the Goffstown Public Library by the NH Library Trustees Association. In November, the Friends were presented with the Sue Palmatier Award for Outstanding Support by a “Friends of the Library” Group. This well-deserved recognition of all the Friends do to support the Library makes Goffstown one of only two towns in New Hampshire to have been recognized with all three major awards from the NHLTA: Library of the Year (2019), Library Director of the Year (2022), and Sue Palmatier Award for the Friends (2023).

The Trustees look forward to an equally eventful 2024, with more pumpkins and pies (and pumpkin pie) to come. We also hope that 2024 sees us gain the necessary funds to begin work on some of the identified projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Library Board of Trustees,
Goffstown Public Library

GOFFSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES CONTINUED

FINANCIAL REPORT*

JANUARY 1, 2023 – DECEMBER 31, 2023

*This report does not include Library Expenses paid through the Town's General Fund Operating Budget.

Revenues		Expenses	
Fines	\$	69.46	
Interest		3,006.35	Programs & Materials
Fundraising/Grants		1,450.00	\$ 1,583.05
Other Revenue:			Books & Publications
Gifts/Donations		2,086.11	555.10
Miscellaneous**		2,950.49	Misc. Expenses**
			16,550.40
Total Revenues	\$	9,562.41	Total Expenses
			\$ 18,688.55
Net	\$	(9,126.14)	

**Miscellaneous Revenue represents fees collected for library cards and lost books. Miscellaneous Expenses include \$14,873.40 paid to vendors for the capital improvement project from the Library Trustees un-restricted fund balance, as voted at the 2019 and 2020 Town Meetings.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES BALANCE SHEET

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Account		Balance
80 - Library Trustee Fund		
Assets		
10120	Cash-Checking	\$ 1,983.86
10180	Cash-TD Bank	\$ 190,492.44
	Total Assets	\$ 192,476.30
Liabilities		
20100	Accounts Payable	\$ -
24010	Due to General Fund	\$ 16,887.45
Equity		
28160	Fund Balance-Restricted	\$ 4,384.60
28160	Fund Balance-Undesignated	\$ 171,204.25
	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 192,476.30

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE



*Seated Left to Right: Kelly Boyer; Kimberly Peace, Chair; Gail Labrecque.
Standing Left to Right: Jim Raymond; Ellen Vermokowitz; Samantha Kearns; Brad Parkhurst.*

The Capital Improvements Program Committee is an advisory committee appointed by the Planning Board to recommend a program for capital improvements for the Town and School District, as authorized by RSA 674:5-7. The capital improvements projects reviewed by the committee includes equipment and land purchases and building repairs over \$25,000; purchase or lease of wheeled vehicles or motorized equipment with an anticipated life of at least three years; and surveys or studies for capital projects having a cost of at least \$10,000. The Committee meets with town departments and school staff to review their proposed requests for capital projects and then prepares a report to the Planning Board in the form of a matrix that classifies the proposed projects according to their need and urgency, with estimated costs and a recommended schedule for their implementation over six years. The Planning Board reviews the report, makes any changes it considers appropriate, and delivers the plan to the Select Board, School Board, and Budget Committee.

The Committee includes representatives from the Planning Board, the Select Board, the School Board, and the Budget Committee, and members-at-large representing the community. This year, we were fortunate to have an excellent group: Ellen Vermokowitz and Jared Talbot representing the School Board; Kelly Boyer for the Select Board; Samantha Kearns representing the Budget Committee; and Gail Labrecque, Daniel O'Connell, James Raymond and Brad Parkhurst as members at large. The Committee was assisted at its meetings by Derek Horne, Town Administrator, Danielle Basora, Assistant Town Administrator, Jo Ann Duffy, Town Planner and Patty Gale, Planning Assistant.

The Committee met approximately bi-weekly through June and July, starting on June 1, and received presentations from representatives of the Goffstown Library Board of Trustees, the Fire Department; the Police Department, the Town Administration, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Sewer Commission, the Department of Public Works and the School District. The Committee accepted the data presented and compiled it into a matrix of projects and costs across the six-year future planning horizon in order to develop a balance of these projects and costs across those years that would be evenly distributed so as to not result in a heavier tax burden from one year to the next. This work was completed on July 20th and presented to the Planning Board on September 14th. The matrix was approved by the Planning Board at the September 14th meeting. In addition to developing the matrix of projects and costs, the Committee reviewed and recommend revisions to the Planning Board of the CIP Handbook, matrix and forms used by presenters in order to streamline the process. Suggested changes were intended to improve the process in the future and will allow for a simpler way of comparing costs for upcoming projects across the years.

The Capital Improvements Program is intended to assist the Town and School District maintain and improve their capital facilities and is a valuable planning tool. I would like to thank the Committee members for their time and effort, the Town and School department heads and staff for their thoughtful, clear and concise presentations, and the Town staff for their support and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Peace
Committee Chair, 2023

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Goffstown Cemetery Trustees continue to oversee the Town's three cemeteries (Hillside, Shirley Hill and Westlawn) as well as working with the Department of Public Works, and the Cemetery Foreman to continue cemetery maintenance. Fees from lot sales go to the Town, families themselves pay for labor charges for monument foundations made and put in by cemetery personnel, and also for opening of the graves for burials. The off-setting revenue for these costs are returned to the Town's general fund and the Perpetual Care Trust Fund money is held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds for use by the Cemetery Trustees. None of the money goes into the cemetery budget. The cemetery operating budget is raised through taxation.

The Trustees thank DPW for installing the second columbarium at the Westlawn Cemetery Extension this year at the cremation garden. In 2023, the Cemetery Trustees also began pursuing restoration of Historical markers at the various cemeteries. Some of the markers date back to the Revolutionary War. This project is continuing into 2024.

Once again, all rules and regulations were reviewed by the Cemetery Trustees and adjusted and /or adapted as necessary. There is an informational booklet that is placed in the box at Westlawn for visitors and families who came to search for loved ones buried there. Also, an updated informational booklet is kept at Shirley Hill.

Again, the Cemetery Trustees would like to express a special thanks to the Goffstown Garden Club, a local volunteer organization, for making the beautiful Memorial Day arrangements for all those in the three cemeteries who had funds in trusts for such purposes. Their donation of time was greatly appreciated.

Families of loved ones are urged to familiarize themselves with the latest updated version of the cemetery rules and regulations available at the Town Hall and on the Goffstown website. Flags will be provided in time for Memorial Day for those eligible and must be removed by Flag Day or put into a non-breakable container. Rules are adhered to and if anyone would like to discuss them, the Trustees are available by telephone or email. Please contact DPW to initiate inquiries.

The Goffstown Cemetery Trustee thank the public for continued cooperation in understanding that we work for the benefit of all buried within the cemeteries and our goal is to have consistency in rules and dignity for all who pay respect to their loved ones. A special thanks also to the DPW for their continued support in helping us throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Reynolds Naughton, Deborah Nikias and Jean Walker
Goffstown Cemetery Trustees

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Paige Hill Marsh, 2023

In 2023, the Conservation Commission continued its mission to protect and preserve Goffstown's natural resources, including open space areas, surface waters and wetlands. The Commission continues to conduct site walks for proposed developments for the Planning Board and to comment on the suitability of the proposed plans for the land with the respect to all natural resources, with surface waters, wetlands impacts, and potential erosion issues as our main focus.

The Conservation Commission and its Open Space Subcommittee continue work on conserving and protecting important and undeveloped lands. These projects address several goals of the Town's Master Plan and the Goffstown Open Space conservation plan. The Open Space committee introduces conservation options to interested landowners, writes grant proposals to obtain funds for conservation projects and works closely with local land trusts. These land trusts include The Society For The Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) and The Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC).

The Conservation Commission is pleased that acres have been protected and preserved forever. Thanks to the efforts by the Goffstown Select Board and the Town of Goffstown, these lands are protected for future generations.

The Clark Farm located on Rt 13/Pattee Hill, owned by the Clark family and operated as a farm for over 100 years was protected by an easement this past summer. The Clark Farm spans both sides of the General Stark Byway at the most scenic location and provides spectacular views. This project will protect 73 acres, adding to an existing 236 acres of conservation land. The land lies within an area of exceptional habitat and diversity formed by a glacial drumlin field and Prime Wetland.

The Clark Farm project contributes to several major goals of the Goffstown Open Space Conservation Plan. It buffers and protects a large portion of prime wetland. It conserves rich and diverse wildlife habitats. The prime and important farmland soils will be conserved, along with working farmland fields that would otherwise be developed. The expenses for this project were covered by a generous bargain sale by the King Family (Clark Family), DES ARM grant, an LCHIP grant, a Moose Plate grant, a Merrimack Conservation Partners grant, private donations and the Town's Conservation Fund.

Milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant has entered both Glen Lake and Namaske Lake, along with the Mill Pond and the adjoining river with a vengeance. Goffstown community associations have been formed to establish programs to control the spread of the milfoil in our local rivers and lakes. The Conservation Commission is in full support of programs including community education, herbicide treatments, and constant prevention monitoring of the lakes to eliminate new introduction of the milfoil plant. We were pleased that Glen Lake did not need treatments this in 2023 for milfoil.

The Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee are here to assist you. If you have any concerns or interest in land protection or preservation, please contact the Goffstown Town Hall and they will direct you to one of our volunteers, or feel free to contact any member of the Commission directly.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Walker, Chair



Paige Hill Marsh, 2023

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



In 1966, the Town of Goffstown established the Economic Development Council (EDC). The EDC was established for the purpose of: “Providing industrial, commercial, manufacturing and warehouse facilities in developing the growth and prosperity of the Town of Goffstown by encouraging the welfare of local industry and promoting the establishment of new industries.”

By ordinance, the EDC consists of up to nine regular and two alternate members. The nine regular members include:

- Six regular members appointed by the Select Board;
- One Select Board member representative;
- One Planning Board member representative; and
- The Town Administrator, or designee.

The EDC meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Goffstown Town Hall, unless otherwise posted.

The EDC’s goals for Fiscal Year 2023 included the following:

1. To implement the Local Business Engagement and Retention focus group program in Goffstown with with a primary focus on the Pinardville area of town, in conjunction with UNH Cooperative Extension, by developing a leadership and community engagement with business owners in order to explore future support, expansion, and development.
2. Support the efforts and initiatives of the Main Street Program, Southern NH Planning Commission, and the Goffstown Industrial Corporation, and facilitate third party funding.
3. Increase Coordination with other town boards and explore the possibility of more site-ready opportunities for new business.

Members of the Council include: Chet Bowen, Chair; Jon Napoli, Vice-Chair; Charles Birchmeier; Dick Bruno; Melanie Renfrew-Hebert; Chris Barrett; Sarah Smith-Troupakis; Emma Purcell, alternate; Jim Craig, Select Board Representative; and Jo Ann Duffy, Planning and Economic Development Director.

For Fiscal Year 2023, the EDC was involved in the following activities:

1. Continued to provide information and support to business owners an opportunity to engage with the board in the meetings, providing valuable feedback on success and challenges.
2. Development of an independent Social Media Presence and identified platforms for use. Also identified a primary purpose and an approval process. This has developed further with updates to the website.
3. Continued participation in the Bridge Ad-Hoc Committee, identifying Dick Bruno as the EDC representative as meetings begin.
4. Explored the option of a FT EDC Director for the purpose of increased progress between monthly meetings.
5. Held a meeting in Pinardville to invite multiple business owners from the area to discuss best practice, look for opportunities to co-brand/co-host events and increase revenues.

EDC set goals for the following year to include increased coordination with other town board for the purpose of communicating directly with businesses about rate changes and other relevant items. EDC also expects to make progress on site-ready plans to attract new businesses and improve on predictive communication to potential business owners in Goffstown. EDC plans to expand our social media presence. EDC will then analyze the needs and create action plans for new and current businesses. An independent social media presence will modernize communication methods so that the EDC can quickly share relevant information to businesses and get real time feedback.

The above goals have not changed from last fiscal year. However, the EDC has discovered the real need for a FT Economic Development Director for any progress to made moving forward. Our meetings now include a discussion on anything planning or zoning related that may have an impact on current businesses or new businesses. The expectation for 2024 is that we create a proposal and justification for this position that includes an accurate projection of ROI for the Select Board to consider for support.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Bowen, Chairman



HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION & HERITAGE COMMISSION



Left to Right: Marc Collins, Vice Chairman; Phil D'Avanza, Chairman; Mark Lemay, Select Board's Rep.; Lionel Coulon, Corresponding Secretary; Michael Przekaza; and Rodney Stark, alternate member.

The Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission oversees three local historic districts in town (Grasmere, Parker Station, and Carr Court). Town voters have deemed these three areas worthy of special protection, and they are therefore covered by a zoning overlay that requires the Commission to review many types of projects related to the exteriors of these properties. In 2023 there were no applications for a Certificate of Appropriateness in the districts.

The Commission continues to work towards the construction of an addition on the rear of Grasmere Town Hall with an ADA Elevator, providing access to the restored theater for all residents. The Town has set aside almost \$400,000 in the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund for an ADA elevator addition to provide access to the fully restored second floor theater for everyone in the community. The Town and HDC submitted two (2) grants applications in 2023 to bridge the gap between the Grasmere Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund and the estimated construction cost, which is close to \$1 Million. The HDC submitted a Historic Preservation Grant to the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) but was unsuccessful during an extremely competitive round of grant applications. In December the HDC submitted an application for funding from the NH Community Development Finance Authority's (CDFA) Community Center Investment Program. The HDC hopes to hear back on the application during the first quarter of 2024.

The Town established the Commission's Heritage Fund in 1994 in accordance with NH RSA 647:44-d. The Commission raises funds through the sale of historical house plaques for Goffstown's many historical homes, as well as a reproduction of a 1772 map of the Town, our popular Goffstown t-shirts, as well as hats, and paperweights with the town seal - made in honor of the Town's 250th anniversary. These items can be purchased at Goffstown Town Hall during normal business hours. The Town's Heritage Fund is also available for those who would like to make a monetary contribution towards preserving historic town-owned structures. The Heritage Fund is dedicated to public purposes and donations to the fund are therefore tax deductible under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Arrangements for donations may be made by contacting the Administration Office at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip D'Avanza, Chairman



*Grasmere Town Hall
November 2023
Photo Courtesy of Michael Labrie*

PLANNING BOARD



*Seated Left to Right: Kimberly Peace, Vice-Chair; Tim Redmond, Chair; Barbara Griffin.
Standing Left to Right: David Pierce, Alternate; Colleen Mailloux;
Collis Adams, Select Board Rep.; Phil D'Avanza.
Not pictured: Brian Mazur; Gail Labrecque, Alternate.*

The Planning Board has continued to accept and review applications that reflect the strong economy that continues now that the COVID Pandemic has retreated in our State.

Applications for 2023 included site plans, new subdivision requests, conceptual plans, conditional use requests, and other matters that came before the Board. Examples of newly approved commercial applications are a stone masonry and landscaping company in the Grasmere section of town and a new trailer dealership that is relocating onto Route 114 near the new car wash site. An application for 38 new residential condominiums was approved and will be located two lots south of the Shell Station on Route 114. Phase II of the residential 55+ condominiums across from Goffstown Junior Baseball fields has been completed. Eversource Energy has made multiple applications for transmission line pole replacements to continue with their system reliability upgrades all over town. The Board has granted their requests. Lastly, St. Anselm College applied for and received site plan approval to demolish and replace one of their buildings on campus to house their nursing degree program.

The Planning Board oversees and approves a subcommittee called the Capital Improvement Committee which is made up of a Planning Board member, representatives of Town Departments and Committees and Community at Large members who plan a town wide multi-year spending matrix that will try to spread town expenditure requests evenly over that timeframe to prevent

large spikes in the tax rate. This Committee is a planning tool that sends its recommendation to the Planning Board for discussion and a Public Hearing for approval. It is then sent to the Select Board and Budget Committee for their input and changes if deemed necessary to be placed on the Town Warrant for voters to decide. Thanks to Kimberly Peace for chairing this committee for a 6 to 8 meeting schedule over the summer.

The Planning Board would like to thank all of its elected members, appointed alternate members and recording secretary, in addition to The Town Staff who prepare for our meetings and assist the applicants with their applications. The present makeup of the Board has many different talented members who have experience and expertise in a diverse range of fields that provide consideration for all projects that come before the board. As always, the Planning Department Staff, Public Works Staff and other Town Hall employees are available for assistance to answer questions for town citizens and applicants.

Planning Board meetings are open to the Public and are visible on Goffstown TV on our regularly scheduled second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM. Attendance and public comment at the meetings is encouraged and welcomed. As a Board, we look forward to continuing our work for the community's present and future needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Redmond, Chair

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

REVIEW OF RECENT PLANNING SERVICES

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has provided the Town of Goffstown with a wide range of services and resources to help the town address its planning and transportation needs.

The SNHPC appreciates partnering on various projects with town staff including the planning, public works, economic development, public TV, and administrative departments. The SNHPC also thanks the volunteers on the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, and Conservation Commission. Finally, SNHPC staff appreciate the dedication of the Town of Goffstown's Commissioners including Barbara Griffin, Jacob LaFontaine (Executive Committee Representative), Colleen Mailloux, and Jo Ann Duffy (Alt).

Despite nationwide inflation and cost increases across the vast spectrum of goods and services, the SNHPC has kept its municipal membership dues rate flat at \$0.676 per capita for the past four years by leveraging federal and other funding sources to benefit our member communities.

Highlights of the SNHPC's recent services to the Town of Goffstown included:

- Conducting an inventory of Goffstown's pedestrian infrastructure using the Statewide Asset Data Exchange System (SADES) protocol for condition, ease of use, and pedestrian safety.
- Conducting 24 traffic counts on Goffstown's roads and a pedestrian/bicyclist count on the Goffstown Rail Trail.
- Working with Town Staff, Goffstown TV, and Manchester Transit Authority to create a three-part video series promoting the free Goffstown Shuttle. Assisted Goffstown residents with finding transportation services to meet their needs, including outreach at the Goffstown Public Library.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitating freight stakeholder meeting, coordinating truck route congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors.
- Updating the SNHPC Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.
- Providing mobility management services to connect Town residents to free and affordable transportation options, with a particular focus on supporting members of traditionally underserved communities such as older adults, low-income residents, people with disabilities, and people of color.

- Launching implementation of a \$500K U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment grant, which will assess sites to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Completing a comprehensive update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to analyze historical trends, project future needs, and identify strategies to meet the region's housing needs.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.
- Working with Town staff and stakeholders to complete a grant-funded "Pathways to Play" project to enhance recreation access in SNHPC communities, fielding a regional survey to assess recreation needs and opportunities, and developing an interactive map of recreation facilities.
- Working with municipal staff to solicit regionally significant economic development projects to be included in the Central-Southern Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Town of Goffstown Representatives to the Commission
Barbara Griffin; Colleen Mailloux; Jo Ann Duffy, Alternate
Executive Committee Representative: Jacob LaFontaine



SNHPC

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST



Left to Right: Marie Morgan; Denise Lemay, Chair; Robyn Perry.

The primary duties of the Supervisors of the Checklist (SoC) are to determine if an applicant is legally qualified to vote in Goffstown and to continually update the town's Voter Checklist. This includes:

- Adding newly registered voters;
- Updating the names and addresses of current registered voters;
- Changing voters' party affiliation as the law permits;
- Removing the names of voters who are deceased or no longer eligible to vote in town; and
- Updating the state's electronic voter database.

Additionally, the SoC participates at all elections and at town and school deliberative meetings to ensure the people who ask for a ballot or vote at these local meetings are registered voters in town. The SoC also verifies that the names on all petitions submitted for town and school elections are Goffstown registered voters.

In 2023 the SoC stayed very busy using reports from the NH Secretary of State, the US Postal Service and the town's Tax Assessor's Office to determine which voters had moved from Goffstown and were no longer eligible to vote in Goffstown. In November 2022 the number of registered Goffstown voters was 11,583. In November 2023 this number dropped to 10,595.

Additionally, the SoC prepared training materials for the many volunteer workers who assist at elections. This work will continue again in 2024 to assist future Supervisors in their work, as well as the volunteer workers who we so very much appreciate.

2024 is shaping up to be a very busy year with the Presidential Primary, the town and school deliberative sessions, the town election, the September Primary, and the General Election in November. Hope to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Supervisors of the Checklist

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



*Seated L-R: Gail Labrecque, Chair; Leonard Stuart, Vice-Chair.
Standing L-R: Judy Allain; Alan Yeaton, Jason Cote.
Not pictured: Denise Langley.*

The New Hampshire legislature provides that planning, zoning, and related regulations should be the responsibility of local government. All of these tools are used by the Town to meet the demands of an evolving and growing community. Included were provisions to establish the ZBA to act as a tool, ensuring that the Zoning Ordinance is applied equitably to all property.

The Zoning Ordinance was established and adopted by Goffstown at the Town Meeting of March 14, 1961, which also included the provisions for establishing a Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA). In its capacity, the ZBA hears requests for Variances, Special Exceptions, Re-hearings, and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements. The Board also hears and decides Appeals if it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance.

Variance requests are judged by standards established by the State of New Hampshire. Special Exceptions are evaluated against criteria established in the adopted Zoning Ordinance. The rehearing process is designed to afford Zoning Boards of Adjustment the opportunity to correct its own mistakes before appeals are filed with the courts. Re-hearings are considered if the petitioner persuades the Board that the Board made a mistake or if new evidence is presented by the petitioner that was not available at the time of the initial hearing. Equitable Waivers are considered for violation(s) of physical layouts or dimensional requirements imposed by the zoning ordinance when it has been determined that a good faith error in siting of a building or other

dimensional layout has occurred. Equitable Waivers differ from Variances as there are certain thresholds under state law that must be met before this option may be considered. Appeals of Administrative Decisions are allowed to be reviewed and adjudicated by the ZBA.

The ZBA acts in a “quasi-judicial” capacity, affording specific flexibility from the provisions of our adopted zoning ordinance. Its work is, in most instances, as final as a court opinion. If the rehearing process is exhausted, Appeals of the ZBA decisions can then be filed directly with the Hillsborough County Superior Court. The ZBA is in the position of applying our Zoning Ordinance as applicable State law allows, while balancing the needs of our community with the rights of landowners.

I am thankful for staff who helped facilitate all our meetings, for GTV’s recording of them, as well as for the Board members. All are important and are very much appreciated.

This past year the ZBA the heard:

Variance Requests:	23	Request for Extensions of Time:	0
Special Exceptions:	7	Equitable Waivers:	0
Rehearing Requests:	1	Appeals of Decisions:	0
Withdrawal Requests:	2	License & Certificate of Approval:	0

The ZBA meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. The Board welcomes participation by Applicants, Public Citizenry, and all members of our community affected by proposed applications. I also wish to thank elected and alternate members for their contributions to our community through their participation on our ZBA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenoard Stuart, Chair

SEWER COMMISSION REPORT



Seated L-R: Commissioners David Pierce; Tim Redmond, Chair; and Daniel Taylor.

Department Staff:	Secretary:	Lynne Poole, Tel: 603-497-8990 ext. 116
	Sewer Foreman:	Corey Wike, Tel: 603-497-3617 ext. 230
	Asst. Foreman:	Keith Cantin

The Goffstown sewer infrastructure serves 124 commercial customers and 2090 residential customers. The infrastructure consists of 27.8 miles of gravity-flow pipelines, 4 pump stations pushing flow through another 1.1 miles of pipelines, and 740 service basins. The Goffstown sewer system is not meant to accept stormwater, which is the reason customers are not allowed to have downspouts or sump pumps discharge flow into the sewer line on their property. The sewerage flows into the Manchester sewer system at three locations. Through a 20-year agreement, the Manchester Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility treats the Goffstown sewerage and bills the town monthly. The cost of treatment is roughly 75% of the total expense of the entire Goffstown operation. Goffstown is also responsible for 4.11% of any capital improvement necessary for the treatment plant to remain in compliance with state and federal regulations.

The sewer operations for Goffstown are managed by 3 elected commissioners (who meet monthly, usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month), with all operations performed by three full-time employees: two technicians (whose offices are at 27 East Union Street) and one secretary (whose office is at the Town Hall). The Commission contracts for professional engineering assistance related to our annual maintenance program to replace aging pipelines and facilities.

The operations of the sewer department is a governmental “enterprise fund,” and does not rely on the broad-based nature of property taxes. The annual Use Fee collected from sewer customers is meant to fully sustain the annual operational needs of the department, including

wages and benefits of the administrative and technical staff. The accessibility fee collected from new sewer customers or from existing property owners who add features to an existing building which results in an increased flow. The latter might be adding bedrooms to a home, increasing the floor space for a commercial building, or increasing the seating capacity of an office building or dining facility. The accessibility fee supports capital improvement projects for both the town's infrastructure and the Manchester regional treatment facility.

With the Use Fee having been stagnant at \$400 per year per Treatment Unit (for example a 3 BR home is 1 TU) for nearly two decades it has become apparent that the Use Fee is not fully covering our increasingly more expensive cost of operations resulting in an undesirable drawdown of reserve funds. Therefore, effective with the 2024 billing cycles, the Use Fee has been increased from \$400/TU to \$450/TU. This increase is potentially the first of a multi-year approach to ensure an adequate level of reserve funds is available for use during unexpected situations. If the Use Fee needs to be further increased, all customers will be alerted to the increase by mail at the start of each year.

Sewer Commission 2023 Budget and Proposed 2024 Budget

	2023 Revised Budget	2023 Actual Unaudited	Encumbered 2023 to 2024	2024 Proposed Budget
EXPENDITURES				
Administration	\$ 207,288	\$ 186,802	\$ 7,704	\$ 244,247
Debt Service	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0
Operations	\$ 1,439,212	\$ 724,650	\$ 353,096	\$ 1,735,228
Pump Stations	\$ 426,035	\$ 213,854	\$ 56,387	\$ 96,252
Cap. Reserve Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0
Totals =	\$ 2,072,535	\$ 1,125,306	\$ 417,187	\$ 2,075,727
REVENUE				
Administration	\$ 16,500	\$ 15,394		\$ 16,000
Use of Retained Earnings	\$ 191,217	\$ 0		\$ 0
Use Fees	\$ 1,424,800	\$ 1,455,840		\$ 1,522,770
Accessibility Fees	\$ 75,000	\$ 111,334		\$ 511,457
Miscellaneous	\$ 25,000	\$ 103,699		\$ 25,000
Totals =	\$ 1,732,517	\$ 1,686,267		\$ 2,075,227

Notes: Projects under contract with ongoing construction in 2023 were automatically encumbered via POs.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Redmond
Commissioner & Chair
Term: 2023-2026

David Pierce
Commissioner
Term: 2022-2023

Daniel Taylor
Commissioner
Term: 2021-2024



GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT

The Goffstown Village Precinct supplies domestic water and fire protection to the village of Goffstown. The water is tested for safe use according to standards set by the State of New Hampshire.

This year we replaced the water main on East Union Street along with domestic service shut-offs and hydrants. We have completed about 90% of the new radio read water meters in homes and businesses.

With a grant from the State of New Hampshire we completed an assessment of our well water supply and upgrades to treatment. The Precinct has completed all engineering and permitting for the repairs to the upper reservoir dam. The bidding process has begun and is due to the Precinct by January 31, 2024. We anticipate the work will begin this summer.

A thank you goes out to our employees and commissioners for all that they do.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Fletcher, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 18, 2024

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Precinct qualified to vote on Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Village Precinct office in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 in the evening to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE I

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

ARTICLE II

To elect one member to the Board of Commissioners for a term of five (5) years.

To elect one member to the Board of Commissioners for a term of two (2) years.

ARTICLE III

To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the 2024 Budget as proposed by the Board of Commissioners and approved by the Budget Committee to appropriate the sum of Two Million, Four Hundred Seventy-One and Four Hundred and Three Dollars (\$2,471,403.00) for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE IV

To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$968,000.00 for the Design and land Purchase of a planned Water Treatment Facility. This project would be funded by a \$968,000 loan from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund-Emerging Contaminants Program (administered by The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services). Once this phase of design and land purchase has been completed the NH DES will forgive the entire principal amount (\$968,000) of the loan. Additional funding would be needed for the construction of the Water Treatment Facility.

ARTICLE V

To hear the report of the various officers of the Precinct and to pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 9th day of January, 2024.

Richard Fletcher, 2024

Thomas Neforas, 2024

Mark Renaud, 2025

Stephen Crean, 2027

Brian Untiet, 2028

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT 2023 EXPENSE BUDGET

		Budget 2023	YTD as of 12/2023	Proposed Budget 2024
4130	Executive	\$ 200,621.00	\$ 195,711.98	\$ 217,600.00
	Salaries	200,621.00	195,711.98	217,600.00
4150	Financial Adm	18,390.00	17,877.87	18,490.00
	Audit	13,000.00	14,000.00	13,000.00
	Business supplies	2,400.00	2,280.39	2,400.00
	Office equipment	2,500.00	1,221.98	2,500.00
	Personnel supplies	400.00	288.00	500.00
	Safety Deposit box	90.00	87.50	90.00
4150	Personnel Adm	104,103.00	117,244.57	144,098.00
	FICA	14,985.00	14,971.33	16,646.00
	Health Insurance	65,688.00	78,828.18	102,027.00
	WC Insurance	2,508.00	2,508.00	2,350.00
	Retirement Fund	20,422.00	20,437.06	22,575.00
	Unemployment Insur.	500.00	500.00	500.00
4194	Building maintainance	3,000.00	8,009.60	6,000.00
	Office	1,000.00	204.93	2,000.00
	Filtration Plant	1,000.00	7,734.66	2,000.00
	Wells and Tanks	1,000.00	70.01	2,000.00
4196	General insurance	9,416.00	9,416.00	11,056.00
	Libility/Property/Auto	9,216.00	9,216.00	10,856.00
	Bond	200.00	200.00	200.00
4153	Legal	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
4197	Advertising/assoc.	6,500.00	7,077.00	9,200.00
	Advertising/assoc.	500.00	300.00	1,000.00
	Assn dues	600.00	881.00	1,000.00
	License fees	4,700.00	5,480.00	6,500.00
	Meeting expense	700.00	416.00	700.00
4199	Other General Govt	78,986.00	77,990.12	35,500.00
	Vehicle expense	7,000.00	5,913.12	7,000.00
	Office elec/heat	6,000.00	4,399.94	6,000.00
	Telephone/internet	5,500.00	7,358.73	6,000.00
	Postage	4,500.00	5,582.15	5,000.00
	Comp/software support	5,986.00	4,736.18	6,000.00
	Forestry	-	-	-
	Engineering	50,000.00	50,000.00	5,500.00

2023 EXPENSE BUDGET CONTINUED

		Budget 2023	YTD as of 12/2023	Proposed Budget 2024
4332	Water Services	\$ 24,700.00	\$ 30,032.33	\$ 44,200.00
	Contract labor	5,000.00	3,300.00	6,000.00
	Hydrant Repairs	6,000.00	17,961.96	10,000.00
	Dam Repairs	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
	Service Repairs	5,000.00	7,534.99	5,000.00
	Main Repairs	3,000.00	-	10,000.00
	Meter Repairs	200.00	207.12	200.00
	Pump Repairs	1,500.00	-	5,000.00
	Equipment Repairs	1,000.00	1,028.26	5,000.00
	Road Repairs	500.00	-	500.00
	New Services	1,200.00	-	1,200.00
	Thawing	300.00	-	300.00
4335	Water Treatment	110,500.00	112,402.22	118,934.00
	Chemicals	20,000.00	19,321.26	20,000.00
	Electric	58,000.00	55,375.34	66,000.00
	Heat	6,000.00	4,160.95	6,000.00
	Glenview exp	4,000.00	5,154.84	4,000.00
	Supplies	2,500.00	4,556.06	2,934.00
	Water tests	8,000.00	4,220.00	8,000.00
	Mtn Laurel water	12,000.00	19,613.77	12,000.00
4326	Sewage Mtn Laurel	24,000.00	16,786.84	24,000.00
	Septic Field Replacement	-	-	45,000.00
4711	Debt Service	-	-	-
4901	Capital Outlay/Improv	1,527,500.00	233,609.80	1,462,814.00
	Contingency fund	10,000.00	-	10,000.00
	Capital replacement	25,000.00	-	25,000.00
	Dam Rehab	1,292,500.00	137,818.04	1,181,314.00
	Main/sytem upgrades	200,000.00	95,791.76	246,500.00
4902	Mach/Equipment	132,211.00	170,584.93	18,000.00
	House Meters	66,000.00	107,695.45	6,000.00
	New Equipment	11,211.00	5,421.48	12,000.00
	New Vehicle	55,000.00	57,468.00	-
4915	Operating tranfers out	178,600.00	115,296.52	315,011.00
	Septic	5,600.00	5,600.00	5,600.00
	Vehicle	-	-	-
	Water Enterprise Fund	173,000.00	109,696.52	309,411.00
	TOTALS	\$ 2,420,027.00	\$ 1,112,039.78	\$ 2,471,403.00

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE PRECINCT 2023 INCOME BUDGET

		YTD	Estimated
	Budget 2023	as of 12/2023	Budget 2023
3402	Water Charge	\$ 839,838.00	\$ 761,823.96
	Metered Water	480,665.00	480,665.00
	Flat Rate	272,273.00	272,273.00
	Hydrants	86,900.00	90,750.00
3409	Other	1,756,189.00	345,463.20
	Booster Station	4,776.00	5,495.88
	Thawing	350.00	-
	Forestry	-	-
	Hydrant Repair	2,900.00	657.60
	New Services	282,500.00	47,500.00
	On/Off	300.00	290.00
	Service Repair	2,500.00	515.00
	Meter Repair	150.00	675.00
	Backflow Tests	3,000.00	2,098.00
	Mtn Laurel Water	32,423.00	30,876.31
	Mtn Laurel Septic	27,600.00	27,489.49
	Pool Fill	500.00	1,200.00
	New Main	51,690.00	51,690.00
	Miscellaneous	4,000.00	3,977.88
	HHPD Dam Grant	292,500.00	140,889.57
	ARPA Dam Grant	1,000,000.00	-
	Infrastructure Asses. Grant	50,000.00	32,108.47
3502	Savings Interest	1,000.00	4,752.62
3351	Shared Revenue	-	-
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 2,597,027.00	\$ 1,112,039.78
3913	Sav. Transfer General	-	-
	Sav. Transfer Septic	-	45,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 2,597,027.00	\$ 1,112,039.78
			\$ 2,471,403.00

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

We replaced most of our older meters with new Kamstrup meters and when an older meter that still exists needs replacement, it will be replaced by a Kamstrup, a meter replacement program we started in 2021. We completed our Asset Management Program with the State of NH in August of 2023. We are currently working with the State of NH on our Strategic Management Grant and looking into the feasibility of turning our precinct into a closed loop system. Wiring has been completed at the Juniper Ridge Pump House.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Daniels, Clerk

WARRANT FOR THE 74TH ANNUAL MEETING

To the members of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct in the Town of Goffstown, in the county of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire, you are hereby notified to meet in the Grasmere Town Hall in the Village of Grasmere at Seven (7) o'clock on the evening of March 19, 2024 to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE #1 To choose a Commissioner for the years 2024 - 2027.

ARTICLE #2 To choose a Moderator for the year 2024 - 2025.

ARTICLE #3 To choose a Clerk for the year 2024 - 2025.

ARTICLE #4 To choose a Treasurer for the year 2024 - 2025.

ARTICLE #5 To see if the Village Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Two-Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$288,253) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE #6 To hear the reports of the Treasurer and Clerk for the year 2023.

ARTICLE #7 To act upon any unfinished business from the previous meeting.

ARTICLE #8 To discuss and act upon any unfinished business which may rightfully come before said meeting.

This is the Precinct's annual meeting and it is hoped that all members of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct will attend and support the Precinct.

Given this February 2, 2024 under our hands:

John Foss, Commissioner

Raymond St.Pierre, Commissioner

Earl S. Wajenberg, Commissioner

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

2023 BUDGET

EXPENSES

	2023 Budget	2023 Expenses	2024 Budget (Proposed)
EXECUTIVE	\$ 80,220.00	\$ 79,266.00	\$ 83,352.00
SALARIES	79,220.00	79,266.00	82,352.00
MILEAGE	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
FIN. ADMIN	8,900.00	9,743.00	10,600.00
AUDIT	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,600.00	4,834.00	5,200.00
POSTAGE	1,200.00	809.00	1,300.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	7,500.00	-	1,000.00
	7,500.00	-	1,000.00
INSURANCE	2,000.00	1,888.00	2,500.00
LIABILITY/PROPERTY/WC	2,000.00	1,888.00	2,500.00
LEGAL/LICENSES	500.00	-	450.00
ADV./REG. ASSOC	700.00	-	600.00
TRAINING	500.00	-	500.00
ASSOC. FEE	200.00	-	100.00
OTHER GEN/GOV	10,700.00	8,525.00	10,700.00
COMMUNICIATION	5,200.00	4,742.00	5,200.00
ELECTRIC	5,500.00	3,783.00	5,500.00
WATER SERVICES	289,697.00	231,431.00	179,001.00
MANCHESTER WW	140,000.00	110,674.00	150,000.00
SERVICE REPAIRS	40,697.00	28,085.00	5,000.00
CONTRACT LABOR	20,000.00	15,466.00	10,000.00
HYDRANT REPAIRS	1,000.00	756.00	1,000.00
NEW SERVICES	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
WATER TESTS	2,000.00	1,040.00	2,000.00
MAINT. SUPPLIES	2,000.00	71.00	2,000.00
HYDRANT REPL	6,000.00	3,777.00	6,000.00
ENGINEERING/ASSET MANAGEMENT	75,000.00	71,562.00	1.00
WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 400,217.00	\$ 330,853.00	\$ 288,253.00

**GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT
2023 BUDGET
REVENUES**

	2023 Budget	2023 Revenue	2024 Budget <i>(Proposed)</i>
WATER CHARGE	\$ 319,717.02	\$ 340,984.02	\$ 282,252.00
WATER	293,317.02	314,434.02	253,452.00
FIRE PROTECTION	-	-	-
HYDRANT RENTAL	26,400.00	26,550.00	28,800.00
MISC	-	-	-
OTHER	5,500.00	4,190.91	6,000.00
HYDRANT REPAIR	-	-	-
SERVICE REPAIR	-	-	-
ON/OFF	-	-	-
NEW SERVICE	4,000.00	100.00	4,000.00
METER REPAIR	-	-	-
SERVICE CONTRACT	-	1,200.00	-
BACK FLOW TESTING	1,500.00	2,175.00	1,500.00
LGC REFUND	-	-	-
MISC.	-	715.91	500.00
DES GRANT			
	75,000.00	66,833.42	1.00
TRANSFER FROM			
FUND BALANCE	-	-	-
BOND	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 400,217.02	\$ 412,008.35	\$ 288,253.00

TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN
OFFICIAL BALLOT
MARCH 12, 2024

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SELECT BOARD

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Two*
Mark T. Lemay
Jim Craig
Write-In _____

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Four*
Adam Barriere
Israel "Izzy" Carey
Elizabeth Dubrulle
Peter Grigorakakis
Dan O'Connell
Melanie Renfrew-Hebert
Craig Stansfield
Alan Yeaton
Joe Alexander
Write-In _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*
Tim McKinnon
Bill Kordas
Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Two*
Joe Alexander
Brian Campbell
Elizabeth Jipson
Write-In _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 2 Year *Vote for not more than Two*
Theresa Pare Curtis
Judy Johnson
Lisa Mazur
Write-In _____

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Two*
Tim Redmond
Richard "Bear" Freeman

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*
Daniel Taylor
Write-In _____

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST

For 6 Years *Vote for not more than One*
Marie B. Morgan
Janice E. Little
Write-In _____

TOWN MODERATOR

For 2 Years *Vote for not more than One*
Rodney "Rod" Stark
Write-In _____

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*
Melanie Renfrew-Hebert
Write-In _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*
Jason Cote
Write-In _____

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL BALLOT MARCH 12, 2024

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SCHOOL BOARD

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than Three*

- Ellen Vermokowitz
- John "Jack" Carbonneau
- Lauren Doukas
- Lindsay Lombo
- Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon
- Donna Pinard
- Jared Talbot
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____
- Write-In _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*

- James Raymond
- Write-In _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*

- Jo Ann Duffy
- Write-In _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For 3 Years *Vote for not more than One*

- Lissa Winrow
- Write-In _____

Article 2 OPERATING BUDGET

Shall the Goffstown School District 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 Fifty-Five Million, Seven Hundred Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$55,709,910)?

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fifty-Five Million, Four Hundred One Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$55,401,923), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District 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. *(Majority vote required.)*

*The School Board Voted 8-0-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee Voted 11-2-0 To Recommend*

Article 3
FACILITIES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND DEPOSIT

Shall the Goffstown School District vote to raise and appropriate up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for deposit into the existing Facilities Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2019)? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No new amount to be raised from taxation. *(Majority vote required.)*

The School Board Voted 7-1-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee Voted 8-5-0 To Recommend

Article 4
PETITION ARTICLE - EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) for the purpose of purchasing supplemental door locks or door barricade devices to be installed in Goffstown Schools to improve safety and security in the event of an active shooter event. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. *(Majority vote required.)*

The School Board Voted 9-0-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee Voted 10-3-0 To Recommend

Article 5
PETITION ARTICLE - TAX CAP ON OPERATING BUDGET

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 (b)(c), and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body and 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 30%? *(3/5 Majority vote required.)*

The School Board Voted 9-0-0 To Not Recommend

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SCHOOL BOARD REPORT



First Row (Left to Right): Caroline Racine (Vice-Chair); Lil Hazelbaker (student representative); Christine Bean (Teacher Representative); Ginny McKinnon
Second Row (Left to Right): Nicole Bump; Heather Trzecz (Chair)
Third Row: Dan Cloutier; Shane Rozamus; Ellen Vermokowitz, Jared Talbot
Not Pictured: Reta Chaffee

The objective of the Goffstown School Board for the 2022-2023 School Year was to continue to return our student learning and curriculums to pre-pandemic standards. COVID-19 had not left us completely but was less intrusive than in previous years. SAU 19 continued to refine and adjust to our “new normal”. Remote learning was relegated to specific occurrences (snow days and election days) and the District continued to emphasis student academic remediation and the social, emotional needs of students.

Projects that were completed at our schools included sealcoating and striping of the parking lots and access roads on our properties. A new traffic pattern was established and approved by the Goffstown Select Board for Maple Avenue Elementary School. A project was also initiated to improve the bus turnaround at Mountain View Middle School. A new LED message board was installed at Goffstown High School. The Board was very excited to start work on the renovation of the Goffstown High School Theater. This year also saw the commencement of construction for the Grizzly’s new turf field. Many thanks to the donors and volunteers that have made this possible.

The contract between the Goffstown School Board and Goffstown Education Support Staff was renewed this year. Thank you to all of those who voted and supported this effort.

Several initiatives were made to our curriculum and programs. A new mentor program was established in our schools for first year teachers. This program helps new teachers prepare for their second year, be more effective with students, and increases teacher retention. ESSER III funds were committed to purchasing a new math curriculum replacing the existing Everyday Math Program. This change will better support our elementary and upper grades. The Board has switched to a new platform for parents, called Schoology. Once logged in to the system, parents have full access to their child's curriculum, see what work was done in class on any given day, and email with the teacher. Schoology also has a tutor program attached for grades 6-12 that is offered free of charge to our students.

Space needs within our elementary schools continues to be a significant issue. Goffstown is experiencing new residential housing growth that will impact our school enrollments. Enrollment is approaching maximum capacity at Maple Avenue Elementary. A new 30-unit condominium is proposed on Mast Road, with other development projects pending approval. Due to staffing, space needs, and the cost associated with expanding Glen Lake School, we are unable to provide full day kindergarten in Goffstown.

The Goffstown School Board held their annual retreat in June 2023 at Saint Anselm College. This year the Board approved a new mission statement. Terry Fisher completed his three-year term on the board, and we welcomed Nicole Bump as a newly elected member.

I would like to thank my fellow school board members, administrators, faculty, staff, support staff and bus drivers for their tireless efforts and devotion to education and our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Trzepacz, Chair
Goffstown School Board, SAU 19

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Brian Balke, Superintendent

I am honored to present this 2022-2023 Superintendent of Schools report on behalf of School Administrative Unit #19 (SAU19).

The start of the 2022-2023 school year brought a school year without the focus being on the pandemic. The theme of the school year across the schools in SAU19 was “back to basics” for the 2022-2023 school year. This theme signified moving on from the pandemic and focusing on the mission of SAU19, “Advancing student learning”. Educators and parents knew students needed to return to a normal school year focused on academic and social growth. Many students struggled during the pandemic; this school year focused on continued academic growth and supporting the social-emotional needs of students.

SAU19 implemented a comprehensive learning management system called Schoology. The Schoology platform integrates and aligns with our student information system, PowerSchool. The Schoology platform allows for a consistent, SAU-wide learning management system to support teaching and learning across all grade levels. Schoology allows parents and guardians increased access to classroom content and allows greater parent engagement to support teaching and learning. The 2022-2023 school year was our first year of Schoology implementation. The use and functionality of the Schoology platform will continue to increase as all users become more acclimated to the platform.

From a teaching and learning perspective, one content area where educators recognized a need for new programming and curriculum offerings after the pandemic is mathematics in grades K-6. Student achievement data supported the need for a new math program. During the 2022-2023 school year, a team of educators evaluated and piloted researched-based programs to replace the previous Everyday Math program that had been used for many years. The decision was made to proceed with the Math and You program. Educators are optimistic that this new program will improve mathematics achievement for our students. Federal Covid grant funds were used to pay for this new program.

The 2022-2023 school year saw significant improvements to our facilities at Goffstown High School. Two major facilities projects were done during the 2022-2023 school year. Specifically, the Craig Hieber Auditorium was renovated and the main game field at GHS was replaced with an artificial surface. The theater project included new seating, flooring, lighting, and other improvements. The theatre project was funded using the school district’s Capital Reserve Fund. The funding of the turf field project was very untraditional for SAU19. Specifically, the turf field project was funded using several different revenue sources including an incredibly significant private donation from an anonymous donor. In addition to this generous donation, the district used Impact Fees and Grant money to complete the turf field, lights, and a new press box. The district also benefitted from very generous donations from contractors who supported the press box project. This new field can be used under any conditions, day or night and there will be no wear and tear on the field as our previous grass field endured.

As you will see from the individual school reports by our principals, there continues to be many, wonderful programs at our schools to support student learning and growth. Schools in Goffstown and New Boston continue to be student-centered and focused on our collective mission of advancing student learning. The 2022-2023 school year was a productive year across all our schools where our students thrived academically and socially.

During the 2022-2023 school year, all SAU19 schools continued to have per-pupil costs well below the state average while student assessment results exceed the state averages. We are proud to offer a superior education at a reasonable and responsible cost to taxpayers. The educational return on investment remains high for both communities. Great schools increase the property value of homes. Both Goffstown and New Boston have continually active, competitive real-estate markets; great schools contribute to this immensely.

I remain grateful to our dedicated professional staff, support staff, and administrators as they work tirelessly to make our schools wonderful places to learn and grow. We are grateful to give our time, our talents, and our passion to the youth of Goffstown and New Boston. I also offer my heart-felt gratitude to our school boards and budget/finance committee members who graciously give their time to the community. Lastly, I would like to thank the wonderful kids who walk through our doors every day – I am so proud of our students; we are lucky to have such great kids in our schools. Schools in Goffstown and New Boston are strong, student-centered, and focused on advancing student learning. We believe that our schools are the heartbeat of our communities; our schools are a significant draw for new people moving into our towns and absolutely promote property value and desirability. SAU19 schools with low per-pupil costs and high achievement are a good value to the taxpayers of Goffstown and New Boston.

It remains my greatest honor to serve the communities of Goffstown and New Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Balke
Superintendent of Schools

**GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
DELIBERATIVE SESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator James Raymond called the annual meeting to order at 7:06. The Moderator led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were ninety-six voters in attendance.

Mr. Raymond announced that the GHS Musical, *Seussical*, opens on February 17 and runs on 18, 24, and 25.

The Moderator then began to introduce the participants seated at the head table. Denise Moran, Executive Secretary; School Board, Chair Heather Trzepacz; School Board Vice-Chair, Reta Chaffee; members Dan Cloutier, Ginny McKinnon; Caroline Racine; Shane Rozamus; Jared Talbot; and Ellen Vermokowitz. SAU Administrators, Superintendent, Brian Balke; Assistant Superintendent Wendy Kohler; Business Administrator, Scott Gross; Assistant Business Administrator, Laura Taylor; Human Resources Director, Kate Magrath; Special Education Director, Jennifer Dolloff; Technology Director, Stephen Bourget; SAU #19 Facilities Director, Randy Loring; and Facilities Supervisor, Dawn Tabor. Principals, Frank McBride, GHS; Jessica Milligan, MVMS; Suanne Pyszka, Maple Avenue Elementary; Gerri Goguen, Bartlett Elementary; Kathy Stoye, Glen Lake. Assistant Principals Kimberly McCann, GHS; Brandy Williams, MVMS; Lisa Johnson, Maple Avenue Elementary; and Kristine Colburn, Bartlett Elementary.

Budget Committee members were also introduced: Chair Melanie Renfrew-Hebert, Vice-Chair Stacey Bellemore, Fred Plett, Frank Hobbs, Lauren Doukas, Gail Labrecque, Richard Manzo, Evelyn Redmond, Laura Stevens, and Joseph Alexander, Jr.,

Select Board Members who were present: Chair Peter Georgantas, Collis Adams, Marc Lemay, and Jim Craig.

Town Clerk Cathy Ball was in attendance.

State Representatives in attendance: Joe Alexander, Jr., Judi Lanza, Fred Plett, Sheila Seidel, and Lisa Mazur.

The School Board invited Lou D'Allesandro to attend the meeting as well.

Award Presentations – Presented by School Board Vice-Chair Reta Chaffee.

Cornerstone Award – Given in recognition of outstanding dedication, commitment, and accomplishment in advancing student learning through sustained service to the Goffstown School District. The 2023 Goffstown District Award Recipient is Betsy Myrdek, Data Base Administrator. She also does graphic design, web design, etc. Betsy works quietly behind the scenes. She is a key player, conscientious and hardworking. Please join us in extending appreciation and for being a wonderful member of the Goffstown community.

Dreamkeeper Award is awarded to individuals or organizations outside of the district in recognition of outstanding contributions to education in the Goffstown School District. The 2-23 Award was presented to Senator Lou D’Allesandro. He has represented the town for 24 years. The audience thanked the Senator for all of his work throughout the years. He has toured the schools every year. It has been a joy to work with the Senator. This is not about partisan politics. This is about an individual who has served the community for 24 years.

The Moderator reviewed the Rules of Procedure. If we do nothing tonight, the Article goes on the ballot. If you want to speak, come to the microphone, state your name, because we are recording this. All comments are addressed to the Moderator. We will not allow comments on individuals or directed at individuals. You may not criticize anyone. Comments must relate to the subject matter of the Warrant. I am going to limit the comments to three minutes. If you want to move for an amendment for a Warrant Article, state it orally, it has to be seconded, then you will take a form and write it down for our records. You cannot change the purpose of a Warrant Article. You cannot eliminate or change the subject matter. Motion to restrict reconsideration. The Statute allows for a motion after we discuss a Warrant Article. The Article will not be able to come back at this meeting if the motion is approved.

You all have voting cards. If we have a standing vote, you will need them.

ARTICLE 1 - Election of Officers

No action required this evening.

ARTICLE 2 - General Operating Budget \$52,512,190 Ellen Vermokowitz/Shane Rozamus

Jared Talbot: Our vision for our budget is getting back to basics. We want to return to normalcy in our system after the impacts of COVID 19. As far as staffing, we try to retain qualified individuals. Deploy technology that advances student learning and achieve operational efficiency and effectiveness. Provide safe and clean school buildings with an emphasis on proactive maintenance and planning. Maintain great communication with stakeholders, parents, faculty, teachers to promote transparency and allow for constructive feedback. Priorities remain with mental health and social and emotional learning and implementing the Signs of Suicide Program. Emphasis on Mathematics based on testing data. Schoology, continue implementation of comprehensive learning management system. Teacher Mentorship Program for new teachers is particularly important. We wanted to make sure this is continued. Implementation of the District’s Emergency Operations Plan as we move forward. Continued use of our Federal Grants. The schools are old,

but they are not obsolete. Reallocation of resources, we had to be agile with our faculty. Prior year actuals may not be a good indicator for fiscal year 24. We had reductions in services due to Covid. The proposed budget is \$52,512,180. The budget is made up of three items: General fund, food service, and special revenue.

There are no new positions in this budget. There are several repurposed positions. Special Education increased for Out of District Placements. Voters approved salary and benefit obligations for teachers for both regular education and special education. Health Insurance Cost increase of 11.5%. Utility costs such as electricity, propane, oil, and natural gas costs are increasing. The increases are part of the new spending, and not in the Default Budget.

The difference between the proposed and the default is very minute. Revenue projections are roughly \$8 million from local taxes, State, Federal, unused fund balance, NH Adequate, SWEPT, and Other.

The District also looks at IDEA and Title grants. We are looking to continue to exhaust the ESSER funds. The adequacy funding is \$3,786 per pupil, This has not changed very much over the past ten years.

Special Education is high. We have a total of 551 Special Ed students in our district. Enrollment continues to increase in all schools. The total is \$2,906.

Free and Reduced Lunch Program - it is important to sign up your student if you qualify.

What accounts for Budget Increases: No new positions. Several repurposed positions are included in the budget.

Special Education Increases, Out of District Placements, Salary and Benefit obligations for teachers for both Regular Ed and Special Ed.

Health Insurance costs increased 11.5 percent.

Utility costs such as electricity, propane, etc. have increased.

Tax rates are estimates. The town will undergo a revaluation in 2023. The GESS contract impact is \$0.17. Budget only tax impact \$15.59.

Enrollments as of October 1, 2022 were 2,764. Projected enrollment for October 1, 2023 is 2,906.

The Goffstown Elementary School Cost per pupil expense for FY22 was \$16,477, the 11th lowest out of 155 districts with elementary schools. \$3,583 less per pupil than the State Average of \$20,060.

The Goffstown Middle School Cost per pupil expenses for FY22 was \$14,787, the 4th lowest out of 62 districts with middle schools. \$3,742 less per pupil than the State average of \$18,529.

The Goffstown High School Cost per pupil expense for FY22 was \$16,765, the 10th lowest out of 73 districts with high schools. \$2,105 less per pupil than the State Average of \$18,870.

The District typically budgets for IDEA and Title Grants. These grant expenses are included in the Gross Appropriation and offset by revenues with no impact to the tax rate. ESSER II and ARP ESSER III funds are available until 9/2003 and 9/2004 respectively. In FY23, the District used these grant funds to support an Elementary School SPED teacher at Bartlett, tutoring support, mental health counseling, MVMS .5 FTE guidance counselor, GHS Student Support Services. Capital projects included the replacement of older windows at Maple Avenue, Bartlett, MVMS, and GHS. In FY 24, use of ESSER III Grants funds will support a new math curriculum and offset the costs of a GHS Game Field Renovation Project (artificial surface with lights). Additional funding from a private donation and impact fees.

The District will continue to use Federal Grants to support student needs and investments in our capital infrastructure. We cannot supplant our current budget with most grant funds based on Maintenance of Equity requirements.

Acknowledgement of inflationary pressures, while balancing responsible school district budgeting.

Reallocation of resources amongst schools to remain staffing neutral.

Prior year actuals may not be a good indicator of FY24 expected costs, due to the impact of COVID-19 and cost inflation.

Projected Class sizes:

Bartlett – Grade 1 - 17 students; Grade 2 – 17 students; Grade 3 – 16 students; Grade 4 – 16 students.

Maple – Grade 1 – 21 students; Grade 2 – 22-26 students; Grade 3 – 23-24 students; Grade 4 – 26-27 students.

MVMS – Grade 5 – 22 students; Grade 6 – 22 students; Grade 7 – 23 students; Grade 8 – 19 students.

The breakdown of the revenue projections are as follows:

Local, State, Federal (mainly grants), Use of Fund Balance (to reduce taxes), NH Adequacy, SWEPT (Statewide Property Tax), Other. The total revenue for 2022-23 is \$24,797,278. The estimated revenue for 2023-24 is \$24,729,564.

The Default Budget Discussion is based on RSA. The difference is \$1.5 million.

The outcome of why we do this. Reviewed State testing scores for each school.

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert, College Road (Melanie is the Chair of the BC): The School Board, Scott Gross, Brian Balke and the Budget Committee went through the budget line by line. They are aware of the situation that many families are in right now. I would like to remind everyone here that the Budget Committee did recommend this budget 14-0.

For every \$100,000 in increased spending, the tax rate increases by almost \$.06 cents, based on the FY22 Goffstown valuation of all properties. The Town of Goffstown will undergo a revaluation in 2023. The tax rates will be impacted.

The Default Budget includes previous approved teacher contract wages and benefits. One-time expenditures are removed. Increases in propane and electricity costs are not part of the default.

The AREA Agreement and Special Education costs for out of district placement and transportation are included in the Default Budget.

The academic achievements and student success was also reviewed. Testing score averages from the SAS Testing were presented. Most scores have begun to increase since the end of the Pandemic.

Discussion closed on Article 2. Article 2 will appear on the Ballot as written.

MOTION: Jared Talbot moved, seconded by Ginny McKinnon to restrict reconsideration on Article 2. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 3 - Support Staff Collective Bargaining Unit Ellen Vermokowitz/Shane Rozamus

Kate McGrath, Human Resources Director: The Support Staff Bargaining Unit is comprised of 163.5 members. Administrative assistants, principal's administrative assistants, paraprofessionals, kitchen assistants, assistant cooks, head cooks, custodians, head custodians, and maintenance are included.

On November 2, 2022, the Goffstown School Board reached a TA with GESS.

Highlights of the Agreement include – a four year agreement, language modifications and clarifications.

Employee classifications for seniority were condensed to department instead of title.

Language was added to clarify work on remote learning days.

Language was added around posting vacancies.

In July of 25 an insurance plan will be eliminated and replaced with a new plan. Language was added to provide a retirement benefit to those who pass away while still employed and eligible, who have not yet put in for retirement. Longevity will be increased as well with staff with 17 or more years of service.

Longevity will be increased by \$0.75 in the second year of this agreement.

Changes were also made within the grid for certain steps.

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert: We were aware for the need to attract qualified workers and the salaries were behind.

Discussion closed on Article 3. Article 3 will appear on the Ballot as written.

MOTION: Ellen Vermokowitz moved, seconded by Shane Rozamus to restrict reconsideration on Article 3. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 4 - Capital Reserve Fund Reta Chaffee/Ginny McKinnon

Jared Talbot: The Capital Reserve Fund was approved by the voters in 2019. The School District has been very active in updating its 6-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in conjunction with the district and the town. There are currently 71 school projects on the CIP matrix. There are over \$6 million dollars in projects in the school's six-year plan for replacement of existing capital assets. There are over \$700,000 in the CRF eligible projects in 2023-2024.. It is also used to match grants. It cannot be used for new capital. It can be used for a replacement structure. Our current balance in the CRF is \$66,000. We are asking for \$250,000. We will address roof section replacements at Bartlett, locker room floors MVMS, café tables, fire panel, building transformer at MVMS, replacement tractor, heating controls at Maple and Bartlett.

Fred Plett: The Budget Committee recommendation was not unanimous. I do not object to the money. What I do object to are the funds allocated for a specific purpose. The School Board can move things around. I do not think the auditorium needs to be refurbished.

Discussion closed on Article 4. Article 4 will appear on the Ballot as written.

MOTION: Jared Talbot moved, seconded by Ginny McKinnon to restrict reconsideration on Article 4. Motion passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 5 - Closing the Bartlett Elementary School CRF Ellen Vermokowitz/Caroline Racine

Scott Gross: The capital reserve fund for Bartlett Elementary School was established in early 2000 for the purpose of constructing an addition and make renovations to the Bartlett Elementary School. The School Board voted in 2022 to use the \$7 K remaining balance towards cost overages related to replacing windows at the school in the summer of 2022. There is currently \$33.17 remaining in the fund. This will go towards the town general fund. The specific purpose no longer exists. The voters have to vote to create a capital reserve fund, and the voters have to vote to close a capital reserve fund.

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert: As Chair of the Trustee of the Trust Funds. This is a record keeping closure. This would close out any responsibility the town would have for that CRF.

Discussion closed on Article 5. Article 5 will appear on the Ballot as written.

MOTION: Jared Talbot made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 5. Seconded by Ellen

Vermokowitz. Motion passed by voice vote.

Senator D’Allesandro: Thanked the District for inviting him to their meetings. The community is favorable to education. It has been an honor to collaborate with the superintendent and the principals of the various schools. The Senator received a round of applause.

Moderator Raymond: In closing I would like to thank the school board and the budget committee. And the staff of our district with helping us with this meeting. Your job is to come with our neighbors on March 14.

MOTION: Fred Plett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Seconded by Melanie Renfrew-Hebert. Motion passed by voice vote.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy
School District Clerk

**OFFICIAL GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION RESULTS
MARCH 28, 2023
(POSTPONED FROM MARCH 14, 2023)**

ARTICLE 1

To choose three (3) members of the School Board for the ensuing three years:

Nicole Bump	1,617*
Nastassja Hunter	1,029
Donna Pinard	1,182
Caroline Racine	1,256*
Heather Trzepacz	1,324*
Overvotes	-
Undervotes/Blanks	2,062
Write-in: Shawn Goodwin	5
Write-in w/<5 votes	23
Oval Filled-in with no name	4

ARTICLE 2

Operating Budget

Shall the Goffstown School District 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 Fifty-Two Million, Five Hundred Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$52,512,180)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fifty-Two Million, Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Nineteen Dollars (\$52,218,019), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District 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. (Majority vote required). (Majority vote required).

**The School Board Voted 8-0-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee Voted 14-0-0 To Recommend
YES: 1820 NO: 931**

ARTICLE 3

Goffstown Support Staff Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

Shall the Goffstown School District vote to approve the cost items included in the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Unit four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Unit, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year?

Year	Estimated Increase
2023-2024	\$ 344,220
2024-2025	\$ 345,012
2025-2026	\$ 338,349
2026-2027	\$ 344,181

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$344,220) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year; this amount to be offset by Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$11,634) from the Special Revenue/Grants Fund and Twenty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy Seven (\$27,877) from the Food Service Fund with the remaining amount of Three Hundred Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Nine Dollars (\$304,709) to be raised by taxation for the purpose of funding 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 Warrant Article #2 the Operating Budget. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board Voted 8-0-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee Voted 14-0-0 To Recommend
YES: 1941 NO: 794

ARTICLE 4

Facilities Capital Reserve Fund Deposit

Shall the Goffstown School District vote to to raise and appropriate up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for deposit into the existing Facilities Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2019)? This sum to come from the June 30, 2023 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2023. No new amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board Voted 7-1-0 To Recommend
The Budget Committee Voted 9-5-0 To Recommend
YES: 1789 NO: 882

ARTICLE 5

Discontinue Bartlett CRF

Shall the Goffstown School District vote to discontinue the Bartlett Elementary School Capital Reserve Fund? Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Goffstown School District's general fund. (Majority vote required.)

The School Board Voted 8-1-0 To Recommend

YES: 2140

NO: 531

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Duffy
Goffstown School District Clerk

**GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
2024 WARRANT
SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2024
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The inhabitants of the School District of Goffstown Local School, in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session)

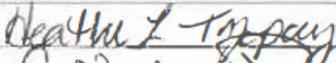
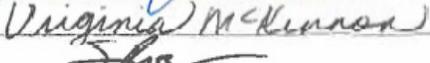
Date: Monday, February 5, 2024
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Goffstown High School
Details: Hieber Auditorium

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Time: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Location: Goffstown High School & Bartlett Elementary
Details: GHS Cafeteria & Bartlett Gymnasium

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 29, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Goffstown Town Hall, Goffstown High School, Bartlett Elementary School, and the SAU 19 office and that an original was delivered to Denise Morin, Executive Assistant at SAU 19.

Name	Position	Signature
Heather Trzepacz	Board Chair	
Caroline Racine	Board Vice Chair	
Nicole Bump	Board Member	
Reta Chaffee	Board Member	
Daniel J. Cloutier	Board Member	
Virginia McKinnon	Board Member	
Shane Rozamus	Board Member	
Jared Talbot	Board Member	
Ellen Vermokowitz	Board Member	

ARTICLE 1**Election of Officers**

To choose three (3) members of the School Board for the ensuing three (3) years.

To choose one (1) School District Treasurer for the ensuing three (3) years.

To choose one (1) School District Moderator for the ensuing three (3) years.

To choose one (1) School District Clerk for the ensuing three (3) years.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Goffstown School District 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 Fifty-Five Million, Seven Hundred Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$55,709,910)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Fifty-Five Million, Four Hundred One Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Three Dollars (\$55,401,923), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District 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. (Majority vote required.)

***The School Board voted 8-0-0 to Recommend
The Budget Committee voted 11-2-0 to Recommend***

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Goffstown School District vote to raise and appropriate up to Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for deposit into the existing Facilities Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2019)? This sum to come from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2024. No new amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

***The School Board voted 7-1-0 to Recommend
The Budget Committee voted 8-5-0 to Recommend***

ARTICLE 4

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) for the purpose of purchasing Nightlock door barricade devices to be installed on all primary classroom doors in Goffstown Schools to improve safety and security in the event of an active shooter event. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. (Majority vote required.)

***The School Board voted 6-2-0 to Not Recommend
The Budget Committee voted 9-4-0 to Not Recommend***

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town of Goffstown vote to implement a cap on local school district taxes. The warrant article aims to establish a cap on local school district taxes to provide fiscal responsibility and stability for residents and businesses within the Town of Goffstown. The cap ensures that the tax burden remains reasonable while allowing essential academic, educational, and remedial services to be maintained, if not improved.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 197-d, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body and 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 2.5%?

(3/5 Majority vote required.)

The School Board voted 9-0-0 to Not Recommend

OCTOBER 1 PUPIL ENROLLMENT

2019 - 2023

SCHOOL NAME	GRADE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
BARTLETT	1	49	47	51	50	35
	2	52	45	47	51	48
	3	54	52	47	49	51
	4	50	49	54	46	47
TOTAL – BARTLETT		205	193	199	196	181

GLEN LAKE SCHOOL		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Pre-School	84	48	65	64	67
	Kindergarten	136	126	141	122	121
	Services Only	0	5	0	0	0
TOTAL - GLEN LAKE		220	179	206	186	188

MAPLE AVE		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	1	127	121	131	134	127
	2	116	123	123	137	130
	3	135	111	125	125	142
	4	112	132	112	128	127
TOTAL -MAPLE AVENUE		490	487	491	524	526

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	5	175	163	183	177	181
	6	178	175	164	182	174
	7	251	277	240	230	275
	8	265	245	276	239	238
TOTAL - MVMS		869	860	863	828	868

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	9	288	312	305	326	271
	10	255	251	255	253	302
	11	261	251	232	246	239
	12	269	239	214	211	225
TOTAL - GHS		1,073	1,053	1,006	1,036	1,037

GRAND TOTAL 2019 - 2023		2,857	2,772	2,765	2,770	2,800
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Goffstown School District
Goffstown, New Hampshire

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Goffstown School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Goffstown School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Grants Fund	Unmodified
Capital Project Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities* section of the report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly the financial position of the Goffstown School District as of June 30, 2023, or the changes in financial position in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Each Major Fund and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, accompanying the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information for the Goffstown School District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Goffstown School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified audit opinions.

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1-O to the financial statements, management has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement healthcare costs and obligations for other postemployment benefits related to the single employer plan in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the liabilities, decrease the net position, and increase the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net position, and expenses on the governmental activities has not been determined.

Emphasis of Matter - Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2-C to the financial statements, in the year ending June 30, 2023, the School District adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Goffstown School District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Goffstown School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually

or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Goffstown School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Goffstown School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of School District Contributions - Pensions,
- Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of School District Contributions - Other Postemployment Benefits, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information.

Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Goffstown School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial schedules are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 29, 2024 on our consideration of the Goffstown School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Goffstown School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

December 29, 2023
Concord, New Hampshire



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Goffstown School District ("District"), we offer readers of the District's Financial Statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended June 30, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

1. Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflows of resources of the District fell short of its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent year by \$(13,819,902) (*net position*). Of this amount, \$(28,850,084) (*unrestricted net position*), had it been positive, may have been used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The negative unrestricted net position is attributable to the reporting of the District's proportional share of the actuarially determined retirement system's unfunded pension liability less the system's net position ("net pension liability"). Reporting the District's proportional share of the net pension liability does not impact the District's ability to meet its current obligations.
- The District's total net position changed by \$175,955 (\$(13,995,857) in FY22).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$5,436,158, a change of \$151,089 in comparison with the prior year (FY22 \$5,285,069)
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had \$2,606,355 remaining in unassigned fund balance. This money is *available for spending* at the District Town Meeting's discretion or for tax relief. In addition, \$1,100,000 has been assigned and retained for contingency in accordance with RSA 198:4-bII.
- Per GASB Statement Nos 68 and 71, the District is required to record its related share of net pension liability of the New Hampshire Retirement System. The net pension liability is the District's proportionate share of the retirement system's actuarially determined unfunded pension liability less the system's net position. This amount is reported only on the government-wide financial statements and has no impact on the fund financial statements of the District. At the end of the most recent year, our net pension liability is \$38,767,581.
- Per GASB Statement No. 75, the District's proportionate share of OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) liability as it relates to the New Hampshire Retirement System was \$2,586,729 (See Note 13-A).

2. Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of four components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements, and 4) required supplementary information. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements.

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the items reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the time of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. earned but unused vacation leave).

The governmental activities of the District include administration, instruction, support services, operations and maintenance, transportation, and non-instructional services.

Fund Financial Statements. A *fund* is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are governmental funds.

Governmental Funds. *Governmental Funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented to *government funds* with similar information presented for *government activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds and governmental activities*.

The District maintains seven individual governmental funds. Information is presented in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general, grants, and capital project funds, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other four funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general, food service, and grants funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the major general and grants funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents *required supplementary information* and Single Audit required documentation. Required supplementary information is required to be disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which includes this management discussion and analysis, the Schedule of School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, Schedule of School District Contributions – Pensions, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability, Schedule of the District Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits. Other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. This includes the combining and individual fund schedules.

3. **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources fell short of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$(13,819,902) at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The largest portion of the District's net position \$14,628,968 reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment and furnishings), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The following is a summary of condensed statement of net position and statement of activities for government-wide financial data for the current and prior fiscal years.

Summary of Net Position
Governmental Activities

	2023	2022	% Change 2022-2023
Current and Other Assets	\$ 7,773,508	\$ 7,241,244	7.35%
Capital Assets	15,631,780	15,090,492	3.59%
Total Assets	<u>23,405,288</u>	<u>22,331,736</u>	<u>4.81%</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>9,449,381</u>	<u>8,676,385</u>	<u>8.91%</u>
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	44,047,205	34,383,136	28.11%
Other Liabilities	2,182,769	1,900,780	14.84%
Total Liabilities	<u>46,229,974</u>	<u>36,283,916</u>	<u>27.41%</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>444,597</u>	<u>8,720,062</u>	<u>-94.90%</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	14,628,968	14,011,863	4.40%
Restricted Net Position	401,214	489,844	-18.09%
Unrestricted Net Position	<u>(28,850,084)</u>	<u>(28,497,564)</u>	<u>-1.24%</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (13,819,902)</u>	<u>\$ (13,995,857)</u>	<u>1.26%</u>

Summary of Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities

	2023 Amount	2022 Amount	\$ Difference	% Difference
Revenues:				
Program Revenue:				
Charges for Services	\$ 8,758,423	\$ 7,616,380	\$ 1,142,043	14.99%
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,439,292	4,051,277	(611,985)	-15.11%
Capital Grants and Contributions	1,835,622	262,446	1,573,176	599.43%
General Revenue:				
School District Assessment	25,393,716	23,272,991	2,120,725	9.11%
Unrestricted Grants	11,204,193	11,191,012	13,181	0.12%
Miscellaneous & Interest	523,039	815,650	(292,611)	-35.87%
Total Revenues	51,154,285	47,209,756	3,944,529	8.36%
Expenses:				
Instruction	34,287,441	31,387,504	2,899,937	9.24%
Support Services:				
Student	2,974,094	2,716,893	257,201	9.47%
Instructional Staff	1,354,466	1,020,884	333,582	32.68%
General Administration	76,502	78,283	(1,781)	-2.28%
Executive Administration	1,894,351	1,807,062	87,289	4.83%
School Administration	2,986,289	2,774,774	211,515	7.62%
Business	-	107	(107)	-100.00%
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	4,001,585	3,752,049	249,536	6.65%
Student Transportation	2,132,070	1,826,722	305,348	16.72%
Other	6,833	4,774	2,059	43.13%
Noninstructional Services	1,264,699	1,276,638	(11,939)	-0.94%
Total Expenses	50,978,330	46,645,690	4,332,640	9.29%
Change in Net Position	175,955	564,066	(388,111)	-68.81%
Net Position, beginning	(13,995,857)	(14,559,923)	564,066	3.87%
Net Position, ending	<u>\$ (13,819,902)</u>	<u>\$ (13,995,857)</u>	<u>\$ 175,955</u>	<u>1.26%</u>

Governmental Activities. As noted above, governmental activities net position changed by \$175,955. Key elements of this change are as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
General Fund	\$ 242,998
Capital Projects Fund	609
Other Governmental Funds	<u>(92,518)</u>
Total governmental activities	<u>151,089</u>
Depreciation expense, net of capital asset additions and disposals	541,288
Changes in long-term debt	75,817
Change in compensated absences	(140,143)
Change in net pension liability, net of deferred resources	(566,332)
Change in OPEB, net of deferred resources	111,606
Other GAAP accruals	<u>2,630</u>
Total net change	<u>\$ 175,955</u>

4. Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the District's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end for the fiscal year.

As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$5,436,158, a change of \$151,089 in comparison with the prior year (FY22 \$5,285,069).

Key elements of this change are as follows:

Governmental Funds:	
General Fund	\$ 242,998
Capital Project Fund	609
Other Governmental Funds:	
Food Service Fund	(92,702)
Permanent Fund	4,072
Student Activity Funds	<u>(3,888)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 151,089</u>

5. General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The general fund is what most people think of as “the budget” since it is the fiscal point of the First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative) and largely supported by locally raised taxes. The general fund ended the fiscal year with an unassigned fund balance of \$3,706,355 of which \$2,606,355 will be returned to the taxpayers in 2023-2024 and \$1,100,000 will be retained in accordance with RSA 198:4-bII.

Comments on General Fund Budget Comparisons (See Exhibit D-1)

- General fund total actual revenues totaling \$45,314,794 exceeded budgeted revenues by \$1,450,852 or 3.3%
 - **Local sources** totaling \$8,300,431 exceeded budget by \$1,140,431 due to a combination of over collection of tuition revenue and an under estimation of local revenue sources.
 - **State sources** totaling \$11,560,425 exceeded budget by \$300,199 and is attributed to state special education aid revenues being higher than anticipated.
 - **Federal sources** totaling \$60,222 was higher than the estimated revenue budget by \$10,222 due to an increase in Medicaid reimbursement.

- General fund expenditures and encumbrances totaling \$44,976,720 were less than the appropriation of \$46,715,968. This underspend of the appropriation, coupled with encumbrances, left a positive variance of \$1,739,248. Overall, the impact of challenges filling staffing positions and bus driver positions were the predominant factors in the underspend of the FY 23 budget.
 - **Instruction** totaling \$30,228,885 was below the budgeted appropriation of \$31,541,450 by \$1,312,565 due largely from the continued impact of COVID-19, coupled with lower-than-expected salary and associated benefit costs, as a result of staff turnover and unfilled positions.
 - **Student Transportation costs** totaling \$2,131,982 was below budget by \$417,506. This was a result of savings from fewer bus routes due to driver shortages, and far fewer athletic and co-curricular transports. Special Education transportation was impacted by reduced amount of funds spent on transportation to out of district placement facilities.
 - **School Administration** totaling \$2,908,653 was below budget by \$142,230. This was a result of staffing and health insurance changes.
 - **Operation and maintenance of plant** totaling \$3,619,658 was over budget by \$318,923 (budget of \$3,300,735) as a result of unplanned repairs and maintenance to school buildings. .

6. Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The District’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2023, amounted to \$15,631,780 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and building improvements, machinery and equipment and furnishings. The total change in the District’s investment in total capital assets for the current year was \$541,288 as evidenced below:

Capital Assets at Year End
Governmental Activities

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	% Change 2022-2023
Land	\$ 3,010,440	\$ 3,010,440	0.00%
Buildings & Building Improvements	41,455,709	39,570,739	4.76%
Machinery, Equipment & Furnishings	4,312,514	4,065,521	6.08%
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(33,146,883)</u>	<u>(31,556,208)</u>	<u>5.04%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 15,631,780</u>	<u>\$ 15,090,492</u>	<u>3.59%</u>

Building and Building Improvement Additions:

Goffstown High School Turf Field	\$ 1,835,621
MVMS Lower Soccer Fields Irrigation System	<u>49,349</u>
	<u>1,884,970</u>

Machinery and Equipment Additions:

Gas Convection Steamer	20,349
Gas Convection Steamer	20,349
Gas Tilting Skillet Braising Pan	21,369
Hot Food Serving Counter/Table	8,430
Hot Food Serving Counter/Table	8,430
Utility Serving Counter	5,220
Multi-sport Outdoor Game Scoreboard	25,823
Electronic Roadside Sign	38,522
Air Compressor	10,995
Gas Boiler	36,066
Vision Screener	8,562
2018 Kubota Tractor	<u>49,900</u>
Total Machinery and Equipment Additions	<u>254,015</u>

Capital Asset Disposal:

Micromappers (8)	<u>(7,022)</u>
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Depreciation Expense

(1,597,697)

Total change in capital assets

\$ 534,266

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements at Note 6.

Long-Term Debt

The table below illustrates the long-term debt of the District as of June 30, 2022. The District has three capital leases as noted in Note 10. The compensated balances were calculated on vacation days and retirement stipend days for all eligible employees for compensation at retirement.

Long-Term Debt Outstanding at Year End Governmental Activities

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	% Change 2022-2023
Note Payable - Direct Borrowing	\$ 1,002,812	\$ 1,078,629	-7.03%
Compensated Absences	1,690,083	1,549,940	9.04%
Pension Related Liability	38,767,581	29,103,692	33.21%
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	2,586,729	2,650,875	-2.42%
Total	<u>\$ 44,047,205</u>	<u>\$ 34,383,136</u>	<u>28.11%</u>

Future Budgetary Implications

Significant activities or events, which will have an impact on future district finances, include:

- o The impacts of inflation on school operations will greatly impact future budgets. Inflation has impacted a wide range of costs such as: employee compensation and benefits, utilities, maintenance and repairs and supplies.
- o Special Education costs have increased based both on the number of out of district student placements and the associated costs of transportation.
- o Estimating revenues and expenditures for the Grants Fund remains challenging. The District anticipates additional reimbursement from ESSER III grant funds through FY 24-25.
- o The continued financial impact of COVID-19 remains a challenge in terms of expenses and revenues. State adequacy grants are based on student attendance, free and reduced meal counts and a variety of other factors that were directly impacted by the pandemic.
- o The continued bus driver shortage has led to savings in the student transportation line due to fewer bus routes. This has impacted students in terms of longer bus routes and longer walking times to bus stops. However, it is anticipated that student transportation costs will rise in order to attract and retain bus drivers.
- o The State shifting cost responsibilities to local governments may have an impact on taxation calculation.
- o The unassigned Fund Balance established in this audit is intended to be returned at tax rate setting in November.
- o Future budgets will continue to be developed based on actual expenditures in prior years, in particular reviewing salary and benefits. Additionally, a more accurate approach to revenues is being implemented focusing on funding derived from tuitions and other local sources.

7. Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's financing for all those with an interest in the District's finances. Questions, concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Business Administrator, C/O SAU #19, 11 School Street, Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045.



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***REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS***

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the School Board
Goffstown School District
Goffstown, New Hampshire

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Goffstown School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Goffstown School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 29, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Goffstown School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Goffstown School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Goffstown School District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Goffstown School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

December 29, 2023
Concord, New Hampshire



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the School Board
Goffstown School District
Goffstown, New Hampshire

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Goffstown School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Goffstown School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Goffstown School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Goffstown School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Goffstown School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Goffstown School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Goffstown School District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Goffstown School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Goffstown School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Goffstown School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the Goffstown School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Goffstown School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Goffstown School District's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Goffstown School District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

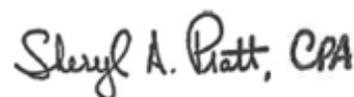
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



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December 29, 2023
Concord, New Hampshire

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE BUDGET

Function	Description	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Appropriation	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Change from 2023-2024 Appropriation	% Change from 2022-2023 Appropriation
1100-1199	Regular Education	\$19,293,442	\$19,293,652	\$21,142,405	\$1,202,753	6.03%
1200-1299	Special Education	\$9,756,139	\$11,663,630	\$13,053,852	\$1,390,222	11.92%
1300-1399	Vocational Programs (MST)	\$191,919	\$196,000	\$231,000	\$35,000	17.86%
1410	Co-Curricular	\$659,004	\$707,831	\$730,648	\$22,817	3.22%
1420	Athletics	\$303,268	\$274,406	\$280,337	\$5,931	2.16%
1430	Summer School Programs	\$7,710	\$61,152	\$60,510	\$(642)	-1.05%
1490	Other Pupil Services	\$5,893	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$-	0.00%
1400-1499		\$975,875	\$1,049,989	\$1,078,095	\$28,106	2.68%
1600	Adult Education Programs	\$58,292	\$57,841	\$62,527	\$4,686	8.10%
1810	Field Rental	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$-	0.00%
1600-1899		\$63,292	\$62,841	\$67,527	\$4,686	7.46%
2120	Guidance	\$1,444,237	\$1,620,406	\$1,703,685	\$83,279	5.14%
2125	Guidance Records	\$44,873	\$76,850	\$108,850	\$32,000	41.64%
2130	Health Services	\$732,110	\$772,883	\$844,672	\$71,789	9.29%
2150	Speech Pathology & Audio	\$653,098	\$800,370	\$852,029	\$51,659	6.45%
2180	Other Student Support	\$20,221	\$27,680	\$54,180	\$26,500	95.74%
2000-2199		\$2,894,539	\$3,298,189	\$3,563,416	\$265,227	8.04%
2212	Curriculum Development	\$6,345	\$7,870	\$7,870	\$-	0.00%
2213	Staff Development and Train	\$33,550	\$63,700	\$63,700	\$-	0.00%
2222	Information Center Services	\$537,551	\$654,892	\$687,644	\$32,752	5.00%
2223	Audio-Visual Services	\$-	\$300	\$300	\$-	0.00%
2224	Educational TV	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	0.00%
2290	Technical Support Services	\$664,484	\$712,756	\$764,796	\$52,040	7.30%
2200-2299		\$1,241,930	\$1,439,518	\$1,524,310	\$84,792	5.89%
2311	School Board & Minutetakers	\$40,161	\$51,156	\$47,827	\$(3,329)	-6.51%
2313	Treasurer	\$1,684	\$1,681	\$2,216	\$535	31.83%
2314	District Meeting	\$4,107	\$4,978	\$4,975	\$(3)	-0.06%
2317	Audit Services	\$16,820	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$-	0.00%
2318	Legal Services	\$25,085	\$30,600	\$30,600	\$-	0.00%
2310-2319		\$87,857	\$105,415	\$102,618	\$(2,797)	-2.65%
2321	SAU Services	\$1,858,257	\$2,016,254	\$2,130,028	\$113,774	5.64%
2410	Administration	\$2,842,312	\$3,154,129	\$3,443,295	\$289,166	9.17%
2490	Other Student Support Serv	\$36,382	\$33,751	\$42,451	\$8,700	25.78%
2400-2499		\$2,878,694	\$3,187,880	\$3,485,746	\$297,866	9.34%
2519	Other Fiscal Services	\$-	\$1	\$1	\$-	0.00%

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPENDITURE BUDGET CONT.

Function	Description	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Appropriation	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Change from 2023-2024 Appropriation	% Change from 2023-2024 Appropriation
2620	Building Operations	\$3,451,600	\$3,393,025	\$3,569,642	\$176,617	5.21%
2630	Care and Upkeep of Grounds	\$104,201	\$52,630	\$55,450	\$2,820	5.36%
2640	Equipment Maintenance	\$12,718	\$13,700	\$13,700	\$-	0.00%
2660	Public School Infrastructure	\$81,040	\$11,800	\$17,500	\$5,700	48.31%
2600-2699		\$3,649,559	\$3,471,155	\$3,656,292	\$185,137	5.33%
2721	Transportation	\$1,087,094	\$1,437,369	\$1,357,398	\$(79,971)	-5.56%
2722	Special Needs Transportation	\$866,641	\$896,398	\$1,231,989	\$335,591	37.44%
2723	Skills Center Transportation	\$41,597	\$73,645	\$75,855	\$2,210	3.00%
2724	Athletic Program Transport	\$124,025	\$110,780	\$115,780	\$5,000	4.51%
2725	Field Trip Transportation	\$20,863	\$26,343	\$31,391	\$5,048	19.16%
2790	Other Transportation	\$27,589	\$37,056	\$32,056	\$(5,000)	-13.49%
2700-2799		\$2,167,809	\$2,581,591	\$2,844,469	\$262,878	10.18%
2800	Other Professional Services	\$1,850	\$1,740	\$1,740	\$-	0.00%
2834	GESS Course Reimburse	\$4,187	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$-	0.00%
2800-2999		\$6,037	\$11,240	\$11,240	\$-	0.00%
4100-4300	Land Acquisition	\$-	\$3	\$3	\$-	0.00%
4500	Building and Construction	\$-	\$1	\$1	\$-	0.00%
4600-4900	Building Improvements	\$-	\$2	\$2	\$-	0.00%
5110	Debt Service - Principal	\$-	\$1	\$1	\$-	0.00%
5120	Debt Service - Interest	\$-	\$1	\$1	\$-	0.00%
5210	Fund Transfers	\$-	\$1	\$1	\$-	0.00%
5251	Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$-	\$(250,000)	-100.00%
5221	Transfer to Food Service	\$-	\$1	\$1	\$-	0.00%
5222	Transfer to Spec Rev Funds	\$-	\$1	\$1	\$-	0.00%
Fund 10	Total General Fund	\$45,265,349	\$49,273,365	\$52,891,010	\$3,617,645	7.34%
Fund 21	Food Service Fund	\$1,328,164	\$1,321,400	\$1,418,900	\$97,500	7.38%
Fund 22	Federal Grants Fund	\$2,523,952	\$2,511,634	\$1,400,000	\$(1,111,634)	-44.26%
Fund 30	Capital Projects Fund	\$2,025,341	\$-	\$-	\$(2,025,341)	0.00%
Total Goffstown School District		\$51,142,807	\$53,106,399	\$55,709,910	\$2,603,511	4.90%

Notes:

The proposed fiscal year 2024-2025 column equals the MS-27 operating budget posted with the warrant.

Function 5251 FY 25 Proposed Budget do NOT include the \$250,000 CRF deposit

The FY 25 Proposed Operating Budget does NOT include other warrant articles

PROJECTED REVENUES 2024-2025

		2022-2023 MS-24	2023-2024 MS-24	2024-2025 Estimates
LOCAL REVENUE FROM OTHER THAN TAXES				
1300-1349	Regular Education Tuition	\$7,100,000	\$7,200,000	\$7,500,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees	\$-	\$-	\$-
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	\$5,000	\$90,000	\$40,000
1600-1699	School Lunch Sales	\$762,023	\$810,523	\$925,900
1600-1699	GESS Contract (Food Service)	\$-	\$27,877	\$-
1700-1799	Student Activities	\$-	\$-	\$-
1800-1899	Community Service Activities	\$-	\$-	\$-
1900-1999	Other Local Revenue	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$65,000
Local Sourcedids Subtotal		\$7,922,023	\$8,193,400	\$8,530,900
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES				
3210	School Building Aid	\$-	\$-	\$-
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid	\$-	\$-	\$-
3220	Kindergarten Aid	\$-	\$-	\$-
3230	Special Education Aid	\$300,000	\$230,000	\$425,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid (AREA Vocational Trans)	\$22,275	\$22,275	\$22,275
3250	Adult Education	\$-	\$-	\$50,000
3260	Child Nutrition	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
3270	Driver Education			
3290-3299	Other State Sources	\$1,609	\$18,239	\$10,808
State Sources Subtotal		\$336,884	\$283,514	\$521,083
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES				
4100-4539	Federal Programs / Grants	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,400,000
4100-4539	Federal Programs / Grants (GESS Contract)	\$-	\$11,634	\$-
4540	Vocational Education	\$-	\$-	\$-
4550	Adult Education	\$-	\$-	\$-
4560	Child Nutrition Programs	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
4570	Disabilities Programs	\$-	\$-	\$-
4580	Medicaid Distribution	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
4590-4999	USDA Commodities	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$80,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve	\$-	\$-	\$-
Federal Sources Subtotal		\$2,520,000	\$3,016,634	\$1,915,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds	\$-	\$-	\$-
5140	Reimbursement of Anticipation Notes	\$-	\$-	\$-
5221	Transfer from Food Service SR Fund	\$-	\$-	\$-
5222	Transfer from Other SR Funds	\$37,312	\$-	\$-
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds	\$-	\$-	\$-

PROJECTED REVENUES 2024-2025 CONT.

		2022-2023 MS-24	2023-2024 MS-24	2024-2025 Estimates
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONTINUED				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	\$-	\$-	\$-
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds	\$-	\$-	\$-
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust	\$-	\$-	\$-
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources	\$-	\$-	\$-
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)			
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance (CRF)	\$-	\$250,000	\$250,000
Other Sources Subtotal		\$37,312	\$250,000	\$250,000
SUBTOTAL SCHOOL REVENUES AND CREDITS				
		\$10,816,219	\$11,743,548	\$11,216,983
	Unassigned Fund Balance (MS-25)	\$3,879,717	\$3,956,355	\$3,050,000
	Less Voted from Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
	Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$2,814,717	\$2,606,355	\$1,700,000
	Fund Balance Retained (2.5%)	\$865,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
	Total Revenues and Tax Credits	\$13,830,936	\$14,349,903	\$12,916,983
Appropriation Overview				
	General Fund Appropriation	\$46,878,659	\$49,273,366	\$52,891,010
	Food Service Appropriation	\$1,245,023	\$1,321,400	\$1,418,900
	Special Revenue Appropriation	\$2,037,312	\$2,511,634	\$1,400,000
	Warrant Article (GESS)	\$-	\$-	\$-
	Warrant Article (Glen Lake Portable)	\$-	\$-	\$-
	Warrant Article CRF (UFB)	\$-	\$-	\$250,000
	Petition Warrant Article			\$13,000
	Total Appropriation	\$50,160,994	\$53,106,400	\$55,972,910
LESS TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS		\$13,830,936	\$14,349,903	\$12,916,983
NET LOCAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATION		\$36,330,058	\$38,756,497	\$43,055,927
LESS Net Education Grant (Adequacy)		\$8,492,369	\$7,841,022	\$7,841,022
LESS SWEPT (Statewide Property Tax)		\$2,443,973	\$3,394,811	\$3,258,355
One Time Parity Aid		\$-	\$-	\$-
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort		\$25,393,716	\$27,520,664	\$31,956,550

Notes:

The Business Administrator provides this for informational purposes only.

Revenues are based on ESTIMATES and are subject to change.

NH State Adequacy and SWEPT are ESTIMATES and are subject to change.

In 2023 the Town of Goffstown underwent a "Revaluation of Properties." The Tax Rate changed accordingly.

GLEN LAKE SCHOOL

Kathy Stoye, Principal

Glen Lake School opened in October 2006 and the 2022-2023 school year marked our seventeenth year of operation, a year that brought challenges and victories, and a further return to normalcy post-pandemic.

Throughout our history our motto has remained the same, “*Glen Lake School is a great place to start!*” In keeping with this motto, it has been our collective aim:

To prepare each child for success in 1st grade.

To foster in each child a lifelong love of learning.

To spark in each child the belief that school is a wonderful place to be.

This year continued to challenge us to meet these goals in new ways amid an ever-changing educational landscape. Glen Lake houses a total of sixteen half-day classes: eight kindergarten classes, and eight preschool classes. Among continuing conversation in the community about the desire for full-day kindergarten, administrators, teachers, service providers, our school nurse, custodians, and office and support staff continued their important work, displaying creativity, flexibility, and dedication as they worked to meet the varied needs of Goffstown’s youngest students. Throughout this year, as in the past, our team committed themselves to supporting students, families, and each other with care and professionalism.

This reflects our philosophy at Glen Lake School that the education of our students is a shared commitment. By bringing together dedicated educators with high expectations, involved parents, and enthusiastic learners we can do great things. During the 2022-2023 school year we brought back Family Learning Nights. Glen Lake School Partnership (GLSP), our parent-teacher organization, supported us financially in bringing back that event, and supported our assemblies, as well. Glen Lake students enjoyed performances by Lindsay and her Puppet Pals, and Mr. Aaron. These delightful outdoor performances brought joy to students and staff alike. With the support of GLSP we held our Fall Harvest and Winter Wonderland Theme Days, Woody’s Walk and Wellness Day, and Field Day. These longstanding Glen Lake traditions were enjoyed by all! We happily enjoyed our Kindergarten End of Year Celebrations on the play field once again, as well, excited to once again share this large-scale event with families.

Glen Lake School also brought back the Positive Solutions for Families series in the 2022-2023 year, an evening class series for families in supporting children with challenging behaviors between the ages of 2 and 7. This series has been well-received and in high demand by parents and guardians over the years and we were excited to bring it back once again for a new group of families. Many thanks are due the staff members who taught the course, and who provided free childcare for participating families. Thanks once again to GLSP for their financial support of materials and food for this series.

Continued improvement in instruction requires ongoing professional development. Throughout the year, staff participated in many different professional development activities. From Science of Reading courses and subject area committee work to Schoology training, safety training, training specific to individual student needs and trainings that apply more globally, the Glen Lake team displayed true commitment to teaching and learning, including their own learning in its many forms.

Our many successes are a tribute to the efforts of educators, professional and support staff, families, community members, and, most notably, the students of Glen Lake School. Our students' progress and the joy they find in learning and discovery are our greatest rewards. As ever, we are so very grateful for this educational community and for the opportunity to provide an educational foundation for Goffstown's youngest students. Because of the efforts of so many, Glen Lake School *is* a great place to start!

BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Gerri Goguen, Principal

Mission Statement:

At Bartlett Elementary School, all of our decisions are guided by our mission.

Bartlett Elementary School will ensure the success of all students in an ever-changing world.

Bartlett Elementary School is a community which:

- promotes high academic standards and expectations for all students
- creates and supports a safe, pleasant, learning environment
- fosters self-esteem, respect, tolerance, and understanding of others
- encourages a cooperative effort among parents, students, teachers, staff, administrators, and the public
- helps young people reach their potential and become positive, contributing members of our community

Starting the 2022-2023 School Year:

Bartlett Elementary School opened in August with many new additions to our faculty and staff: Jennifer Foisey, First Grade Teacher; Joshua Gagne, First Grade Teacher; Jay McCrackin, Head Custodian; David Wood, Custodian; Cassidy Lavigne, Paraeducator; Cooper Lavigne, Paraeducator; Katie Nesbitt, Paraeducator; Kathleen Lafond, Kitchen; Tess Orkin, Contracted Service Speech-Language Pathologist; Amanda Harding, Speech-Language Pathologist shared with Maple Ave. Several staff members changed positions: Anna Ladd became a Second Grade Teacher; Chantal Guerrette became an Interventionist; and Katie Nesbitt became a one-year Title 1 Teacher in January 2023. Enrollment on the first day of school 8/30/22 was: Grade 1 (51), Grade 2 (48), Grade 3 (48), and Grade 4 (55) for a total of 202 students. Parents and volunteers were allowed to come back into the building during the school day!

Bartlett hosted our 3rd Annual Pinardville Halloween Parade which started during COVID-19 due to social distancing protocols. This new tradition was extremely well received with hundreds of spectators lining the parade route through our very own neighborhood.

In February, Goffstown High School hosted Bartlett students who were awed by selections of the Seussical Performance. Two of our own Bartlett students performed along with the GHS troupe.

The PTA ran a successful spring bookfair with sales over \$4,000! Our families enjoyed the evening book fair with Wildlife Encounters where real live animals such as wallabies and pythons were on display.

Spring Concert season returned for the first time since COVID-19. All students performed with their grade level in very well-attended separate shows directed by Suzanne Price, Music Teacher. Grade 1 performed *Up, Up Down*; Grade 2 performed *Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day*; Grade 3 performed *100 Hungry Ants*; and Grade 4 performed *Bee Bop with AESOP*. The whole school performed in our Memorial Day Program where forty-eight Bartlett military families were honored with flowers presented by students.

Students and teachers had positive feedback on the math programs piloted this spring in Grades 1, 3, and 4. The Math and YOU curriculum was chosen so staff participated in training and implementation will begin in 2023-2024.

Chelsea Ramsdell, 4th Grader Teacher, created a Garden Club in which students grew plants from seeds and transplanted them into the new Ira Memorial Garden!

Samantha LaPlante, an Art Teacher, began an Art Club where students created a beautiful School Art Gallery in the building's original stairwell!

Thank You and Best Wishes to our Exiting Staff:

Jaimie Shine, Paraeducator;
Athena-Marie Sirois, Paraeducator;
Judy Mikami, Contracted Service Speech-Language Pathologist;
Jill Horan, Contracted Service Speech-Language Pathologist;
Tess Olson, Contracted Service Speech-Language Pathologist;
Amanda Harding, Speech-Language Pathologist;
Katie Nesbitt, Title 1 Teacher;
Jillian Godbout, Long-Term Substitute 4th Grade Teacher; and
Stacey Horne, Principal's Administrative Assistant.

Congratulations to our retiring staff:

Vernie Federer, Administrative Assistant; and
Lori Simons, Head Cook.

We thank all of you for your dedication and contributions to the Bartlett community.

MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“A COMMUNITY OF ACTIVE LEARNERS”

Suzanne Pyszka, Principal

Maple Avenue staff members are proud of what we offer to our students and the positive impact we have on the Goffstown community. As educators of young children, we strive to create life-long, self-directed learners. This is done through a well-rounded, supportive education that focuses on engagement, relationship-building, social learning, and academic growth. With collaboration and a collective mindset, we work hard to offer authentic learning experiences and opportunities for all students.

In addition to an excellent education, students are actively involved in community events and opportunities. With help from our student council, students participate in service-learning projects, volunteerism, and school spirit days. We also offer special events such as the Halloween Parade, special assemblies, field days, and more.

Our school families play a huge role with enriching the experiences of students at Maple Avenue. Through our Parent/Faculty Together (PFT) group, hundreds of volunteer hours are generously given. They also raise funds for field trips, school-wide events and classroom supplies.

Thank you to our wonderful police department and fire department who spend time at our school visiting classrooms, initiating safety drills, and volunteering their time to participate in our school events. They are also generous with sharing their expertise with our staff, which improves our abilities as first responders.

At Maple Avenue, we value our relationships with our students, our collegial relationships, and the relationships we have with Goffstown families, and the surrounding community.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

*ACCREDITED MEMBER OF THE NEW ENGLAND
ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES*

Jessica Milligan, Principal

The 2022-2023 school year at Mountain View Middle School (MVMS) was dedicated to providing a safe and encouraging learning environment where all students are engaged in a rigorous and inclusive learning experience designed to meet the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students.

MVMS continued to utilize Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS). This school-wide initiative encourages a consistent, positive climate across all classroom settings focusing on the components of “Paws Pride”: Respect, Responsibility, Community, and Pride. This program is a proactive approach to establishing behavioral supports and provides a positive social culture for all students. All MVMS students have the chance to achieve social, emotional, and academic success, which is why PBIS is the backbone of our community. To promote our PBIS initiatives, we celebrated accomplishments at whole school assemblies.

Together as an MVMS Community, we continued to promote students’ wellness, engagement, and learning. The hard-working MVMS staff, family members of our students, and steadfast community partners, like Crispin’s House, Goffstown Police and Fire, and Mountain View Partnership (MVP) supported our students throughout the school year.

We provided extracurricular activities such as athletics; chess club; drama club including performances of Princess Who and Matilda the Musical Jr.; and music ensemble performances. We also supported student learning with after-school homework club, individual tutoring, and access to the library media center. MVMS students went on enriching field trips to the New Hampshire State House, New Hampshire Fish & Game, Canobie Lake Park, Camp Lincoln, and the *MS Mount Washington*. MVMS hosted our Artists in Residence, Josh Shack, who led Circus Smirkus, and taught our Grade 5 students the art of circus showmanship. MVMS also hosted Wildlife Encounters for our 7th grade students.

MVMS continues to hold its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), is one of only eight New Hampshire middle schools recognized as a Spotlight School by the New England League of Middle Schools and continues to thrive with a positive school culture and climate. The middle school years are full of academic, social, emotional, and physical growth and development. MVMS, through a rigorous and inclusive experience, supported these milestones in a safe and encouraging learning environment.

GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Francis J. McBride, Principal

The 2022-2023 school year saw two significant improvements to the GHS campus, spearheaded by Business Administrator Scott Gross. Inside, the GHS Hieber Auditorium received a renovation. New house lighting, new flooring, new ceiling tiles, new seating and a fresh coat of paint welcomed students, faculty, and staff in the fall. Outside, a beautiful new turf game field and lights were installed. Thirty-five night events helped kick off the inaugural fall athletic season. A huge thank you to Athletic Director Justin Hufft for helping to make this longtime dream a reality.

The dedication and hard work of students and staff continue to make GHS one of the best high schools in New Hampshire. US News and World Report ranked Goffstown High School #12 out of over 90 New Hampshire high schools. Additionally, GHS made the College Board 2023 AP School Honor Roll for schools that have done outstanding work to welcome more students into Advanced Placement (AP) Courses and support them on the path to college success.

Please join me in congratulating the following students and staff for their accomplishments:

- In January, Samantha Greiner was named Granite Stater of the Month by Senator Hassan for her work with Kaylee Richard of Manchester to create a student-focused job fair with Girls at Work, Inc.
- Rynne McCann was recognized as one of 2,500 students named a 2023 National Merit Scholar.
- Three GHS alumni, Jennifer Fleming, Alison Milioto and Cole Riel, were recognized in the Union Leader's 2023 "40 Under Forty" Class.
- GHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) won 1st Place Gold Seal Chapter at the FBLA State Leadership Conference.
- Samantha Metz earned Gold in Barbering at the Skills USA Cosmetology Competition through career and technical education programming in conjunction with the Manchester School of Technology.
- Mr. Andrew Pyszka was named the 2023 NH History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.
- Annually, the Goffstown School Board recognizes members of the community for their contributions. In 2023, they presented:

- o **The Cornerstone Award to Betsy Myrdek.** Betsy is the district's Data Base Manager and works closely with GHS administration on core elements of the school's operation such as scheduling and student reporting through programs such as PowerSchool and Schoology.
 - o **The Dream Keeper Award to State Senator Lou D'Allesandro.** Senator D'Allesandro is a long-time supporter of and advocate for Goffstown schools.
- The following students represented GHS at the 2023 NH Music Educators Association annual All-State Festival:

Isaac Segien

Kacey Palmer

Ryanne McCann

Kaylin Emerson

Kristos Kendall

Taylor Currier

Lilly Hazelbaker

Nikko Kendall

Fahren Sweet

Hilde Hieronymus

- Goffstown High School visual arts students received 17 awards, including Gold Key recognition for Alana Couturier and Rachel Miller, as part of the 2023 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.
- GHS Performing Arts celebrated 20 years of summer musical theater with their performance of Mean Girls. GHS was generously hosted by Bedford High School while work was underway on the Hieber Auditorium!
- Goffstown Wrestling won the Division 2 Dual Meet Championship for the first time in school history.
- GHS Gymnastics qualified for the New England Championships with their performance at the State Championship.
- GHS Girls Basketball advanced to the Division 1 Final Four for the second time in four years.
- The Goffstown 4 x 4 800-meter relay team of Chase Hall, Logan Cote, Nathaniel Baguidy, and Lucas Baguidy set a new school record with a time of 8:17.03.
- Chase Hall set a new school record in the 1000-meter race with a time of 2:38.47.
- Penny Annis won the Division 2 High Jump with a jump of 5'0".
- GHS Basketball advanced to the Division 1 Final Four for the first time since 2008.
- Goffstown High School received a Sportsmanship recognition from the NHIAA.

We are grateful for the continued support of our schools. Through generous donations, volunteer hours, and community partnerships, we continue to be able to provide enriching programs and safe learning environments for our students. Thank you!

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