



Goffstown Town and School Elections

Candidate Information

Election Day: March 10, 2026

Town Election

Select Board 1 for 3 years

Allison DeCesere
Brian Belanger

Budget Committee 4 for 3 years

Joe Spoerl
Jessica Peutin
Brian Mazur
Olivia Welch-Erdahl
Christine Templeton
Laura Stevens
Craig Stansfield
Blaine Hanson

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years

Linda Reynolds Naughton
Deb Grant

Library Trustees 3 for 3 years

Casey Leach
Jessica Caron
David Banach

Planning Board 2 for 3 years

Phil D'Avanza
Kimberly Peace

Sewer Commission 1 for 3 years

Supervisor of the Checklist 1 for 6 years
Denise Lemay

Supervisor of the Checklist 1 for 2 years
Sharon Lefebvre DeWitt
Karen Monasky

Town Clerk 1 for 3 years
Jennifer Sullivan

Town Moderator 1 for 2 years
Rodney L Stark

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 years
Fred Plett

Zoning Board of Adjustment 2 for 3 years
Leonard "Len" Stuart
John J Beliveau

School Election

School Board 3 for 3 years

Daniel MacInnis
Donna Pinard
Brian Templeton
Adam Barriere
Vanessa Hayes





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Polls are open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Vote At:

Bartlett Elementary School
689 Mast Rd, Goffstown, NH 03102

(District #5)

-or-

Goffstown High School
27 Wallace Rd, Goffstown, NH 03045

(District #1)



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Town Election

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These candidates did not consent to share Personally Identifiable Information (PII) with organizations wishing to invite participation in candidate activities such as questionnaires and forums:

John J. Beliveau
Blaine Hanson
Brian Mazur
Christine Templeton

These candidates were emailed the annual questionnaire;
no response was received:

Brian Belanger
Denise Lemay
Jennifer Sullivan





Allison DeCesere

Town Election: Select Board (3-year term)

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Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience
Goffstown Budget Committee Member 2023 - 2026

Education

Bachelors Degree from NH College (Currently SNHU) in Accounting, 1999

Professional

I am self employed; I provide small to medium size businesses and individuals with bookkeeping services.

Organizations & Affiliations

None

Experience

My three years on Budget Committee and my knowledge of business financials and operations provide me with the experience to work with fellow board members to make sound financial and strategic decisions for the town.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

In the last three years I've worked to find the delicate balance between taxes and services. It's a difficult process requiring elected officials who recognize the needs of the entire town, not just their own agendas.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I've learned so much about Goffstown these last few years. I'm excited to take that knowledge to the next level where I can apply my skills to shape the future of this town.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The Select Board manages the affairs and financial preparedness of the town.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Financial pressures. With decreased funding from the state and the general struggles of inflation, real estate taxes are on everyone's mind. We must find a way to decrease costs, increase revenues and maintain the services this town has come to expect.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I'll continue to search for ways to make our town departments more efficient and for additional sources of revenue. A main focus will be on the inequitable financial impact the County has on our town.



Joe Spoerl

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

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Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I served on the Goffstown Budget Committee for four years, from 2011 to 2015 (elected to a one-year term in 2011 and a three-year term in 2012).

Education

I attended Catholic schools in Milwaukee, where I grew up. I earned BA and MA degrees at Boston University in Philosophy and German Studies (1982). I received MA and PhD degrees in Philosophy from the University of Toronto (1990).

Professional

I was a professor in the Philosophy Department at Saint Anselm College from 1990 until my retirement in 2024. I served as department chair from 2015 until 2020. I served on the Faculty Senate for nine years.

Organizations & Affiliations

I have volunteered as an instructor since 2020 at the Osher Life-Long Learning Institute at the University of New Hampshire. My wife and I have been active members of Saint Raphael Parish in Manchester, NH since 1991.

Experience

As noted, I have already served for four years on the Budget Committee (2011-15). I am now retired so I have the time to devote to a volunteer position like this one.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

My wife Kelley and I have lived in Goffstown since 1991. We have owned two houses here, living in our current home since 1998. I try to follow current events and stay informed about Goffstown news. I learned a good deal about the town during my four year stint on the Budget Committee (2011-2015).

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I feel a strong attachment to Goffstown, having lived here for 35 years. I have benefited from the hard work of others who have served on boards and committees over the years. We have wonderful neighbors and I want to do my part serve the town.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The Budget Committee reviews proposed budgets submitted by the Select Board and the School Board (also the water and sewer districts). The Budget Committee prepares and submits the annual operating budgets for the town, school district, and village districts. Their duties include reviewing department expenditures, conducting public hearings on the budget, and recommending budget amounts for voter adoption at the annual meeting.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

The town has a mostly residential tax base, lacking the commercial development of towns like Bedford or Manchester. This places a heavy tax burden on homeowners. Modest proposed budgets are politically necessary to avoid default budgets. But the town also has infrastructure and equipment that has to be maintained. This tension between what the town needs and what taxpayers can bear is an ongoing challenge for town officials and voters.

(Joseph S. Spoerl, Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term) continued)

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

The Budget Committee recently has skillfully kept the proposed budget very close to the default budget so as to increase the odds of voter approval. I endorse this approach. I also endorse the idea of making greater use of Capital Reserve Funds to spread out the cost of major investments over time.



Jessica Peutin

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Contact: JLPEUTIN@GMAIL.COM

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I ran for Select Board in 2025. My volunteer experience includes supporting local food pantries, working with special needs adults and dementia/Alzheimer's patients, and advocating for careers in the skilled trades.

Education

College Degree in Business Finance minor in Philosophy and Certificate in Contract Law

Professional

Experience in heavy civil construction and the utilities industry, managing union employees, CBAs, and complex operating and capital budgets while balancing safety, labor agreements, and regulatory compliance with transparency and efficiency.

Organizations & Affiliations

Involved in workforce development through training and mentoring, participation in an ERP accounting system upgrade, and providing insight into skilled trade roles. Member of WIN (Women in Networking), advocating for women in nontraditional careers.

Experience

I bring experience managing complex operating and capital budgets, analyzing financial data, reviewing contracts, and understanding labor and regulatory impacts within large, regulated organizations.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

Professionally, I bring public-service experience managing large budgets, union workforces, and safety-critical operations in a regulated environment, skills that translate directly to responsible local governance. I also ran for Select Board in 2025 to advocate for fiscal responsibility, transparency, and informed local decision-making. Through these efforts, I aim to support a community that values accountability, compassion, and sustainable planning.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I am running for office because I believe Goffstown residents deserve thoughtful, responsible budgeting that balances strong public services with affordability. As a homeowner, single parent, and taxpayer, I understand the strain rising costs place on families and seniors. Too often, financial decisions are treated as unavoidable rather than the result of policy choices. My professional background in budgeting, contracts, and capital oversight has shown me the importance of long-term planning and asking hard questions before costs are passed on to taxpayers. I want to help ensure decisions are made locally, transparently, and with a clear understanding of their long-term impact on the community.

(Jessica Peutin, Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The Budget Committee serves as a critical financial oversight body, responsible for reviewing, amending, and recommending the municipal and school budgets before they go to voters. Its role is to evaluate expenditures, capital needs, and warrant articles to ensure they are necessary, sustainable, and aligned with the town's priorities. The committee does not manage departments, but it does provide an essential check by asking questions, analyzing financial impacts, and helping voters understand how budget decisions affect taxes. I view the role as one of independent review, fiscal discipline, and accountability to taxpayers.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

One of the most pressing issues facing Goffstown is the lack of public engagement and understanding around local financial decisions. Many residents want to be involved but feel shut out by complicated language, unclear presentations, and budget documents that are difficult to interpret without municipal or financial experience. When information isn't accessible, people disengage or place blame in the wrong places. This disconnect makes it harder for taxpayers to understand where their money is going, why costs are rising, and what decisions are truly made at the local level. Improving clarity, transparency, and communication is essential to restoring trust and encouraging informed participation in town governance.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As an elected official, I plan to focus on clarity, education, and accountability. I would advocate for budgets and warrant articles to be presented in plain language, with clear explanations of costs, impacts, and long-term implications. Drawing on my professional experience managing large budgets, I can help translate complex financial information into terms residents understand. I also believe in encouraging early and ongoing public engagement, so questions are addressed before decisions are finalized. By improving communication and helping residents understand how and why financial decisions are made, we can increase participation, strengthen trust, and ensure taxpayers are informed and empowered.



Brian Mazur

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

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Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Budget Committee from 2023-Present

Planning Board from 2023-2025

Education

Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Science (Russell Sage College, Troy, NY)

Associate Degree (Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY)

Professional

Director of Channel Sales at an independent software vendor delivering productivity, analytics, and real-time visibility solutions for enterprise contact centers. I lead partner initiatives that improve agent performance and operational insight.

Organizations & Affiliations

Through 14+ years of volunteer leadership—locally and abroad in Rwanda and the Dominican Republic—I've led teams serving under-resourced communities, gaining deep lessons in servant leadership, sustainability, and empowering others.

Experience

I already serve on the Budget Committee and approach budget deliberations with earnestness, prudence, and principle, focusing on responsible analysis, transparency, and long-term fiscal stewardship.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

Through my service on the Planning Board and Budget Committee, I have worked to positively impact Goffstown by balancing growth with stewardship. I approach decisions with care for both immediate needs and long-term consequences, ensuring development, land use, and fiscal choices align with the town's character and future sustainability.

On the Planning Board, I have emphasized thoughtful review, transparency, and collaboration to support responsible development while preserving what residents value most about Goffstown. On the Budget Committee, I have applied prudence and principle to budget deliberations, focusing on accountability, fiscal discipline, and respect for taxpayers.

Across both roles, my goal has been consistent: to serve the community with integrity, sound judgment, and a commitment to decisions that strengthen Goffstown today while safeguarding it for future generations.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I deeply love our town and am stepping forward because I am increasingly concerned about recent decisions affecting Goffstown's budget and long-term financial health. I believe responsible spending, transparency, and accountability are essential to preserving the character and strength of our community.

My goal is to help safeguard what makes Goffstown special—while ensuring thoughtful investment that benefits residents today and for generations to come. I am committed to listening closely to the concerns, frustrations, and ideas of our community, and to representing those voices with integrity and care.

Strong leadership begins with listening. I take that responsibility seriously and will work diligently on behalf of the people of Goffstown.

(Brian Mazur, Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The statutory role of the Goffstown Budget Committee is central to responsible local governance. Under New Hampshire law, the committee reviews, amends, and recommends the town's operating and capital budgets, providing an essential check that balances departmental requests with taxpayer interests. The committee also plays a key role in promoting transparency, fiscal discipline, and informed decision-making before matters reach the voters.

These responsibilities reinforce my resolve to serve. Thoughtful budget oversight is not about saying "no," but about asking the right questions, weighing long-term impacts, and ensuring public funds are used prudently and in alignment with community priorities. Serving in this role allows me to help safeguard Goffstown's financial health, maintain public trust, and ensure that today's decisions strengthen—not burden—future generations.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

The most pressing issue facing our town is the unsustainable rise in household property taxes. For many residents—especially seniors and long-time families—these increases are no longer manageable and are forcing people who built this community to consider leaving it. This is not sustainable and it is not acceptable.

Goffstown must take a harder look at spending growth, long-term budget commitments, and the cumulative tax burden placed on homeowners. Responsible governance requires discipline, transparency, and a willingness to ask difficult questions before costs are passed on to residents.

We must protect critical services while also ensuring affordability, fiscal restraint, and fairness. If we fail to address this now, we risk losing the very people who give Goffstown its character, history, and strength. Our town should be a place where residents can afford to stay, not be priced out.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As a Budget Committee member, I will apply rigorous, line-by-line scrutiny to all operating and capital budgets, challenging automatic year-over-year increases and requiring clear justification for all spending. Departments must demonstrate outcomes, efficiencies, and alternatives before additional tax burden is placed on residents.

I will advocate for multi-year budget forecasting, long-range capital planning, and full lifecycle cost analysis so decisions reflect their true impact on future tax rates. Core services must be prioritized, discretionary spending questioned, and long-term liabilities fully understood.

I will also push for greater transparency through clearer budget narratives and accessible public data so residents can better understand, evaluate, and engage in fiscal decisions. Every dollar approved matters, and my focus will remain on fiscal discipline, accountability, and protecting residents from unsustainable property tax increases.



Olivia Welch-Erdahl

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

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Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown Budget Committee, 2023-2026

Sunday School Director, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2022-2026

Education

Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA; English, 2003-2006

Springfield College, Manchester, NH; Human Services, 2008-2010

Professional

Child & Family Services (now Waypoint), Manchester, NH; 2007-2011

Home Educator, 2019-Present

Farm Stand Attendant, Local Farm; 2025-Present

Minister of Children, Youth, and Families, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church; 2026-Present

Organizations & Affiliations

I founded and manage NH Progressive Home Educators, an active homeschool group connecting families across the state. I direct St. Matthew's Sunday School and support their community outreach efforts financially and with my own time.

Experience

My lifelong dedication to the Goffstown community and my support of its residents gives me a deep understanding of the people that call this town home. I work and volunteer within Goffstown, prioritizing support of Goffstown business and services.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

As a lifelong resident of Goffstown, I have had the opportunity to experience our school district as both a student and parent. My community involvement began as a student at GHS and as a member of St. Matthew's, continuing into adulthood. I have participated in many community events hosted and organized by St. Matthew's, and have prioritized fostering an accessible and inclusive environment for our youth and family programs. I have proudly served on Goffstown's budget committee for the past three years.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I have served the town of Goffstown as a member of the Budget Committee for the past three years. I have prioritized being present at nearly all meetings, successfully communicated with town department heads as well as a diverse population of town residents, and continue to seek sharing accurate and respectful information with committee members and residents. I will continue to work mindfully and collaboratively with other committee members to best support the fiscal needs of Goffstown.

(Olivia Welch-Erdahl, Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

As a member of the budget committee, I will be working together with the committee to make thoughtful recommendations for the appropriation of town funds. These recommendations will be made based off of communication with community members, town staff and departments, and personal tours of town buildings and services prior to discussing and making recommendations regarding the annual budget for Goffstown. I look forward to communicating openly with departments and staff and addressing their needs to enable their ability to serve Goffstown to the best of their ability.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

I think that Goffstown will benefit from committees that are open to respectful discussion and problem solving while making cohesive decisions based on need based and accurate information provided by the community. Clear, accurate, fact-based shared between departments, the budget committee, and residents will benefit everyone.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I will continue to bring a desire to communicate openly and freely both with residents and within the budget committee, preserving the expectation of non-partisan relationships based on respect and honesty. Our town is facing increased pressure from unaffordable property taxes, state costs shifting to local communities, and the challenge of finding innovative and responsible ways to fund departments and infrastructure our residents rely on I will encourage town departments to express their needs and concerns and take these into consideration while forming recommendations within the budget committee, ensuring that we all work together.



Christine Templeton

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

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Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown Election Official. Secretary, Blind Lemonaid. Secretary, NHDCCW. Founder and leader Rosary Ministry. Eucharistic Minister serving the sick/homebound. Homeless ministry, Master Gardener, UNH Coop. Ext. Led Lemay fire & School fundraising.

Education

University of New Hampshire, Animal Science degree. Ongoing professional education through certifications and training in IT systems, Artificial Intelligence (AI), project management, Salesforce and the Dave Ramsey financial course.

Professional

First I am a wife/mother. For 31 years, I've worked at the world's largest staffing company as Senior Business Systems Analyst, specializing in financial/payroll integrations, ATS/CRM, workflow design, acquisitions, and also run our farm and budget.

Organizations & Affiliations

I actively support election integrity, faith-based outreach, veterans, the homeless, and local agriculture. I've served as a Goffstown Election Official, Eucharistic Minister, and operator of a family farm w/ community education programs

Experience

I bring strong analytical and leadership skills from my career as a Sr. Business Systems Analyst in IT, payroll, finance, and accounting. This is paired with dedicated community service, raising 6 children, and owning/managing our family business.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I have positively impacted the Goffstown community through decades of volunteer, public service, and leadership roles. As a Goffstown Election Official, I have supported fair elections. As Sec. for Blind Lemonaid, I helped organize large-scale musical events benefiting the homeless and veterans. I also started and led the fundraiser to help rebuild the Lemay & Sons Beef Packing House after the fire. Through our family farm, I lead the Hatch the Chicken program, partner with local schools and libraries to promote agricultural literacy, and host many free, family-friendly Farm Concerts that bring the community together. Served as Sec for the NHDCCW, contributing to faith-based outreach and leadership. As a Master Gardener with UNH Coop Ext., I educated and supported community gardening initiatives. I also bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. Across all roles, I combine organizational skills, dedication, and community-focused leadership to make lasting contributions to Goffstown

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I am running for elected office in Goffstown because I care deeply about our community and the impact of out-of-control spending on taxpayers. I want to get into the details of our town's funding to identify areas where we can save money and make more efficient, responsible decisions. With decades of experience in systems analysis, finance, and organizational management, combined with my long history of community service and leadership, I bring practical skills, analytical rigor, and a collaborative perspective. My goal is to ensure Goffstown remains a vibrant, fiscally responsible, and welcoming town for families now and in the future.

(Christine Templeton, Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

I understand that the Goffstown Budget Committee serves as an advisory body to the Selectboard and school boards, reviewing proposed budgets, evaluating funding requests, and making recommendations to ensure the town's financial resources are allocated responsibly. The committee examines expenditures, revenues, and capital projects to provide taxpayers with transparency and accountability. Members assess both short-term and long-term fiscal impacts, striving to balance community needs with sustainable taxation. The committee also communicates budget decisions and rationale to the public, facilitating informed participation in town meetings. I am prepared to apply my analytical, financial, and organizational experience to support these responsibilities and help maintain Goffstown's fiscal health.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

The most pressing issue facing Goffstown is the unsustainable tax burden on residents. Taxes have been rising steadily, placing a significant strain on families and limiting the town's ability to attract and retain residents. I believe it is critical to examine all areas of town and school spending, identify inefficiencies, and ensure funds are allocated responsibly. Maintaining transparency, fiscal accountability, and sustainable budgeting will help relieve the burden on taxpayers while still providing essential services. I am committed to working collaboratively to find practical solutions that balance community needs with responsible financial stewardship, so Goffstown remains a vibrant, affordable, and welcoming town.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I plan to address these issues by thoroughly reviewing areas of the town and school budgets that have not been examined in depth, where only highlights are typically provided. I want to understand how we are managing the growing number of special needs students. Special education should provide temporary support to help students succeed in the regular classroom, not become a permanent, unsustainable solution. I will seek efficiencies, evaluate spending, and explore innovative ways to improve student outcomes while reducing financial strain on taxpayers. By asking tough questions, collaborating with town leaders, and using data-driven analysis, I aim to identify solutions that balance quality services with responsible fiscal management.



Laura Stevens

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

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Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I've served on Budget Committee as an appointed member and then as an elected member. I've volunteered at MAS, MVMS, and GHS in various capacities. I've helped at the Pumpkin Regatta, coached for Parks & Rec, and volunteered at the Glen Lake Swim.

Education

BA in English from UNH Durham (2004)

MA in Information and Library Science from Simmons College (now Simmons University) 2010

Professional

I have worked in both urban and rural libraries in MA from 2007-2015. I moved to NH in 2015 and have been at the public library in Salem, NH ever since. I love it there and am currently the Assistant Director!

Organizations & Affiliations

Most recently I have narrowed my focus to my family, my career and serving on Budget Committee. I make monthly donations to Sesame Street Workshop and NPR.

Experience

A little over 3 years on Budget Committee and I feel like I am just getting started. Having worked for towns and been part of their budget processes from a staff POV, I have varied insight on best practices and problem solving.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I have positively impacted Goffstown in small specific ways by volunteering in quite diverse capacities over the past 10 years. However, my greatest value to town as a public servant is my logical thinking and curiosity. When I hear a different value or perspective, especially when it is something I disagree with, I genuinely want to know why someone thinks and feels what they do. I am very willing to talk about why I have made certain decisions or voted a certain way. I am also open to the possibility of changing my mind if I'm provided new, compelling information on a topic. If you have watched meetings or followed how people vote you've seen that I am not an "all yes" or "all no" type of person. I consider each vote separately and part of the whole.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I am running to keep my seat on the Budget Committee because I care about the future of the town. I greatly appreciate those who trusted me and voted for me in 2023 and I am now even more capable and committed to ensuring we balance spending and services. I went into this knowing quite a bit, both because I had been paying attention in Goffstown and because I had experienced the budget process from the staff side in another town. After three years I am able to extrapolate much more information from the numbers and notes we receive from both school and town. The context of our spending is just as important as the dollar amount and it takes a thoughtful and logical person to advise voters on priorities and more importantly, reasoning behind those priorities. I will continue to be that thoughtful, logical person. I am not interested in the "politics" of this position and I am focused on keeping Goffstown safe, educated, and thriving.

(Laura Stevens, Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

It is my responsibility as a Budget Committee member to be honest and straightforward with facts, consider EVERY member of the community when making recommendations, and continue to vote for what is best for Goffstown even when it differs from my personal feelings or values.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

There are two pressing issues facing Goffstown - our ability to keep taxes as low as possible despite decreased investment from the state of NH, and ensuring residents understand just how much value well-funded services bring to town. These challenges affect all of us, no matter our stage in life or personal priorities. I want Goffstown residents' tax dollars to be spent in ways that benefit individuals AND the community as a whole. It can be hard to see value sometimes because when things run smoothly, it goes unnoticed. It's when things fall apart people become aware of the lack of services. I do not want to wait for things to fall apart for the community to realize how much value their dollar brings each and every day.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

It isn't going to be easy to keep services that we need and deserve. If we continue to prioritize safety and education and work to uphold the standard of living we expect in our town we can rise above the issues we currently face. As a Budget Committee member, I will support budgets and spending that will, in the long run, help to save the community money. I will continue to prioritize spending that has the most impact on the safety and widespread wellbeing of our community. I'll ask questions of our department heads and schools that will ensure we understand their thought processes behind their budgets. "We've always done it this way" is not a valid reason so I will make sure we consider new ideas brought within the committee and brought forth by residents.



Craig Stansfield

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Contact:

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Service in the New Hampshire Army National Guard from September 2002 to Present. I hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and have spent the last 23 years leading Soldiers both in our community and in combat in Iraq, Kuwait, and Jordan.

Education

Master's of Science in Management Granite State College 2015-2019

Bachelor's of Science in Computer Science Franklin Pierce University 2001-2007

Bachelor's of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology - University of New Hampshire 1997-1999

Professional

Deputy Chief Information Officer for the NH Army National Guard. Directly responsible for all information technology personnel and operations to include all technology and cyber security related federal budgetary forecasting, planning and execution.

Organizations & Affiliations

United States Field Artillery Association

National Guard Association of the United States

Volunteered at Darbster Dogs at placement events

Experience

Extensive government budgeting experience, over 17 years as a both a Federal Budget Program Director and Manager. I am certified in proper budget planning, obligation, execution and reconciliation in accordance with federal fiscal law.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

As a member of the New Hampshire Army National Guard, I have served the local community and state during times of natural disasters, civil disturbance, and during the pandemic. Additionally, I supported the U.S. National Security Strategy through multiple overseas deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 (2003-2004), Operation New Dawn (2010-2011) and Operation's Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve (2022-2023). Currently I am on a planning team, designing a Region-Wide Cyber Security exercise to increase the readiness of the NH National Guard, State of NH, DHS, FBI and private sector companies. This exercise will prepare team who will respond to cyber-attacks against our critical infrastructure throughout the state of New Hampshire. The outcome of this event will be to train local military and civilian assets who will be ready to defend our electric grid, water resources and communications throughout our community.

(Craig Stansfield, Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term) continued)

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I have dedicated my life to the service of our Nation, spending almost 24 years in the U.S. Army serving in New Hampshire, throughout the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East. I have transitioned from my position in a highly-deployable Field Artillery Brigade, where I completed three yearlong combat tours, into a Staff Officer billet in our non-deployable Joint Force Headquarters. I would like to commit my time to serving locally, and apply my broad leadership experience and proficiency with budgeting to support the residents of Goffstown. I believe that I have the background to ensure our voters have the information they need to make pragmatic decisions in regards to their hard-earned money. I know that we can deliver Goffstown Residents transparency and fiscal responsibility, while still providing the town with the critical services and safety it requires, and affording the children of Goffstown the outstanding education they deserve while maintaining budgetary sanity.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The role of the Budget Committee is to analyze, scrutinize and audit departmental budget requests, holding individual budget managers accountable to justify their requirements. This oversight ensures that there is a culture of fiscal stewardship among departments, safeguarding hardworking taxpayer funds from wasteful spending. The Budget Committee's overarching responsibility is to ensure that the Goffstown voters are provided with an insight into the proposed municipal expenditures to allow them to make an informed decision on the appropriation of public funds.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

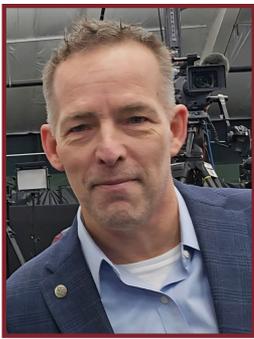
We have seen an unsustainable increase in our property taxes, in the last several years. This increase has come at a time where the cost of feeding our families, keeping our houses warm and buying the daily necessities has never been higher. Increased taxes burdens homeowners and renters alike, forcing landlords to increase rental costs and making our town less affordable for new families, our senior citizens and the disadvantaged. The cost of living in Goffstown has outpaced the salary increases of our hardworking citizens. We owe it to all of our residents to practice fiscal responsibility and find efficiencies in the way that we fund our municipal requirements.

I have watched multiple budget committee and select board meetings and it has become clear that Goffstown is in need of new leadership and outside experience. We need people who will bring innovative ideas and aren't set in their ways.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

My philosophy is simple, the Budget Committee must promote a culture of fiscal responsibility and transparency. I want to ensure the disbursement of funds provided to our town by hardworking Goffstown residents are justified, then appropriated and executed efficiently, meeting the needs of Goffstown families. We need to find the balance between restraining the rate of increase of municipal expenditures without sacrificing the quality of our education system and safety and infrastructure services provided by the town. As part of the Budget Committee, I want to be an advocate for all Goffstown's residents, working with department leads to ensure that all of their budgetary needs are justified and proper. I want to motivate the Budget Committee to take a holistic view into proposed budget requests to find opportunities to protect the Goffstown taxpayers and reduce unnecessary expenditures.

My candidacy is not endorsed by the National Guard, U.S. Army or the Department of Defense.



Blaine Hansen

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Contact: restorenh@yahoo.com, 603-670-3749

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

President of Carpenters Local 352. Manchester N.H. since July of 2022

Education

Graduate of Merrimack H.S. Class of 1985

Professional

Currently employed as a carpenter by Charles Services and Equipment. Waltham Ma.

Organizations & Affiliations

Carpenters Union Local 352 President, and Council delegate
N.H. AFL-CIO delegate and legislative committee member.

Experience

Experience with managing people and time on commercial construction projects

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

Working to promote the advancement and success of blue collar workers in today's difficult economy. Organizing and promoting legislation at the state, and city level that benefits hard working people

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

A desire to work with my fellow residents to prioritize the use of a limited amount of resources that fund all the things Goffstown needs

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

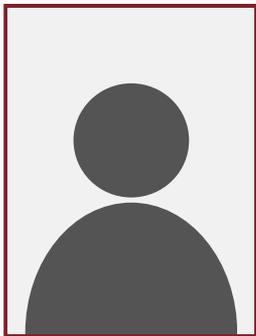
Budget committee members should use common sense, and a process of prioritization to review town expenditures, and make responsible recommendations to voters for approval of budget items.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Goffstown is faced with the issue of exponential cost increases for everything that the budget funds. School budget costs being increasingly downshifted to property tax payers, is putting pressure on household budgets of residents. Especially seniors.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

Listening to residents is the first function of any elected official. With limited funds, budget committee members need to know what residents want, and must start with necessary costs first, and nice to have items second. All town spending should be scrutinized for savings in every budget cycle. Planning, and setting aside money years ahead for large expenses should be a key part of our budget management plan.



Linda Reynolds Naughton

Town Election: Cemetery Trustee

(3-year term)

Contact: nraylin@comcast.net, Call DPW and a message will be forwarded.

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown Village Precinct Clerk 1989-present

Cemetery Trustee 2003-present

Over the years I have been involved with Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Cub Scouts, Parks and Rec Cheer program, Youth advisor St. Matthew Church

Education

Lowell State College(now UMASS Lowell)1968-1970

Northern Essex Community College 1971-1973

Nationally registered Respiratory Therapy Technician

Professional

After many years in a medical career I switched to an office management position in a related field. this transition prepped me for my next position. I have been employed by the Goffstown Village Precinct since July 30, 1989 to present.

Organizations & Affiliations

Late this summer I became the chair of the Cemetery Trustees and prior to that I was the secretary for around 15 years.

Experience

I have many years of experience in municipal budgeting and finance and customer service. During my tenure as a trustee I have learned about cemetery operations and expanded my public relationship skills.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I can only hope that I have positively impacted this community through my years of service. Since the first flag pole and commemorative veterans plaque in Westlawn to all three cemeteries now having flags to the new crypt and expansion of Westlawn, the addition of Columbariums and the expansion of Shirley Hill Cemetery this past year I think we have placed Goffstown in good stead for many years to come. I have always committed myself to making Goffstown cemeteries a tranquil place for those that visit their loved ones.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

Simply put I believe in volunteerism, I have lived in Goffstown since 1979 and have volunteered for many organizations.

Some of the organizations are Goffstown Jr Baseball, Parks and Rec Cheer Program, Boy Scouts, Tiger Cubs, St. Matthews Youth Program.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

Cemetery Trustees are responsible for budgeting, cemetery operations and setting the rules of use of the cemeteries. They are also responsible for sustaining availability in to future.

(Linda Reynolds Naughton, Town Election: Cemetery Trustee (3-year term) continued)

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Although much progress has been made regarding availability for Goffstown residents with the expansion of Westlawn and Shirley Hill cemeteries there is more work to be done. Preservation of old monuments is on the forefront and cleaning of the stones is an on going process. The original wrought iron fencing and gates are in need of some TLC. Employee, contractor shortages and budget constraints compound the length of time it takes to accomplish these goals.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

This past year we have restarted the process to see if the court will release trust funds that are unassigned. The records were lost in the town hall fire many years ago. There is a significant amount of money in these accounts. Much work could be accomplished over time without impact to the taxpayer. There will be two more Columbariums added at the Westlawn Extension. We are planning on paving the remaining roads in Westlawn Cemetery for the convenience of visitors.



Deb Grant

Town Election: Cemetery Trustee (3-year term)

Contact: pdnik@msn.com, 603-660-0414

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Cemetery Trustee 2020-2024

Alternate Cemetery Trustee 2025-2026

Special Olympics New Hampshire Local Program Coord. 2015 - 2024

Welfare Officer at the Town of Dunbarton 2023- present, former

welfare officer for the Town of Goffstown 2020- 2024

Education

Southern New Hampshire University, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, minor in Business 2016-2019

Professional

I recently retired from my chosen profession of accounting after 38 years to be a part time caregiver to several of our eight grandchildren. I do continue to serve as the Town of Dunbarton's Welfare Officer, on an as needed basis.

Organizations & Affiliations

I support Special Olympics New Hampshire, and all persons with special needs. These individuals are great contributors to our society. I enjoy helping others by participating in town welfare, animal welfare and their adoptions.

Experience

I was elected and served as Cemetery Trustee for the term of 2020-2024, I am currently an appointed alternate for Cemetery Trustee. I worked for the Town of Goffstown as Bookkeeper, Deputy tax collector and Welfare Officer for over 5 years.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

My tenure as Cemetery Trustee I focused on enhancing the bookkeeping systems, developing databases, and ensuring the meticulous management of cemetery records. My dedication to preserving and improving our community's cemeteries is matched by my passion and expertise. As Welfare Officer for Dunbarton, I communicate with the Welfare Office of Goffstown, New Boston and Weare. We strive to share resources to support our town as well as our neighboring towns.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I am running for Cemetery Trustee once again, as I have an interest in Goffstown's heritage, and safekeeping of its history. I deeply appreciate the dedication and service many of our current trustees have shown over the years. At the same time, I believe it may be the right moment to welcome fresh perspectives and renewed energy by passing the torch to new leadership. I believe more can be done to renovate our cemeteries aesthetically and providing care and preservation of its gravestones and monuments. as well as the procedures to do so. I believe we could possibly engage in community projects to aid in this preservation and restoration. Other neighboring towns do this and have great success, benefiting from less expense to the town, community involvement, and better maintained cemeteries.

(Deb Grant, Town Election: Cemetery Trustee (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

My previous background as Cemetery Trustee and my accounting background have given me an appreciation of the legal and ethical obligations of this role. I was a member of New Hampshire Municipal Association as well as the New Hampshire Cemetery Association while I previously served as trustee. I fully understand it's asset management and fiduciary duties. I am familiar with RSA 289 in New Hampshire; its powers, duties, records, trust funds and perpetual care to protect our town's cemeteries.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

I feel the most pressing issues for the Cemetery is the monument, gravestone and recordkeeping management and care and preservation. It has been great to see this past year; items such as gravestone and monument repairs are starting to be addressed with appointment of new, fresh trustees. I would like to continue this stride and have the community be involved with some of this maintenance.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I would like to have community involvement. There could possibly be "trash clean up days", "clean gravestone days" and the like in which volunteers could assist to maintain the care and the preservation of our cemeteries, reducing the cost for the town for an employee or employees to do so. This would also bring the community together. Many of our neighboring towns have great success with these types of involvement and volunteer opportunities. I would also like to see the children in our schools learn about and be involved with the heritage of our historic cemeteries.



Casey Leach

Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term)

Contact: Casey.a.w.leach@gmail.com, 518-928-7824

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown Public Library Board of Trustees, Alternate 2024-Present
Goffstown Main Street Program Board of Trustees-2022-2023
Manchester Animal Shelter Board of Trustees-2022

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy, University at Albany 2007-2010
Masters of Public Administration, Nonprofit Management 2010-2012

Professional

After serving in the nonprofit sector for almost a decade as a professional fundraiser, I made the switch to Real Estate in 2021. I am a New Hampshire licensed real estate agent with LAER Realty, which is located right here in Goffstown.

Organizations & Affiliations

Goffstown Public Library Foundation
Goffstown Community Garden Club
Goffstown Main Street Program- former board member

Experience

Two years as Library Trustee alternate, serving on LCHIP & strategic planning committees with near-perfect attendance. Decade in nonprofit sector with board governance expertise. Weekly library user with deep program knowledge & staff connections.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I am a passionate advocate for Goffstown. I have served our town through various board positions, including Main Street and the Library Board of Trustees. I volunteer with the Friends of the Goffstown Library for the annual book sale and support the Goffstown Library Foundation, including volunteering at the Once Upon a Pie event. I served on the LCHIP committee and successfully secured a \$19,272 grant to restore our historic library windows, and I continue working to see this project through alongside our new director, Patti Penick. As a local realtor, my business partner and I organize the town-wide yard sale, bringing our community together each year. In 2025, when SNAP benefits were paused, I created the Goffstown Grocery Buddy system to ensure no one in our community went hungry. Whether through board service, grassroots organizing, or responding to immediate needs, I consistently show up for this town. Goffstown is my home, and I am committed to making it stronger for everyone.

(Casey Leach, Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term) continued)

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

After serving as an alternate trustee for the past two years, I believe now is the time to run for an elected position. I have attended nearly every meeting, served on critical committees like LCHIP and strategic planning, and gained deep insight into how the library operates and the challenges it faces. The GPL is a hub of community in this town. When I was a new mom, storytimes were a lifesaver for me. In a world that mostly happens online, the library remains a constant for real social connections through programs for everyone from toddlers to adults, and educational offerings on mental health, senior services, and beyond. I am proud of what our library provides and see firsthand as a weekly visitor how vital it is to our community. I want to continue the momentum we've built, from securing grant funding to implementing our strategic plan. Important work lies ahead to ensure our library remains a thriving resource with adequate funding, thoughtful facility maintenance, and programming that serves all residents. I would be honored to continue serving.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

Library trustees serve as the governing body of the library, with specific statutory responsibilities outlined in RSA 202-A. These include hiring and managing the library director, adopting policies to govern the library's operations, overseeing the library budget, and advocating for adequate financial support during budget season. Trustees are responsible for ensuring the library meets the needs of the community through strategic planning, facilities management, and oversight of programs and services. We must balance fiscal responsibility with maintaining a high-quality library that serves our visitors.

As a trustee, I will come to every meeting prepared and engaged, ready to make informed decisions in the best interest of our library and community. I will advocate not only for the GPL but also for public libraries across New Hampshire, as strong libraries are essential to thriving communities.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

I will speak to this question from the library's perspective, though many of these challenges mirror what other town departments face. One of the most pressing issues is ensuring quality services and responsible stewardship of our historic building while maintaining a tight overall budget. As a trustee, I am committed to finding creative solutions. Pursuing grants like the \$19,272 LCHIP award we secured as a way to offset costs and protect taxpayers while maintaining excellent library services.

Another significant challenge is the continuous introduction of anti-public library legislation at the state level. Bills targeting library materials, access, and governance threaten the fundamental mission of public libraries to serve all community members. These legislative efforts require constant vigilance and advocacy to protect our library's ability to operate freely and serve our residents without political interference.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I plan to introduce a systematic grant review and application process to the board. Rather than pursuing grants on an ad-hoc basis, we'll proactively research opportunities, establish application timelines, and maximize our chances of securing external funding to offset taxpayer costs.

I will strongly advocate for the Library's Capital Reserve Fund warrant article #14. This is critical not just for setting money aside, but for demonstrating the public support required to qualify for competitive grants like LCHIP. Without public backing through Capital Reserve Funds and warrant approvals, we are at a disadvantage in the application process.



Jessica Caron

Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term)

Contact: Jessica.Caron13@gmail.com

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Merriloo Community Preschool, Registrar (2016 – 2018)

Parent volunteer/helper with SAU19 (2019 – current)

Soccer coach with Goffstown United (2024)

Goffstown Junior Baseball, Treasurer (2024 – 2025)

Education

BA University of Maine, Bachelors of Arts in Psychology

MA Plymouth State University, Masters in Human Relations

MS in Health Care Delivery Sciences, Dartmouth College

Professional

As Vice President of Patient Engagement and Strategy I work to connect patient communities in rare and chronic disease spaces with those who provide services and treatment to ensure that approaches support the community's real life wants and needs.

Organizations & Affiliations

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation

American Gastroenterological Association

Experience

Regardless of role, my work within human services and healthcare has always been mission-driven to support an understanding of community unmet needs or opportunities to maximize available resources while working within limited/constrained budgets.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

Moving to Goffstown in 2010, my husband and I immediately fell in love with the town. Raising our children here encouraged me to make a positive impact through volunteering within their preschool, as well as SAU19, and as a coach and support for the different sports programs that my children have accessed. I've also raised my hand every year to support the school district through donations of needed items, field trip chaperone, or providing classroom support. Board experience has included time with Merriloo Community Preschool and Goffstown Junior Baseball, but sometimes the biggest impact that we can make is being kind and caring to all within our community, something I strive to be always.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

We're so lucky to live in a town that is small enough to feel welcoming, but big enough to have the services and community assets that can make a town so much fun to be a part of. I've benefitted greatly from this town, so I want to continue to give back using my skillset and experience to preserve and further strengthen the work of others.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The library trustee must dedicate the time and commitment to advocate for and support maintenance of the library within the town, especially as it relates to both the day-to-day functions to maintain services, but also as needs are reviewed and growth opportunities assessed, largely through ensuring that proper budgeting and planning is in place.

(Jessica Caron, Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term) continued)

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Goffstown is an amazing town, and as a result, it is a town that is growing. This doesn't have to be an issue if we work together as a community to properly plan for and support town growth in ways that don't constrain those who live here currently. It's not an easy task, but it's one that we must take on to continue building a cohesive community where future generations may also desire to live.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

Being new to the board of trustees, the biggest benefit will be the impact of fresh eyes and new energy to bring to known concerns, especially to the needs of renovations, expansions, and the impact of budget on an evolving library need. As an avid reader, I have first-hand experience of some of these needs that users of the library experience, which I can bring with me to board meetings. With many friends and family in the town who have utilized library services from teen events to weekend family story time, I will remain rooted in just how important the library is to our community.



Name: David Banach

**Town Election: Library Trustee
(3-year term)**

Contact: dbanach@anselm.edu, 603-769-8059

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I have never held political office. I am the advisor of 3 different student groups at Saint Anselm College. I am on the Board of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, and I'm a past President of the Northern New England Philosophical Association.

Education

I have Bachelor Degrees in Chemistry and Philosophy, and a Masters and a Ph.D. in Philosophy, completed in 1987.

Professional

I've been a professor of Philosophy at Saint Anselm College and a resident of Goffstown for over 35 years. I'm also the editor of Touchstone, the poetry and art journal of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire.

Organizations & Affiliations

I'm on the Board on the Poetry Society of New Hampshire. I lead book groups, philosophy discussions, a poetry workshop, and the True Equality and Dignity Alliance at Saint Anselm College.

Experience

I have been a lurker in libraries and a lover of learning my whole life. I also teach courses in logic and methods of talking to and understanding the view points of people that disagree with me. I have raised 4 children in Goffstown and its schools.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I've been a voter and a engaged citizen of Goffstown for over 35 years. I've volunteered and worked for the common good at St. Matts and at Saint Anselm College.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I believe in Libraries. I'm passionate about the role they play in a community. We are all better when we have a place the people of our town can come to read, to follow their passions, to look for jobs, to share crafts, to research public affairs, and come together for common aims. We all benefit when our children can learn to love reading, when our teens have safe place to stay off the street, when all our citizens have a secure and warm place to enjoy culture and learn. Nothing shows the health of a community and raises its property values like a healthy library and school system. But I am also a patriot. I believe fervently in the ideal of our founding fathers that citizens that are sovereign, they rule themselves and their community. A library is a place where the ideal of democracy lives and breathes, where citizens come together for the common good, to learn and inform themselves in the business of democracy, which is self-rule, of our lives, our families, and our government.

(David Banach, Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

A Library Trustee helps maintain and guide the library to fulfill its essential role in the community, and to negotiate the difficult compromises between that role and the other needs of the community. It is non-partisan and apolitical. It subsumes our petty disagreements and political agendas to the pursuit of this common good.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

We have become so polarized and incapable of talking to each other, that our governments have become incapable of addressing the very real issues our community is facing.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I will talk to people who disagree with me to find common ground. I will seek the advice and counsel of all citizens to serve their needs. I will treat even people who disagree with me with respect and under the assumption that they are serving the same common good I am. I don't know that this is a NEW idea, but I will trust librarians; I will trust families and parents; and I will trust our citizens to read and learn and engage according to their own expertise and their own guiding lights.



Phil D'Avanza

Town Election: Planning Board (3-year term)

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Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Planning Board:2023-2026

Historic District Commission:2024-2027

NH Waste Management Council:2022-2025

NH Municipal Association Board of Directors:2023-2026

Previously served on the Select Board:8 terms

Education

Degree in Business Administration and Certificate in Management from Concord Community College. Graduated Phi Theta Kappa: 2004-2009

Professional

I have owned and operated my small business, D'Avanza Clock Repair LLC, in Goffstown for the past 42 years. I specialize in antique clock repair and the historic restoration of some of the most prominent tower clocks in New England.

Organizations & Affiliations

President of Granite State Timekeepers Chapter 189 of the National Association of Clock and Watch Collectors.

Received the 2024 NH Preservation Alliance Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership in Craftsmanship.

Experience

As an incumbent with past Selectman experience, I believe my institutional town knowledge and understanding of what it is like to run a small business will contribute to an effective planning process.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

Accomplishments I have been involved with as Selectman:

- Automated solid waste collection
- Rehabilitation of the Upper Elementary School Building to Elderly Housing
- Closure of the Landfill with re-use to ball fields
- Re-establishment of our certified K-9 team

Town projects I have been involved with include:

- Clock at Sarette Park in Pinardville
- Minuteman Statue at Grasmere Roundabout
- Grasmere Town Hall restoration

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I grew up in New York City and after moving to Goffstown, I learned about and believe in Volunteer Government and giving back to our community. Also, it is important that new growth maintains the value of our homes and preserves the character of the community.

(Phil D'Avanza, Town Election: Planning Board (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The Planning Board is a land use board where members are responsible with ensuring that the planning process incorporates the ability to balance property rights with the needs of the community while adhering to the law and local ordinances.

The Planning Board reviews subdivision and site plans through a public hearing process and follows NH Planning and Land Use Regulation which includes RSA 672, 673 and 674. The Board is also responsible for our Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The Master Plan is a planning tool to provide guidance with the development of the overall character our community.

The Capital Improvement Program is also a planning tool to help level out annual expenditures for the Budget Committee and Select Board during their budget process.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Housing and taxes are very pressing issues facing Goffstown residents. Over the last two years the NH Legislature has reduced local control over zoning. Goffstown has limited commercial and industrial land which help to offset our property taxes.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I serve on the Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Municipal Association, whose membership comprises every New Hampshire Town and City. This interaction with a diverse group of municipal officials from across our state gives me a unique perspective of regional issues that we all share and I will bring this knowledge to the planning Board.



Kimberly Peace

Town Election: Planning Board

(3-year term)

Contact: krpeace@hotmail.com

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown Planning Board, alternate 2014, member 2015-2023, Vice Chair 2021-2024

Goffstown Conservation Commission, member 2003 - 2011, Chair 2008-2011

Goffstown Capitol Improvements Program (CIP) Committee 2021-2024

Education

Bachelor's of Science, Biology, Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY

Master's of Science, Marine Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Professional

I work for Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. in Manchester NH as a Vice president and Senior Environmental Coordinator.

Organizations & Affiliations

New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists (NHANRS) Legislative Committee, member since 2013, currently Chair

Tri-Town Youth Soccer League Board, 2012-2022

Experience

As a member of the Goffstown Planning Board I was charged with reviewing site plans and providing a framework for development and conservation of the Town, as detailed in the Master Plan.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I am proud to say that as I drive through Town daily I can see developments, both residential and commercial, as well as land conservation, that I was actively a part of- places where we asked for a design revision to protect wetlands or stream buffers, or refused to allow for a reduction in landscaping so that trees would provide screening and visual improvements. I have lived in Goffstown since 2000 and I have been active and vocal in Goffstown's planning, development and conservation. What started as a concern over what was happening in my own backyard expanded into an interest in our Town as a whole and taking positions on the Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I love Goffstown and I want to work alongside its citizens and dedicated staff so that we continue to operate in a way that allows for continued growth and success. We have a great staff who are working hard to build on our past and move us into the future. I am ready to help them work with the taxpayers for the future of Goffstown.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

I have a thorough understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of Planning Board members from my prior experience.

(Kimberly Peace, Town Election: Planning Board (3-year term) continued)

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Balancing community needs versus wants in a way that best fits our current economic climate - we can recognize the pressure residents are under to keep taxes low while not neglecting the important maintenance and upkeep needed to operate a Town. Ensuring that commercial development is supported and promoted in appropriate locations along our main roadways provided these sites meet our planning and zoning ordinances and development regulations.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I will continue to address the balance between conservation and development in a way that meets the desires of the citizens of Goffstown.



Sharon Lefebvre DeWitt

Town Election: Supervisor of the Checklist (2-year term)

Contact: GoffstownSharonDeWitt@outlook.com, 603-370-0223

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Candia Community Woman's Club 2007-2013: 2 years as Co-President/President. Candia Old Home Day Committee - 5 years. Candia Moore School PTO - (2008 - 2012) Auditor / President (2 yrs). SB Subcommittees: HS Evaluation & Calendar Review Committees

Education

Goffstown High School 1987 Graduate
BA Psychology, Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT 1987-1991

Professional

I am currently a full-time homemaker, managing my household and assisting with my husband's small business. My career background includes human services and human resources work.

Organizations & Affiliations

Founded the local giving group The Change We Make in 2025. Volunteer at the Goffstown Community Clothing Center. Support community organizations including Crispin's House, the Goffstown Food Pantry, and the Worker Bee Fund through donations.

Experience

I bring strong organizational, computer, and communication skills. My leadership positions with the Women's Club/PTO required careful recordkeeping, coordination, and clear written communication. I also have the time and commitment to serve reliably.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

Although I grew up in Goffstown, I returned to live here in 2023 and have been actively working to reconnect with the community through service. Since moving back, I have supported local elections by volunteering and helping with sign holding, contributed to local charities, and volunteered at the Goffstown Community Clothing Center. I value being involved in the town where I live and believe participation is one of the best ways to support a healthy community. Because I am home during the day, I have made a conscious effort to look for additional ways to help and to meet residents across different parts of town. These experiences have helped me better understand the needs of our community and strengthened my commitment to serving Goffstown in a positive and responsible way.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I am running for office because service to the community has always been part of my life. I grew up in Goffstown while my father served as a police officer here, and my parents were active in the Police Association and St. Edmund's Parish. That example taught me that towns work best when people participate and care about their neighbors. I carried those values with me while raising my family in Candia through school and community involvement. After returning to Goffstown in 2023, I wanted to reconnect and contribute to the town that helped shape me. Serving as Supervisor of the Checklist is a meaningful way for me to support fair elections, meet more residents, and give back to the community I have always considered home.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The Supervisor of the Checklist is responsible for maintaining an accurate and lawful voter checklist for the town. This includes adding eligible voters, removing those who are no longer qualified, and correcting errors in accordance with New Hampshire election law. Supervisors must review and verify voter registration records, process updates such as changes of address or party affiliation, and ensure that the checklist is available for public inspection as required by statute. The office also participates in election-day duties when needed and works with the Town Clerk and other election officials to ensure elections are conducted fairly, securely, and transparently. The role requires careful attention to detail, respect for voter rights, and a commitment to applying the law consistently and without bias.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Many Goffstown residents are feeling the strain of higher costs for housing, food, fuel, and property taxes. When people are under financial pressure, local decisions matter more than ever. That makes trust in our elections especially important, because town budgets, school funding, and local policies are shaped by who participates. The most pressing issue is ensuring that every eligible resident can exercise their right to vote and that the voter checklist is accurate, secure, and maintained according to law. When people trust the process and know their voice counts, they are more likely to participate in shaping the future of the community.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As Supervisor of the Checklist, my role is not to set economic policy, but to ensure that the people most affected by local decisions can participate in them. I will focus on maintaining an accurate, up-to-date checklist and making the voter registration process clear and accessible so eligible residents are not discouraged from voting. I will support regular review of records, timely processing of changes, and transparency in how the checklist is maintained. I would also encourage clear public communication about registration deadlines, party changes, and voter eligibility so residents understand their rights. My goal is to strengthen confidence in the system so more people participate in shaping the policies that affect their daily lives.



Karen Monasky

Town Election: Supervisor of the Checklist (2-year term)

Contact: teaotrl@comcast.net

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Board Friends of L'Arche nonprofit

Education

Bio/Chemistry, Occupational Therapy

Professional

retired 2020

Organizations & Affiliations

Goffstown Homeschooling Community

Local Church

Experience

1. A sincere desire to support voter integrity
2. 40+ years of analytical thinking, problem solving, training, communication and leadership skills as an OT

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

As a lifelong learner, I have listened to my community, attended town committee and deliberative meetings, volunteered at the Bartlett polls, attended the Institute of Politics at St Anselm community events. I have offered library public programming ideas to reach less served populations in our town.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

To increase voter engagement, ensure election integrity, build trust between residents and town government, that involves long term impact in town policy and political involvement.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

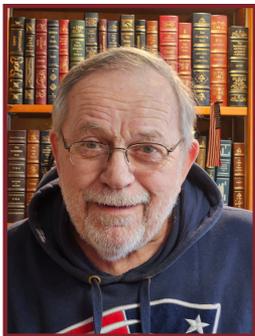
The role and responsibility of the Supervisor of the checklist is to ensure eligible voters can participate in elections, that the checklist is accurate/updated, and any issues are handled according lawfully.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Residents trust in elected town officials, unity among residents achieved by transparency and truthfulness of all.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

By working with the supervisors of the checklist, being available to town officials and residents by listening and with transparency following the law in fulfillment of my duties.



Rodney L. Stark

Town Election: Town Moderator (2-year term)

Contact:

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience:

I have been the Town Moderator for Goffstown since I was first elected in 1980

I have served as a member of the Conservation Commission

I have been an Alternate Member of the Historic District Commission

Education

I graduated from Goffstown High School in 1964

I graduated from Purdue University in 1968 (Political Science)

I graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1971

Professional

I have practiced law in Manchester since 1971, 55 years ago

Organizations & Affiliations

I am a member of the Goffstown Historical Society, The Manchester Historic Association, the New Hampshire Historical Society. I am the Treasurer of the Granite State Blues Society. I support many charities.

Experience

Having served as Town Moderator for 46 years, and having a legal background, has enabled me to have a solid understanding of the election laws, rules and regulations which govern the election process in New Hampshire. I have always maintained close relationships with the offices of the NH Sec. of State

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I like to think that my 46 years of service as Town Moderator has been of benefit to the Town of Goffstown.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I believe that I can continue to provide a valuable service to the Town of Goffstown and intend to continue to work closely with the Town Clerk and other elected officials and professional staff of the Town.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

As Moderator, I am the chief election official for the town. I moderate the deliberative session of our town meeting.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Based upon the discussions which took place at the recent town and school deliberative sessions, it is apparent that budgetary and tax issues are the order of the day.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As Town Moderator, I am not part of a board or committee. I will continue to conduct the Moderator's role as impartially as I can.



Fred Plett

Town Election: Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year term)

Contact: frplett@gmail.com, 603-660-0732

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

State Representative, Assistant Moderator Town & School, Planning Board Chair, CIP Chair, Budget Committee Vice Chair, Charter Commission Corresponding Secretary, Trustee of Trust Funds, many more.

Education

Hillsboro Deering HS, Diploma 1964; Northeastern University - BS (1969), MS (1972) in Electrical Engineering; Babson College - MBA Summa Cum Laude 1975, numerous courses in negotiation, sales, etc.

Professional

Retired. I was in the electric utility industry - Assistant to the President at PSNH, International Regulatory and Sales - AlliedSignal, Regional Sales Executive - EPRI, Consumer Advocacy - Office of Ratepayer Advocate, MA Attorney General

Organizations & Affiliations

President - NH Lions Past & Present DG Association; Multiple Council Treasurer, MD 44 Lions; Grand Knight - Council 5112 Knights of Columbus.

Experience

Educationally, through Intermediate Accounting. Working career - Finance, including authorship of the financial model uses to finance Seabrook, numerous discounted cash flow analyses internationally - three years' experience as a Trustee.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I have been a positive influence in any role I have assumed, for the betterment of Goffstown and its citizens.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

Sense of community.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

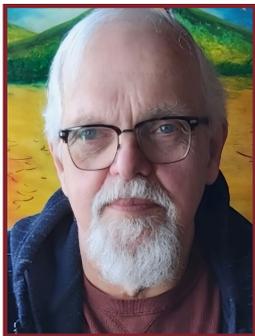
Operating under RSA 31:19-38-a, we ensure funds are invested according to state statutes, safely aiming for long-term growth and income. Fiduciaries, with Capital reserves, cemetery, scholarship and flower funds.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Inflation hitting town & school budgets hard, and a nearly stagnant tax base, resulting in taxes that are deeply hurting residents.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As a Trustee, I only watch over Trust funds investments for good returns and high safety. The larger issues are for the Budget Committee, CIP and governing bodies.



Leonard "Len" Stuart

Town Election: Zoning Board of Adjustment (3-year term)

Contact: lenstuart2@outlook.com, 603-660-1193

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

ZBA member, with one brief hiatus, since 2008.

Board of Directors member, Medvil Cooperative/ Board Secretary
2024-2025

Education

Studied at Syracuse University; New School for Social Research, New York City; and University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Professional

Retired 2019 as program information officer at New Hampshire Veterans Home in Tilton.

Prior career spanned 50+ years in various roles in daily newspaper industry, from reporter and copy editor to page designer, assignment editor and managing editor.

Organizations & Affiliations

Goffstown Congregational Church; social justice in general.

Experience

Years of writing and editing help me to take an unbiased, analytical approach to the variances, special exceptions and appeals that the ZBA hears.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I've given many years of service to the ZBA, a board which usually attracts little interest and fewer candidates despite its importance in shaping development in Goffstown.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

To continue my public service for at least one more term.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

The ZBA has a quasi-judicial function in deciding the variances, special exceptions and appeals that come before it. It's important to keep in mind that all decisions must be firmly based on the law -- not emotion, prejudice or political considerations.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Balancing development pressures with skyrocketing tax rates. Preserving Goffstown's very limited inventory of commercially developable properties while finding room for needed housing will continue to be very difficult.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

There needs to be more coordination between local land-use boards -- the ZBA and Planning Board -- and our state representatives in Concord. Too many of the new state housing measures passed in 2025 were done with little to no local input and won't help much. Collaboration needs to be encouraged.

School Election

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Brian Templeton





Daniel MacInnis

Town Election: School Board (3-year term)

Contact:

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I am currently serving the Parks and Rec Commission in Goffstown and have been since late 2024. I have been coaching Parks and Rec basketball since 2020.

Education

UMass Lowell, Criminal Justice/Political Science

Professional

I am currently the General Manager for a regional waste and recycling company.

Organizations & Affiliations

I have been proudly serving as your Goffstown Ghostbuster since 2024!

Experience

Operations leader with P&L ownership, labor relations, and regulatory oversight experience. Led multi-site teams, managed budgets and capital planning, negotiated union and municipal contracts, and drove safety, cost control, and service performance.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

My service to the Goffstown community has always been about showing up for our kids and strengthening the connections that make a town feel like home. As a basketball coach in the Parks and Recreation league, I've seen firsthand how much it matters when adults invest time and energy in young people. Providing structure, encouragement, and the right tools helps kids grow not only as athletes but as teammates and confident individuals. Running into former players around town who still remember those experiences is a powerful reminder of how consistent efforts can have a lasting impact.

In a lighter—but equally meaningful—way, bringing the Ghostbusters car around town and handing out stickers and pink slime has become another way to build community. It's intentionally simple: no agenda, no sales pitch, just fun. Those shared moments help connect people across ages and backgrounds, reminding us that community is built through joy, engagement, and genuine connection.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

Goffstown gave me a home I'm proud to raise my kids in, and, through volunteering, it's given me a sense of purpose and connection to the community. I'm running for office because I want to give back to the town that has given so much to my family and to help ensure it continues to be a place where people feel supported.

As a member of the school board, I will focus on supporting our educators, advocating for our students, and serving the broader community by ensuring our schools have the resources they need, the oversight the system requires, and a clear focus on outcomes that benefit the entire town. Strong schools are the foundation of strong, vibrant communities, and I'm committed to helping Goffstown's schools continue to succeed.

(Daniel MacInnis, School Election: School Board (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

As a School Board member, my responsibility will be to help ensure our schools serve every student effectively and fairly. That means making sure all district students are welcomed without discrimination and that appropriate supports are in place for students with disabilities and those with other specialized needs.

One of the Board's most important roles is setting and reviewing district policies that guide how our schools operate. These policies must align with state and federal law and cover everything from budgeting and instruction to student services and governance. Together, the Board provides oversight and direction, while the Superintendent manages the day-to-day operations of the schools.

The Board also hires and evaluates the Superintendent, holds regular meetings, and makes decisions collaboratively and transparently. My goal is to approach this work thoughtfully, responsibly, and with a focus on what's best for our students and the Goffstown community.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

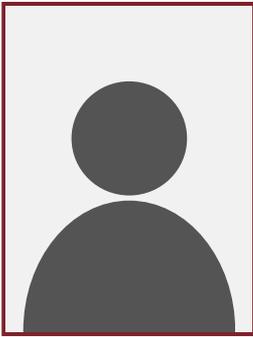
One of the most pressing issues facing our town right now is the strain many residents feel between rising personal costs and the desire to continue supporting a strong, well-resourced community. Families are working hard to balance household budgets while also wanting to invest in schools, services, and infrastructure that make Goffstown a great place to live.

That reality demands thoughtful, disciplined leadership. We must prioritize spending on what truly matters, ensure resources are used efficiently, and be willing to ask tough questions about costs—without losing sight of the quality of services our community expects. Responsible budgeting isn't about doing less; it's about doing better. If we control costs wisely, we can help residents afford to stay in Goffstown while preserving the character, services, and sense of community that make this town worth fighting for.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As an elected official, I view the School Board's role as both visionary and practical, guiding our schools forward while ensuring today's resources are used responsibly. My background in operations and service-based businesses has taught me how to evaluate programs, manage costs, and ask the right questions before committing taxpayer dollars.

I will work to strengthen connections between our schools and the broader community—local businesses, public services, and organizations—so learning stays relevant to real-world skills and opportunities. I will advocate for the resources educators and students need, while emphasizing clear goals, measurable outcomes, and accountability. By understanding what's working, what isn't, and why, we can support student success while respecting the financial realities facing Goffstown families.



Donna Pinard

Town Election: School Board (3-year term)

Contact: ddldjc1@gmail.com, 603-627-2350

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Reading tutor at private school - 2023 to present
 (8) Short-term medical/Christian mission trips to Guatemala
 Short-term Christian mission trip to Jamaica
 Worship music team-1975 to 2020
 Sunday School teacher

Education

Goffstown High School
 BA philosophy
 MA education
 certification in Emotional/Behavioral Disorders

Professional

Memere (grandmother) to six children
 retired public school teacher - current
 23 years in SAU19 - paraprofessional/special education teacher
 paralegal/legal secretary - 5 years
 stay-at-home mom to 3 children (best job and title I have ever had)

Organizations & Affiliations

My husband of 45 years and I have always tithed (given 10%) of our income to Christian organizations who preach the good news of Jesus Christ.

Volunteered, since 13yo, in ministry opportunities through music, missions, and teaching.

Experience

Two skills: knowledge and wisdom

1. GHS grad and retired from SAU19: knowledge of how education was delivered in the past and present
2. Responsible for home finances and we are debt free: wisdom on how to prepare for the future.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I taught and currently teach struggling and reluctant readers. When you teach a student to read, you positively impact, not only the local community, but the world.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I recently met an employee from the NH State Dept. of Education. In our casual conversation, he asked which district I retired from. When I answered SAU19, he stated, "Oh, not a good district." My response to him was, "I know." Since I am a life-long resident of Goffstown, graduate of GHS, and retired teacher from SAU19, I would like to change our district's performance in providing education for the students of our district.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

I fully understand the law pertaining to GSB members. I also think the past and current progressive members of the board have infiltrated their worldview into the declared responsibilities of GSB members. I would bring a conservative worldview, which is currently sadly lacking, especially dealing with taxes and spending. I would boldly speak out against diminishing local control captured by the majority progressive members of the GSB.

(Donna Pinard, School Election: School Board (3-year term) continued)

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

As a life-long resident of Goffstown, GHS graduate, and retired SAU19 employee, I know what public education used to look like, what it currently is, and how they are different. The two major issues I see affecting the public schools, is how Artificial Intelligence is changing and will continue to change education as well as the infiltration of the progressive worldview into every facet of our schools, including curriculum, staff trainings, education resources, hiring and promotion of staff, etc.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As one among nine members of the GSB, the only tool available for the minority worldview is to speak boldly, thereby having it on the record, against spending unnecessary monies as well as adopting policies which entrench progressive worldviews. Conservative citizens in SAU19 are effectively silenced and ostracized because the majority progressive members of our current GSB continually spend monies and entrench progressive policies that make the environment hostile to conservatives. The rise in school choice legislation is a reflection of the discomfort conservative citizens have with SAU19. I would like to be a part to turning this infiltration around by eventually having a majority conservative board and making public education public again.



Brian Templeton

Town Election: School Board (3-year term)

Contact: brian templeton for school board@gmail.com, 6034971218

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

From 2000-2012 I was the founder & chair of a NPO called "Blind Lemon Aid". Our mission was to help the homeless. We recd' a commendation from Mayor Menino

I have also assembled multiple backpacks for the homeless drives for citizens of Manchester.

Education

High School Diploma

Professional

Organic Farmer and Professional Musician

Organizations & Affiliations

Knights of Columbus, St Jude's Hospital,

Experience

Father of 7, Honest, Hard Working

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

Although I have not impacted our town yet. My many years of charity work through the years has impacted many.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I feel like we are failing our students by settling for low proficiency scores. Just because they are over the state average, doesn't mean we shouldn't be fighting to bring them up. I also feel accountability should be bolstered for our young citizens in school to better help them navigate their future. Bullying has no place in Goffstown schools! Academics, Sports and Arts should be the focus. ideologies are for parents to teach not our schools.

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

As I have come to learn, the school board has the responsibility to: establish policies, set educational goals, administer financial oversight, approve the budget, allocate resources, hire superintendents, monitor performance, represent the community, advocate for students, address parental and community concerns.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

Many residents need relief from the ever rising property taxes. Those citizens deserve to feel like their concerns are being addressed. The high cost of education to taxpayers versus the low success rate is not a fair or acceptable outcome. Bullying is a real problem. It needs to be addressed better and I want to hear directly from parents about how to fix it.

How you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I will be extremely discerning and bring out of the box thinking to the table, when the next budget is being formed. The budgetary process is a great first step to not rubber stamping what administrator and departments are saying is needed. Instead I will focus on making sure that the areas we are investing taxpayer dollars are yielding results.

I plan to communicate directly with the parents and children who are being bullied and bring their concerns to the board and district. No child should be afraid to go to school!



Adam Barriere

Town Election: School Board (3-year term)

Contact: adamforgoffstown@gmail.com, 603-661-0836

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I ran for a seat on the budget committee in the past and have continued to engage with the town government. I routinely donate and fundraise for the Alzheimer's Foundation and the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF).

Education

M.Ed Educational Leadership, Rivier University, 2010-2015

B.A. English Education, Stonehill College, 2002-2006

Professional

I currently teach English at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH. I have previously served as an Assistant Principal at both Pinkerton Academy and Pelham High School for 8 years.

Organizations & Affiliations

I'm a member of professional leadership organizations such as the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and the New Hampshire Association of School Principals (NHASP). I'm also a parishioner at St. Lawrence here in Goffstown.

Experience

I have worked in education for 20 years as both a teacher and administrator. Over this time, I have gained experience working with school board members, administrators and teachers to implement and draft policy and budgets.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I have always been a strong advocate for Goffstown public schools. My experience as a teacher, administrator, and parent has energized my support for a strong school board in the district. I see serving on the school board as an opportunity to have a strong positive impact on the community.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I am running for the school board because I believe strong schools are the backbone of a strong community, and I believe my professional experience has given me the skills necessary to do the job well. To continue to see our schools grow, it is important to have strong, level-headed people serving on the school board who are willing to collaborate with school administrators, other board members, and the community.

We need to continue to build a school community that is responsive to the needs of all children, while maintaining a budget that prioritizes academic growth and school safety in a way that balances the needs of taxpayers. This requires thoughtful and collaborative conversations and long term planning. I believe my professional experience and understanding of the community gives me the skills to do this well, and I am confident I can make a positive impact as a member of the school board.

(Adam Barriere, School Election: School Board (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

It is important to know that the role of the school board is not to run the schools, but rather to ensure they are well run. The school board governs the district; the superintendent is responsible for managing the district.

School boards in New Hampshire are tasked with setting and establishing policy; establishing the budget and providing oversight; overseeing and evaluating the superintendent; developing strategic plans for the district; and keeping the public informed of what is happening in the district.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

I believe that first and foremost, schools must be safe and must maintain a focus on academic growth. We need to ensure these are prioritized in the budgeting process. We are seeing continued growth in our community that is putting a strain on our resources and our aging infrastructure, while we are faced with difficult budgetary decisions. We need to be fiscally minded to balance the needs of the taxpayers with the needs of the school.

Additionally, Goffstown schools continue to score just barely above the state average. I believe we can do better than that. I am committed to working with administrators, other board members, and the community to set goals that focus on academic growth.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

I will work with others to ensure our budget is fiscally responsible, prioritizing academic growth and student safety. I am interested in long term strategic planning through our Capital Improvement Plan to ensure we are doing all that we can to plan for the future of our aging school infrastructure. Collaboration is of utmost importance in tackling these issues. Based on my professional experience, I am equipped to do this.



Vanessa Hayes

Town Election: School Board (3-year term)

Contact: VanessaHayesNH@gmail.com, 603-320-0304

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

One year term on the Goffstown School Board (March 2025-March 2026). Outside of that, my dedication lies in ensuring progress for all, without aligning with any party or agenda. Leadership/ volunteer experience below.

Education

- Proud Nashua High School graduate
- Bachelors Degree in Business (SNHU)
- Graduate-Level Certificate in Human Resources (SNHU)
- Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership (SNHU)

Professional

As a 14-year veteran in the Insurance industry, I've navigated complex processes, led teams, and implemented impactful initiatives. Through various leadership roles, I've developed strong problem solving, communication, and organizational skills.

Organizations & Affiliations

- Little League International Advisory Board 2025-Present
- District Administrator 2023-Present
- GJB League President 2021-2025
- GJB Board of Directors 2018-2025

Experience

My volunteering experience sharpened my ability to collaborate and support community initiatives. Known for a can-do attitude, strong people skills, and critical thinking, I'm dedicated to ensuring Goffstown remains a town that we are proud of.

How have you positively impacted the Goffstown community through your prior volunteer, public service, and political experience?

I have a long history of public service that has positively impacted Goffstown. I've served Cub Scout Pack 99 (den leader, secretary, committee chair) and led a short-lived YMCA Parent Advisory Board. I've had countless shifts at school events (including subbing in 2022 when the district was incredibly short staffed). I founded a babysitting co-op that connected 6-8 local families with free child care and have volunteered for the Main Street golf tournament. I'm probably best known for my work with Goffstown Junior Baseball and am currently helping get the bathroom project over the finish line. As a Little League District Administrator, I continue to support state-wide youth sports. Through these roles, I've gained valuable experience in leadership, collaboration, and community building, all of which will help me serve Goffstown effectively on the School Board.

Why are you running for an elected office in the Town of Goffstown?

I'm running for a full term because I believe that Goffstown is full of good people who truly care about the well-being of their families and neighbors. As we continue to grow, especially with our proximity to the state's most populated city, our town's needs will only become more complex. We must be proactive in planning for the future to ensure that we continue to offer the quality of life that makes Goffstown special. Our town has so much to offer, and I'm committed to helping guide its growth in a way that maintains the values we hold dear while addressing the evolving needs of our community.

(Vanessa Hayes, School Election: School Board (3-year term) continued)

What is your understanding of the statutory roles and responsibilities of the office for which you are running?

As a school board member, I understand that my role will be to represent the community in overseeing the educational system. My primary responsibilities would include setting policies for the district, approving the budget, and ensuring the district meets educational standards. I would also be tasked with advocating for student success, ensuring financial accountability, and maintaining transparency and communication with parents, staff, and the broader community. It is vital to support and align the district's goals with the needs of the students and the community while complying with all state and federal laws that govern education.

What do you see as the most pressing issues facing the town?

I still stand by my answer last year:

Elephant in the room- the most pressing issue for our town is the social media landscape, people are not assuming positive intent which leaves little room for compromise and empathy. These are our neighbors! In the real world, we show kindness, but as soon as the Facebook posts start flying, we're showing the worst of ourselves. It's draining. Time to turn the page.

In regards to the school district, I believe the most pressing issues include ensuring equitable access to high-quality education for all students and managing resources effectively in a time of rising costs. We must strive to close achievement gaps and provide support for students with diverse learning needs. Additionally, enhancing career-readiness programs and preparing students for future opportunities in a rapidly changing world should be a top priority. Lastly, ensuring that we retain and support high-quality educators is crucial for student success.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official? What new ideas will you bring to the board or committee for which you are running to rectify these issues?

As an elected official, I plan to address these issues by supporting initiatives that enhance student support services, ensuring all children have the resources to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. This past year, I brought a practical approach to school board meetings and subcommittee work, asking questions when the intent/ outcome was unclear. This illustrates the sense of curiosity that fresh eyes can bring to a seasoned membership. More efficient meetings, better onboarding and explanation of expectations, and engaging more effectively with the public was my goal last year, and I'd like to continue the momentum for a full term. As a diverse group of caring adults, we have a responsibility to ensure the community hears from us regularly.



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Election Day:
March 10, 2026

Polls are open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Vote At:

Bartlett Elementary School
689 Mast Rd, Goffstown, NH 03102

(District #5)

-or-

Goffstown High School
27 Wallace Rd, Goffstown, NH 03045

(District #1)

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