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New Hampshire



IN MEMORIAM

Goffstown pauses to remember these active members
of our community who passed away during the year.

John B. Fletcher

ADA Committee

Carl M. Hecker

School Board & School Board Chair, Budget Committee,
Historical Society, Piscataquog River Historical Society

Craig S. Heiber

School Board & School Board Chair

Gardner Lamson

Moderator, Budget Committee, Goffstown Water Precinct

Milton Meyers

Planning Board, State Representative, Master Plan Committee,
Industrial Council, Southern N.H. Planning Commission

Albert F. Snay, MD

School Board, Historical Society

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DEDICATION

CHIEF EDWARD HUNTER

This 2002 Town Report is dedicated to Edward Hunter in recognition of his twenty six years of dedicated service to the town. A true Goffstown native (born at the Moore General Hospital), Ed entered town service in 1976 as one of Goffstown's first full time firefighters. He chose a fire service career "because it makes a lasting difference in people's lives." Promoted to captain four years later, his responsibilities included training department personnel in both fire suppression and emergency medical services. His professionalism and commitment to the department and town were acknowledged with his 1987 advancement to deputy chief. In that position he distinguished himself by taking the initiative in the development of the department's fire prevention efforts. This function, rooted in the idea that preventing fire is just as much a fire service responsibility as extinguishing fires, required him to hone his skills in code enforcement. In this role Ed gained respect for his willingness to stand his ground in the face of those who sought to scrimp on fire safety requirements in proposed developments. Promoted to chief of department in 1997, he will be remembered for his tireless efforts to enhance the professionalism of a department already recognized for its stature in that regard. He hung up his turnout gear for the final time in September of 2002.



Home on leave from the Air Force, he met Jane Moran who became his wife in 1971. They settled in Weare, where Ed served the community as a volunteer firefighter, and had their first son, Scott, in 1972. In 1977, Ed and Jane were blessed with a second son, Matt. The Hunter family returned to Goffstown at about this time, moving to Ed's grandmother's property on Parker Station Road where they continue to reside. The Town of Goffstown extends its heartfelt thanks to Ed and wishes him all the best as he embarks on a new chapter of his life.

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TOWN INFORMATION

During King Phillip's War in 1734 Goffstown and West Manchester were designated as Narragansett No. 4, and used as shelter for officers and soldiers. The Town of Goffstown, incorporated 1761, is named for Colonel John Goffe, an early settler, soldier, and civic leader. Goffstown was originally a farming community. As the town was settled during the 1760's, the timber that was cleared was used in building ships. Oxen drew the wood to the village of Piscataquog and from there it was floated by raft to Newburyport, Massachusetts. The oxen route became known as Mast Road, now the main road through Goffstown.

Goffstown is located at 43N and 71, 36W in Hillsborough County nine miles west of Manchester on NH Route 114; north of Bedford on Route 114; east of New Boston on Route 13; south of Weare on Route 114. It is 16 miles to Concord, the state capital of New Hampshire.

The Town has a population of approximately 16,989 (2000 Census) and occupies approximately 36.9 square miles. Town Hall elevation is 306' above sea level, and the top of Mt. Uncanoonuc is 1321' above sea level.

GOVERNMENT: A five member Board of Selectmen governs Goffstown. Legislative policy, including passage of the Town Budget, is determined by the annual Town Meeting. The Town provides a full array of governmental services, library and recreational services. At the 1996 Annual Meeting residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional town meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot.

The Town Hall is located at 16 Main Street. Town office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday; 8:30 am to noon on Wednesday; and 8:30 am to 6:00 pm on Thursday.

TOWN CLERK: Voter registration is with the Supervisors of the Checklist or Town Clerk. To register to vote, one must be 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Goffstown. New voter registrations for local, state and federal elections can be done at the polls on Election Day. For eligibility to vote at the Ballot Determination Meeting you must register 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters for town and state primaries and general elections.

Dog licenses expire on April 30 of each year. A dog must be licensed at three months of age; rabies certificate required. Fees are \$6.50 for neutered animals; \$9.00 if unaltered. A penalty of \$1.00 per month is assessed as of June 1 for unlicensed dogs.

Automobile registration is initiated at the office of the Town Clerk. Registration is due and renewable in the birth month of the resident owner. Re-registration decals are available from the Town Clerk for an additional fee of \$2.50. In 1999 plates for passenger vehicles motorcycles, trailers and tractors were made available in this office. In July of 2001 the mail-in motor vehicle registration was restarted. The Town went on-line with NH Division of Motor

Vehicles to provide more motor vehicle registration services and to eliminate dependency upon one computer program.

PROPERTY TAXES: Goffstown collects property taxes semi-annually; payments are due at the Tax Collector's Office July 1 and December 1. Property is assessed as of April 1. A town-wide revaluation was completed in 1998. In 1999 a new statewide education property tax reduced the local tax burden on property owners by approximately 23.5%. The tax rate for 2002 was \$32.92 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

ZONING: A Town Zoning Ordinance controls land use in Commercial, Industrial, Residential Small Business Office District, Residential, Agricultural, Flood Plain and Conservancy Open Space Zones.

POLICE: The Goffstown Police Department is located on Route 114 across from the State Prison for Women and adjacent to the Hillsborough County Nursing Home.

PUBLIC WORKS: The Public Works Department is located at 404 Elm Street adjacent to the Transfer Station facility. In 2001 the old Depot Street facility was sold at Public Auction. Curbside solid waste and recycling pickups are once a week. The Transfer Station for solid wastes and recyclables is located at 404 Elm Street, and is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. The Landfill Closure project was completed in 2001, and the reuse as athletic fields should be completed in 2002.

LIBRARY: The Goffstown Public Library is located on Route 114, between High Street and Elm Street and is open from 9 am to 8 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 9 am to 6 pm on Thursday; 9 am to 5 pm on Friday; and during the school year only from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday.

PARKS & RECREATION DEPT.: The Parks and Recreation Department, with an office at 155 Mast Street provides two supervised playgrounds with excellent programs, two public swimming pools, seven public tennis courts, athletic fields, a running track, and an outdoor ice skating area, and supervised year-round programs for youth and adults.

SCHOOL DISTRICT: An elected nine-member School Board governs The Goffstown School District; the Annual School District Meeting determines its budget. At the 1996 Annual Meeting the residents passed RSA 40:13 changing the traditional school meeting to a ballot determination meeting followed by an official ballot. School Department offices are located in the White Building at the end of School Street in Goffstown Village. The Superintendent of Schools serves the school districts of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston. In Goffstown, the public schools consist of two elementary schools, grades 1 - 3, Maple Avenue School in the Village and Bartlett School in Pinardville; one middle school, grades 4-8, Mountain View Middle School, 41 Lauren Lane in Grasmere; and one high school, grades 9-12, Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road in the Village, which accepts Dunbarton and New Boston tuition students.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Selectmen

Every Monday at 6:00 PM unless posted otherwise. Meetings held in the Selectmen Meeting Room at Goffstown Town Hall.

Budget Committee

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Town Hall.

Community Access Cable TV Committee

Second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the GTV studio in Goffstown High School.

C.I.P. Committee

May through November Wednesdays at 7:00 PM as needed.

Conservation Commission

First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

Economic Development Council

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

Highway Safety Committee

As needed

Historic District Commission

Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Grasmere Town Hall/School House #9.

Library Trustees

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Library.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Parks & Recreation Center.

Planning Board

Second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at Goffstown Town Hall.

School Board

First and third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Goffstown Area High School.

Sewer Commission

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

Solid Waste Commission

Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Public Works Department.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

PEOPLE SERVING GOFFSTOWN

Governor

Craig Benson

United States Senators

Judd Gregg

John E. Sununu

Representative in Congress

Jeb Bradley

Executive Councilor

David Wheeler

State Senator

Lou D'Allesandro

Representatives to General Court

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.

Richard E. Fletcher

Randolph (Rip) Holden

Gary S. Hopper

Bruce F. Hunter

Neal M. Kurk

Karen K. McRae

Robert L. Wheeler

Board of Selectmen

Robert L. Wheeler, *Chair* 2003

Bruce F. Hunter, *Vice Chair* 2003

Henry C. Boyle 2004

Philip A. D'Avanza 2005

Barbara J. Griffin 2004

Town Moderator

Rodney L. Stark 2004

Town Clerk

Donna A. Bergeron 2005

Town Treasurer

Jean C. Mayberry 2005

Administrative Officers

Sue Desruisseaux, MPA

Town Administrator

Michael French, *Police Chief*

Paul Nault, *Fire Chief and
Forest Fire Warden*

Carl L. Quiram, *Public Works Director*

David L. French, *Recreation Director*

Dianne Hathaway, *Library Director*

Janice O'Connell, MBA,

Finance Director

Gail Lavallee, *Tax Collector*

Ron Mace, *Assessor*

Edmond Neveu, *Building Inspector,
Building Code Enforcement Officer,
and Health Officer*

Stephen Griffin, *Planning & Economic
Development Coordinator*

Anthony Simon, *Support Services
Administrator/Welfare Director*

Neil Funcke, *IT Administrator*

Kerry P. Steckowych, *Prosecutor*

Paul Fitzgerald and William Drescher,
Town Counsel

ADA Compliance Committee

Rosemary Garretson 2003

Jean Mayberry 2003

Susan Desruisseaux 2003

John Stafford,
School Board Rep. 2003

Vacant, Secretary

Vacant

Budget Committee

John Caprio, *Chair* 2003

Kevin Buckley (appt.) 2003

Al Desruisseaux 2004

George Fullerton 2003

William Gleeson (appt.) 2003

Gossett Chris McRae 2003

Brad Parkhurst (appt.) 2003

Norm Pinard 2005

Lawrence A. Raimondi 2005

Dennis Recheygl 2005

Colleen K. Russo 2003

Suzanne Tremblay	2005	Timothy Hanson	2005
John Stafford, <i>School Board Rep.</i>		Karen McRac	2003
Robert L. Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>		Evelyn Miller	2005
Richard Fletcher, <i>Goffstown Village Water Precinct Rep.</i>		Susan Tucker	2003
		Jean Walker	2004
Peter Georgantas, <i>Grasmere Village Water Precinct Rep.</i>		Jason Sachs, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
		Henry Boyle, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	

2 Vacant Alt. Positions

Building Board of Appeals

Arthur Rose, Sr. <i>Chair</i>	2002
Norman Chauvette	2002
Darron Pierson	2001
David White	2000
Paul Lebrun, <i>Alt.</i>	2002

Cable TV Access Committee

James Pingree, <i>Chair</i>	2004
Donald Gagnon, <i>Vice-Chr.</i>	2005
Craig Battey	2004
Marie Boyle	2003
Andrea Card	2003
Rosemary Garretson	2003
Patrick Tucker	2003

Anthony Simon, *Gov't. Adv.*

Richard Gagnon, *PEG Coordinator & School Rep.*

3 Vacant Alternate Positions

Cemetery Trustees

Ezra Beck, <i>Co-Chair</i>	2005
Leon Konieczny, <i>Co-Chair</i>	2003
Russ Lauriat	2004

C.I.P. Committee

Richard Georgantas, <i>Chair</i>	2003
John A. Caprio, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	2002
Earl S. Carrel, <i>Community</i>	2002
Frederick P. Cass, <i>Community</i>	2002
Fred Plett, <i>Comm. Rep.</i>	2002
Janice O'Connell, <i>Finance Dir</i>	2002
Scott Gross, <i>Sch. Brd. Rep.</i>	2002
Stephen Griffin, <i>Planning Adv.</i>	2002
Patrick Tucker, <i>Community</i>	2002
Robert L. Wheeler, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	2002

Conservation Commission

Collis Adams, <i>Chair</i>	2003
Janet Falcone	2005
Charles Freiburger	2004

Economic Development Council

William Jabjiniak, <i>Chair</i>	2003
Margaret Dolbow, <i>Sec.</i>	2004
William Dolbow	2003
Henry Grady	2002
Wm. L. Hamilton, Jr.	2003
Bryan King	2005
Arthur Rose, Jr.	2005
Jeffrey Seifert	2005
Philip Tatro	2004

Bruce Hunter, *Sel. Rep.*

Robert Wheeler, *Sel. Rep.*

Stephen Griffin, *TA's Rep.*

Richard Georgantas, *Planning Bd. Rep.*

1 Vacant Position

Goffstown Common

Oversight Committee

Dave French, <i>Parks & Rec. Dir., Chr.</i>	
Robert Wheeler, <i>Sel. Board Chr.</i>	
Carl Quiram, <i>Public Works Dir.</i>	
Larry Brown, <i>Citizen Rep.</i>	2005
Michael Rynearson, <i>Citizen</i>	2005

Goffstown Village Water Precinct

Allen D. Gamans, <i>Chair</i>	2005
Henry C. Boyle	2003
Richard Coughlin	2007
Richard Fletcher	2004
Raymond Taber	2006
Linda R. Naughton, <i>Clerk</i>	

Grasmere Village Water Precinct

Theodore Rohr, <i>Chair</i>	2004
Arthur Rose, Jr.	2003
William Swanson	2005
Diane Rand, <i>Clerk</i>	
Alice Rohr, <i>Treasurer</i>	

Highway Safety Committee

Michael French, <i>Police Dept., Chair</i>	
Stephen Griffin, <i>Planning & Economic Dev. Coordinator</i>	
Philip D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Carl Quiram, <i>Public Works Dir.</i>	
Ruth E. Gage, <i>Comm. Rep.</i>	2003

Historic District Commission

Philip D'Avanza, <i>Chair</i>	2002
Eleanor Porritt, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2003
Doug Gove	2004
Brenda Henk	2003
Elizabeth Merrill	2003
Barbara Perkins	2004
Terri August, <i>Alt.</i>	2000
Douglas Grant, <i>Alt.</i>	2004
Rodney Stark, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
Annie Vincent, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
David White, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
<i>1 Vacant Alt. Position</i>	

Library Trustees

Theresa Pare, <i>Chair</i>	2005
Kenneth Rose, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2004
George Fullerton	2005
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	2003
Maureen McLean	2004
Barbara Totherow	2003
Russ Vanderhorst	2005
Steve Brzozowski, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
Susan Osburn, <i>Alt.</i>	2005

Paper Roads Committee

Howard Leonard, <i>Chair</i>	
JoAnn Duffy	
George Hebert	
Jane Raymond	
Sue Desruisseaux, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Susan Tucker, <i>Alt.</i>	
<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Vacant, Alt.</i>	

Parks & Recreation Commission

Robert P. Draper, <i>Chair</i>	2004
George Havener, <i>Vice Chair</i>	2005
Jeffrey Dorow	2004
Barbara Larkin	2004

D. Michael McKinnon	2003
Philip C. Tatro	2005
Susan Tucker	2005
J. Claude LaRoche, <i>Alt.</i>	2004
Philip D'Avanza, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
Richard Fletcher, <i>Budget Rep.</i>	

Planning Board

James Raymond, <i>Chairman</i>	2004
JoAnn Duffy	2003
Richard Georgantas	2003
William Wynne	2004
Milton Meyers (<i>Deceased</i>)	2004
Richard Murphy	2005
Collis Adams, <i>Alt.</i>	2005
Thomas Heaney, <i>Alt.</i>	2003
Miles J. Phillips, <i>Alt.</i>	2004
Lowell VonRuden, <i>Alt.</i>	2002
Barbara Griffin, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>	
<i>1 Vacant Alt. Position</i>	

School Board

Kerry Steckowych, <i>Chair</i>	2003
Craig Hieber (<i>Deceased</i>)	2003
Scott Gross	2004
Jane Raymond	2003
John G. Stafford	2003
Ellen Vermokowitz	2004
Michael York	2003
Philip Pancoast	2005
Sara Ann Sarette	2005
Tammy Schofield	2005
Garrett Smith, <i>Student Rep.</i>	

School Moderator

Lawrence A. Emerton, Sr.	2003
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School Clerk

JoAnn Duffy	2003
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School Treasurer

Helen Skoglund	2003
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School District Administration**S.A.U. #19**

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D.	
<i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	
Mary Heath,	
<i>Asst. Superintendent</i>	

Susan Ratnoff, <i>Asst. Superintendent</i>		
Michele Croteau, <i>Business Manager</i>		
Bartlett Elementary School		
David Bousquet, <i>Principal</i>		
Goffstown Area High School		
Mark Roth, <i>Principal</i>		
Pamela Miller, <i>Asst. Principal for Curriculum & Student Services</i>		
Frank McBride, <i>Asst. Principal of Student Affairs</i>		
Maple Ave. Elementary		
Marc A. Boyd, <i>Principal</i>		
Leslie Doster, <i>Asst. Principal/ Special Ed. Coordinator</i>		
Mountain View Middle		
Rose L. Colby, <i>Principal</i>		
James I. Doig, <i>Assoc. Principal</i>		
Sandra Davis, <i>Assoc. Principal</i>		
Sewer Commission		
James A. Bouchard, <i>Chair</i>	2003	
Stephen R. Crean	2005	
Paul LaPerle	2004	
Bruce F. Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>		
Solid Waste Commission		
Frank Leffman, <i>Chair</i>	2003	
Kilton Barnard	2004	
Eugene Haselton	2004	
Paul Laperle	2004	
I. Richard Schaffner, Jr.	2005	
Joan Stevens	2003	
Bruce Hunter, <i>Sel. Rep.</i>		
Tom Fatcheric, <i>Advisor</i>		
So. NH Planning Commission		
Arthur Rose		2004
Robert L. Wheeler		2005
Barbara J. Griffin, <i>Alt.</i>		2005
Supervisors of the Checklist		
Denise Lemay, <i>Chair</i>		2006
Helen Skoglund		2004
Patricia Wynne		2002
Trustees of the Trust Funds		
Steven Murphy, <i>Chair</i>		2004
Andrew Szerlog		2003
Ezra Beck		2005
Zoning Board of Adjustment		
Anthony Marts, <i>Chair</i>		2005
Henry Grady, <i>Vice Chair</i>		2003
Richard Georgantas		2003
Gossett McRae		2004
Denise Renk		2005
Dianne Shakra		2005
Keith Allard, <i>Alt.</i>		2005
Marie Boyle, <i>Alt.</i>		2004
Michael Pelletier, <i>Alt.</i>		2005
<i>1 Vacant Alt. Position</i>		

*Executive Reports***SELECTMEN****GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

L-R: Henry Boyle, Bruce Hunter (Vice-Chair), Robert Wheeler (Chair), Philip D'Avanza and Barbara Griffin

At this time of year we reflect on the prior year and look to the future. We welcome this opportunity to share progress regarding our annual goals.

Road Plan: We thank the Goffstown voters for their support last year of the town's budget and special articles. Your vote allowed us to improve Back Mountain Road, which was previously designated as the "worst road in New Hampshire". Last year was the first year of the multi-year road plan and despite the early onset of winter the reclamation of three roads – Back Mountain Road, Montelona Road and Moreau Street – was achieved. In an effort to continue the progress of the road plan, we seek your approval this year to fund the second year of the road plan (Article 23).

Ambulance: Your support last year also led to the purchase of the new state-of-the-art ambulance. This purchase did not involve the use of any property tax dollars. GEMSA and the EMS Special Revenue Fund supplied the funds for this new ambulance. We bid farewell to GEMSA as they disband this year following many years of fundraising and support of Goffstown Emergency Medical Services. Over the years their efforts led to the purchase of two ambulances, emergency medical equipment, and to the establishment of ambulance billing which now funds the EMS Special Revenue Fund. It is important to note that GEMSA did not disband until a mechanism was in place to continue the funding of Emergency Medical Services in Goffstown.

Increase Recycling: The Solid Waste Commission, Public Works Department and the Selectmen reviewed the current recycling program and present a unique approach to recycling for 2003. There are two parts to this new approach, neither of which is dependent upon the other, but together will provide the most efficient program.

The town proposes to provide municipal curbside recycling through the purchase of an automated truck and recycling barrels (Article 19). In this way the town saves money by not paying a minimum tonnage rate for curbside recycling pickup. Currently, it is estimated that the town overpays \$175,000 per year because citizens do not recycle at the minimum tonnage level. There is also an additional savings in contract costs, which continue to increase.

The town also proposes a Pay-as-You-Throw program (Article 26), which will create an economic incentive to recycle. Citizens will choose their own level of trash disposal and recycling, and pay accordingly. Obviously, the cost of trash disposal is higher than the cost of recycling and therefore, those who choose to recycle will see a savings over those who do not. This program will build equity into the solid waste/recycling program for the users. It should also reduce the municipal waste stream.

Begin implementation of GASB34: The Finance Office began the GASB34 process by coordinating a town-wide fixed asset inventory. Each department head has been given worksheets to complete for input into the automated accounting system.

Establish a Task Force or Study Committee to review Fire Department services and develop a long range strategic plan: The Selectmen have authorized the establishment of a seven member committee comprised of the Fire Chief, full-time firefighter, call-firefighter, call-EMT, Selectman, Planning Board member and one citizen at large. The committee's task is to develop a long-range strategic plan for EMS and Fire Services.

Acquire property and develop plan for Rails-to-Trails: During this past year much progress was made towards the acquisition of the former B&M railroad path. Although the price was agreed upon, it was contingent on receiving clear title to a continuous path. The state's legal research could not show clear title, and the burden has been placed on the seller to prove ownership. Passage of Article 28 will give the town the authority to move ahead with the land purchase and trail design should the title issues be resolved within a year.

Enhance Employee Wellness: We continue to encourage employee wellness and provide incentives to employees to implement good health practices. Employees who participate in this program have fewer sick days and fewer injuries resulting in lower insurance costs for the town. The Wellness Committee schedules activities to promote better health throughout the year. Employee participation in the Wellness Program has risen 21% this year and perfect attendance has increased 56%. Use of sick leave has declined 6%, and number of work related injuries has decreased 21%.

Review, revise and compile town ordinances: The current town ordinances are compiled and ready for review prior to any recommendations for revision. We are looking into the possibility of an intern to assist with this

project, as many staff hours would be required to review each ordinance in relation to the enabling legislation and to other ordinances.

Improve communications with Goffstown citizens through open forums, website, GTV16, and newsletter: During the year the town's website ci.goffstown.nh.us was continually updated with the latest minutes of the various committees and boards in town. Events and schedules were also kept up to date for the citizens. GTV16 added another channel – GTV22 – and live broadcasts began of municipal meetings held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and the Mildred Stark Meeting Room. Those "live" meetings included Selectmen, Planning Board, ZBA, Budget, and Economic Development. Newsletters for the Deliberative Session and the Official Ballot Session are being produced to explain each article to the citizens of Goffstown. The newsletters are also posted on the website. Several public hearings were held throughout the year to address new ordinances and changes in ordinances.

Increase industrial/commercial tax base through use of funds approved at Town Meeting: The Economic Development Council with its Selectmen representatives has identified four parcels of land, which would be appropriate to develop as industrial/commercial property. Council members have approached the property owner and are in the preliminary stages of discussion. Economic Development Council hopes to enter into an agreement before year-end, so that the land purchase can be brought to the voters at the 2004 Town Meeting.

Goffstown was the one of three statewide recipients of the competitive Plan NH Award. The Plan NH team arrived in Goffstown for a weekend in October to receive public input and develop a vision for the old mill area on Factory Street. The town has recently received the Plan NH conceptual designs for developing this historical site and riverway. This is the beginning and will greatly assist with the economic development of the village area.

Review of Personnel Plan: The town's department heads met monthly reviewing and discussing Goffstown's Personnel Plan. A revised plan will be presented to the Board of Selectmen in 2003.

The Selectmen thank the dedicated hardworking team of town employees who have helped in carrying out the Board of Selectmen goals and the mission given by the voters. We bid farewell to retired Fire Chief Ed Hunter who dedicated more than 25 years to Goffstown. We also recognize retiree Stanley Cook who worked 26 years for the Public Works Department.

The Selectmen also recognize and thank the many volunteers who serve on town committees, commissions and boards. Your countless hours and efforts assist us in meeting the ever-increasing demands on municipal government. The Main Street Program volunteers are recognized for all their efforts in promoting Goffstown's community image. The town could not function without the efforts of our many volunteers.

This year's many accomplishments are attributed to the support of the Goffstown voters at the last town meeting, which resulted in the predicted property tax increase on the town side. If all articles pass as presented and recommended by the Board of Selectmen this year, then we estimate there will be

no property tax increase on the town side in 2003. Thank you for your continued support.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert L. Wheeler, *Chairman*
Bruce F. Hunter, *Vice-Chairman*

Henry C. Boyle
Philip A. D'Avanza
Barbara J. Griffin

2003 WARRANT TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING (FEBRUARY 5, 2003)

To the inhabitants of the Town of Goffstown in the county of Hillsborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, and to the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown, qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet February 5, 2003 at seven o'clock in the evening at Goffstown Area High School in said Town for the first portion of Town Meeting, also known as the deliberative session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on March 11, 2003.

You are further notified to meet March 11, 2003 to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls will open on March 11, 2003 at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the First District at the Goffstown Area High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

ARTICLE 1

To choose all Town Officers, Trustees, Commissioners, and School District Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will amend zoning ordinance 4.3 "Two-family Dwellings" from two (2) to three (3) acres as follows: "Base District", R-1 & R-2 zones "Minimum Lot Size" 3.0 acres, "Minimum Lot Frontage" 300 feet. Footnote: Cannot be waived or lessened.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will amend zoning ordinance 4.3 "Table of Dimensional Regulations" from two (2) to three (3) acres as follows: "Agricultural" A. Minimum Lot Size 3.0 acres. Footnote: (****) Cannot be waived or lessened.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will amend zoning ordinance 5.16 by renumbering the existing text as 5.16.1, and by adding a new section 5.16.2 Gasoline Stations: A gasoline station with or without accessory service bays or convenience stores is not permitted within two (2) miles (lot line to lot line) of an existing service

station measured by road length to and from each property. 5.16.2 cannot be waived or lessened.

Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will amend zoning ordinance 15.3.2 "Special Exceptions" to add section 15.3.2.1.5 as follows: Special exceptions and/or accessory uses cannot be granted on a lot where a proposed zoning change by warrant article on "the lot" was previously denied by the people. 15.3.2.1.5 cannot be waived.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 5, lot(s) 54, from Agricultural to Commercial.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will amend zoning ordinance 15.2.1 "Zoning Board of Adjustment" as follows: In accordance with NH Election Laws, Chapter 669 Town Elections, beginning with the March 2004 elections, to change the ZBA from an appointed board to an elected three (3) member board. Selectmen will appoint up to three (3) alternates and one (1) Planning Board Representative. Planning Board representative will be recommended by the Planning Board to the Selectmen.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a zoning ordinance, pursuant to the provision of NH RSA 674:22 and RSA 674:23, imposing interim regulations upon development in Goffstown by establishing a moratorium on approval of new subdivision applications and the issuance of building permits for new construction for one year from the date of passage of said ordinance. With a continuing unprecedented influx of residential development proposals, crowded schools using portable classrooms, and severe traffic flow problems at peak hours, Goffstown faces (per RSA 674:23) "unusual circumstances requiring prompt attention" to prevent such development from creating undue burdens on the town's schools, finances and infrastructure. The purpose of said ordinance shall be to: a) allow time for completion of updating of town's 1997 master plan to reflect correct and current local and regional data. b) allow time for completion of Route 114 corridor study. c) allow time for revision of Capital Improvements Program matrix regarding appropriations for construction of a new elementary school. d) allow time for the planning board to develop additional zoning ordinance amendments providing for phased development of major projects involving 20 or more building lots.

Submitted by petition.

Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance (a) to clarify definitions, including “multifamily”, “setback requirement” and “storage containers” within the glossary; and “small offices”, “motels” and “hotels” within Section 3.8 Table of Uses; “home occupations” within Section 3.9, Table of Accessory Uses and Section 5.10.2 Home Occupations; and (b) add a paragraph limiting the size of multifamily building; (c) to delete paragraph 5.12 Lodging Facilities; (d) to correct the floor area ratio formula in Section 6.4.1 Industrial Floor Area Ratio; (e) to define how sign area and heights are to be measured in Section 7.2.1 Sign Measurement; (f) to remove advertising from incidental signs in Section 7.3.4 Incidental Signs; (g) to correct a typographical error in Section 8.2.1 Computation of Number of Spaces Required; (h) to clarify the definitions in Section 14.7.3.3 Non-conforming Lots; (i) to increase the time to twenty-five days in Section 15.3.7.2 Deadline and Materials; (j) to modify Section 15.3.7.5 Report from the Planning Board in accordance with the ZBA’s review process; (k) to clarify the Planning Board review relative to Sections 15.4.1.4.5 Visual Impact, 15.4.1.5.2: Architectural Design Review, and 15.4.2 Subdivision Approval and Site Plan Review; and (l) to correct references in Section 8.1.3 Location of Required Parking and in Section 8.2.3 Requirements Where There are Multiple Uses or Buildings on a Lot, specifically:

a. Within the Glossary:

- (1) Amend “Multi-family” so that it reads: A building containing three (3) or more dwelling units or a group of two (2) or more buildings containing at least two (2) dwelling units per building.
- (2) Add a new definition “Setback Measurement” to read: The setback is measured from the property line or the edge of the right-of-way, if the property line encroaches on the right-of-way.
- (3) Relative to storage containers (a) add a new definition for Storage Containers to read: Storage containers, truck trailers, shipping containers or other similar containers are defined as structures, and (b) add a line for storage containers in Section 3.9 Table of Uses under Accessory to a Principal Residential Use as being allowed in any district as a use in conjunction with an active building permit, and (c) add a line for storage containers in Section 3.9 Table of Table of Uses under Accessory to a Principal Non-Residential Use as being allowed only in the C and I as structures in accordance with a Planning Board approved site plan.
- (4) Within Section 3.8 Table of Principal Uses, amend “Small offices of healthcare practitioners including outpatient healthcare” to read “small offices, not exceeding 1,500 square feet, of general business and professional offices and healthcare practitioners including outpatient healthcare”.
- (5) Within Section 3.8 Table of Principal Uses: combine “Motels” and “Inns or Hotels” into one use, and allow as Inns and Hotels are now allowed.
- (6) Within Section 3.9 Table of Accessory Uses: amend the accessory use to a Principal Residential Use so that Home Occupations are permitted in all districts.

- (7) Delete paragraph 5.10.2 under Section 5.10 Home Occupations, and renumber its following paragraphs as appropriate.
- b. Add a new paragraph 4.4.2 Number of Units that reads: In no case shall a multi-family building, except a bonafide student dormitory, contain more than twelve (12) dwelling units, except by Conditional Use permit from the Planning Board upon a finding that the proposed building(s) are in scale with both their neighborhood and the Town as a whole.
- c. Delete Section 5.12 Lodging Facilities, and re-number other paragraphs.
- d. Within Section 6.4.1 Industrial Park Floor Area Ratio, amend the phrase “not be less than” to read “not be more than”.
- e. Add the following new Section 7.2.1 Sign Measurement to read:

7.2.1 Sign Measurement

7.2.1.1 Sign Area:

The surface area of a sign shall be determined by the maximum height of the sign multiplied by the maximum width. The surface area of a sign shall include all lettering or elements of a sign, accompanying design and symbols, together with the background, whether open or closed, on which they are displayed, but not including any supporting framework and bracing which are incidental to the display itself and which are not designed to attract attention. Where the sign consists of letters or symbols affixed to a surface or building, without any distinguishing border, panel or background, the area shall be considered to be the smallest rectangle or shape that encompasses all of the letters and symbols. The area of multi-faced signs shall be determined by adding together the area of all sign faces visible from any one point. When two identical signs are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any point at the same time, and when such sign faces are fixed to the same sign structure, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces. Signage on an awning shall be measured as a wall sign, except that if the awning is lighted, the entire awning shall be considered signage, measured by the amount of wall area that is covered by the entire awning. The total sign area for a property shall be the sum of the area of all signs located on the property.

7.2.1.2 Sign Height:

The height of a sign shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of the grade prior to construction or the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, mounding or excavation solely for the purpose of locating the sign.

- f. Add the following sentence within Section 7.3.4 Incidental Signs: Incidental signs shall not include a business name, logo or other advertising.
- g. Within Section 8.2.1 Computation of Number of Spaces Required, amend “fraction of one-half (2)” to read “fraction of one-half (1/2)”.

- h. Replace Section 14.7.3.3 Non-conforming Lots to read: The proposed use of the non-conforming lot conforms to the front, side and rear yard requirements and to the maximum lot coverage requirements of Section 4.3, Table of Dimensions.
- i. Within Section 15.3.7.2 Deadline and Materials, amend the reference to twenty (20) days to be twenty-five (25) days.
- j. Relative to reports from the Planning Board:
 - (1) Amend Section 15.3.7.5 Report from the Planning Board to read:

The Zoning Board shall deliver to the Planning Board a copy of any application relating to (a) a commercial or industrial project or use, or (b) a residential use of three or more units for which site plan approval will be required, for the Planning Board's review and comment. Except in extraordinary circumstances requiring immediate action, the Zoning Board shall make no substantive decisions on the application until at least thirty (30) days thereafter. The Planning Board may submit a report or an advisory opinion to the ZBA, and may present testimony at the public hearing, on any application before the ZBA.
 - (2) Add a new Section 15.3.7.6 Reports from the Conservation Commission to read:

The Zoning Board shall deliver to the Conservation Commission a copy of any application relating to a variance request concerning wetlands setback, for the Conservation Commission's review and comment. Except in extraordinary circumstances requiring immediate action, the Zoning Board shall make no substantive decisions on the application until at least thirty (30) days thereafter. The Conservation Commission may submit a report or an advisory opinion to the ZBA, and may present testimony at the public hearing, on any application before the ZBA.
 - (3) Renumber Sections as required.
- k. Relative to the Planning Board review:
 - (1) Within Section 15.4.1.4.5 Visual Impact, add the following sentence: In evaluating visual impact, the Planning Board may consider architectural and design elements.
 - (2) Also delete Section 15.4.1.5.2: Architectural Design Review.
 - (3) Within Section 15.4.2 Subdivision Approval and Site Plan Review, add the following sentence: Within the Site Plan Review process, the Planning Board may consider architectural and design elements in order to address compatibility with other development in the area and the goals of this ordinance and visual impact on abutting properties and on the public.
- l. Relative to correcting cross-references:
 - (1) Within Section 8.1.3 Location of Required Parking, amend reference to Section 8.06 to be Section 8.5.
 - (2) Within Section 8.2.3 Requirements Where There are Multiple Uses or Buildings on a Lot, amend reference to Section 8.6 to be Section 8.5.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance relative to clarifying the definition of building and Section 5.1 Accessory Buildings and Facilities, specifically:

- a. Within the glossary, add to “Building”: The term Building shall include structures of permanent or temporary construction, plastic and canvas covered framed structures, structures installed on skids, blocks or a permanent foundation, and all shed and storage facilities.
- b. Add “sheds and portable structures, including plastic and canvas covered framed structures” to the list of examples included as accessory buildings.
Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance relative to Section 8.8 Parking and Storage of Unregistered Motor Vehicles, specifically:

Amend Section 8.8 Parking and Storage of Unregistered Motor Vehicles to read: In any district, not more than two unregistered motor vehicles or trailers shall be parked or stored, except in enclosed buildings, or in areas that have been designated for such parking and/or storage by Planning Board approved site plans, or in a residential district approved by Special Exception by the ZBA, subject to appropriate screening, setback and other conditions, or less than four (4) vehicles or trailers are stored in a location and manner approved by the zoning administrator. As used herein, unregistered motor vehicle or trailer shall mean a motor vehicle or trailer that would be subject to state vehicle registration if operated or transported on public highways, but which does not have a current valid number plate, or plates attached.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance to define Tattoo Parlor as a commercial establishment, to allow it only by Special Exception in the Commercial district and to set forth supplemental standards and conditions relative to and limiting its location, specifically:

- a. Within the Glossary, add a definition for Tattoo Parlor to read:
A commercial establishment, which either as a principal or as an accessory portion of its business, provides tattooing or body piercing, or both, except for ears, which are not defined as body piercing.
- b. Add Tattoo Parlor to the Table of Uses as a Special Exception (SE) in the Commercial (C) district as use #F-5, renumbering other uses in this table as required; and
- c. Add a new paragraph under Supplemental Standards:
A Tattoo Parlor shall be permitted subject to the following conditions: (1) The use shall be located no closer than 1,000 feet from any school, church, or park or from the boundary of the R-1, R-2 and A District, and (2) The use shall not be located closer than 1,000 feet to another Tattoo Parlor.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance relative to the Village Commercial district, allowing a concert hall or indoor theatre as a conditional use, specifically:

Add to Section 3.8 Table of Uses so that Concert halls or indoor theaters are allowed as a Conditional Use in the Village Commercial district.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will amend the zoning ordinance by clarifying the Section 6.5 Nuisances and Hazards under industrial parks and placing it in section 3 so that it applies to all districts, specifically:

- a. Delete Section 6.5 Nuisances and Hazards.
- b. Add a new Section 3.7 Nuisances and Hazards to read:

No use may be made of any lot that may:

1. Become an excessive annoyance or nuisance to other properties by reason of unsightliness or the excessive emission of odors, dust, fumes, smoke, noise, heat or glare; or
 2. Unreasonably increase the fire hazard to adjoining properties as measured by fire insurance ratings.
- c. Add a new Section 3.8 Waste Material to read:
Property owners shall properly dispose of any waste materials, and shall not permit any waste materials to remain on any property, except in an enclosed area approved by the Planning Board.
 - d. Renumber paragraphs as required.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance by requiring an additional three parking spaces for restaurants where take-out food counter service is available, in Section 8.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements, specifically:

- a. Add to Section 8.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements under restaurants the requirement that restaurants shall provide an additional five (5) parking spaces where take-out food counter service is available.
- b. Note in table that this requirement may be waived in part, or in its entirety, by the Planning Board through their site plan review process.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance controlling the location, height and light projection of outdoor lighting in order to insure the maintenance of Goffstown's character and to prevent further reduction of visibility of the night sky, to insure efficient use of lighting and to reduce unsafe or annoying lighting conditions, specifically:

- a. Add a new Section 9 to read as follows:

Section 9 Outdoor Lighting

9.1 Purpose

It is the intent of this section to maintain Goffstown's character and to prevent further reduction of visibility of the night sky, to insure efficient use of lighting, and to reduce unsafe or annoying lighting conditions.

9.2 Location and Height

Any new outside lighting whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, shall be mounted at a height equal to or less than the value $3 + (D/3)$, where D is the distance in feet to the nearest property boundary. The maximum height of the light source shall not exceed 25 feet.

9.3 Light Projection

Any new outside lighting, whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, shall project no more than 3% of its light rays above the horizon from the lamp, its lens structure or any associated reflector. In addition, any new lighting greater than 20 foot-candles on the ground requires the submission of a detailed engineering lighting plan, and the receipt of a lighting permit from the zoning administrator.

9.4 Exceptions

Exceptions include all temporary lighting required for public or private construction projects, all temporary emergency lighting related to police, fire or other emergency services, all hazard warning luminaries required by Federal regulatory agencies, to the degree and extent required, and all seasonal, decorative lighting displays using multiple low wattage bulbs. The Planning Board may grant exceptions for outdoor recreational facilities and for historic purposes by Conditional Use Permit.

- b. Renumber other sections as required.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance, increasing the wetland conservation district to 100 feet from certain defined wetlands, specifically:

- a. Replacing Section 13.3.3 Limits of the WC District with the following:

Section 13.3.3 Limits of the WC District. The precise location of the WC district boundary shall be determined by an on-site inspection of soil types, vegetation and hydrology by a certified soil scientist in accordance with the requirements of the Goffstown Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations.

13.3.3.1 The WC District includes those contiguous wetlands, any part of which lie within the Town of Goffstown, that are two thousand (2,000) square feet or larger, and those wetlands that are of any size if contiguous to surface waters, as well as any land within fifty (50) feet of those wetlands, of any lots that were created on or after March 9, 1993.

13.3.3.2 The WC District also includes those contiguous wetlands, any part of which are twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or larger, as well as any land within one hundred (100) feet of those wetlands, of any lots that were created on or after March 11, 2003. The provisions of this section do not apply to lots that are in the C, I, RSBO or VC zoning districts. Relief from this section may be granted by the Planning Board, following recommendation of the Conservation Commission relative to its impact on the functions and values of the wetland system, and upon a finding that the wetland's functions and values have not been compromised.

- b. Delete paragraph 13.3.7.1 and renumber Section 13.3.7 as appropriate.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning ordinance Section 10 Open Space Developments in order to make it more flexible, and more completely meeting Goffstown's Master Plan goals, specifically, replacing the existing Section 10 with the following overlay district:

13.5 OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENTS

13.5.1 Authority. This Section is adopted pursuant to the provisions of RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls. The Planning Board shall administer the application, review, and approval process for Open Space Developments through the subdivision of land process, including lot line adjustments.

13.5.2 Purpose and Objectives. The purpose of this Section of the Zoning Ordinance is to allow and encourage alternative subdivision designs that preserve Goffstown's rural character and environmentally sensitive elements, while providing housing that is more desirable in its design for the town and for the general public.

Open Space Developments shall promote the following objectives:

- (a) Maintain the rural character of the town through the preservation of natural resources and open space;
- (b) Preserve agriculture and farming within the community where possible, achieving a balance between farming, open space and residential growth;
- (c) Encourage the use of land in accordance with its character and adaptability, including view sheds, assuring the permanent preservation of open space, agricultural lands, and other natural resources; allowing innovation and greater flexibility in the design of residential developments while facilitating the coordination of design and use between adjacent properties;

- (d) Encourage a less sprawling form of development, thus preserving Open Space as undeveloped land or for dedicated recreational use;
 - (e) Provide adequate setbacks and buffers to minimize any adverse affect of the use of a property on neighboring properties; and
 - (f) Promote a natural system of storm water management to minimize erosion and to encourage aquifer recharge.
- 13.5.3 Location. An open space development may be approved only on land located within the R-1, R-2, Agricultural or Conservation zoning districts and having a Parent Lot of ten (10) acres or larger.
- 13.5.3.1 Mandatory Use of the Open Space Development. Any subdivision or other division of land, including lot line adjustments that may create additional developable lots, must use an Open Space Design in the Agricultural and Conservation districts if the Parent Lot size is twenty (20) acres or larger, unless
- (a) The completed subdivision of the Parent Lot will have a total of no more than five (5) lots; or
 - (b) All lots in the completed subdivision of the Parent Lot will have a minimum of ten (10) acres in size.
- 13.5.3.2 Optional Open Space Designs. Open Space designs are optional in the R-1 and R-2 Districts, and in Agricultural and Conservation Districts where the Parent Lot is less than twenty (20) acres in size.
- 13.5.4 Subdivision Approval Required. An Open Space Development shall require Planning Board approval. The application for approval shall comply with the Planning Board's subdivision regulations and the following requirements:
- 13.5.4.1 Site Analysis. The applicant shall submit a site analysis plan showing the physical features and character of the site and the surrounding area.
- 13.5.4.2 Density Determination. The applicant shall submit a yield plan showing that the net density will be no greater than permitted within that zoning district for a conventional subdivision or development, unless waived by the Planning Board upon a finding that the proposed number of dwelling units is well within the density requirement.
- 13.5.5 Flexibility. As an exception to Section 13.1, and to encourage flexibility and creativity consistent with the Open Space Development concept, the Planning Board may waive the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance for frontage, yard, lot size, and density standards, upon a finding that the granting of the waiver will promote the objectives of the Open Space

Development and will not adversely affect other properties or the public.

- 13.5.6 Open Space Requirements. The total area of dedicated open space shall equal a percentage of the total site, as follows:

Base Density (Dwelling Units /Acre)	Open Space Required (% of Buildable Area)
1 or greater	40%
Between 0.5 and 1	45%
0.5 or less	50%

- 13.5.7 Permanent Restriction of Open Space. Open space land shall not be further subdivided or used other than for recreation, conservation or agricultural purposes, except for easements for utilities, except as approved by the Planning Board.

- 13.5.8 Definitions.

- (a) Base Density - The original maximum density permitted under the property's residential zoning district (dwelling units per acre).
- (b) Buildable Area - All of the area of a parcel, except (a) the area of any street right-of-way proposed to be dedicated to the public; (b) any submerged land area; (c) any portion of the project used for cisterns (may be waived); (d) slopes in excess of 25%; (e) steams, wetlands and Wetland Conservation District areas; and (f) utility rights-of way.
- (c) Open Space - A portion of a development site that is permanently set aside for public or private uses and shall never be developed.
- (d) Open Space Development - A development pattern that arranges the layout of buildings in a compact area of the site so as to preserve and protect, in perpetuity, a portion of the site for recreational or natural open space as an integral part of the overall plan.
- (e) Parent Lot - Any lot, as it existed on March 11, 2003, the date this ordinance went into effect.
- (f) Yield Plan - A plan submitted by the applicant showing a feasible conventional subdivision under the requirements of the specific zoning district in which the property is located and the requirements of any and all State and local subdivision regulations.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four dollars (\$591,574) for the purpose of financing the Municipal Curbside Recycling Program and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four dollars (\$591,574) of bonds or notes with bond related

fees in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town. (A 3/5 ballot vote is required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) to continue the curbside recycling contract. This amount will be appropriated only if Article 19 fails. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. for the year 2003. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget approved by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three dollars (\$13,928,753).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of Six Million Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Nine dollars (\$6,519,459).

The Sewer Enterprise Fund of One Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven dollars (\$1,910,837) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS Special Revenue Fund of One Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Nine dollars (\$134,479) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: "Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three dollars (\$13,928,753)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fourteen Million Eighty-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three dollars (\$14,084,193), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required

by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.” NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars (\$1,810,490) for the road improvement plan, which was initiated last year. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquisition of land, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes and to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in this fund. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a which authorizes the acquisition or sale of land, buildings or both by the Selectmen provided they follow the requirements of the statute and which authority is to remain in effect until specifically rescinded by a vote of the Town.

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26

To see if the town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund when established in accordance with statute.

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to establish a “Pay As You Throw” trash and recycling program, and to authorize the Selectmen to establish user fees for the disposal of trash and recyclables. The intent of this program is to create an economic incentive to recycle, to provide equity for all users, and to eliminate the economic waste in the current recycling program. This program is expected to generate One Million One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Twenty-Four dollars (\$1,158,024) in revenue. (This revenue is in addition to Article 22.)

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Seventy Eight Thousand dollars (\$78,000) for the town’s portion of property acquisition and plan design for an alternative transportation path in the Town of Goffstown. This money was

raised by taxation in 2001 but returned to the General Fund when negotiations could not be satisfactorily completed in time. This project will be funded by a \$78,000 transfer from the General Fund Balance. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d) and the authority to expend will be limited to one year. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 29

This Petition is being circulated to help get tax credits for Disabled Residents of the Goffstown Community. We hereby ask this to be brought up for a town vote next election period.

Submitted by petition.

ARTICLE 30

To hear the reports of Town Officers, Auditors and Committees and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 31

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

Given under our Hands and Seal this twentieth day of January 2003.

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert L. Wheeler, Chairman

Bruce F. Hunter, Vice Chairman

Philip A. D'Avanza

Henry C. Boyle

Barbara J. Griffin

Then personally appeared the above named Robert L. Wheeler, Bruce F. Hunter, Henry C. Boyle, Philip A. D'Avanza, and Barbara J. Griffin, and under oath that the above certificate by them is true.

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk

NEW HAMPSHIRE SENATE

Thank you for this opportunity to report to Goffstown from the New Hampshire Senate.

This past month saw a new Governor and members of the House of Representatives and Senate sworn into office. During the current session, the legislature will have to address an estimated, but manageable, \$80 million deficit predicted for Fiscal Year 2003. As preparations begin for the 2004-2005 budget cycle, the legislature will also have to consider questions about the strength of New Hampshire's economy and the ability of the nation to recover as a whole. Meanwhile, public education and health issues will remain important subjects of debate.

I will again serve as Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. I also serve as Vice Chair of the Capital Budget Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee.

I look forward to working on these issues with you. To discuss a particular piece of legislation or if I can be of help with a problem or concern please do not hesitate to call me at my office, 271-3078, or write me at: State House RM 117, Concord, NH 03301.

State Aid to Goffstown (Source: LBAO 12/31/02)

Type of Aid	FY2002(Actual)	FY2003(Budget)
Net Adequate Education Grant	5,295,245	5,501,613
Meals and Rooms	441,133	512,733
Highway Block Grant	299,972	307,491
Environmental Grant	259,590	259,590
Building Aid	235,303	235,303
Revenue Sharing	232,273	232,273
Special Education	187,876	187,876
Ret. Normal Cont. – Teachers	131,353	131,353
Public Water System Grants	32,099	32,099
Driver Education	4,800	4,800
Tuition and Transportation	3,687	3,687
Totals	7,123,331	7,408,818

Respectfully submitted,
 Lou D'Allesandro,
 New Hampshire Senate (District 20)

MINUTES OF 2002 TOWN BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING

(February 4, 2002)

Assistant Town Moderator Gossett McRae conducted the meeting in the absence of Moderator Rodney Stark, who was ill.

Moderator McRae called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. - called for the presentation of the colors. The colors were presented by VFW commander Russell Lauriat and Donald Caron. Selectman Henry Boyle led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

G. McRae introduced the head tables - to his left, Selectmen Robert Wheeler, Barbara Griffin, Chairman Philip D'Avanza, Vice-Chairman Bruce Hunter and Henry Boyle; also Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux and Finance Director Janice O'Connell.

To his left, Assistant Moderator Fred Plett, Town Scribe Marie Boyle and Town Clerk Donna Bergeron.

Also noted that the town budget committee was seated in the front row to his right.

Moderator recognized David French, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, who stepped forward with Lionel Cullerot and Barbara Robinson.

Mr. French noted that this is the 13th presentation of the Cullerot-Robinson Award for volunteerism. This award was named for parks and recreation commissioners Lionel Cullerot and the late Clinton Robinson, who between them gave 45 years of service to recreation in the community.

He named nominee Len Gauvin as "a man after his own heart," because being an official is one of the most thankless positions there is. Mr. Cullerot and Mrs. Robinson presented Mr. Gauvin with a plaque of appreciation.

Mr. French also named the recipient of the Cullerot-Robinson Award for this year - Tom Meighan. Mr. Meighan has coached since the early 90s, and Mr. French expressed that he is "right at the top of my list," when it comes to coaches in the parks and rec programs, and how he deals with parents and touches the kids. Mr. Cullerot and Mrs. Robinson presented Mr. Meighan with this year's Cullerot-Robinson Award plaque.

T. Meighan thanked Dave French and the committee who decided on the award. He said he was very honored and very touched. He also thanked his family, without whom he feels he wouldn't be here tonight. He said he expects to be involved with Goffstown sports for many years to come.

Moderator McRae said he has some comments - explained the rules and procedures of tonight's meeting. Explained that the town adopted Senate Bill 2 in 1996 and that this is the first session of this year's town meeting - to determine what will be on the ballot to be voted on in March.

He explained we will be discussing articles 5 through 14, skipping 1 through 4, which are the voting for town officials and the planning articles. Also explained that if an amendment is adopted, the article amended will appear on the

ballot 'as amended,' on March 12.

He began reading the warrant.....

Peter Georgantas moved to dispense with the reading of the warrant, motion was seconded and passed.

Article 5 - Moderator read the article - "To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to grant and convey town-owned land adjacent to Map 28, Lot 26 and Map 28, Lot 27, as shown on the Town of Goffstown Tax Maps, for the purpose of implementing a lot line adjustment to correct boundaries and to create conforming lots; such conveyance to be on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen, in their judgment, determine. Surveying and legal costs will be the responsibility of the owners of Map 28, Lot 26 and Map 28, Lot 27."

This article was recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman D'Avanza moved that Article 5 be placed on the ballot as printed - seconded by Selectman Wheeler.

Sel. D'Avanza explained that when the Hillside United Methodist Church decided to sell their parsonage on Center Street, they had the property surveyed and the title researched. They found that the documentation did not match the property's use over the hundred or so years they'd had it. They approached the selectmen to correct the boundaries to reflect what was actual. The selectmen decided to bring this to the voters at town meeting for the authority to convey town-owned land to adjust the boundary lines.

This is in Grasmere where the Grasmere Town Hall is. On the opposite side of Center Street and the Town Hall, is the Grasmere cemetery and the Methodist Church. The original land goes back to the original layout of the town. Part of the parsonage land and septic system is on the town's property and does not abut Center Street - there's town land between the street and the houses.

Tess Marts - How much land is involved?

P. D'Avanza - It's difficult - that calculation hasn't been done. Basically what we're looking at is the front lawns of the two properties.

T. Marts - Are any of those in public use now? By Merri-Loo or anyone else there? (Answer was no).

Ezra Beck - Does this in any way affect the right-of-way to the cemetery? There's a dirt road by the church that goes in there - is that part of this?

P. D'Avanza - No - we are on the other side of the street - on the Grasmere Town Hall side of the street.

G. McRae - There being no further discussion, this article will be placed on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

Article 6 - Moderator read article - "To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA 163-G:1 through 17, so as to enable the Town to exercise all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in said statute, including, but not limited to the power to acquire, develop and dispose of industrial land and facilities."

This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Robert Wheeler - I move that article 6 be placed on the ballot as printed - motion seconded by Sel. Griffin.

R. Wheeler - This really is more of a housekeeping article than anything else. When we were here a few years ago, this was accepted by the town then, but the RSA has changed. The principal tenet of this article is to enable the community to develop industrial properties within the town in a more enhanced fashion.

Tess Marts - Can you explain a little bit about what that means?

R. Wheeler - This whole section, 162G of the state statutes, really was put into the land use laws so it would allow more flexibility. It allows the selectmen or whatever body in the local government, to move around with property - gives them some authority we wouldn't have without this.

This is simply enabling authority to allow people to work at the local level and develop within the guidelines of the community some industrial development. I believe we need that because we're a bedroom town - we have to put in an effort to get commercial and industrial development, and this is an authority to enable towns to have more flexibility. But it has to be voted in at the local level.

T. Marts - So this has no authority to rezone - it's simply to enable a local council to look into development?

R. Wheeler - Yes - and not rezoning. All rezoning has to be done at the town meeting.

G. McRae asked if there were any other questions. Seeing none he closed the discussion - article 6 will be placed on the ballot as printed in the warrant without amendment.

Article 7 - Moderator read article - "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000) pursuant to RSA 162-G for the purpose of contracting for, acquiring, developing and disposing of land and facilities to be used for industrial purposes so as to increase the industrial tax base in the Town of Goffstown. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)."

This article has been recommended by the Board of Selectmen. and Budget Committee.

Moderator McRae - Articles 7 through 13 all have a common sentence in them: 'this appropriation is in addition to Article #14.'

Article 14 is the budget article and they're just telling you that these are not included in that article. Back in the old town meeting days, we could do a quick recalculation, but now we have to wait until after March 12 to see if these articles pass. They will be added into the budget then.

Selectman Wheeler moved that article 7 be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Sel. Griffin.

Bill Jabjiniak, chairman of the Economic Development Council spoke to the article.

B. Jabjiniak - This request originated from the council. It has been going through the CIP process for the past few years. The situation is that 3% of the properties generate 10% of the revenue in this town. The Council is looking for \$125,000 to leverage public and private investment in industrial development in the town of Goffstown. I ask that everybody support this article - it's a chance to

move forward and be proactive.

Ken Rose - My main question is, are there specific parts of the town that have been identified for this? Are there particular types of industries that would be targeted?

R. Wheeler - Not in this article. The most accurate description is, if you support this article, you will be supporting the effort of a local board to get proactive in seeking industrial development.

As Bill said, 10% of our revenue comes from 3% of the property in this town. We need more of that type of property and now we have a group of volunteer citizens who are willing to put in an effort. This gives them something to work with.

If, for example, Hillsborough County, who owns over 400 acres of land in this town, should decide to get rid of say, a hundred acres, and they fixed a value for that land, then the Economic Development Council could meet with them and negotiate on behalf of community. When they got to agreement they could bind the county with an agreement and a deposit, and then come to the town meeting and explain the deal, to see if the town agrees that it's an attractive arrangement.

This is the first step in that effort.

Karen McRae - A little while ago the planning board and the conservation commission jumped through all kinds of hoops and site-walked, etc., to get the industrial park on the back road through the subdivision process. What's the status of that parcel?

R. Wheeler - From an outsider's point of view, I would say it's relatively inactive. I know the person who owns that property has spoken about two or three different types of steps to go forward with in actively developing that property, but he hasn't taken any of them. It's his land and until he's willing to do something, I'm not sure we're a lot of help. There are many other pieces of property in surrounding communities that look more like industrial parks than that. Others put in stores, develop lots and demonstrate more initiative than that particular owner. That property is a little difficult to develop, but I don't think the developer has put his best foot forward yet.

Julie Grandgeorge - If this were to pass, does the Economic Development Council have to come back before the voters with the proposal to spend the money?

R. Wheeler - In my view, the answer is yes. This doesn't authorize any particular action - it simply provides funds to economic development to go forward and enter into discussions, and if something fruitful comes of those discussions, then they can do something - they can commit through a purchase and sales and hold it, rather than asking the owner to wait until the second Tuesday in March of the next year.

I think this gives economic development an opportunity to talk to a property owner. Then that does have to come back and it has to be a special article within the budget process, and it would be a ballot vote in March.

J. Grandgeorge - So even though we're appropriating \$125,000, at this point it has to be for

R. Wheeler - It could be that those funds are available for the due diligence

part of that type of project. If that was a part of the process and the economic development came to the selectmen and said, this is what we would like to do, and everybody agreed, then it would not have to come back before the meeting. But if it was for the purchase of property to do something of greater significance, then it would.

J. Grandgeorge - Due diligence is a site plan? Legal work?

B. Jabjiniak - Due diligence is some of the items - investigative issues, soils, financing, proper zoning or land use.....I think it boils down to, this is a proactive step to keep everybody going in the proper direction. This is the first step.

J. Grandgeorge - Will this be specifically used for industrial purposes, or can it be used to look at other land uses like workforce housing?

B. Jabjiniak - I think what we're looking at is commercial and industrial - industrial is the focus. I'm not sure residential has a place in the economic base. This is simply focused on industrial.

Peter Georgantas - I have a quick question. The budget committee has approved this without looking at article 6, which is enabling legislation which says - 'to enable the town to exercise all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth by said statute, including, but not limited to the power to acquire, develop and dispose of industrial land and facilities.' Article 7 - the \$125,000 - if something came up with a parcel of property for \$100,000 and the selectmen and the economic development council decided to purchase it, they could do that without the vote of the town?

R. Wheeler - I suppose so. But in discussions about this article being created, a \$100,000 lot for industrial development is relatively insignificant. I doubt very much that that would be the approach.

Tess Marts - I'm confused - can you tell me if the money will be spent only on the vote of the board of selectmen?

R. Wheeler - The answer is yes. I think Bill can confirm that. There's virtually no expenditure, other than the normal operating expenses, that haven't gone forward without the approval of the board of selectmen.

Dick Georgantas - As a member of the economic development council, I don't want people to be thinking we will be holding \$125,000 just to buy a piece of property. We may be using \$50,000 or \$75,000 of that for infrastructure upgrades to develop a piece of property, maybe sewer easements, etc., as well as securing a piece of property so the voters can vote on it. We want to be able to say to somebody coming into the town; we can help them if it benefits the community. This is done in cities everywhere. Nobody is sitting on a blank check for \$125,000.

Moderator declared discussion ended - **Article 7 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.**

Article 8 - Moderator read article. "To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997, and to transfer the accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to the town's general fund. (This revenue is in addition to the estimated revenue in Article #14).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Bruce Hunter spoke to the article.

B. Hunter moved that article 8 be placed on the ballot, seconded by Sel. Griffin.

B. Hunter - After a summer of the trucks going back and forth in Pinardville, we now have football, soccer and baseball fields there. We've finished the landfill closure and we have a capital reserve under the RSA. We have to close it - we're asking you to vote on this in March so we can close that account.

Ezva Beck - How much money are you talking about?

B. Hunter - It's \$76,997, which will be used towards tax reduction.

D. Georgantas - Didn't we appropriate \$200,000 last year and the year before and the year before that? Where did the \$76,000 come from?

B. Hunter - It's the interest.

G. McRae - It's the left over interest in the account.

D. Georgantas - Why wouldn't we have taken that money out when we did the closure?

B. Hunter - We had to finish the closure.

D. Georgantas - So this is \$76,000 over and above what was necessary to do the actual job? (Answer was yes).

Moderator declared the discussion closed - Article 8 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

Article 9 - Moderator read article. "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million seven hundred sixty-four thousand, eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,764,850) for a new road improvement plan. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)."

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Selectman Wheeler moved that Article 9 be printed on the ballot, motion seconded.

R. Wheeler - This one is a hummer. Perhaps you had some sense that this article would be coming when you read the famous article that appeared in the newspaper about Back Mountain Road. We were recognized as having the worst road in New Hampshire.

The difficulty is that wasn't the only one and we haven't been keeping up with our roads with our previous twenty-year plan. The selectmen recognized that and went to the DPW director and asked him for another 20-year plan to get our roads back to an acceptable level and properly fund it. He came back and we could have choked on the price.

But the reality is, we do have to do something with our roads. There are many reasons the roads are in very bad condition. This spreads to other areas of community life.

Also, we now have a new accounting system - GASB34. Although there may not be a connection in people's minds with a poor road and a new school, there will be now because the financial community will be looking at the statements that have changed the way we have to report our finances. They'll say perhaps we shouldn't bond this new school because they have millions they have to come up with to fix their roads, and then we could be left holding the bag

for the school.

Carl has worked diligently on a plan. He's discussed it with the selectmen and the budget committee - it has survived the process with everybody's recommendation. This is the first year of elevated levels of work to get our roads back into decent shape.

We think we need to do it - we cannot do it without public support, and it's the board of selectmen's responsibility to present the plan.

This plan will raise what we have come to know as the PCI - a road index. It raises it from approximately 57 to about 84, if everything in the plan holds. That's one thing we're sure won't happen. Over 20 years, with something as variable as roads and weather conditions, we know it won't come out exactly to that.

But this is a concerted effort to get our roads in better shape and put the community back into a more well tended situation for other needs in the future.

Mark Germana - Is this money expected to be in this budget year after year for over 20 years?

G. McRae - This is a one-year budget appropriation. The answer is, this is the one-year appropriation, and the selectmen would expect to do this for 20 years.

E. Beck - I understand that this will be contracted out and the roads will actually be rebuilt. Do we get any guarantees with this?

Our DPW may be active on this, but they are not actually doing the work. What will we get from the companies that do this? Are there any guarantees or warranties?

G. McRae asked Carl Quiram to speak.

C. Quiram, DPW director - These presentations will be handled as all of our standard big projects - performance bonds, payment bonds, maintenance bonds. With any contract of this size we let out, it will have all of those guarantees from the contractor who does the work.

G. McRae - And ongoing oversight from the DPW? (Answer was yes).

Maurice Demers - In 1972 when I came here, the town was known for its good roads. What kind of planning is going on to keep this from happening again? If this is for only one year.....

G. McRae - This is a one-year request, but a roughly similar amount of money will be in the budget for the next 20 years. This is year 1 of a 20-year plan, and 3% has been assumed for inflation.

Scott Aubertin - Will this have to be an article each year, or will it go into the budget automatically?

R. Wheeler - If we continue to appropriate on an annual basis once the town has adopted this and funded it, it isn't a new program. Whenever there's a new program, we put it in as a special article.

I should tell you that the total amount is \$2.25 million, including what we have been doing on an annual basis. It will be a part of the regular budget if this passes, and will not be a separate article.

I think it's important to note that there have been a variety of discussions about how we should fund this. If over the next year we feel that bonding is the

best way, then it will again be a special article next year. If we feel the best way will be annual increments, then you won't see it except as a part of the budget.

JoAnn D'Avanza - When this was presented to the planning board as part of the CIP, there was no mention made that the selectmen will be pulling approximately 1.2 million dollars from the general fund this year to go along with this article.

R. Wheeler - When the selectmen put together the whole budget, we made an attempt in our plan to keep the increase on the town side of the budget increase less than one dollar. That meant taking 1.2 million dollars out of our reserve account. It's a lot of money and a lot of money was due to come out this year because we had a contingent liability that no longer exists.

We had a landfill closure that could have been significantly more expensive than it was. It was a contingent liability that we have faced for many years and it has been handled, so our reserve is significantly reduced because of that.

D. Georgantas - You're trying to keep the rate at \$1 - what would it be if you didn't have the 1.2 million? Do you have a number for that?

R. Wheeler - It's quite possible that we will have 1.2 million next year. I don't want to speak for the board of selectmen because we haven't discussed the following year's budget yet, but I'm not sure that that 1.2 million won't be available the following year.

I think it's fair to say that if this plan was all by itself, it would probably cost almost \$3 on the tax rate, without some help from something else.

D. Georgantas - If we have 1.2 million dollars and we may have it again next year, why isn't this 1/2 million dollars?

R. Wheeler - The town is required to express its expenses and revenue on a gross basis, so if something costs \$10 and we get a 10% discount, you could say why not appropriate \$9? But we need to express in terms of gross revenues and expenditures - it nets to the net appropriation.

T. Marts - Could you express how long this has been in CIP and what changes it has seen as it went through? How long do we anticipate this to go?

R. Wheeler - I think the first question is, was it in CIP and has it been. The answer is yes, but in nowhere near this amount. This amount is a relatively new change that came about when the Board of Selectmen said to Carl, 'we are not making it with the approximately half a million dollars we're spending on the roads each year.'

Now we're under greater scrutiny and pressure to do this. The road plan Carl developed is relatively new. What you see before you tonight is new money - it isn't a part of the long-term plan that existed in the past. It's reflective of the new 20-year plan. It includes repair and resurfacing, but at a pace that we need to do.

T. Marts - But to clarify, this is year 1? (Answer was yes). So this is the first budget cycle?

R. Wheeler - Yes - this is the first year of the budget cycle.

P. Georgantas - Those of you who have dealt with the budget committee know we are not easily swayed to approve. In over 20 years, this is over 49 million dollars. The budget committee realizes the situation - that the roads are

in really bad shape. What's happening is something like Tibbetts Hill Road - we had to use two years' budget to do that. This is a plan to accelerate that so we don't have to wait two years. So essentially, they've gone from \$500,000 to \$2 million.

Selectman Wheeler has promised that the budget committee will be looking at some alternative ways to finance this next year. The budget committee decided to go ahead with the first year of the program. They will be looking at it religiously every year.

Ryan Belanger - This is the best thing I've ever seen. It's a definite move we need to make. It should have been done many years ago, but we didn't have the money. It's a lot of money, but we're investing in our future. Next to giving our kids an education, this is the next best thing. I'm an avid bicyclist - I'm intimate with the roads. I'm glad to see this article in here.

K. McRae - I'm trying to get signatures on an amendment - I believe we need five? (Answer was yes).

Andrea Card - We've all known that the roads have needed repairs for a long time - why has it taken this long?

R. Wheeler - I think because most folks were happy with the progress we were making until lately.

The reality is the roads in Goffstown for years have not been built up, they just came up. I think perhaps the most significant was the work done on Paige Hill Road. The project got 2 or 3 years behind schedule because of what we continued to discover as the road was torn up and we couldn't fix it with our normal approach.

People were called in for different engineering solutions. We're paying a price because we progressed from wagons and horses to vehicles, and our roads were simply nothing but widened streets and paving. The population has grown significantly larger.

I've learned a new term because most of my life I never heard the term, 'failed intersection.' I know about them now. We need to react to that. I can't give you the reason why every individual in town let it get to this point - probably because the 1/2 million dollars seemed reasonable.

G. McRae - (received signed amendment from K. McRae) -

Read the amendment: This is to amend the article by reducing the amount by \$1 million, and that the expenditure be voted on each and every year for the next 20 years.

K. McRae - So moved - motion seconded by E. Beck.

K. McRae - I think giving a blank check for over one million dollars plus a 3% inflation factor is more than my tax budget can take, and I think we need to look at this. We need to have an absolute plan - the old plan said which roads would be done when. I think since this is the first year of new money and a new plan, we should proceed cautiously.

P. Manney - I have a question for the DPW director. What's in the current budget for road reclamation and repaving? What are the three roads in most dire need of repair and what would it cost to repair them?

C. Quiram - Our current budget comprises three different areas. There's

\$650,000 in the operating budget, \$20,000 for crack sealing and about \$360,000 I think for resurfacing and the balance of that 650 in the reclamation line. That's what we do today. As far as next year's plan, we will be reclaiming Montelona Road, Moreau Street and Back Mountain Road and some other roads.

P. Manney - There were three main roads when Carl made his presentation to the selectmen. He mentioned three roads in particular - I believe the costs were pretty high.

C. Quiram - Those three roads total about \$1.8 million.

M. Demers - I would like to speak in opposition to the amendment. Let's not be penny-wise and pound-foolish. Shirley Hill Road is another one - some of our back roads are terrible.

D. Georgantas - I like the second part of the amendment - that it comes back to the voters every year. There may be economic climates that won't allow us to do some roads in a particular year. Or there may be something else in the town - a school - town hall. In the past we didn't appropriate enough money - that's what got us here. But I do feel that this should come before the voters every year.

R. Wheeler - I guess I would urge you to vote against the amendment principally because even in the first year, the three roads that very much need the attention don't get it and it goes downhill from there. For those of you who would like to see this reappear every year, it does. It may not be a special article, but it is here every year and it still has the same opportunity for discussion. It happens that way every year.

I would hope that there would be some recognition given to the time and effort of the DPW director, who has put such effort into this and the board of selectmen and the budget committee who have had extensive discussions. It has gone through the process.

There was a wide variety that was discussed and the one on finance is not yet resolved. It may be necessary to bond this. But I think it's important to recognize when Carl's initial approach came before the selectmen, it was for significantly more money. This has been pared down.

I would hope that you would support the work of the board of selectmen and the budget committee.

Motion made and seconded to move the question.

F. Plett - It's okay to move the question, but they need one more signature - they need some time (referring to some people who were busy gathering signatures).

G. McRae - We'll vote on the motion to limit debate - motion passed.

I have a signed request here for a written ballot.

F. Plett gathered the counters and the checklist people to come forward. Attendees lined up to register to vote and received ballots.

G. McRae - You're voting on the amendment - a yes vote is to approve the amendment, no is to defeat it.

This meeting is live on GTV and we welcome the folks sitting at home watching this - this may not be quite as exciting as the last nine seconds of the game (Super Bowl).

While you are not here tonight, please mark your calendars to be here on Tuesday, March 12 to vote. The polls will be open here and at the Bartlett School from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., to vote not only on these articles, but also on the planning articles and for the town officers. Please remember Tuesday, March 12 from 7 to 7.

I would also like to take a moment to correct an oversight on my part.

Pretty soon we'll come to Article 14. Putting a budget together to bring to the voters is a lot of work. I did recognize the board of selectmen but I failed to introduce the budget committee.

Peter Georgantas is the chairman of the budget committee - they're sitting here in the first few rows here on my right side. These folks do a lot of work and it's a volunteer position. We all appreciate the work that they do.

We have the vote, and we'll continue with the meeting. Shortly we'll get to Article 14 - there's a lot of work involved in preparing that budget. I would like to ask Peter Georgantas to stand and the other members of the budget committee to stand. (Committee members received a round of applause).

The vote on the amendment is: Yes 15, No 76. Amendment is defeated.

The article before the meeting is article 9.

D. Georgantas - I would like to make an amendment to article 9. (Gave to moderator).

G. McRae read the amendment - 'For the new road improvement plan, the appropriation should be brought before the voters every year as a special article, and all the money approved should be used for road reclamation only.' D. Georgantas moved the amendment, seconded by P. Georgantas.

D. Georgantas - I heard this program in CIP - I chaired CIP. I heard it in the planning board and I watched it on TV.

But I never knew that this money after the first year's appropriation would automatically become a part of the regular operating budget, and to me, that's an awful lot of money that has the possibility of going someplace else, if in a particular year it goes for something else - like salt, painting trucks, etc.

C. Quiram - This amendment is not to limit the funds to reclamation, but to the road program as a whole. In the beginning, reclamation is the highest, but over the years more of the money goes into maintenance and repaving.

D. Georgantas - I'll amend my amendment

G. McRae - If you just want to change the amendment and I'll read the corrected amendment, if the second okays it. (Okay with second).

D. Georgantas - Taking out reclamation and saying road improvements.

G. McRae - The amendment now reads, "the appropriation shall be brought before the voters every year as a special article and all money approved will be used for road improvements only."

R. Wheeler - I think what you have before you is a question that comes before the board of selectmen annually.

The board of selectmen brings new money to the annual meeting as a special article. In years past we used to keep bringing things forward as special articles. I think the issue that changed that was our public subsidy of the bus. It finally got

voted out and people said in that year, enough. We don't want these to keep coming up as special articles - we don't want to keep having discussions about it. The reality is that a portion of this is the capital budget and part is the operating budget. It goes through CIP and through the board of selectmen and ultimately is reviewed by the budget committee.

I think a general expression by this body given to the board of selectmen would probably have some weight as to whether or not you would want this to come back as a special article. I'm not sure this body has the authority over future bodies that come together.

Someone from the audience moved the question. It was seconded and passed.

G. McRae read the amendment again.

There was a request for the division of the house - counters came forward.

Standing vote on the amendment - Yes 23, No 53. Amendment is defeated.

G. McRae - Back to the main motion - discussion closed. Article 9 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

Article 10 - Moderator read article - "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc., for the year 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3,VI (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)."

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Selectman Henry Boyle moved Article 10 be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Sel. Griffin.

H. Boyle - As you probably all remember, this was voted in at the '99 town meeting as a three-year program - \$15,000 each year. That three years is now up. We have put \$15,000 in for 2002.

You all know what the Main Street Program has done - the Pumpkin Regatta, concerts on the common, the Christmas tree lighting, etc. I ask your support for this article.

R. Belanger - I'm the president of the Pinardville Business Association. I think that Main Street is the best thing the town has seen in a long time. I hope everybody votes for this.

G. McRae - There being no further debate, discussion on article 10 is closed. **Article 10 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.**

Article 11 - Moderator read the article - "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,135) for the purpose of funding the Greater Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)."

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.

Selectman Phil D'Avanza moved that we place this article on the ballot as printed - motion seconded.

P. D'Avanza - The Red Cross is requesting assistance from the Town of

Goffstown to support local disaster relief. Their emergency services budget is \$170,501. They seek to raise money from the 17 communities that they serve. This request is based on the town's population, versus the total population of the service area. Nine of the 17 communities support the Red Cross - Candia and others. This request came to the board of selectmen. This is the first time we have had this request; as a result the selectmen felt it was appropriate to bring it before this meeting and for the voters to vote on it.

D. Georgantas - I would like to hear from the budget committee as to why they didn't recommend this.

G. Fullerton - I can only speak that I seconded the motion not to recommend.

There's a history of similar articles in the town - we used to have an annual request from the VNA and it came as a special article. At one point it was decided it wasn't best for the town to be funding nonprofit organizations, so by request of the board of selectmen and the budget committee it was removed.

For a matter of consistency, we now have something, which I consider to be of the same nature, and I don't think it's right for us to disapprove one and approve another. The VNA was also a nonprofit providing services to the town.

I have problems with providing governmental money to the Red Cross. They're mentioned in the Geneva Convention as a neutral body. I think any support by a governmental unit compromises that. I think we should scrupulously hold to that.

Steve Monier - I currently serve as the Director of Emergency Services of the Greater Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross. I want to give you some background and some new information that the budget committee hasn't heard, in the hopes that they will change their minds and support this. I was the only person who spoke at the public hearing.

My difficulty with this is the Main Street Program is a nonprofit - you recommended it. You should, it's a good program. There are other nonprofits that may come in the future - each should be considered on its own merits. We have come as a nonprofit, humanitarian organization. We are the only one with a Congressional mandate to provide disaster relief - to provide assistance in disasters.

There are about 127 Red Cross organizations throughout the world. We receive no money from the federal government. All the money that the Red Cross has is its funds we raise from the American people, like United Way in the City of Manchester. Most of our money comes from private individuals. Manchester has provided us with funds for a number of years.

We have about 75 dedicated volunteers - I'm the only paid staff member. We handle between 40 and 50 incidents a year in the 17 communities, and in Goffstown recently, we've responded to four incidents - we've helped three families - provided \$75,000 in financial assistance - provided vouchers for food, clothing and shelter. So you will get more in direct contributions than you'll give here. The recent fires in Manchester cost us \$8,000. We have members of our disaster team going out on assignments - six of them went to New York City on their own time to help people at that disaster. Three of those people live here in Goffstown; one of them who is here, Collett Showerman, worked there for three

weeks.

We provide emergency services and emergency management. We're very involved in homeland security. We have put on two training courses here on running shelters and mass care. That work is done by dedicated volunteers. I think that's new information - I think you should consider that. I hope you reconsider your position and vote to recommend this.

G. Fullerton - The Main Street program is a purely local program and the town has a direct vested interest in that - three properties: the town hall, the library and the park are located in the Main Street area.

E. Beck - I want to correct Steve Monier. It wasn't at the public hearing that he spoke because I was at the public hearing. I'm one of the 75 and I take no money from the Red Cross for what I do. People don't understand just because there's a fire, it's over with, but it goes on and on - furniture, diapers, food, the whole nine yards. I think I'm here to say it's a pretty good idea. The 75 of us don't get paid - we don't go to New York either.

G. McRae - I have been given an amendment to reduce the sum from \$2,135 to zero. Moved by Bill Tucker, motion seconded.

Bill Tucker - It seems to me this starts a bad trend. I fully support the mission of the Red Cross - I've served on its board of directors. There are many other wonderful organizations that do good for the community. If we do this this year, who knows how many will come in next year - and we will have a large number of articles for them.

The Red Cross is a charitable organization, and I don't think the town should give funds to any organization like that.

Mike French - I'm the chief of police and your emergency management director. Emergency management functions as one that's a responsibility of the police department, but it encompasses highway, fire, EMS and town government. Emergency management has benefited directly from the Red Cross by their training several volunteers to man shelters that emergency management will have to set up. The Red Cross will staff those shelters with people they've trained. As a result, for our emergency preparedness, the American Red Cross has provided training and brochures. The appropriation they've requested is a very small amount for the services they provide to the Town of Goffstown.

S. Monier - A question first - if this amendment passes it goes to zero? (Answer was yes). Then the people who vote at town meeting won't have a chance to say yes or no to the \$2,135, correct? (Answer was yes).

I would hope that people would vote in opposition to this amendment - I would think we would at least give the people of this town the opportunity to vote. In response to nonprofits coming in - let anyone who wants to come in and stand on their own merits. Again, I would ask the budget committee to reconsider and change their recommendation.

D. Georgantas - I wholeheartedly support the American Red Cross. It's a wonderful organization that has done a great job of raising money on their own. That's what they've always done. I support them financially - I choose to do so. If I think in the back of my mind that I'm supporting them with tax dollars, it could cost itself more than the \$2100 if people feel like that. I don't think

donations have a place in the budget.

G. McRae - We'll take a vote on the amendment to amend article 11 to reduce the \$2,135 to zero. If you vote yes, you're voting for the amendment, if you vote no, you're for killing the amendment.

(Moderator asked for voice vote – no's far exceeded the yeses).

Article 11 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.

Article 12 - Moderator read article - "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six hundred eighty seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$687,500) for the purpose of reconstructing the historic Main Street Bridge. This project will be funded 20% (\$137,500) by a transfer from the fund balance, and 80% (\$550,000) from a State of New Hampshire Municipal Bridge Aid Grant. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation and revenue are in addition to Article #14)."

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Selectman Wheeler moved that Article 12 be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Sel. Griffin.

R. Wheeler - We have been here before, but the experience the board of selectmen had after we left you from this discussion wasn't good. We went out to bid and the bids came in at about twice what we had budgeted and what had been estimated by the engineers, so the board of selectmen decided not to do the project. We talked to bidders, talked to engineers - and we're here before you again with a much higher number.

I wish I could say that this is a solid number, but it isn't. This too is an engineer's estimate of what it might cost to do the work after it's put out to bid. The good news is that we didn't spend the money on the other project, and that's why this article is worded differently, because the reality is, it's still an 80-20% project. The state will pay 80% of eligible costs. We have raised the money in the previous article so we need to deduct the money from the first article and what's left will go into the reserve.

We ask that you support this article, understanding that the price has gone up significantly, but that our share is only 20% of the total cost. We're hoping to have a different result this year, but the good Lord only knows with the conditions in the construction world today.

G. McRae - I have a question. You made reference to the fact that we already raised the money in the previous article?

R. Wheeler - No, in previous years.

T. Marts - Though we have approved these funds previously, they are not in a reserve area somewhere now, is that correct?

R. Wheeler - They were until we concluded we could not go forward with the project, and so those funds will go back into the reserve account from which we will draw the money out for our 20% share, and the balance will remain in the reserve account. There isn't anything that's required of us out of this current budget for this particular project - this is just a new approach with a higher cost.

T. Marts - It sounds to me like there was money in a reserve account - but this is a request for an additional appropriation.

R. Wheeler - Yes to both statements.

M. Germana - We didn't go through with it the first time because there wasn't enough money - didn't we want to keep one lane open all the time during the construction? Wasn't that what caused it?

R. Wheeler - There were a variety of causes - that was one, but not the major one. We've modified some requests in order to get a more cost-effective bid in. I can't say this is a sure thing - conditions in the world of construction are variable - they're still getting very high bids for work.

M. Germana - Does it make sense to make sure we have enough money in it this time?

G. McRae - I'm sure that Carl has tried to do his best to get a good read on what the bids will come in at, but until you go through the bidding process you are not certain

C. Quiram - The estimate in the article was prepared just prior to the publishing date of the article. We also added contingencies to the engineer's estimates. More than that, I don't know what we can do. The estimate was revised based on discussions we had last time and on some things that had been bid on.

M. Germana - The one-lane thing?

C. Quiram - We did not remove that, but we did give them the option to make any changes in the specs. The way the bid specs are written, we want to keep two lanes open. But we may consider reducing it to one lane if it's a considerable savings.

That will be a board of selectmen's decision.

B. Tucker - The word historic is in this article - I think that's an ugly bridge. If it's cheaper to tear it down and start over, let's do it.

R. Wheeler - This whole project is reconstruction - it isn't a new bridge. It has a historic perspective to it.

Len Stuart - I would like to clarify if the current plan envisions keeping one lane open. I've heard talk about closing the bridge in the summertime and diverting the traffic to the Parker Road Bridge. Is that correct?

G. McRae - I think Mr. Quiram said in the bid request there's a request to keep both lanes open - but there's flexibility in it for the selectmen to decide to keep just one lane open.

C. Quiram - With the volume of traffic coming through here, I don't think anybody would want to close the bridge.

G. McRae declared the discussion ended. **Article 11 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.**

Article 13 - Moderator read the article, "To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Goffstown, Local 3420, International Association of Firefighters representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the fire department, extending through December 31, 2005 and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-four thousand, seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$24,784) for the additional cost of the contract in 2002.

The additional costs for 2003 over the costs of 2002 will be thirty-one thousand, five hundred sixty-one dollars (\$31,561). The additional costs for 2004 over the costs of 2003 will be twenty-two thousand, four hundred fifty-one dollars (\$22,451). The additional costs for 2005 over the costs of 2004 will be twenty thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$20,467). This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3,VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14.”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

Selectman Barbara Griffin moved that Article 13 be placed on the ballot as printed, seconded by Sel. Wheeler.

B. Griffin - This article comes before you after two years of negotiations. The fire union and the town have reached an agreement. This is a four-year collective bargaining agreement, and the cost items include a 4% COLA the first and second years and 3% the third and fourth years, a new incentive of fifty cents an hour for company certification, etc., a longevity raise the same as the other town employees, two additional shirts, a fourth week of vacation being available one year earlier. It's the same as in the other two contracts the town voted in connection with the police department and public works.

(There were no questions on this article). Moderator McRae declared the discussion closed and stated that **Article 13 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.**

Article 14 - Moderator read article, “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation, expenses and commitments of the town government, the budget approved by the Board of Selectmen in the amount of thirteen million, six hundred fifteen thousand, three hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$13,615,328).

This budget will be predicated by estimated revenues in the amount of six million, four hundred twenty-one thousand, three hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$6,421,327).

The sewer enterprise fund of two million eight thousand five hundred sixty-five dollars (\$2,008,565) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The EMS special revenue fund of two hundred thirty-seven thousand, four hundred eight-nine dollars (\$237,489) is included in this revenue amount and in the appropriations request in this article.

The motion on the operating budget shall be the following, with only the appropriation amount subject to amendment: ‘Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling thirteen million six hundred fifteen thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars (\$13,615, 328)?

Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be thirteen million, eight thousand thirty-three dollars (\$13,008,033), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the

Town of Goffstown or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.’ NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

Selectman Wheeler moved to put article 14 on the ballot as printed, seconded by Sel.Griffin.

R. Wheeler - This is the all-encompassing budget article. It's that piece of work that causes the budget committee to start working in November and be out two or three nights a week until it's done in December. They do a good job of reviewing what's in the budget. That's accomplished only after the department heads submit their budgets and the board of selectmen review them. Generally it's reduced somewhat before it's submitted to the budget committee. And that happened this year.

Principally this budget has increases that are sponsored by one additional patrolman in the police department and clerical hours are increased by eight hours per week. And one of the big things in the police budget this year was the overtime was increased significantly, mostly because we have two officers who are active reservists and were called away to serve in the Guard.

In the DPW we have an additional position - one environmental project manager - and a part-time clerk increased by 12 hours. There's increased hours in the town clerk's office - fifteen hours a week. And we have a variety of minute takers who take minutes for the volunteer committees and commissions, and their hourly rate has been increased.

In the library, increases are caused by a new salary matrix - mileage rates increased from a 31 cent rate to 34.5 - and there was a small percentage increase in health insurance. In the fire department, an increase of one firefighter, and a part-time clerk increased by eight hours a week.

I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have. I think it's important for you to know that with the special articles on the ballot this year and increases this year in the budget, the board of selectmen anticipate that the tax rate increase will be just under one dollar.

D. Georgantas - The town hall staff - is there going to be an additional person in the town clerk's office? Has that been proposed?

R. Wheeler - Not really an additional person, although we were down a while because a person transferred. But it isn't down from what was authorized. When I talked about the additional hours in town hall, it's about the town clerk's office - fifteen hours a week.

D. Georgantas - Is the problem being solved by this person? The horror stories are just crazy - people waiting two or three hours to get their vehicles registered.

R. Wheeler - A primary contribution of that problem was the computer programs. That problem appears to be solved and I think we're well on our way. I'm not sure it's totally solved, but that's where the focus is.

D. Georgantas - I would like to know what the environmental coordinator is.

R. Wheeler - I think the estimated salary is \$50,000 a year. He will be working for and reporting to the director of public works. It's in response to a

whole series of new requirements that the town is compelled to respond to and we have to step up to the plate and do the work. There have been other communities, cities larger than Goffstown, who were compelled to do it last year.

Our director of public works has reviewed the responsibilities and is planning for the increased responsibilities and increased work with the road program and feels that this position is critical to the successful operation of the department.

D. Georgantas - Do we have somebody doing it now? MSDS's etc. - we don't comply with any EPA requirements now?

R. Wheeler - The things that have to be done now, we're doing now. But there's a whole new set of requirements. We have a book in town hall with detailed instructions to our community. Carl feels he will be able to hire somebody to do the job with the salary in the budget.

D. Georgantas - The state requires that we have to hire someone to do this job?

R. Wheeler - Yes - the state and the federal government.

Moderator declared discussion closed for article 14. **Article 14 will appear on the ballot as printed in the warrant.**

Article 15 - Moderator read article, **"To hear the reports of Town Officers, auditors and committees, and to pass any vote relating thereto."**

G. McRae - I'm not aware of any reports that are pending to be brought before this meeting.

Article 16 - Moderator read article, **"To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting."**

G. McRae - The moderator has not been presented with any other business.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Boyle

be entirely an Industrial zoned lot. The property address is 44 Depot St.

(Proposed by the Planning Board.

Recommended by Planning Board.)

Yes – 1903

No – 894

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town authorize the selectmen to grant and convey town owned land adjacent to Map 28, Lot 26 and Map 28, Lot 27, as shown on the Town of Goffstown Tax Maps, for the purpose of implementing a lot line adjustment to correct boundaries and to create conforming lots, such conveyance to be on such terms and conditions as the selectmen, in their judgment, determine. Surveying and legal costs will be the responsibility of the owners of Map 28, Lot 26 and Map 28, Lot 27.

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes – 1950

No – 853

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of NH RSA 162-G:1 through 17, so as to enable the Town to exercise all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities set forth in said statute, including, but not limited to the power to acquire, develop and dispose of industrial land and facilities.

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes – 1737

No – 1008

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) pursuant to RSA 162-G for the purpose of contracting for acquiring, developing and disposing of land and facilities to be used for industrial purposes so as to increase the industrial tax base in the Town of Goffstown. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Yes – 1718

No – 1097

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town discontinue the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997, and transfer the accumulated interest to date of withdrawal to the town's general fund. (This revenue is in addition to the estimated revenue in Article #14)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen.)

Yes – 2104

No – 692

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one million seven hundred sixty four thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,764,850) for a new road improvement plan. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Yes – 1534

No – 1320

ARTICLE 10

Shall the town raise and appropriate fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. for the year 2002. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Yes – 1645

No – 1247

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town raise and appropriate two thousand one hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,135) for the purpose of funding the Greater Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Yes – 759

No – 2108

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town raise and appropriate six hundred eighty seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$687,500) for the purpose of reconstructing the historic Main Street Bridge. This project will be funded 20% (\$137,500) by a transfer from the general fund balance, and 80% (\$550,000) from State of New Hampshire Municipal Bridge Aid Grant. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation and revenue is in addition to Article #14)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Yes – 1976

No – 923

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town approve the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Goffstown by its Board of Selectmen and the Professional Firefighters of Goffstown, Local 3420, International Association of Firefighters representing the employees in the bargaining unit from the Fire Department extending through December 31, 2005 and shall the Town raise and appropriate twenty four thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$24,784) for the additional cost of the contract in 2002. The additional costs for 2003 over the costs of 2002 will be thirty one thousand five hundred sixty-one dollars (\$31,561). The additional costs for 2004 over the costs of 2003 will be twenty two thousand four hundred fifty-one dollars (\$22,451). The additional costs for 2005 over the costs of 2004 will be twenty thousand four hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$20,467). This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI. (This appropriation is in addition to Article #14)

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Yes – 2048

No – 815

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling thirteen million six hundred fifteen thousand three hundred and twenty eight dollars (\$13,615,328)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be thirteen million eight thousand thirty-three dollars (\$13,008,033), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Yes – 1450

No – 1396

ARTICLE 14

GENERAL ELECTION

(NOVEMBER 5, 2002)

STRAIGHT TICKET
 REPUBLICAN 1122
 STRAIGHT TICKET
 DEMOCRATIC 491

For Governor

CRAIG BENSON 3936
 REPUBLICAN
 MARK FERNALD 1778
 DEMOCRATIC
 JOHN J. BABIARZ 177
 LIBERTARIAN

For United States Senator

JOHN E. SUNUNU 3497
 REPUBLICAN
 JEAN SHAHEEN 2310
 DEMOCRATIC
 "KEN" BLEVENS 115
 LIBERTARIAN

For Representative in Congress

JEB BRADLEY 3705
 REPUBLICAN
 MARTHA FULLER CLARK 1998
 DEMOCRATIC
 "DAN" BELFORTI 191
 LIBERTARIAN

For Executive Councilor

"DAVE" WHEELER 3544
 REPUBLICAN
 MICHAEL J. BLAISDELL 2058
 DEMOCRATIC

For State Senator

JOSEPH LEVASSEUR 3043
 REPUBLICAN
 "LOU" D'ALLESANDRO 2740
 DEMOCRATIC

For State Representatives

"LARRY" EMERTON 4157
 REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC
 RICHARD E. FLETCHER 3276
 REPUBLICAN
 RANDOLPH "RIP" HOLDEN 3835
 REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC
 GARY S. HOPPER 2907
 REPUBLICAN
 BRUCE F. HUNTER 3259
 REPUBLICAN

NEAL M. KURK 3350
 REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC
 KAREN K. McRAE 3938
 REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC
 ROBERT WHEELER 3680
 REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC
 WILBURN C. BEAUPRE 1632
 DEMOCRATIC
 PATRICIA S. FEENEY 1891
 DEMOCRATIC
 JOHN C. SARETTE 2542
 DEMOCRATIC
 LISA M. WILBER 1372
 LIBERTARIAN

For Sheriff

JAMES A. HARDY 3288
 REPUBLICAN
 DAVID M. DIONNE 2182
 DEMOCRATIC

For County Attorney

JOHN COUGHLIN 2863
 REPUBLICAN
 PETER McDONOUGH 2696
 DEMOCRATIC

For County Treasurer

DAVID G. FREDETTE 3415
 REPUBLICAN
 JEROME B. DUVAL 1965
 DEMOCRATIC

For Register of Deeds

JUDITH A. MacDONALD 5051
 REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC

For Register of Probate

ROBERT R. RIVARD 3827
 REPUBLICAN
 "LEE" LOMBARD 1558
 DEMOCRATIC

For County Commissioner

CAROL H. HOLDEN 3676
 REPUBLICAN
 WILLIAM C. SIROTY 1694
 DEMOCRATIC

Question Relating to a Constitutional Amendment Proposed by the 2002 General Court

“Are you in favor of amending article 73-a of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: (Art.) 73-a. (Supreme Court Administration.) The Chief Justice of the supreme court shall be the administrative head of all the courts. The Chief Justice shall, with the concurrence of a majority of the supreme court justices, have the power by rule to regulate the security and administration of, and the practice, procedure, and rules of evidence in, all courts in the state. The rules so adopted shall have the force and effect of law. The general court may also regulate these matters by statute provided that the general court shall have no authority to abridge the necessary adjudicatory functions for which the courts were created. In the event of a conflict between a statute and a rule, that statute shall supersede the rule, if not contrary to the provision of the constitution.” (Passed by the N.H. House 290 Yes 48 No; Passed by State Senate 16 Yes 7 No) CACR

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 YES..... 3296
 NO 1579

Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution

“Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?”

YES..... 2666
 NO 2404



L-R: Evelyn Redmond, Sue Desruisseaux, Tony Simon, Janice O'Connell, Karen Mullaney and Linda Moody.

2002 MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE	PLACE MARRIED
Jan.	19	Lavalliere, Bill M.	Goffstown, NH
		Huckins, Judith A.	Goffstown, NH
	22	Moore, Jonathan B.	Goffstown, NH
		Kapetanakis, Virginia	Goffstown, NH
	26	Perkins, William J.	Goffstown, NH
Feb.	27	Novick, Simone C.	Goffstown, NH
		Livingston, David W.	Goffstown, NH
		Ormsbee, M. S.	Goffstown, NH
	2	Sudak, Michael C.	Goffstown, NH
		Carlisle, Susan L.	Goffstown, NH
	8	Moriglioni, David J.	Goffstown, NH
		Pepin, Elaine T.	Goffstown, NH
	9	Liberge, Louis R.	Goffstown, NH
		Maslowski, Donna M.	Londonderry NH
	11	Swanson, Eric A.	Goffstown, NH
		Barbosa, Gloria T.	Goffstown, NH
	14	Beaudoin, Michael P.	Goffstown, NH
		Gagnon, Dianne M.	Goffstown, NH
	14	Owen, Timothy D.	Goffstown, NH
		Witham, Kelly J.	Goffstown, NH
16	McGranaghan, Jacob P.	Goffstown, NH	
	Forcier, Amy M.	Goffstown, NH	
23	Garceau, Kenneth J.	Goffstown, NH	
	Doucette, Wendy M.	Goffstown, NH	
Mar.	3	Mancini, Leonardo	Manchester, NH
		Piola, Maria E.	Goffstown, NH
	9	Milillo, James M.	Goffstown, NH
		Socorelis, Amy M.	Goffstown, NH
	30	Campbell, Timmie A.	Goffstown, NH
Apr.	30	Wright, Colleen M.	Goffstown, NH
		Reid, Eric T.	Goffstown, NH
		Smith, Teri A.	Manchester, NH
	4	Gamache, Tobey M.	Goffstown, NH
		Isabelle, Renee P.	Goffstown, NH
	6	Haithwaite, Christopher J.	Goffstown, NH
		Puccio, Meredith L.	Goffstown, NH
	7	Woodbury, Hammon E.	Goffstown, NH
		Stephens, Lorraine M.	Winchester, NH
	19	Michaud, Ronald H.	Goffstown, NH
May		Dion, Dorothy E.	Goffstown, NH
	27	Hall, Nathaniel J.	Goffstown, NH
		Young, Jennifer L.	Goffstown, NH
	3	Uz, Tolga A.	Manchester, NH
		Ackerson, Holley A.	Goffstown, NH
4	Blanco, Anthony S.	Goffstown, NH	
	Donahue, Kristy L.	Manchester, NH	

	4	Boutilier, Thomas E.	Goffstown, NH	
		Tousignant, Denise C.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	11	Boyd, Mark D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Gil, Michelle L.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	11	Quimby, Sage R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Dudley, Jessica L.	Goffstown, NH	Pembroke
	12	Jamilkowski, Paul	Weare, NH	
		Barnett, Debra A.	Goffstown, NH	Weare
	19	Tappin, Ezekiel, A.	Goffstown, NH	
		LaFreniere, Tracy P.	Goffstown, NH	Hollis
	25	Morrison, Mark P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Colello, Jessica L.	Goffstown, NH	Concord
	25	Leedham, James F.	Goffstown, NH	
		Riel, Diane J.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	25	Philibotte, Dennis	Goffstown, NH	
		Jameson, Thora E.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	25	Tuttle, Frank D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Henry, Ellen J.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	25	Whitehead, George, N.	Goffstown, NH	
		Harris, Tracey A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	26	Burchell, Richard B.	Goffstown, NH	
		Grant, Miclana B.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
	27	Kercsmar, Joshua A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Gagnon, Amy E.	Bedford, NH	Bedford
	27	Dowd, Clinton	Goffstown, NH	
		Whitmarsh, Narri F.	Goffstown, NH	Bretton Woods
	27	Radford, Zachary R.	Manchester, NH	
		McCue, Jennifer J.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	31	Hebert, John E.	Goffstown, NH	
		Larochelle, Suzette C.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
Jun.	1	Lavalliere, Charles E.	Goffstown, NH	
		Huard, Sandra L.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	1	Bill, Jonathan P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Isayenko, Iryna	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	1	Fournier, Kevin M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Lewis, Ann H.	Bedford, NH	Goffstown
	1	Pelletier, Dennis L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Rust, Jennifer E.	Goffstown, NH	Hollis
	1	Quigley, Edward C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Thurston, Christine A.	Goffstown, NH	Whitefield
	7	Aubin, David M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Thomas Janice C.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	8	Nolin, Peter-Paul	Goffstown, NH	
		Nolin, K'Larae	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	15	Potvin, Jeffery D.	Goffstown, NH	
		Lockwood, Meredith R.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	15	Harris, Christopher R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Harmon, Tammy S.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown

	15	Vermokowitz, Adam C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Dargie, Kimberly A.	Nashua, NH	Nashua
	22	Walters, Jeffrey R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Comtois, Kimberly O.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
Jul.	8	Wojdyla, Mark M.	Goffstown, NH	
		St. Pierre, Lindy A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	13	West, Joel A.	Downers Grove, IL	
		Lever, Arianne J.	Goffstown, NH	Portsmouth
	20	Parent, Ronaldo	Goffstown, NH	
		Drapeau, Estele C.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
	20	Adams, Joshua J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Azotea, Molly M.	Goffstown, NH	Dunbarton
	20	Veary, Joshua, J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Dozois, Madga N.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	20	Rule, Shane M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Johnson, Jennifer L.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	20	Negron, Waldemar	Goffstown, NH	
		Reyes, Virginia	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	20	Hartnett, Timothy	Goffstown, NH	
		Goudinho Estevam, Sirlene A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	21	Eaton, Jacob a.	Goffstown, NH	
		Mahoney, Jill L.	Goffstown, NH	Deering
	21	Dupuis, Jeremy P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Evstifeeva, Irina	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	27	Elliott, Steven J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Cote, Cheryl A.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
	27	Garrow, Peter L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Sims, Jennifer L.	Goffstown, NH	Chichester
	27	Magin, Michael, J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Allison, Lee-Ann D.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
Aug.	10	Herman, Paul M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Chapdelaine, Dawn M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	10	Roy, Eric C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Pare, Cara A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	10	Nadeau, Michael A.	Goffstown, NH	
		McEwen, Hattie	Goffstown, NH	Hampton
	10	Califano, Gabriel T.	Goffstown, NH	
		Kehl, Sharon R.	Goffstown, NH	Meredith
	10	Leblanc, James L.	Goffstown, NH	
		High, Robin A.	Goffstown, NH	New Boston
	11	Rogers, Edward J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Marquis, Lori J.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	16	Mehlhorn, Dean C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Lubanda, Melora K.	Goffstown, NH	Candia
	17	Strople, Timothy G.	Goffstown, NH	
		LaPlante, Michele	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	17	Beaurivage, Richard L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Blades, Catherine A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester

	17	Walsh, James M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Coulter, Erica D.	Goffstown, NH	Portsmouth
	18	Landry, Thomas G.	Goffstown, NH	
		Martel, Marjorie A.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	18	Chase, Dennis A.	Weare, NH	
		Burton, Amanda J.	Goffstown, NH	Windham
	23	Hayes, Timothy J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Hayes, Roseanne M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	24	Pelletier, Jody M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Labrecque, Nicole M.	Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
	24	Mellina, Dennis R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Malouin, Krista J.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	24	Atkins, Luke L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Hartford, Kristin N.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua
	24	Sagna, Francois N.	Lake Oswego, OR	
		Jencks, Kary N.	Goffstown, NH	New Boston
	24	Brien, Richard S.	Goffstown, NH	
		Riff, Gwendolyn J.	Goffstown, NH	Windham
	31	Gilligan, Shawn P.	Goffstown, NH	
		Pevear, Jennifer L.	Goffstown, NH	Rindge
Sep.	1	Soucy, Jean-Eude G.	Goffstown, NH	
		Corder, Andrea I.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	1	Kenney, John W.	Allenstown, NH	
		Brick, Margaret M.	Goffstown, NH	Weare
	8	Cote, Michael K.	Goffstown, NH	
		Curtis, Natasha D.	Goffstown, NH	Pelham
	14	Moge, Jason M.	Goffstown, NH	
		Duguay, Adrienne M.	Goffstown, NH	Derry
	14	Saucier, Robert L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Cote, Celeste T.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	14	Jarvis, Randy M.	Goffstown, NH	
		King, Susan L.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	14	Ryan, Daniel L.	Goffstown, NH	
		Eddy, Tiffany A.	Goffstown, NH	Whitefield
	21	Stokes, Floyd W.	Goffstown, NH	
		Levesque, Renee K.	Goffstown, NH	Londonderry
	21	Dube, Douglas J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Carrier, Hope A.	Alton, NH	Manchester
	21	Difranco, Anthony F.	Goffstown, NH	
		Hutton, Alissa L.	Goffstown, NH	Merrimack
	21	Catalano, Stephen R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Rose, Patricia L.	Goffstown, NH	Plaistow
	28	White, Steven J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Hines, Lisa A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	28	Smedick, Jason A.	Goffstown, NH	
		Caprio, Lori M.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	28	Lawrence, Daniel R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Levesque, Barbara J.	Goffstown, NH	Nashua

Oct.	4	Furlong, Todd J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Olejarz, Shayna R.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	7	Lewald, Stephen E.	Goffstown, NH	
		French, Merline Y.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	12	Potter, Michael J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Hanson, Meredith R.	Goffstown, NH	Concord
	12	Chapman, Douglas R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Pollard, Jane M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	12	Cadorete, Andrew J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Chaffee, Reta F.	Goffstown, NH	Manchester
	26	Quinn, Norman J.	Nashua, NH	
		Hebert, Sherri L.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
	26	Greeley, Richard M.	Goffstown, NH	
	Forsberg, Susan L.	Goffstown, NH	Concord	
26	Gregoire, Timothy M.	Manchester, NH		
	Glaude, Christina M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown	
31	Buttrick, James G.	Goffstown, NH		
	Harper, Stephanie J.	Goffstown, NH	Auburn	
Nov.	2	Bedard, Rene R.	Goffstown, NH	
		Morrell, Kimbely A.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	10	Gates, William C.	Goffstown, NH	
		Zetterberg, Carla S.	Nashua, NH	Whitefield
	15	Matatall, Paul K.	Goffstown, NH	
	Miller, Sara A.	Goffstown, NH	Hudson	
29	Isabelle, Martin F.	Goffstown, NH		
	Birch, Dawn L.	Rollinsford, NH	Manchester	
Dec.	12	Bullis, Russell H.	Goffstown, NH	
		Tosta, Cintia M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	19	Henry, Lester J.	Goffstown, NH	
		Theriault, Alice M.	Goffstown, NH	Goffstown
	28	Belanger, Ryan G.	Goffstown, NH	
		Mellor, Lisa M.	Goffstown, NH	Bedford
28	Lebrun Daniel M.	Goffstown, NH		
	Welsh, Sharon A.	Manchester, NH	Goffstown	

TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES: 112

2002 BIRTHS

DATE	NEWBORN NAME	PARENTS' NAMES	PLACE OF BIRTH
Jan.			
3	Beauchemin, Kaitlyn Rose	Beauchemin, Joseph and Melanie	Concord, NH
3	Plaza, Kyle Matthew	Plaza, Aaron and Kenya	Manchester, NH
5	Chabot, Lucretia May	Chabot, David and Carla	Manchester, NH
8	Burnham, Baby Girl	Burnham, Brian and Cynthia	Manchester, NH
14	Beaulieu, Matthew Donald	Beaulieu, David and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
14	Tracy, Sean James	Tracy, Gregory and Kathryn	Manchester, NH
18	Turner, Griffin Anthony	Turner, John and Michele	Manchester, NH
23	Bartolucci, Colby Joseph	Bartolucci, Robert and Cheryl	Derry, NH
24	Rourke, Emily Jeanne	Rourke, Brian and Joanne	Manchester, NH

25	Hujzak, Connor James George	Hujzak, James and Karen	Nashua, NH
28	Santos, Zachary Manuel	Santos, Eugene and Shawna	Manchester, NH
Feb.			
6	Dolbec, Cameron Clark	Dolbec, Marc and Cathleen	Manchester, NH
7	Frechette, Joseph Richard	Frechette, Douglas and Kimberly	Concord, NH
11	Gelinas, Tyler James	Clough, Clarence and Robin	Concord, NH
14	Donovan, Katy Rose	Donovan Brian and Mary	Nashua, NH
25	Korhonen, Sydney Ann	Korhonen, Matthew and Heidi	Manchester, NH
26	Hanlon, Joy Yvette	Hanlon, Timothy and Pauline	Manchester, NH
Mar.			
4	Tate, Isaac Mitchell	Tate, Jeffrey and Holly	Manchester, NH
12	Pinard, Kyle Matthew	Pinard, Brian and Becky	Manchester, NH
15	Fyten, Marissa Jane	Fyten Steven & Sodre-Fyten, Julie	Nashua, NH
27	Steil, Jared Andrew	Steil, Steven and Norma	Manchester, NH
30	St. Onge, Tyler John	St. Onge Michael and Candace	Manchester, NH
30	Gendron, Sadie Rose	Gendron, Gary and Michelle	Nashua, NH
Apr.			
5	Huard, Shea Victoria	Huard, Alexander and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
16	Cogswell, Katelyn Rose	Cogswell, John and Barbara	Nashua, NH
17	Harris, Benjamin Nigel	Harris, James and Karen	Manchester, NH
24	Winrow, Alaina Marie	Winrow, Michael and Lissa	Manchester, NH
27	Skinner, Alexa Rosemary	Skinner, Sean and Katherine	Manchester, NH
May			
2	Peace, Ryan James	Peace, James and Kimberly	Manchester, NH
3	McGuire, Amber Katherine	McGuire, Benjamin and Thornton- McGuire, Shannon	Manchester, NH
4	Kendall, Cullen Patrick	Kendall, Phillip and Kathleen	Manchester, NH
13	Lemay, Tyler Steven	Lemay, Michael and April	Manchester, NH
17	Pfahnl, Steffen Carl	Pfahnl, Andreas and Brenda	Manchester, NH
21	Lewis, Kathryn Alison	Lewis, Brian and Joyce	Manchester, NH
21	Morrow, Declan Scott	Morrow, Charles and Tracy	Manchester, NH
27	Chamberlin, Kori Elise	Chamberlin, Kerry and Tiffany	Manchester, NH
31	Peguri, Mateo Atilio	Peguri, Jean-Paul and Monica	Manchester, NH
31	Urella, Nicholas Sebastian	Urella, Craig and Catherine	Manchester, NH
June			
7	Evans, Patrick Gregory	Evans, Sean and Amy	Manchester, NH
8	Gamache, Colby Charles	Gamache, Tobey and Renee	Concord, NH
13	Allen, Ainslie Elisabeth	Allen, Lee and Kristin	Manchester, NH
25	Culberson, Owen Robert	Culberson, Tracy and Amy	Concord, NH
July			
1	Gates, Ashlynd Rose	Gates, Walter and Stacy	Manchester, NH
3	Stemska, Allison Jean	Stemska, Robert and Lisa	Manchester, NH
10	Trnka, David John	Trnka, David and Marie	Manchester, NH
12	Apolito, Amanda Lyn	Apolito, Lee and Vickylyn	Manchester, NH
14	Quirk, Devin Philip	Quirk, Brian and Stacy	Manchester, NH
18	Panica, Emma Rose	Panica, Charles and Erin	Manchester, NH
Aug.			
1	Gianitsis, Anthony John	Gianitsis, James and Heidi	Manchester, NH
2	Yutzler, Grace Elizabeth	Yutzler, David and Margaret	Manchester, NH

8	Menczywor, Naomi Elisa	Menczywor, Denis and Maria	Manchester, NH
13	Scanlan, Elizabeth Jayne	Scanlan, Stephen and Amy	Manchester, NH
16	Sterling, Cameron Wellington	Sterling, Robert and Brandi	Manchester, NH
19	Geissenhainer, Wilton Riley	Geissenhainer, Eric and Dawn	Manchester, NH
21	Starr, Luke Albert	Starr, Michael and Amy	Manchester, NH
24	Woodgate, Lydia Bowie	Woodgate, Gregory and Amanda	Manchester, NH
27	Sprague, Jack Malcolm	Sprague, Jeffrey and Heidi	Manchester, NH
30	McNeill, Joseph Michael	McNeill, John and Doreen	Derry, NH
Sept.			
3	Riendeau, Melanie Lyse	Riendeau, Marc and Marie	Manchester, NH
18	Cooley, Kendra Gail	Cooley, Kenneth and Kerrie	Manchester, NH
18	Sudak, Abigail Sarah Nicole	Sudak, Michael and Susan	Manchester, NH
24	Bouvier, Julia Rae	Bouvier, Matthew and Michelle	Manchester, NH
24	Zienkiewicz, Adam Jakob	Zienkiewicz, Krzysztof and Sherry	Manchester, NH
25	Davis, Kieran Henry	Davis, Christopher and Kimberly	Manchester, NH
27	Gifford, Shannon Maria	Gifford, George and Mary	Manchester, NH
30	Santoro, Trevor John	Santoro, Michael and Sara	Manchester, NH
Oct.			
9	Peters, Hailey Lily Marie	Peters, Raymond and Robin	Derry, NH
17	Tomko, Owen William	Tomko, Joseph and Joanne	Manchester, NH
18	Zdravec, Madison Rose	Zdravec, Stephen and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
22	Desruisseaux, Eric David	Desruisseaux, David and Donna	Manchester, NH
23	Halpern, Gabrielle Allene	Halpern, Alan and Kristen	Manchester, NH
25	Lasella, Colin Mark	Lasella, Kevin and Karen	Manchester, NH
26	Whelan, Gabriel Hunter	Whelan, Kevin and Stephanie	Manchester, NH
Nov.			
8	Remillard, Tyler Andrew	Remillard, Keith and Jennifer	Manchester, NH
18	Hansen, Margaret Marie	Hansen, Brian and Francesca	Manchester, NH
18	Nason, Sydney Amber	Nason, John and Elaine	Manchester, NH
21	McKay, Murray James	McKay, Peter and Celia	Nashua, NH
21	McCarthy, Conor Kelley	McCarthy, Eugene and Gail	Manchester, NH
25	Hanson, Kaley Amber	Hanson, Matthew and Kimberly	Lebanon, NH
26	Hobbs, Teagg Corbin	Hobbs, Ryan and Dawn	Manchester, NH
27	Livingston, Hannah Katee	Livingston, Joseph and Kenlee	Manchester, NH
30	Charron, Megan Leigh	Charron, Leo and Karen	Manchester, NH
Dec.			
4	Stewart, Shawn Richard	Stewart, Michael and Michelle	Manchester, NH
4	St. Pierre, David Andrew	St. Pierre, David and Kathryn	Manchester, NH
8	Chamberlin, Coral Shelene	Chamberlin, Richard and Becki	Concord, NH
14	Denison, Owen Robert	Denison, Robert and Jane	Manchester, NH
15	Dexter, Elizabeth Jo	Dexter, Mark and Jenifer	Manchester, NH
30	Hibbard, Jacob Gerald	Hibbard, Spencer and Melissa	Manchester, NH

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2002 DEATHS

DATE	DECEDENT'S NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Jan.				
7	Morse, Kathryn	Goffstown	Morse, James	McCormack, Helen
23	Vattes, Rose F.	Goffstown	Fischer, Adam	Toohy, Anna
23	Gunion, Arthur D.	Manchester	Gunion, Arthur	Vickery, Mary
24	Dellechiaie, Nancy	Goffstown	Doran, Joseph	Unknown, Mary
Feb.				
2	Hecker, Georgette Y.	Manchester	Grenier, Joseph	Lefebvre, Laura
3	Snay, Albert F.	Goffstown	Snay, Albert	Lang, Viola
3	Bourquard, Mildred L.	Manchester	Laurin, Emile	Enright, Mary
4	Eugene, Bosse A.	Goffstown	Bosse, Ernest	Tautant, Mary
6	Ahern, Leonard J.	Goffstown	Ahern, John	Gagnon, Mathilda
7	Nathaniel, Alice E.	Goffstown	Smith, George	Albro, Jennie
17	Heroux, Gladys I.	Goffstown	Gray, Andrew	Orrell, Gladys
18	O'Clair, William H.	Portsmouth	O'Clair, William	Unknown, Fern
19	Benard, Therese	Manchester	Benard, Adolphe	Desilets, Sophie
22	Dubois, Annette Y.	Goffstown	Morin, Alfred	Desrochers, Delima
27	Beaudoin, Cecilia D.	Manchester	Luiz, Manual	Lucas, Rosa
28	Quiet, Pearl D.	Goffstown	Westman, James	Dufresne, Matilda
Mar.				
2	Gagnon, Edna C.	Goffstown	Blais, Edgar	Manseau, Ida
3	Ranaghan, Charles A.	Goffstown	Ranaghan, Nicholas	Fitzpatrick, Mary
4	Jillette, Esther	New London	Peachey, George	Campbell, Mary
7	Roux, Robert A.	Manchester	Roux, Romeo	Morin, Diana
8	Shaw, Lester C.	Goffstown	Shaw, Harold	Bragg, Lucy
10	Nadeau, Paul E.	Manchester	Nadeau, Edourd	Lacroix, Bertha
15	Edwards, Vivian	Manchester	Stiles, Thomas	Astwood, Vivian
16	Parr, Emma C.	Goffstown	McKimm, Andrew	Kilborn, Cecile
17	Freitas, Joseph D.	Manchester	Freitas, Frank	Fernandos, Ludivina
19	Stack, Martin F.	Goffstown	Stack, John	Glynn, Margaret
24	Morgan, Walter C.	Goffstown	Morgan, Thomas	Henshaw, Amy
24	Karanikas, Christie S.	Manchester	Karanikas, Stephanos	Olgas, Vaia
26	Berntsen, Harold A.	Goffstown	Berntsen, Henry	Murphy, Margaret
27	LeClerc, Jean N.	Manchester	LeClerc, Ludger	Boucher, Odile
28	Johnson, Angela J.	Goffstown	Janelle, Omer	Cullerot, Odila
29	Healy, Arthur J.	Goffstown	Healy, John	Donahue, Mary
29	Green, Alfred J.	Goffstown	Green, Walter	Eichler, Elsa
31	Roux, Roland A.	Goffstown	Roux, Oscar	Roy, Eva
Apr.				
2	Thorgerson, Suzanne B.	Manchester	Isabelle, Paul	Finch, Sheila
4	Beliveau, Origene	Bedford	Beliveau, Amedee	DuGuay, Obeline
5	Jaeger, Frank R.	Goffstown	Jaeger, Hans	Eisenshenk, Anna
8	Du Buc, Vincent E.	Manchester	Du Buc, J.	Dooley, Jacqueline
10	Drew, Everett A.	Goffstown	Drew, Harry	Hilliard, Gladis
11	McGrath, James J.	Goffstown	McGrath, James	Duryea, Muriel
17	Biron, Elaine D.	Tampa, FL	Boisse, Norman	Leslie, Ruth

29	Haun, Rita S.	Manchester	Flanagan, Edward	Kuhn, Flora
30	Shaw, Mary E.	Goffstown	Babb, Frank	Libby, Esther
May				
6	Rice, Barbara C.	Merrimack	Gay, Allen	Sawyer, Dorothy
9	Smith, Rita E.	Goffstown	Vigneault, William	Pellerin, Arsile
14	Passi, Gertrude D.	Goffstown	Bergeron, Peter	Roy, Albertine
22	Lawrence, Joseph A.	Manchester	Lawrence, Philip	O'Keefe, Mary
27	Lauzon, Louise P.	Goffstown	Plouffe, Alfred	Bernard, Celina
27	Graham, Jesse C.	Goffstown	Graham, Bruce	Brown, Kathleen
June				
4	Pelegano, Nicholas M.	Goffstown	Pelegano, Nicholas	Christian, Theresa
6	Schack, James J.	Manchester	Schack, James	Biel, Elsie
12	Laferriere, Lucien J.	Goffstown	Laferriere, Alexander	Cameron, Rose
14	Lavallee, Henriette G.	Manchester	Boulanger, Donat	Beaudet, Marie
15	St. Onge, Raymond L.	Manchester	St. Onge, Roland	Durivage, Judith
16	Rybaltowski, Margaret E.	Manchester	Luosey, Edward	Flanagan, Mary
17	England, Patricia	Manchester	England, August	Alarie, Blanche
20	Champagne, Donald D.	Concord	Champagne, Albert	Jenkins, Rita
20	Kent, Francis G.	Manchester	Kent, Joy	Mulhern, Edna
22	Karanikas, Paula T.	Manchester	Karanikas, John	Hayes, Theresa
23	Cooper, Barbara H.	Goffstown	Hill, David	Clarke, Mary
26	Sargent, Clayton D.	Manchester	Sargent, John	Hardy, Helen
29	Kenney, Eleanor R.	Manchester	Richard, Phillius	Unknown, Gertrude
July				
1	Pelletier, Emile	Goffstown	Pelletier, Julien	Levesque, Demerise
14	MacWhirter, Lilian	Goffstown	Tait, Thomas	Moir, Mariod
18	Hieber, Craig S.	Manchester	Hieber, Oscar	Eber, Doris
18	Bouvier, Lovie E.	Manchester	Bouvier, Albert	Dumane, Angelina
19	Dufresne, Henry A.	Goffstown	Dufresne, Francois	Bilodeau, Laura
21	Hall, Barbara S.	Bedford	Saltmarsh, Paul	Smith, Ruth
22	Stewart, Margaret C.	Goffstown	Carr, John	Sargent, Grace
31	Felde, Kenneth R.	Goffstown	Felde, Fred	Gulgren, Lois
Aug.				
3	Caudill, Rebecca A.	Goffstown	Caudill, Hugh	Raines, Mollie
3	Chase, William N.	Manchester	Chase, Hector	Giroux, Elizabeth
17	McKinnon, David H.	Goffstown	McKinnon, Martin	Morrissey, Catherine
18	Murphy, Marie I.	Goffstown	Pelletier, Joseph	Albert, Denise
19	Roy, Annette I.	Manchester	Landry, Arthur	Miville, Lena
24	Shedd, Stephen A.	Manchester	Shedd, Otis	Boucher, Alice
26	Bourque, Angela L.	Goffstown	Doucette, Leonard	Tremblay, Annette
29	Collins, Rita D.	Portsmouth	Bouffard, Zenophile	Ferland, Diana
Sept.				
3	Roy, Raymond G.	Manchester	Roy, Emile	Soucy, Lena
6	Fletcher, John B.	Manchester	Fletcher, Leland	Messara, Sylvia
17	Belanger, Marie	Goffstown	Dumais, Jean	Simard, Eugenie
17	Wright, Therese G.	Goffstown	Montplaisir, Edward	Messier, Louise
19	Madden, Frederick H.	Bedford	Madden, William	Meagher, Nellie
20	King, Irene L.	Manchester	Schmerder, Richard	Artz, Irma
24	Peck, Ann E.	Goffstown	Thompson, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown

Oct.

5	Bergeron, Catherine B.	Goffstown	Sweetser, Charles	Doherty, Virginia
6	Curtis, Deborah A.	Manchester	Bishop, Robert	Petitpas, Gladys
6	Bergeron, Juliette G.	Manchester	Daneault, Donat	Verville, Maria
10	Couchon, Edna	Nashua	Frost, John	Rosenholm, Maria
13	Williams, Paul S.	Manchester	Williams, Walter	Phaneuf, Mary
15	Meyers, Milton	Goffstown	Meyers, Max	Cohen, Ruth
18	Cordesco, Germano	Manchester	Cordesco, Domenic	DeBattista, Mary
20	Quinlan, Madolein E.	Beford	Marlette, James	Fonda, Ella
20	Dube, Albertine	Goffstown	Roy, Olivier	Cere, Alexina
20	Margeson, Patrick J.	Weare	Margeson, Francis	Comoletti, Eleanor
22	Rogers, Eleanor F.	Manchester	Huckins, Walter	Sanders, Ruth
23	Howarth, Dorothy C.	Goffstown	Carter, Albert	Unknown, Estelle
23	LaJoie, Agnes K.	Manchester	Woronec, Kyprian	Bednarczyk, Katarzyna
31	Jean, Ida	Goffstown	Coll, Pierre	Whitemore, Georgianna

Nov.

7	Carter, Oscar	Manchester	Carter, Charles	Langevin, Yvonne
8	Wright, Peter D.	Manchester	Wright, Wilfred	Barton, Amy
9	Capen, Irene B.	Goffstown	Degrenier, Joseph	Floyd, Cora
9	Brown, Alice E.	Manchester	Brown, Richard	Gibbs, Ruth
10	Lamson, Gardner	Manchester	Lamson, Percy	Rathman, Lina
11	Ferry, Lillian A.	Goffstown	Sansoucie, George	Martel, Emeila
11	Forrester, Harriet F.	Goffstown	Oberlander, Paul	Griffin, Sarah
15	Cote, Daniel F.	Goffstown	Cote, George	Duclos, Constance
15	Glasheen, Anne B.	Manchester	Kilmartin, John	Butler, Dorothy
17	Lord, Ruth	Goffstown	Austin, Foy	Bishop, Helen
17	Lavalliere, Charles E.	Goffstown	Lavalliere, Rene	Dusseault, Rita
18	Dion, Wilfred E.	Goffstown	Dion, Hormidas	Charbonneau, Mederise
20	Mailhot, Rita B.	Goffstown	Bellemare, John	Adam, Elodie
23	Bedard, Edmond V.	Bedford	Bedard, Joseph	Cote, Marie
25	Foster, Ruth V.	Goffstown	Lamb, Charles	Cushing, Cora
27	Kilar, Edward M.	Goffstown	Kilar, Walenty	Kwiatkowski, Mary
27	Brooks, Brian B.	Goffstown	Brooks, Cedric	Perry, Barbara
28	Fischer, Catherine V.	Goffstown	Kelley, James	Carter, Mary

Dec.

2	Taber, Paul R.	Manchester	Taber, Merrill	Cree, Annie
3	Stella, Benjamin L.	Goffstown	Stella, Joseph	Russo, Palma
4	Hecker, Carl M.	Manchester	Hecker, Frederick	Wiesner, Emily
10	Jenks, Ruth E.	Goffstown	Brodie, Herbert	Colburn, Jessie
10	Ouellette, Elsie E.	Goffstown	Patenaude, Cyprum	Richard, Laura
10	Verenbec, Kimberlee	Manchester	Williams, John	Malinowski, Lynn
14	Patten, Kay A.	Goffstown	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
26	Herron, Lillian M.	Manchester	Derby, Hiram	Trudeau, Jennie

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS: 125

2002 INTERMENTS

NAME	AGE	DATE OF DEATH	BURIAL DATE
HILLSIDE CEMETERY			
Dow, Lillian LeBlanc		01/24/2002	01/30/2002
Jaeger, Frank R.	75	04/05/2002	04/05/2002
George, James M. II	61	04/21/2002	05/16/2002
Lang, Kevin	31	06/08/2002	06/12/2002
McCarthy, William J.	87	08/01/2002	08/03/2002
SHIRLEY HILL CEMETERY			
Nadeau, Paul E. Sr.	85	03/10/2002	03/15/2002
Bosse, Eugene Albert	64	02/04/2002	05/01/2002
Hoitt, Thomas S.	59	05/26/2002	06/12/2002
St. Onge, Raymond	29	06/16/2002	06/27/2002
Brown, Mildred Eddy	98		08/19/2002
Wright, Therese Grace	52	09/17/2002	09/21/2002
Fletcher, John B. Sr.	69	09/06/2002	10/05/2002
Brown, Alice	75	11/09/2002	11/14/2002
WESTLAWN CEMETERY			
Hecker, Georgette Yvette	84	02/02/2002	02/05/2002
Snay, Dr. Albert	87	02/03/2002	02/08/2002
Dalgetty, William Fulton III	51	02/12/2002	02/14/2002
McKay, Frances B.	90	02/18/2002	02/20/2002
Nathaniel, Alice E.	86	02/07/2002	02/20/2002
Nickerson, Brenda	53		02/25/2002
Karanikas, Christie S.	75	03/24/2002	03/28/2002
McGrath, James J. Jr.	69	04/11/2002	04/18/2002
Smith, Rita E.	92	05/09/2002	
Smith, Margaret	92	01/21/2002	05/23/2002
Pelegano, Nicholas Michael	40	06/04/2002	06/08/2002
Sargent, Clayton David	93	06/26/2002	07/01/2002
Saltmarsh-Hall, Barbara	79	07/23/2002	07/23/2002
Rogers, Eleanor F.	72	10/22/2002	10/28/2002
Lamson, Gardner	86	11/10/2002	11/14/2002
Fischer, Catherine V.	74	11/28/2002	12/04/2002
Hecker, Carl Morris	86	12/04/2002	12/07/2002
Jenks, Ruth E.	98	12/11/2002	12/16/2002
White, Hazel A.	95	12/24/2002	12/30/2002

TOTAL INTERMENTS: 32

*Financial Reports***AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER**

Melanson Heath & Company, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT
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March 29, 2002

Board of Selectmen
Town of Goffstown
Goffstown, N.H. 03045

We have audited the general purpose financial statements for the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2001 and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2002. As part of our audit, we made a study and evaluation of the Town's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purpose of such evaluations is to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the financial statements.

The management of the Town of Goffstown, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling his responsibility, estimates and judgments by them are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of such a system are to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with required authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may still occur without being detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risks that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the internal accounting control structure and would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, as a result of our study and evaluation, and in an effort to be of assistance to the Town, we are submitting for your consideration a number of comments and recommendations intended to improve operations and internal accounting control.

After you have had an opportunity to consider our comments and recommendations, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

PRIOR YEAR ISSUES:

1. Prepare for GASB 34 Implementation

Effective December 31, 2003, the Town will be required to implement the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 (GASB 34). This accounting pronouncement has a sweeping effect on the presentation and format of the year-end audited financial statements. Major changes include:

- Requiring a narrative “Management Discussion and Analysis (MD & A) section, which describes a minimum of seven specific financial areas to help the reader understand the key financial conditions and highlights of the financial statements.
- Requiring “dual perspective” financial statements, which include “entity-wide” consolidated reports in addition to the “fund basis” financial reports, which currently exist.
- Reclassification and renaming of certain fund types.
- Recoding of certain revenue chart of account numbers.
- Reporting of all budget amendments and transfers in the financial statements.
- Reporting of “infrastructure” fixed assets (e.g., roads, bridges, etc.) effective December 31, 2007.
- Revisions of required footnote disclosures and supplementary information.

In addition, the most immediate issue that requires the planning of the Town involves the reporting of general fixed assets (such as buildings, land, equipment, vehicles and furnishings). The Town has always been required to report these assets (at historical cost) in the year-end audited financial statements, under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). However, like most New Hampshire municipalities, the Town has not maintained fixed asset records and, therefore, has not reported them in the financial statements. As a result, the Independent Auditor’s Report had included an opinion qualification regarding this omission.

Under GASB 34, however, the omission of fixed assets and related depreciation expense typically would now cause the auditor to issue a more serious “adverse” opinion on the financial statements instead of a “qualification”. This could have a serious negative impact on the Town’s bond rating and ability to borrow.

Compliance with GASB 34 will require the Town to commit additional resources, particularly related to the maintenance of fixed asset records. Also, once implemented, whether fully or partially, the annual audit fees will also be increased.

We recommend the Town begin planning and funding for the compilation of these records immediately. This will help assure that the Town is able to implement the requirements of GASB 34 within the required timetable.

2. Resolve Purchase Order/Encumbrance Problem

The recording of encumbrance continues to cause difficulties in the Town's computer system. As a result, it is more difficult to monitor departmental budget versus actual activity for expenditures.

We recommend the Town continue to work with the software vendor to resolve this issue. This is necessary for the Town to properly monitor departmental expenditures to assure compliance with budget limitations.

CURRENT YEAR ISSUES

3. Improve Control Over Collector Computer Records

We noted that non-Tax Collector office personnel can currently access the Tax Collector's automated receivable records. This is a significant breach in controls over these receivables.

We recommend the Town review and improve security access to critical Collector receivable records. This will improve controls over the Town's receivable records.

4. Store Computer Back-Ups Off Site

The Town currently stores computer back-ups in a fireproof vault.

We recommend the Town also maintain a back-up file off site on at least a weekly basis. This will help assure records are not permanently lost in the event of a major fire or other disaster.

5. Process All Disbursements on Town Warrant

In our testing of disbursements, we noted that welfare checks currently bypass the Town's normal vendor manifest process. A sound internal control system requires that all disbursements flow through the vendor manifest process.

We recommend the Town begin to process welfare checks on the weekly vendor manifest. This will improve the audit trail and oversight over these disbursements.

6. Reconcile Cemetery Trust Records With Trustees

Annually, the Town files a summary of non-expendable trust activity to the New Hampshire Department of revenue Administration. We understand that certain amounts reported in prior years' reports differed from the records of the Cemetery Trustees.

We recommend the Town establish procedures to reconcile annual trust report amounts with the records of the Cemetery Trustees. This will help identify errors immediately and reduce the risk of erroneous reports.

7. Document Reconciliation of Payroll Account

The Town did not perform a complete monthly reconciliation of its payroll cash account nor maintain detail outstanding check lists. This account operates on an imprest fund basis (i.e., amounts deposited equals checks issued) and therefore the bank account should always have a reconciled balance of zero.

We recommend the Town perform a monthly reconciliation of this account and maintain a list of outstanding checks. This should be performed monthly to ensure the account is accurate and in balance.

8. Control Clerk's Receipts

The Town Clerk does not currently use a cash register or cash drawer system. Instead, receipts are placed in a basket at her desk. This lack of physical security increases the risk of irregularities occurring.

We recommend the Town Clerk either use a locking cash register or locking cash drawer to temporarily store incoming receipts. This will limit access and improve control over cash receipts.

9. Establish Formal General Ledger Reconciling Procedures

Although the general ledger was reconciled at year end, the Town does not have procedures in place to reconcile balances in non-cash accounts on a regular monthly basis. This increases the risk of errors or irregularities occurring and going undetected.

We recommend the Town establish procedures to reconcile all key general ledger accounts, including tax receivables, departmental receivables (including the transfer station), withholding accounts, grants, and encumbrances. This will improve the reliability of Town accounting records and reduce the risk of errors occurring.

Melanson Heath & Company, PC

SELECTMEN RESPONSE TO AUDITOR

June 24, 2002

Melanson Heath & Company, P.C.
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Dear Auditors:

The following are the responses to the Management Letter dated March 29, 2002, prepared by Melanson Heath & Company. The comments in the letter pertain to issues surrounding the audit for year ending December 31, 2001.

1. The town has begun the process of planning and preparing for the implementation of GASB34. Our 2002 budget has allocated funding for this purpose. We recognize the fact that the most immediate issue will involve the reporting of general fixed assets. Our goal is to prepare a complete list of our fixed assets (excluding infrastructure) by FYE 12/02.
2. The town has resolved the purchase order/encumbrance problem. We now have the ability to enter purchase orders and track the payments against these purchase order/encumbrances within each departmental budget. We will continue to monitor this activity throughout the year to ensure the software is handling this issue properly.
3. Non-Tax Collector office personnel can no longer access the Tax Collector's automated receivable records. Prior to installing voter checklist software on an independent computer, the only means of accessing a checklist was via the tax office computer. This practice has been corrected and a new procedure established.

4. In addition to storing a computer back-up file on site, the Finance Office will send a computer back-up file to the Police Department on a weekly basis. The Police Department is located at 326 Mast Road, Goffstown, NH 03045.
5. The Finance Office and the Welfare Administrator have developed a procedure whereby welfare checks will appear on a weekly accounts payable manifest. With consideration given to issues surrounding confidentiality, a new form has been developed that will satisfy audit and oversight requirements over these disbursements.
6. The town will encourage the Trustees of Trust Funds and the Cemetery Trustees to establish reconciliation procedures that will help to immediately identify and reduce report errors. The Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Trustees are independently elected public officials with statutory responsibilities. Failure to perform their statutory duties would fall under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General's Office.
7. The town will conduct a monthly reconciliation of its payroll account. This account operates on an imprest basis (i.e., amounts deposited equal checks issued). As part of the reconciliation process, the Finance Office will maintain a monthly list of outstanding payroll checks.
8. The town is currently reviewing the cash receipt procedures in the Town Clerk's Office. In order to facilitate the timely processing of motor vehicle transactions, the town installed a third work station for the State motor vehicle program only. Unfortunately, this created a logistical problem within the Town Clerk's Office that necessitated a change in receipt handling procedures. At this time we are reviewing the internal operations within the Town Clerk's Office in order to insure that every possible safeguard is being taken to improve and maintain control over cash receipts. Without costly structural changes, only slight modifications can be made to improve the current system of handling.
9. The Finance Office will establish procedures and perform bank reconciliations on non-cash accounts throughout the year. We recognize the fact that regular monthly reviews will reduce the risk of errors or irregularities occurring.

Respectfully Submitted,
GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION YEAR 2002 (MS-1)

	ASSESSED VALUATION TAXABLE	TOTAL
LAND		
Current Use (incl. Conser. Restr.)	\$ 735,500	
Conservation Restriction Assessment	4,000	
Residential	157,108,900	
Commercial/Industrial	24,696,900	
Total Taxable Land		\$182,546,300
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable (est.)		9,561,900
 BUILDINGS		
Residential	\$ 379,410,400	
Manufactured Housing	15,412,300	
Commercial/Industrial	56,460,800	
Total of Taxable Buildings		\$451,283,500
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable		73,926,400
 PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	\$ 15,084,900	
Gas	485,600	
Total Public Utilities		\$ 15,570,500
 TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		 \$649,400,300
 EXEMPTIONS:		
	NUMBER	
Improvements to Assist Disabled	2	\$195,500
School Dining/Dorms/Kitchen	1	150,000
Blind	11	165,000
Elderly	102	1,595,000
Total Exemptions	116	\$1,760,000
 NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION RATE IS COMPUTED		 \$647,294,800
 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		 \$631,724,300

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Mace, Assessor

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Map/Lot	Location	Land Value	Bldg. Value	Total Value
SCHOOL				
4/103	Maple Avenue	71,000	2,432,700	2,503,700
5/97	Wallace Road - GAHS	6,700		6,700
5/98	Wallace Road - GAHS	169,500	9,919,500	10,089,000
8/74	Tibbetts Hill Rd. - MVMS	400,400	7,749,600	8,150,000
17/182	Mast Road - Bartlett	531,300	1,090,500	1,621,800
SCHOOL TOTALS:		\$1,178,900	\$21,157,200	\$22,371,200
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT				
1/37	Back Mountain Road	175,900		175,900
1/38	Back Mountain Road	337,300	71,300	408,600
4/11	off Merrill Road	25,400	5,400	30,800
4/16/2	Mountain Road	40,000		40,000
7/2	Mast Road	12,600		12,600
7/5	North Mast Road	95,200		95,200
7/8/1	North Mast Road	12,500		12,500
7/106/2	High Street	24,600		24,600
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT TOTALS:		\$723,500	\$76,700	\$ 800,200
TOWN & CONSERVATION				
1/35	Back Mountain Road	88,400		88,400
2/39/4	off Back Mountain Rd	3,700		3,700
2/64/28	Shirley Hill Road	4,200		4,200
3/9	off School House Road	7,000		7,000
4/61	off New Boston Road	8,600		8,600
5/14	Goffstown Back Road	111,400		111,400
5/24	Elm Street	144,600	562,100	706,700
5/38/39	Juniper Drive	9,300		9,300
6/39/11A	Mast Road	37,400	509,600	547,000
7/3/1	off Mast Road	5,200		5,200
7/72	Mast/Autumn Street	195,800		195,800
8/16	off Paige Hill Road	3,100		3,100
8/43	off Paige Hill Road	8,000		8,000
8/44	off Paige Hill Road	4,100		4,100
9/29/1	Tirrell Hill Road	34,900	191,200	226,100
10/11	Tenney Road	6,200		6,200
15/58	Rosemont Street	36,100		36,100
15/59	Rosemont Street	2,500		2,500
15/57A	Woodbine Avenue	38,900	79,400	118,300
15/73A	Rosemont Street	2,700		2,700
17/37	Plummer St./Mast Rd.	34,000	399,900	433,900

17/238	Laurier Street	63,900	9,600	73,500
19/15	Channel Lane	7,300		7,300
21/85	Cove Street	25,700		25,700
21/64A	Riverside Drive	9,000		9,000
21/120A	Moose Club	10,700		10,700
24/44	Rem Drive	3,500		3,500
24/44R/6	Rem Drive	7,100		7,100
24/59A	Lynchville Park Road	11,600		11,600
26/13A	Mast Rd./Henry Bridge	3,100		3,100
27/23	Henry Bridge Road	10,000		10,000
27/25	Center Street	13,500	1,600	15,100
28/28	Goffstown Back Road	25,400	109,400	161,800
30/81	Barnard Lane	52,400		161,800
30/25A	Pineridge Road	3,000		3,000
30/29/A	Highland Avenue	4,700		4,700
31/19	off Mast Road	34,600	116,200	150,800
31/22	off Mast Road	24,100		24,100
32/26E/18	Hermisdorf Avenue	5,000		5,000
32/26E/19	Hermisdorf Avenue	5,100		5,100
32/26E/22	Hermisdorf Avenue	5,000		5,000
32/26E/30	Janice Drive	5,000		5,000
32/26E/55	Thomas Drive	5,100		5,100
34/83	Main Street	98,300	517,900	616,200
34/96	Church Street	51,100	9,200	60,300
34/99	Church Street	68,000		68,000
34/107	High Street	76,100	235,200	311,300
34/129	Mill Street	14,600		14,600
34/138	Parker Street - SAU	58,600	190,300	248,900
34/148	Main Street	76,000	7,600	83,600
34/152	Main Street	59,400		59,400
34/177	East Union Street	46,700	56,400	103,100
35/48	Island on Glen Lake	81,600		81,600
37/9	North Mast Road	13,500		13,500
38/13	Church Street	72,600	244,500	317,100
40/1	Crescent Lane	20,000		20,000
40/8	Perimeter Road	2,100		2,100
40/11	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/14	Crescent Lane	2,200		2,200
40/15	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/16	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/17	Crescent Lane	2,200		2,200
40/18	Crescent Lane	2,100		2,100
40/19	Crescent Lane	1,300		1,300
40/20	Crescent Lane	1,300		1,300
40/21	Crescent Lane	2,200		2,200
40/22	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/23	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100

40/24	Crescent Lane	2,200		2,200
40/25	Crescent Lane	2,500		2,500
40/27	Perimeter Road	2,200		2,200
40/29	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/34	Summit Road	2,200		2,200
40/35	Summit Road	2,200		2,200
40/42	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/4A	Uncanoonuc Mtn.	9,100		9,100
40/50	off Perimeter Road	2,500		2,500
40/53	Beech Lane	2,100		2,100
40/54	Summit Avenue	2,000		2,000
40/56	Maple Lane	2,000		2,000
40/57	Maple Lane	1,900		1,900
40/58	Summit Road	1,900		1,900
40/59	Maple Lane	2,200		2,200
40/60	41 Crescent Lane	22,300	42,100	64,400
40/61	Chestnut Lane	1,900		1,900
40/63	Chestnut Lane	1,900		1,900
40/64	Chestnut Ln/Summit	2,200		2,200
40/65	Beech Lane	2,200		2,200
40/66	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	1,900		1,900
40/67	Beech Lane	2,100		2,100
40/68	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/69	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/70	Chestnut Lane	2,100		2,100
40/71	Chestnut Lane	2,200		2,200
40/72	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	1,600		1,600
40/73	off Perimeter Road	2,100		2,100
40/74	Chestnut Lane	2,300		2,300
40/76	Birch Lane	2,100		2,100
40/77	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	1,800		1,800
40/78	Birch Lane	1,600		1,600
40/79	Uncanoonuc Mountain	1,800		1,800
40/80	Birch Lane	2,000		2,000
40/81	Uncanoonuc Mountain	2,100		2,100
40/82	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/83	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/85	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/86	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/87	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/88	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/89	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/90	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/91	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,200		2,200
40/92	Uncanoonuc Mountain	2,100		2,100
40/93	Cedar Lane	1,700		1,700
40/94	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	1,800		1,800

40/95	Uncanoonuc Mountain	2,200		2,200
40/97	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/98	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/99	Pine Lane	2,200		2,200
40/101	Pine Lane	2,300		2,300
40/103	off Perimeter Road	2,100		2,100
40/104	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/105	Summit Ave.	2,300		2,300
40/106	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/107	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	2,100		2,100
40/113	Perimeter Road	122,100	61,600	183,700
40/115	So. Uncanoonuc Mtn.	48,700		48,700
40/47A	off Perimeter Road	2,100		2,100
40/50A	off Perimeter Road	1,500		1,500
41/6	Forest Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/7	Incline Avenue	4,700		4,700
41/9	Incline Avenue	4,400		4,400
41/14	Mountain/Park Ave.	5,500		5,500
41/16	Mountain Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/17	Mountain Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/19	Uncanoonuc Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/21	Park Avenue	7,200		7,200
41/22	Crown Avenue	4,600		4,600
41/23	Uncanoonuc Avenue	2,400		2,400
41/24	Uncanoonuc Avenue	4,500		4,500
41/29	Uncanoonuc Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/30	Incline Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/31	South Mountain Base	4,200		4,200
41/32	Kaoka Avenue	5,000		5,000
41/33	Kaoka Avenue	8,100		8,100
41/34	Chocora Avenue	9,500		9,500
41/35	Wonolancet Avenue	7,300		7,300
41/36	Wonolancet Avenue	10,300		10,300
41/37	Chocorua Avenue	7,900		7,900
41/38	Chocorua Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/39	Chocorua Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/40	Chocorua Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/41	Chocorua Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/42	Chocorua Avenue	4,700		4,700
41/43	Chocorua Avenue	6,000		6,000
41/45	Kaoka Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/46	Kaoka Avenue	4,500		4,500
41/47	Kaoka Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/48	Kaoka Avenue	5,000		5,000
41/49	Kaoka Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/50	Koaka Avenue	4,500		4,500
41/51	Mascoma Avenue	4,300		4,300

41/56	Uncanoonuc Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/61	Uncanoonuc Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/62	Uncanoonuc Avenue	4,300		4,300
41/69	Incline Avenue	21,800	9,200	31,000
41/75	So Mtn. Base/RR Ave.	6,500		6,500
41/76	Railroad Avenue	4,500		4,500
41/77	Railroad Avenue	4,800		4,800
41/78	Railroad Avenue	1,900		1,900
41/79	Mascoma Avenue	4,400		4,400
41/80	So. Mtn. Base Road	4,500		4,500
41/64A	Uncanoonuc Avenue	4,200		4,200
42/2	Railroad Avenue	4,700		4,700
42/4	Railroad Avenue	2,000		2,000
42/5	off Railroad Avenue	4,800		4,800
42/6	3 Orr St	22,800	13,500	36,300
42/12	Incline Avenue	4,300		4,300
42/15	Mountain Avenue	4,500		4,500
42/18	Mountain Avenue	5,300		5,300
42/19	Orr Street	4,500		4,500
42/22	Park Ave	6,100		6,100
42/23	Crown Avenue	6,400		6,400
42/24	Chestnut Slope	30,000		30,000
42/25	Chestnut Slope	4,500		4,500
42/28	Mountain Base Road	4,300		4,300
42/29	Chestnut Slope	4,200		4,200
42/31	Chestnut Slope	4,300		4,300
42/32	Chestnut Slope	4,300		4,300
42/33	Chestnut Slope	4,500		4,500
42/35	Chestnut Slope	4,300		4,300
42/36	Chestnut Slope	4,300		4,300
42/37	Chestnut Slope	4,300		4,300
42/40	off Mtn. Base Road	4,400		4,400
42/41	Chestnut Slope	4,300		4,300
42/42	Chestnut Slope	4,300		4,300
42/45	Lake Uncanoonuc	4,400		4,400
42/51	Railroad Avenue	900		900
43/24/1	Arrowhead Dr	22,800		22,800
TOTAL TOWN & CONSERVATION:		\$2,648,900	\$3,366,500	\$6,152,800
GRAND TOTAL		\$4,551,300	\$24,600,400	\$29,324,200

ESTIMATED REVENUES (MS-4)

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603) 271-3397

DUE SEPTEMBER 1

City/Town: Goffstown

FY: 2002

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES (RSA 21-J:34)

Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR.	For Use By	Reserved For Use
		ART.	Municipality	by DRA
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		59,000	
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Timber Taxes		10,000	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		40,285	
3189	Other Taxes			
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		155,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)			
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1,485	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		2,214,085	
3230	Building Permits		122,772	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		24,360	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		31,083	
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		105,427	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		487,387	
3353	Highway Block Grant		307,160	
3354	Water Pollution Grant		252,825	
3355	Housing & Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax): Rails to Trails			
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	12	696,735	

	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		310,251	
3409	Other Charges		109,337	
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	10	241,052	
3502	Interest on Investments		68,000	
3503-3509	Other		167,537	
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Funds	13, 16	339,257	
3913	Capital Projects Fund			
3914	Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer - (Offset)		1,755,740	
	Water - (Offset)			
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
3915	Capital Reserve Fund		77,333	
3916	Trust & Agency Funds		712	
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
	SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES		7,576,823	
General Fund Balance				
		For Municipal Use		
Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 3,605,584		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Voted From "Surplus"	(\$ 137,500)			137,500
Fund Balance - Retained	\$ 1,748,084		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Fund Balance - Reduce Taxes	\$ 1,720,000			1,720,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS				9,434,323

REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)

\$67,644

Janice O'Connell, Finance Director

10/08/2002

PREPARER'S SIGNATURE AND TITLE

DATE

2002 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$16,232,462		
Less: Revenues	(9,434,323)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(111,651)		
Add: Overlay	67,644		
War Service Credits	111,900		
Net Town Appropriation		\$6,866,032	
Municipal Tax Rate			\$10.60

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget	\$18,448,589		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(5,501,613)		
State Education Taxes	<u>(4,528,470)</u>		
Net School Appropriation		\$8,418,506	
Local Education Rate			\$13.01
State Education Taxes		\$4,528,470	
State Education Rate			\$7.17

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	\$1,399,491		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>(15,195)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		\$1,384,296	
County Tax Rate			\$2.14

TOTAL TAX RATE **\$32.92**

Total Taxes Assessed			\$21,197,304
Less: War Service Credits			(111,900)
Total Property Tax Commitment			<u>\$21,085,404</u>

Proof of Rate

	Net Valuation	Tax Rate	Tax Assessment
State Education Tax	\$631,724,300	\$ 7.17	\$ 4,528,470
All Other Taxes	\$647,294,800	\$25.75	<u>16,668,834</u>
			<u>\$21,197,304</u>

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Year 2003 Budget of the Town of GOFFSTOWN (Unaudited expenditures printed on 1/21/03 includes encumbrances from 2002.)

Acct No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE \$ PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
4130-4139	Executive (includes IT budget of \$114,233.)	22	388,025	381,422	451,811		451,811	
4140-4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	22	184,038	182,387	179,066		179,066	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	22	293,132	276,091	285,685		285,685	
4152	Revaluation of Property	22	131,093	127,885	133,379		133,379	
4153	Legal Expense							
4155-4159	Personnel Administration							
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning & Economic Development	22	160,660	141,807	192,379		192,379	
4194	General Government Buildings							
4195	Cemeteries	22	70,537	65,393	73,011		73,011	
4196	Insurance							
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government	22	22,414	17,406	21,190		21,190	
	PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police	22	2,913,017	2,718,155	3,096,010		3,096,010	
4215-4219	Ambulance: Emergency Medical Services	22	237,489	225,992	134,479		134,479	
4220-4229	Fire	22	1,473,933	1,403,975	1,576,837		1,576,837	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	22	78,052	79,763	71,376		71,376	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	22	3,001	2,359	3,151		3,151	
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)							

Year 2003

Budget of the Town of GOFFSTOWN

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS							
4311-4312	Administration & Highways & Streets	22	2,481,290	2,198,539	2,538,707		2,538,707	
4313	Bridges		687,500	687,500				
4316-4319	Street Lighting & Other							
	SANITATION							
4321-4323	Administration & Solid Waste Collection	22	1,083,510	1,099,670	1,119,124		1,119,124	
4324-4325	Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup							
4326-4329	Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT							
4331-4332	Administration & Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other							
	ELECTRIC							
4351-4352	Administration & Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH							
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control							
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other							
	WELFARE							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	22	56,679	28,309	54,685		54,685	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other							

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					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	CULTURE & RECREATION							
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	22	285,062	271,120	298,940		298,940	
4550-4559	Library	22	424,412	416,782	467,089		467,089	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation: Public Access TV	22	39,255	38,971	40,076		40,076	
	CONSERVATION							
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources							
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	Redevelopment & Housing							
4651-4659	Economic Development (Main St. Program)		15,000	15,000				
	DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	22	166,827	164,000	169,000		169,000	
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	22	89,100	74,452	86,000		86,000	
4723	Interest on TANS	22	1	0	1		1	
4970-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4901	Land & Improvements	22	2,470,850	2,428,171	334,940		334,940	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	22	353,000	284,621	361,780		361,780	
4903	Buildings		74,000	74,000				
4909	Improv. Other than Buildings	22	42,000	25,303	329,200		329,200	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-	22	2,008,565	1,742,677	1,910,837		1,910,837	
	Water-							
	Electric-							

Acct No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE S PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMENT'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund							
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)							
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Agency Funds							
	SUBTOTAL 1	22	16,232,462	15,171,750	13,928,753		13,928,753	

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriation is raised by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

Acct No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	WARR ART. #	APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR AS APPROVED BY DRA	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE S PRIOR YEAR	SELECTMENT'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS FOR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
					RECOMMENDED	OT RECOMMEND	RECOMMENDED	OT RECOMMENDE
4810	MUNICIPAL CURBSIDE RECYCLING BOND	19			591,574		591,574	
4810	CONTRACTED CURBSIDE RECYCLING	20			33,000		33,000	
4810	MAIN STREET PROGRAM	21	15,000	15,000	15,000		15,000	
4810	DPW ROAD RECLAMATION & RESURFACING	23	1,764,850	1,764,850	1,810,490		1,810,490	
4810	CONSERVATION CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	24			80,000		80,000	
4810	PROPERTY ACQUISITION & PLAN DEV. (B&M LIN	28			78,000		78,000	
4810	INDUSTRIAL LAND PURCHASE		125,000	125,000				
4810	AMERICAN RED CROSS		0	0				
4810	FIRE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT		24,784	24,784				
4810	MAIN STREET BRIDGE		687,500	687,500				
	SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended				2,608,064		2,608,064	

Year 2003

Budget of the Town of GOFFSTOWN

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE for Ensuing Fiscal Year
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		59,000	69,334	59,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		10,000	8,855	10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		40,285	40,285	40,285
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		155,000	137,638	155,000
	INVENTORY PENALTIES				
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits	22	1,485	2,153	1,500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	22	2,214,085	2,255,908	2,215,600
3230	Building Permits	22	122,772	117,791	110,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	22	24,360	21,575	24,400
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	22	31,083	34,714	2,000
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues	22	105,427	231,295	116,137
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	22	487,387	487,387	487,387
3353	Highway Block Grant	22	307,160	307,160	331,676
3354	Water Pollution Grant	22	252,825	252,825	270,327
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	22	696,735	745,163	75,016
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	22	310,251	338,661	290,762
3409	Other Charges	27 & 2	109,337	107,745	1,265,804
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	22	241,052	241,052	10,000
3502	Interest on Investments	22	68,000	70,142	68,000
3503-3509	Other	22	167,537	187,517	170,200
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	Special Revenue Funds: EMS & Sewer	22	339,257	295,570	239,279
3913	Capital Projects Fund				
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer - (Offset)	22	1,755,740	1,755,740	1,640,510
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electnc - (Offset)				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund		77,333		
3916	Trust & Agency Funds	22	712	80,587	94,600
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	19			591,574
	Amounts Voted from "Surplus"	28	XXXXXXXXXX	137,500	78,000
	"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes		XXXXXXXXXX	1,720,000	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
	TOTAL REVENUES		7,576,823	9,646,597	8,347,057

BUDGET SUMMARY	SELECTMAN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	13,928,753	13,928,753
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 4)	0	0
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by Law (from page 4)	2,608,064	2,608,064
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	16,536,817	16,536,817
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes)	8,347,057	8,347,057
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	8,189,760	8,189,760

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT (MS-61)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

DEBIT

	Levies of:	
	2002	2001
Uncollected Taxes		
Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes		\$950,711
Taxes Committed this Year:		
Property Taxes	\$21,086,499	3,593
Land Use Change	69,230	
Yield Taxes	8,792	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	150,524	5,243
Interest Collected on Delinquent Tax:	11,892	21,378
TOTAL DEBITS	\$21,326,937	\$980,925

CREDIT

	2002	2001
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$20,097,935	\$549,746
Land use Change	69,230	
Yield Taxes	8,792	
Interest	11,892	21,378
Conversion to Lien		387,779
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	32,565	22,022
Uncollected Taxes		
End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	1,106,523	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$21,326,937	\$980,925

TAX COLLECTOR (MS-61)
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

DEBIT

	2001	Levies of 2000	1999 & Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year:		\$207,578	\$59,443
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$417,116		
Interest & Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	12,178	33,466	17,651
Refunds of Liened Property:	5,966		
TOTAL DEBITS:	\$435,260	\$241,044	\$77,094

CREDIT

	2001	2000	1999 & Prior
Remittance to Treasurer			
Redemptions:	\$172,521	\$107,640	\$43,584
Interests/Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	12,178	33,466	17,651
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes:	5,966		402
Liens Deeded to Municipality:	3,840	3,657	14,146
Unredeemed Liens balance at End of Year:	240,755	96,281	1,311
TOTAL CREDITS	\$435,260	\$241,044	\$77,094

2002 Tax Year: April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003

As a convenience, the Goffstown Tax Office has added a return envelope with the tax bills. You may note that the return address is a PO Box in Manchester, which is a lockbox set up by our bank. Using the scan line on the bottom of your bill, the payment is immediately deposited into the Town account and the bank sends us a report of the transactions. Please note that the lockbox is only open during the tax season. If you are mailing a payment after tax season, please direct it to this office at 16 Main Street, Goffstown, NH 03045, to avoid delay, which would result in additional interest added to your account. The Tax Office thanks you for your help in this effort.

BALANCE SHEET

Unaudited for Year Ending December 31, 2002

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	8,674,544
Investments		181,958
Taxes & Liens Receivable		1,641,992
Accounts Receivable		15,833
Allowance for uncollectable accounts		(6,038)
Overlay		(12,456)
Due from Other Governments		552,136
Due from Others		<u>766,169</u>
Total Assets and other Debits	\$	<u>11,814,137</u>

LIABILITIES, EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$	1,282,034
Due to School District		5,346,976
Other Liabilities and Accrued Expenses		<u>818,268</u>
Total Liabilities		7,447,278

Equity and Other Credits:

Fund Balances:

Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	1,636,062
Unreserved – Undesignated		<u>2,730,797</u>
Total Equity and Other Credits		<u>4,366,859</u>

Total Liabilities, Equity and Other Credits	\$	<u>11,814,137</u>
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TREASURY REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

Cash on Hand – January 1, 2002	\$	8,189,819.48
Deposits, Transfers & Adjustments		<u>27,488,233.70</u>
Total Cash		35,678,053.18
Disbursements, Transfers & Adjustments		<u>26,902,110.30</u>
Cash on Hand – December 31, 2002		<u>8,775,942.88</u>
Citizens Bank	\$	8,593,984.87
NH Investment Pool		39,630.03
Fleet Bank		<u>142,327.98</u>
	\$	<u>8,775,942.88</u>

DEBT SCHEDULE

Year	Principal	Interest	Total	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1986 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2004	75,000	43,087	118,087
2003	125,000	16,250	141,250	2005	75,000	39,994	114,994
2004	125,000	8,125	133,125	2006	75,000	36,900	111,900
1989 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2007	75,000	33,806	108,806
2003	100,000	31,500	131,500	2008	75,000	30,713	105,713
2004	100,000	24,500	124,500	2009	75,000	27,488	102,488
2005	100,000	17,500	117,500	2010	75,000	24,206	99,206
2006	100,000	10,500	110,500	2011	75,000	20,831	95,831
2007	100,000	3,500	103,500	2012	75,000	17,456	92,456
1990 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2013	75,000	14,081	89,081
2003	105,000	60,113	165,113	2014	75,000	10,631	85,631
2004	105,000	53,078	158,078	2015	75,000	7,163	82,163
2005	105,000	46,043	151,043	2016	75,000	3,600	78,600
2006	105,000	38,981	143,981	TOTAL SEWER BONDS			
2007	105,000	31,894	136,894		3,570,000	981,247	4,551,247
2008	105,000	24,806	129,806	2001 Landfill Closure SRLF			
2009	105,000	17,719	122,719	Year	Principal	Int./Fees	Total
2010	105,000	10,631	115,631	2003	164,000	85,583	249,583
2011	105,000	3,544	108,544	2004	164,000	79,470	243,470
1994 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2005	164,000	73,357	237,357
2003	30,000	12,416	42,416	2006	164,000	67,244	231,244
2004	30,000	10,684	40,684	2007	164,000	61,131	225,131
2005	30,000	8,929	38,929	2008	164,000	55,018	219,018
2006	30,000	7,144	37,144	2009	164,000	48,905	212,905
2007	25,000	5,478	30,478	2010	164,000	42,792	206,792
2008	25,000	3,931	28,931	2011	164,000	36,679	200,679
2009	25,000	2,363	27,363	2012	164,000	30,566	194,566
2010	25,000	788	25,788	2013	164,000	24,452	188,452
1998 General Obligation Bond – Sewer				2014	164,000	18,339	182,339
2003	55,000	28,763	83,763	2015	164,000	12,226	176,226
2004	55,000	26,288	81,288	2016	164,000	6,113	170,113
2005	55,000	23,813	78,813	TOTAL LANDFILL CLOSURE SRLF			
2006	55,000	21,200	76,200		2,296,000	641,875	2,937,875
2007	55,000	18,588	73,588				
2008	55,000	15,975	70,975				
2009	55,000	13,363	68,363				
2010	55,000	10,750	65,750				
2011	55,000	8,000	63,000				
2012	55,000	5,250	60,250				
2013	50,000	2,500	52,500				
2001 General Obligation Bond – Sewer							
2003	80,000	46,388	126,388				

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

During the year 2002, the Trustees of the Trust Funds received the following gifts:

- a.) A gift of stock by Mrs. Elizabeth P. Merrill to the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund
- b.) A gift of monies to the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund by the following people:

Barbara Perkins	Philip Mansour	Pearle W. Preston	Betty M. Corner
Mary B. Clapp	W. Thorp	T.G. Naser	Pauline Nickerson
Eleanor Poritt	Catherine D'Agostino	Philip Mansour	Marion MacCregor
Pamela Weilbrenner	Janet Falcone	Diana Sterling	William Peabody Karen
McRea	Ronald Davenport	Jane White	Julie Grandgeorge
Katherine Haselton	Gail Lavallee	Barbara Lally	Joan Fuller
Mary McNemey	Sully's Superette	Howes Pharmacy	
Goffstown Physical Therapy		Gordon F. Burns Agency	

These gifts should not go unrecognized nor should the generosity of past benefactors to our Town. Their generousities have made our lives and those of future generations that much richer. The Trustees of the Trust Funds wish to thank this year's benefactors for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

During the year 2002 The State Street Bank and Trust Company of New Hampshire, N.A. continued to provide financial planning services, as Agents for the Trustees of the Trust Funds per an agreement dated April 30, 1992.

The Trustees believe that the agents at State Street Bank and Trust have positioned our current investment portfolio so that it will continue to generate a positive yield for the present and into the future.

The Report of the Trustees of the Trust Fund as represented on the following four pages details the various Trust Fund Accounts that were handled by the Trustees as of December 31, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Murphy, Ezra Beck, Andrew J. Szerlog (Trustees)

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN

Purpose of Fund	Date Established	Investment Type	Balance as of Dec. 31, 2002
Landfill Closure	2/16/00	NH Public Deposit Invest Pool	\$0

THE GOFFSTOWN COMMON PRESERVATION TRUST

Purpose of Fund	Date Established	Investment Type	Balance as of Bal. Nov. 12, 2002
Preserve Town Common	6/01/01	Citizens Bank – Performance Investment	\$16,186.93

**REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH
12/31/2002**

No of Shares/ Units	Description	Beginning Balance	Add/ Delete	Income/ Purchases	Expended/ Proceeds From Sales	Realized Gains/ Losses	Balance Year End
	Principal Account						
	Cash/Cash Equivalents	43,160.88	2,520.00	68,966.14	70,900.97		43,746.05
25,000	Assoc. Corp. N. Amer. 6% 4/15/2003	24,943.25					24,943.25
10,000	AT&T Corp 7.125% 1/15/02	10,032.20			10,000.00	(32.20)	0.00
20,000	Bk America 6.875% 6/1/2003	19,956.80					19,956.80
25,000	Chemical Bk NY NY 6.125% 11/01/08	23,012.75					23,012.75
15,000	Citicorp 7%, 7/1/07	15,021.00					15,021.00
20,000	Fed. Home Ln Mtg. Corp. 5.75%, 1/15/1	(0.00)		20,064.20			20,064.20
20,000	Fed. Natl Mtg Assn 5%, 1/15/07	0.00		20,165.00			20,165.00
25,000	Mellon Bank 6.50% 8/1/2005	24,811.50					24,811.50
20,000	Motorola 5.8% 10/15/2008	20,149.87					20,149.87
30,000	New York Tel Co 6.25% 2/15/2004	29,881.50					29,881.50
15,000	Proctor & Gamble 6.875% 9/15/09	14,846.70					14,846.70
25,000	Societe Generale 7.40% 6/1/06	24,837.75					24,837.75
20,000	So NE Tel 7%, 8/15/05	20,315.20					20,315.20
0	Adelphia Communications	8,373.75			1,408.06	(6,965.69)	(0.00)
100	Alltel Corp Com	5,907.00					5,907.00
265	AM Intl Group	13,880.16	10,827.16		8,670.98		16,036.34
200	Andarko Pete Corp Com	6,201.50					6,201.50
200	AOL Time Warner Inc	10,939.00					10,939.00
43	AT&T	7,062.17	(4,927.21)				2,134.96
69	AT&T Wireless	0.00	1,580.43		11.05		1,569.38
200	Baker Hughes Inc Com	5,164.00					5,164.00
150	Baxter Intl	0.00		8,598.00			8,598.00
164	BP Amoco PLC - Sponsored ADR	5,736.25					5,736.25
175	Bristol Meyers	2,805.42					2,805.42
0	Capital One Financial Corp	5,513.63			9,644.70	4,131.07	(0.00)
548	Cisco Sys Inc	5,754.85					5,754.85
189	Citigroup	2,157.54	(355.48)	3,423.00			5,225.06
70	Comcast Corp	0.00	3,333.37		4.91		3,328.46
225	Dell Computer	4,743.00					4,743.00
300	E M C	4,353.00					4,353.00
200	Ecolab Inc	6,962.00					6,962.00
125	Emerson Electric	7,938.44					7,938.44
150	Fifth Third Bancorp	6,943.75					6,943.75
250	Flextronics	4,062.50					4,062.50
0	Ford Motor Co Del	2,054.59			4,325.48	2,270.89	0.00

REPORT OF THE INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NH 12/31/2002							
No of Shares/ Units	Description	Beginning Balance	Add/ Delete	Income/ Purchases	Expended/ From Sales	Realized Gains/ Losses	Balance Year End
150	FPL Group	7,881.25			6,300.81	3,148.31	4,728.75
250	General Elec Co	8,717.50					8,717.50
200	Gentex	6,025.00					6,025.00
300	Hewlett Packard	2,410.59					2,410.59
175	Home Depot	4,558.75		2,457.50			7,016.25
150	Ill Tool Works	3,007.50					3,007.50
100	IBM	3,261.56					3,261.56
150	Johnson & Johnson	10,886.00			3,215.90	494.40	8,164.50
150	Kimberly Clark	5,923.13					5,923.13
125	Linear Technology	4,617.50					4,617.50
225	Medtronics	10,047.69					10,047.69
100	Microsoft	5,418.00					5,418.00
125	Morgan Stanley	0.00		6,493.75			6,493.75
0	Nextel	10,423.13			2,555.42	(7,867.71)	(0.00)
150	Northern Tr Corp Com	6,255.47					6,255.47
200	Pepsico	5,557.34					5,557.34
0	Qwest Communications	2,415.56			1,073.24	(1,342.32)	0.00
200	Stryker	5,875.75					5,875.75
8	Travelers Property Casualty - A	0.00	110.84		2.60		108.24
16	Travelers Property Casualty - B	0.00	244.76		11.12		233.64
100	Unilever N V	5,887.00					5,887.00
100	UPS	5,488.25					5,488.25
150	Univision Comm.	0.00		6,633.00			6,633.00
150	Wal Mart Stores	5,717.50		1,463.50			7,181.00
200	Wells Fargo	5,778.13			2,511.92	1,356.29	4,622.50
	Total Principal	513,674.55	13,333.87	138,264.09	120,637.16	(4,806.96)	539,828.39
	Income Account						
	Cash/Cash Equivalents	169,704.15		1,922.08	12,365.37		159,260.86
	Total Income	169,704.15	0.00	1,922.08	12,365.37	0.00	159,260.86
	Total Investments	683,378.70	13,333.87	140,186.17	133,002.53	(4,806.96)	699,089.25

Report prepared by Mason + Rich Professional Association for the Trustees of the Town of Goffstown

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DECEMBER 31, 2002

DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL										CUMULATIVE				INCOME			
			ORIGINAL BALANCE	BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS	NEW FUNDS	LOSS OR SECUR.	GAIN OR YEAR END	LOSS OR SECUR.	GAIN OR YEAR END	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	BALANCE YEAR END	LOSS OR SECUR.	GAIN OR YEAR END	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	BALANCE YEAR END	INCOME PRIOR YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR	EXPENDED YEAR END	INCOME YEAR END
1	1897 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.103441	39,645.62	53,971.63	0.00	14,118.41	434.33	53,837.96	53,837.96	38.45	1,594.94	3,906.70	3,280.46	2,410.93	28.30	734.78	56.13	1,007.15	3,906.70
2	1950 Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.045991	17,597.00	23,701.03	0.00	6,265.88	192.88	23,893.91	23,893.91	28.30	734.78	56.13	2,410.93	2,410.93	28.30	734.78	56.13	3,118.88	3,118.88
	TOTAL		0.149436	57,242.62	77,672.66	0.00	20,384.29	627.21	77,725.87	77,725.87	66.75	2,329.72	7,025.58	5,691.39	4,821.86	56.60	1,469.56	112.26	13,124.58	7,025.58
1955 Cemetery Fund																				
3	Unknown	Perpetual Care	0.22465	219.04	995.94	0.00	785.69	8.10	1,004.04	1,004.04	1.29	31.11	32.91	109.56	109.56	1.29	31.11	32.91	32.91	109.05
4	Lovell Fund		0.11282	110.00	500.15	0.00	393.57	4.07	504.22	504.22	0.65	15.62	32.91	55.02	55.02	0.65	15.62	32.91	38.38	38.38
5	Herman Koenig		0.10256	100.00	454.68	0.00	357.79	3.70	458.38	458.38	0.59	14.20	31.90	50.01	50.01	0.59	14.20	32.40	31.90	31.90
6	Robert St. Pierre		0.05128	50.00	227.34	0.00	178.89	1.85	229.19	229.19	0.25	7.10	32.40	25.01	25.01	0.25	7.10	32.40	32.40	0.00
7	Cora Cook		0.05128	50.00	227.34	0.00	178.89	1.85	229.19	229.19	0.25	7.10	32.40	25.01	25.01	0.25	7.10	32.40	32.40	0.00
8	Edgar S. Rhodes		0.20512	200.00	909.37	0.00	715.57	7.40	916.77	916.77	1.00	28.40	96.70	100.04	100.04	1.00	28.40	96.70	96.70	96.70
9	Beverly Eaton		0.04718	46.00	209.15	0.00	164.58	1.70	210.85	210.85	0.27	6.53	29.81	23.01	23.01	0.27	6.53	29.81	29.81	0.00
10	Lorenzo Bean		0.15384	150.00	682.02	0.00	538.88	5.55	687.57	687.57	0.88	21.30	64.30	75.03	75.03	0.88	21.30	64.30	64.30	64.30
11	Emily Harden		0.05128	50.00	227.34	0.00	178.88	1.82	229.16	229.16	0.27	7.15	32.43	25.01	25.01	0.27	7.15	32.43	32.43	0.00
	TOTAL OF 1977 FUNDED		0.90859	976.04	4,433.34	0.00	3,483.55	36.04	4,469.38	4,469.38	5.70	138.51	287.59	437.70	437.70	5.70	138.51	287.59	340.32	340.32
1977 Cemetery Fund																				
12	Mrs. Richard Daneault	Perpetual Care	0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
13	Joseph A. Smith		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
14	Mrs. Clifford Stone		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
15	Mrs. Clarence Hunter		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
16	Joseph P. Smith		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
17	Mrs. Peter Boetsky		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
18	Christie Karanikas		0.08914	275.00	370.39	0.00	551.64	3.01	374.40	374.40	0.54	11.71	55.13	45.69	45.69	0.54	11.71	55.13	55.13	2.81
19	Mrs. Francis O'Brien		0.17828	550.00	740.79	0.00	1,103.30	6.03	748.82	748.82	1.24	23.82	75.58	105.65	105.65	1.24	23.82	75.58	75.58	75.58
20	Mrs. H. Duane Rowley		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
21	Elmer Nickerson		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
22	Stanley M. Gordan		0.08914	275.00	370.39	0.00	551.64	3.01	374.40	374.40	0.54	11.71	55.13	45.69	45.69	0.54	11.71	55.13	55.13	2.81
23	Arthur Blouin		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
24	Philip Shepard		0.05673	175.00	235.71	0.00	351.05	1.92	237.63	237.63	0.28	7.31	31.48	23.89	23.89	0.28	7.31	31.48	31.48	0.00
25	Alber W. Hill Jr.		0.01945	60.00	80.82	0.00	120.36	0.66	81.48	81.48	0.01	0.24	1.09	(1.14)	(1.14)	(0.01)	0.24	1.09	1.09	0.00
26	Mrs. Carl Fibberg		0.05673	175.00	235.64	0.00	351.08	1.89	237.53	237.53	0.26	7.35	31.50	23.89	23.89	0.26	7.35	31.50	31.50	0.00
	TOTAL OF 1977 FUNDED		0.90805	3,085.00	4,195.13	0.00	6,183.57	33.80	4,788.93	4,788.93	5.37	128.97	512.78	458.68	458.68	5.37	128.97	512.78	512.78	31.20
1978 Cemetery Fund																				
27	Harry E. Batty	Perpetual Care	0.06306	175.00	235.70	0.00	62.32	1.92	237.62	237.62	0.16	7.03	21.22	14.03	14.03	0.16	7.03	21.22	21.22	0.00
28	Robert S. Harris		0.30631	850.00	1,144.84	0.00	302.67	9.32	1,154.16	1,154.16	1.89	36.75	55.13	161.21	161.21	1.89	36.75	55.13	144.72	144.72
29	Mrs. Alan McKernan		0.09910	275.00	370.39	0.00	97.91	3.01	373.40	373.40	0.42	11.43	47.68	35.83	35.83	0.42	11.43	47.68	47.68	0.00
30	Edith Colson Esteve		0.09009	250.00	336.72	0.00	89.02	2.74	338.46	338.46	0.36	10.33	41.07	30.38	30.38	0.36	10.33	41.07	41.07	0.00
31	Carl P. Barton		0.12613	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.63	3.84	475.25	475.25	0.51	14.73	55.13	52.19	52.19	0.51	14.73	55.13	55.13	12.40
32	David L. Gorque		0.12613	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.63	3.84	475.25	475.25	0.51	14.73	55.13	52.19	52.19	0.51	14.73	55.13	55.13	12.40
33	Howard A. Thayer		0.15315	425.00	572.43	0.00	151.33	4.66	577.09	577.09	0.80	18.04	68.53	68.53	68.53	0.80	18.04	68.53	68.53	32.24
34	Joseph P. Goudreau		0.03604	100.00	134.69	0.00	35.62	1.10	135.79	135.79	0.04	1.39	5.13	(2.30)	(2.30)	0.04	1.39	5.13	5.13	0.00
	TOTAL OF 1978 FUNDED		0.90724	2,776.00	3,797.59	0.00	968.19	30.43	3,768.02	3,768.02	4.81	116.77	331.88	412.06	412.06	4.81	116.77	331.88	201.16	201.16

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GOFFSTOWN, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DECEMBER 31, 2002

DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	% ORIGINAL BALANCE	PRINCIPAL			CUMULA. LOSS OR GAIN ON			INCOME				
				BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS NEW FUNDS	YEAR END BALANCE	SECUR.	CURRENT GAIN OR LOSS	YEAR END BALANCE	PRIOR YEAR	INCOME	EXPANDED YEAR END BALANCE		
1979 Cemetery Fund														
35	Gardner Brown	Perpetual Care	0.06965	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	52.99	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.24
36	Dorcas O'Neill		0.06965	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	52.99	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.24
37	Deris Purvis		0.03980	200.00	269.38	0.00	71.21	2.19	271.57	20.28	0.24	8.15	28.67	0.00
38	Hannum Woodbury Jr.		0.08458	425.00	572.43	0.00	151.34	4.66	577.09	69.34	0.81	18.06	55.13	33.08
39	Arthur Bari		0.08458	425.00	572.43	0.00	151.34	4.66	577.09	69.34	0.81	18.06	55.13	33.08
40	Mrs. Roy Durmer		0.06965	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	52.99	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.24
41	Mrs. Bertrand Bourgault		0.05473	275.00	370.43	0.00	97.92	3.01	373.41	36.63	0.43	11.45	48.51	0.00
42	Donald E. Hall		0.10945	550.00	740.79	0.00	186.84	6.03	746.82	96.59	1.13	23.56	55.13	66.15
43	John Haefield Jr.		0.06965	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	52.99	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.24
44	Clinton E. Smith		0.06965	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	52.99	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.24
45	Luther M. Jackson		0.06965	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	52.99	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.24
46	Mrs. Donovan Stevens		0.07463	375.00	505.09	0.00	133.53	4.11	509.20	50.44	0.69	15.86	55.13	19.86
47	Mrs. Ralph Foss		0.05970	300.00	404.07	0.00	106.82	3.29	407.36	42.08	0.49	12.55	55.12	0.00
48	Joseph P. Goudreau		0.01990	100.00	134.69	0.00	35.61	1.10	135.79	(1.53)	(0.02)	3.75	2.20	0.00
49	Mrs. Robert Beauchemin		0.05473	275.00	370.43	0.00	97.95	3.04	373.47	36.56	0.41	11.45	48.42	0.00
TOTAL OF 1979 FUND				5,025.00	6,765.17	0.00	1,769.40	35.13	6,823.30	749.67	8.71	211.55	734.72	241.61
1980 Cemetery Fund														
50	Arthur Grant	Perpetual Care	0.00091	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	53.25	0.63	14.76	55.13	13.51
51	Peter Jenkins		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	42.32	0.50	12.56	55.13	0.25
52	John Fletcher		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	42.32	0.50	12.56	55.13	0.25
53	Mr. Philip Neult		0.00072	275.00	370.41	0.00	97.94	3.01	373.42	36.88	0.43	11.46	48.77	0.00
54	John Hills		0.00091	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	53.24	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.49
55	Marvin Akerly		0.00091	350.00	471.41	0.00	124.64	3.84	475.25	53.24	0.62	14.76	55.13	13.49
56	Albert Wakefield		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	42.32	0.50	12.56	55.13	0.25
57	Marjorie Stanyan		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	42.32	0.50	12.56	55.13	0.25
58	Despou Kokulis		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	42.32	0.50	12.56	55.13	0.25
59	Alice Vincent		0.00157	600.00	808.15	0.00	213.65	6.58	814.73	107.77	1.27	25.77	55.13	79.68
60	John Parker		0.00130	500.00	673.45	0.00	178.02	5.48	678.93	85.96	1.01	31.37	55.13	55.21
61	William Goss		0.00025	100.00	134.70	0.00	35.61	1.10	135.80	(1.27)	(0.01)	3.75	2.47	0.00
62	Arol Charbonneau		0.01120	4,325.00	5,335.24	0.00	1,010.00	47.43	5,912.67	642.99	7.47	161.99	657.61	144.88
TOTAL OF 1980 FUND				175.00	235.72	0.00	62.32	1.92	237.64	22.49	0.26	7.27	30.02	0.00
1981 Cemetery Fund														
63	Alfred & Helen Duval	Perpetual Care	0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	34.07	0.40	12.33	46.80	0.00
64	Arol Charbonneau		0.00052	200.00	269.39	0.00	71.22	2.19	271.58	27.96	0.33	8.37	36.66	0.00
65	Pauline Emery		0.00039	150.00	202.03	0.00	53.41	1.64	203.67	17.06	0.20	6.17	23.43	0.00
66	Reul B. Hall		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	49.73	0.58	12.77	55.13	7.95
67	Byron Rollins		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	49.73	0.58	12.77	55.13	7.95
68	Dana F. Chase		0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	106.81	3.29	407.34	49.73	0.58	12.77	55.13	7.95
69	George E. Holden		0.00046	175.00	235.72	0.00	62.32	1.92	237.64	22.49	0.26	7.27	30.02	0.00

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DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL				CUMULA. CURRENT				INCOME						
			BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS	LOSSES	BALANCE YEAR END	BALANCE BEGINNING YEAR	LOSS OR GAIN ON SECUR.	LOSS OR GAIN ON SECUR.	BALANCE YEAR END	INCOME PRIOR YEAR	INCOME CURRENT YEAR	Gain/Loss Income EXPENDED	BALANCE YEAR END			
70	Thelma Deplitch		300.00	0.00	108.81	3.29	2,092,000	2,727,339	0.00	721,000	22,020	2,749,559	487.3	351	85,22	357,43	31,820
TOTAL OF 1987 FUND			300.00	0.00	108.81	3.29	2,092,000	2,727,339	0.00	721,000	22,020	2,749,559	487.3	351	85,22	357,43	31,820
71	J. & R. Coughlin	Perpetual Care	700.00	0.00	249.26	7.67						950.49	126.30	1.48	30.08	55.13	102.73
72	Raymond Brian		275.00	0.00	97.84	3.01						373.42	33.62	0.39	11.37	45.38	0.00
73	Evelyn Blissette		650.00	0.00	231.45	7.12						882.60	115.39	1.35	27.88	55.13	89.49
74	Ray Durmer		300.00	0.00	106.81	3.29						407.34	39.07	0.46	12.47	52.00	0.00
75	Ethel C. Stone		200.00	0.00	71.22	2.19						271.58	17.28	0.20	8.07	25.55	0.00
76	Jane Sherman		150.00	0.00	53.41	1.64						203.67	6.39	0.08	5.86	12.33	0.00
TOTAL OF 1982 FUND			2,225.00	0.00	810.99	24.92						3,089.10	334.95	3.36	85.73	243.52	192.22
77	Various Cemetary Fund	Perpetual Care	4,775.00	0.00	1,700.62	52.34						6,484.05	709.22	8.33	200.94	55.13	863.36
78	Various Cemetary Fund	Perpetual Care	24,395.21	0.00	9,888.46	267.41						33,126.31	3,619.52	42.49	1,026.50	55.13	4,633.38
79	Bessie Emery		0.00	0.00	1,791.70	54.22						6,716.33	748.01	8.79	208.56	55.13	911.23
80	Ethel Greer		0.00	0.00	5,240.74	161.30						19,981.48	3,319.24	38.96	651.13	55.13	3,954.20
81	T. Butterfield		1,000.00	0.00	358.14	10.95						1,357.91	148.04	1.74	42.07	55.13	136.72
82	1957 Surplus Revenue A/C	Perpetual Care	300.00	0.00	109.45	3.31						409.68	45.79	0.54	12.72	55.13	3.92
83	1983 John Sellers Fund	Perpetual Care	100.00	0.00	35.81	1.10						135.81	(1.79)	(0.02)	3.74	1.93	0.00
TOTAL			50,231.48	0.00	17,892.42	550.64						66,212.57	8,559.93	100.85	2,145.66	332.71	10,502.81
84	Various Cemetary Fund	Perpetual Care	300.00	0.00	106.84	3.29						407.37	41.77	0.49	12.55	54.81	0.00
85	Fred A. Hamilton		700.00	0.00	259.32	7.67						950.56	129.01	1.51	30.16	55.13	105.55
86	Kenneth Harden		450.00	0.00	160.27	4.93						611.06	74.50	0.87	19.15	55.13	38.39
87	Mrs. R.H. Rogers		300.00	0.00	106.84	3.29						407.37	41.77	0.49	12.55	54.81	0.00
88	Robert Wike, Sr.		375.00	0.00	133.55	4.11						509.21	58.15	0.68	15.85	55.13	19.55
89	Henry Wagner		300.00	0.00	106.84	3.29						407.37	41.77	0.49	12.55	54.81	0.00
90	Mrs. John Scanlon		300.00	0.00	106.83	3.29						407.39	41.78	0.49	12.55	54.82	0.00
TOTAL OF 1983 FUND			2,735.00	0.00	980.49	29.87						3,700.33	428.75	5.02	115.35	384.64	164.49
91	Various Cemetary Fund	Perpetual Care	175.00	0.00	60.83	1.91						236.22	16.53	0.19	7.06	23.78	0.00
92	Luesia Boulet		575.00	0.00	200.19	6.27						776.20	81.88	0.96	23.97	55.13	51.68
93	Verlie/Yvonne Fellows		375.00	0.00	130.58	4.09						506.22	59.89	0.70	15.81	55.13	21.27
94	Mrs. Richard Kohle		575.00	0.00	200.19	6.27						776.20	103.26	1.21	24.57	55.13	73.91
95	Alfred F. Lively		300.00	0.00	104.46	3.27						404.98	43.63	0.51	12.53	55.13	1.54
96	Glora P. McKenne		150.00	0.00	52.21	1.63						202.49	11.13	0.13	5.97	17.23	0.00
97	Lorenzo J. Perry		565.00	0.00	198.71	6.16						762.70	101.10	1.19	24.13	55.13	71.29
98	Wilfred S. Whittier		375.00	0.00	130.56	4.09						506.22	59.90	0.70	15.82	55.13	21.29
99	Julian Vanouderhove		175.00	0.00	60.82	1.91						236.24	16.55	0.19	7.06	23.80	0.00
100	Mrs. John Lovoren Albert Gilbert		375.00	0.00	130.57	4.09						506.22	59.90	0.70	15.82	55.13	21.29

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101	DATE CREATED	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	%	PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
					ORIGINAL BALANCE	BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS	LOSS OR GAIN	BALANCE YEAR END	Income PRIOR YEAR	Gain/Loss Income CURRENT YEAR	Income EXPANDED YEAR END	BALANCE YEAR END	
		J & P Goudreau		0.00097	375.00	502.13	0.00	130.87	4.09	506.22	38.51	0.45	54.17	0.00
		TOTAL OF 1984 FUND		0.01041	4,015.00	5,378.13	0.00	1,397.87	43.72	5,419.91	592.28	6.93	187.85	262.27
102	1989	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.00498	2,150.00	2,568.86	0.00	436.40	20.91	2,589.77	283.87	3.33	80.27	312.34
103	1993	K. Holler/Westland Cemetery *	Perpetual Care	0.10478	40,000.00	54,086.16	0.00	5,987.00	440.15	54,526.31	480.14	5.64	1,535.47	1,666.12
104	1952	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.02742	3,345.00	14,154.10	0.00	10,905.75	115.19	14,269.29	1,559.29	18.30	442.17	1,964.71
105	1955	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.09100	1,867.65	5,676.70	0.00	3,847.81	46.20	5,722.90	918.99	10.79	185.60	1,060.25
106	Unknown	Ethel Greer Fund	Perpetual Care	0.00140	1,325.00	723.83	0.00	(986.22)	5.89	729.72	117.17	1.38	23.67	87.09
107	Unknown	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.00040	70.00	204.63	0.00	136.02	1.67	206.30	23.12	0.27	6.41	29.80
108	1955	Cemetery Fund	Perpetual Care	0.03711	2,783.65	19,157.18	0.00	16,500.76	145.90	19,131.08	1,616.31	21.32	590.18	2,372.68
		TOTAL		0.18708	81,541.30	96,371.45	0.00	37,190.52	785.91	87,357.37	5,198.67	61.03	2,863.77	7,463.19
		TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS		0.54454	186,240.44	251,089.65	0.00	93,369.28	2,287.36	263,377.04	23,486.07	290.18	3,582.06	5,076.19
		* Terms of Bequest - 1/2 of income to be returned to principal annually												
109	1997	Library Improvement Fund	Library	0.00839	5,321.32	4,330.24	0.00	720.22	35.24	4,365.48	237.07	2.78	128.52	25.00
110	1910	Parker Fund	Library	0.00977	3,745.17	5,044.30	0.00	1,333.96	41.05	5,085.35	1,073.53	12.60	172.15	25.00
111	1932	Goodwin, Hazeltine, Knox	Library	0.00934	3,581.32	4,823.61	0.00	1,275.22	39.25	4,862.86	1,026.57	12.05	164.62	25.00
112	1933	T. Butterfield Fund	Library	0.00261	1,000.00	1,346.88	0.00	356.08	10.96	1,357.84	286.64	3.36	45.97	25.00
113	Unknown	Ethel Greer Fund	Library	0.00140	1,325.00	723.72	0.00	(986.34)	5.89	729.61	154.03	1.81	24.70	25.00
114	Unknown	Trust Fund	Library	0.00040	70.00	204.61	0.00	136.03	1.67	206.28	43.54	0.51	6.98	25.00
		TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS		0.03191	15,042.81	16,473.36	0.00	3,224.77	134.06	16,607.42	2,821.38	33.11	542.94	150.00
115	Unknown	Ethel Greer Fund	Flowers	0.00157	600.00	808.14	0.00	213.65	6.58	814.72	1,573.21	18.47	67.01	25.00
116	Unknown	Cemetery Flower Fund	Flowers	0.01342	4,305.52	6,926.15	0.00	1,697.92	56.37	6,982.52	1,648.02	19.35	241.27	575.00
117	1993	K. Holler Flower Fund	Flowers	0.00109	500.00	560.10	0.00	63.93	4.56	564.66	268.34	3.15	23.31	25.00
118	1995	Marion S. Foss Fund	Flowers	0.00222	1,000.00	1,145.32	0.00	264.43	9.32	1,154.64	265.31	3.11	39.69	25.00
119	1987	Woodson/Greer Flower Fund	Flowers	0.00247	1,000.00	1,272.78	0.00	222.97	10.36	1,283.14	1,657.49	19.46	82.46	25.00
120	1983	Roy Dummer Fund	Flowers	0.00078	300.00	404.05	0.00	89.22	3.29	407.34	688.63	8.08	30.75	25.00
121	1983	Verna Bartlett Fund	Flowers	0.00052	200.00	269.39	0.00	71.22	2.19	271.58	476.07	5.59	20.98	25.00
122	1983	Ethel Cilley Stone Fund	Flowers	0.00052	200.00	269.39	0.00	53.63	2.19	271.58	433.04	5.08	19.77	25.00
123	1996	MIM Clayton Sargent Fund	Flowers	0.00111	500.00	572.66	0.00	76.57	4.66	577.32	104.82	1.23	19.06	25.00
124	Unknown	Ethel Greer Flowerstone Fd	Flowers	0.00026	100.00	134.70	0.00	33.47	1.10	135.80	791.36	9.29	26.06	25.00
125	1989	Westlawn Cemetery Flower	Flowers	0.00069	300.00	358.43	0.00	68.14	2.92	361.25	362.09	4.25	20.28	25.00
126	1989	Estiate-Hedley Pingree Flower	Flowers	0.00116	500.00	597.35	0.00	101.44	4.86	593.64	583.64	6.85	33.23	25.00
127	1989	Albert Wakefield Flower Fund	Flowers	0.00116	500.00	597.35	0.00	101.44	4.86	602.21	583.64	6.85	33.23	25.00
128	1989	William Parker Flower Fund	Flowers	0.00116	500.00	597.35	0.00	101.44	4.86	602.21	583.64	6.87	33.27	25.00
129	1987	William Parker Flower Fund	Flowers	0.00110	500.00	566.19	0.00	70.84	4.81	570.80	54.51	0.84	17.47	25.00
130	1999	J Robert Merrill Flower Fund	Flowers	0.00101	500.00	522.87	0.00	27.15	4.26	527.13	36.39	0.43	15.74	25.00
		TOTAL FLOWER FUNDS		0.03023	11,503.52	15,802.22	0.00	3,227.51	126.99	15,725.21	10,116.63	118.70	723.58	350.00
		TOTAL TRUST FUNDS		0.61677	201,784.16	217,562.01	0.00	100,593.99	2,414.35	215,177.04	23,307.71	328.89	4,125.04	5,226.19

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				ORIGINAL BALANCE	BEGINNING YEAR	ADDITIONS	LOSSES	NEW FUNDS	SECUR.	SECUR.	GAIN ON	LOSS ON	BEGINNING YEAR	END YEAR	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT YEAR	EXPENDED	INCOME
131	1992 P. Lemery	Scholarship	0.01005	4,626.17	5,185.48	0.00	594.71	42.20	5,227.68	388.85	4.56	156.86	275.00					
132	1992 D. Bailey	Scholarship Fd.	0.02355	10,745.25	12,154.03	0.00	1,391.76	98.91	12,252.94	3,782.61	44.40	448.45	525.00					
133	1947 W. Richards Fund	Barnard Plgrnd	0.00130	500.00	673.43	0.00	178.02	5.48	678.91	335.73	3.94	28.40	25.00					
134	1947 W. Richards Fund	Hist. Society	0.03131	12,000.00	16,162.53	0.00	4,272.88	131.53	16,294.06	551.09	6.47	470.31	575.01					
135	1987 W. Richards Fund II	Hist. Society	0.04438	18,000.00	22,910.23	0.00	5,066.63	186.44	23,096.67	781.17	9.17	866.66	806.17					
136	1976 Tricentennial Fund	Celebration	0.00067	285.00	343.45	0.00	90.80	2.80	346.25	1,258.72	14.78	45.08	25.00					
137	1996 Kunitachi Fund	Scholarship	0.00175	400.00	901.72	0.00	109.07	7.34	909.06	188.56	2.21	30.68	25.00					
138	1997 Grasmere Town Hall	Restoration Fund (1)	0.05425	5,855.45	25,485.67	2,520.00	1,764.41	207.40	28,213.07	2,610.34	30.64	790.61	25.00					
139	2001 Reserved for Future Trust	Trust Fund	0.00019	100.00	100.00	0.00	1.97	0.81	100.81	0.00	0.00	2.81	2.81					
140	Unknown Trust Fund	Barnard Plgrnd	0.00040	70.00	204.61	0.00	136.03	1.57	206.28	205.48	2.41	11.54	25.00					
141	Unknown Trust Fund	Hist Society	0.01011	1,785.00	5,217.95	0.00	3,488.56	42.46	5,260.41	177.92	2.09	151.84	202.92					
142	1999 Goffstown Common	Restoration/Improvement	0.00875	4,320.00	4,517.66	0.00	234.59	38.76	4,554.42	314.39	3.69	135.97	34.99					
143	1999 Goffstown Main Street Program Various Fund	Trust Fund	0.00000	4,320.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	172.07	2.02	4.84	25.00					
TOTAL VARIOUS FUNDS				0.18674	62,974.97	95,856.76	2,520.00	17,406.85	763.60	97,140.66	10,766.93	126.38	2,944.05	2,972.90				
144	1968 Town Hall Fund	Maintain Town	0.14393	55,150.54	74,294.03	0.00	19,640.79	604.67	74,898.70	118,990.20	1,396.88	5,438.93	421.00					
145	1968 Town Hall Fund	Maintain Town	0.00006	25.00	33.46	0.00	8.89	0.27	33.73	45.68	0.54	2.23	25.00					
146	1968 H.S. Library Fund	Books/H.S. Lib.	0.03131	12,000.00	16,162.52	0.00	4,272.88	131.53	16,294.05	986.68	11.35	482.01	991.68					
147	1968 H.S. Scholarship Fund	Scholarships	0.03131	12,000.00	16,162.52	0.00	4,272.88	131.53	16,294.05	2,115.37	24.83	514.33	1,025.00					
TOTAL MILDRED STARK FUNDS				0.20661	79,185.54	106,652.53	0.00	28,195.49	865.00	107,520.53	122,118.13	1,439.60	6,437.96	2,862.68				
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS				1.00000	354,949.18	513,674.55	2,520.00	145,326.47	4,180.21	520,374.76	169,704.15	1,997.95	19,230.13	12,211.77				
GIFT FROM:																		
		Barbara Perkins \$150.00																
		Philip Mansour \$100.00																
		Pearle W. Preston \$100.00																
		Betty M. Connor \$50.00																
		Mary B. Clapp \$50.00																
		Dora W. Thorp \$5.00																
		Hoves Pharmacy \$100.00																
		T.G. Naser \$50.00																
		Pauline Nickerson \$50.00																
		Goffstown Physical Therapy \$20.00																
		Catherine D'Agostino \$25.00																
		Sally's Superette \$200.00																
		Gordon F. Burns Agency \$50.00																
		Marion MacGregor \$20.00																
		Roberta P. Grady \$100.00																

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*Department and Committee Reports***BUDGET COMMITTEE**

L-R seated: Colleen Russo, Larry Raimondi, John Caprio, Suzanne Tremblay, George Fullerton. L-R standing: John Stafford, Bob Wheeler, Dick Fletcher, Norm Pinard, Bill Gleeson, Richard Georgantas. Absent: Brad Parkhurst, Chris McRae, Dennis Rechcygl, Kevin Buckley, and Al Desruisseaux.

The principal responsibility of the 16 member Budget Committee is to prepare the Town and School District budgets. We discharge this responsibility throughout the year, but most visibly during “budget season,” which generally runs from November to March. We receive the Selectmen’s and School Board’s proposed budgets and special articles, hear presentations and ask questions, deliberate, and prepare preliminary recommendations for the public hearings. After these hearings, we finalize our budgets and special article recommendations for the Town and School District Meetings.

This budget season the Committee employed a new process. Previously we met as town and school subcommittees and came together at the end of the process to make recommendations. This year we always met as a committee of the whole. Further, while heads of Town Departments always presented before the Committee, this year we were able to include the School Superintendent and the four school principals. While this new process was more time consuming and certainly took its toll on the members, our final product was definitely superior because the entire Committee, rather than half, worked on both proposed budgets. Major items considered this year were budget increases, revenues, the town road and waste programs and the kindergarten proposal.

Because the Budget Committee, Selectmen and School Board all have budgetary responsibilities there is a natural tension. The Budget Committee reconciles appropriation requests to maintain a manageable tax load. In effect the Committee serves a moderating function and an additional voice for the

taxpayer. Consequently it is important that residents keep in touch with the Budget Committee by attending the 3rd Tuesday monthly meetings and communicating with the members individually throughout the year so that we will be more effective and better able to meet the expectations the citizens of Goffstown.

Respectfully submitted,
John Caprio, Chair

BUILDING AND HEALTH

The Building Department has experienced an increase in activities in 2002. The residential market remains strong with 91 single family permits issued this year. As long as interest rates remain low, the housing boom will continue.

Non-residential construction activity is also on the increase. Shaw's Supermarket completed an addition and major renovation. Shop 'n Save also renovated and changed their name to Hannaford's. The Sullivan indoor ice arena at Saint Anselm College is progressing and will be completed this year.

Building Code Changes: Changes in the regulations that govern construction are on the horizon. During the 2002 session the New Hampshire Legislature adopted new building codes. Now referred to as the "State Building Code," they include the International Building Code 2000, International Plumbing Code 2000, International Mechanical Code 2000, International Energy Conservation Code 2000 and the National Electrical Code 1999 (2002 being enforced). These codes apply to all non-residential construction.

For the time being, the town will continue to enforce BOCA and CABO building codes and the National Electrical Code for residential construction as adopted by the town in 1993. In 2004 it will be recommended that the town adopt the International Residential Code to replace BOCA and CABO.

All Building Department permit forms are now available at the town's website as well as in the Land Use Office at Town Hall.

Private well users: Water from private wells sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose a health risk. The NH Department of Environmental Services encourages homeowners with private wells to have the quality of their well water tested periodically for a comprehensive roster of contaminants. For further information please visit the N.H. Department of Environmental Services website at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb, then select "fact sheets".

West Nile Virus: This virus is getting more widespread. Help yourself and your community by not leaving stagnant water on your property. For more information visit website www.dhhs.state.nh.us.

Vaccinations: Vaccines for children up to 18 years old are free in NH. For information call 1-800 852-3345 Ext. 4482

Respectfully submitted, Edmond J. Neveu, Building and Health Officer

BUILDING PERMITS

TYPE OF BUILDING PERMIT	2000		2001		2002	
	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees	No. of Permits	Permit Fees
Single Families & 2 Families	58	\$20,332	53	\$18,833	95	\$34,767
New Electrical	58	\$5,636	53	\$5,184	95	\$9,568
New Plumbing	58	\$4,769	53	\$4,532	95	\$8,347
New Mechanical	58	\$3,815	53	\$3,632	95	\$6,681
New Commercial	3	\$6,200	11	\$21,129	3	\$10,082
New Commercial Electric					3	\$2,327
New Commercial Plumbing					3	\$2,327
New Commercial Mechanical					3	\$2,327
Misc. Commercial	9	\$4,544	55	\$8,118	6	\$8,601
Misc. Commercial Electric					5	\$2,012
Misc. Commercial Plumbing					4	\$1,962
Misc. Commercial Mechanical					6	\$2,012
Misc. Buildings	256	\$13,950	247	\$18,032	250	\$13,052
Misc. Electrical	66	\$1,635	66	\$1,710	151	\$3,838
Misc. Plumbing	10	\$230	7	\$165	36	\$909
Misc. Mechanical	77	\$1,920	65	\$1,695	92	\$2,309
ZBA Appeals	37	\$1,846	51	\$2,881	83	\$5,042
Signs	48	\$1,180	21	\$580	55	\$1,115
Child Care Inspection	9	\$0	8	\$250	7	\$275
Health Inspection	4	\$0	12	\$0	21	\$0
Junk Yard Inspection	1	\$25	1	\$25	1	\$25
Mobile Home Insp.	2	\$200	2	\$200	2	\$200
Misc. Fees	0	\$1,026	0	\$776	0	\$480
TOTALS	754	\$67,309	758	\$87,742	1111	\$118,258
School Impact					29	\$108,593
Road Impact					28	\$3,076
TOTALS					57	\$111,669

CABLE TV ACCESS



L-R seated: Rosemary Garretson, Jim Pingree, Andrea Card; L-R standing: Marie Boyle, Craig Battey, Don Gagnon, Dick Gagnon, Patrick Tucker, Tony Simon.

All public, education and government programming increased this year. The Cable Television Access Committee extends its sincere thanks to all of the volunteers that give of their time to make this possible.

The committee has implemented a second channel. Channel 16 will broadcast public access shows and Channel 22 will carry educational and governmental programs. The station now has a live feed from town hall.

The federal government now requires that, by the year 2006, all television stations broadcast and cablecast digital signals. To accomplish this switch from analog to digital, the committee has submitted a five-year plan to the Capital Improvement Committee. We have already moved from analog to digital video (DV) camcorders for fieldwork. We have also replaced the studio video switcher with a computerized digital model and reorganized the control room. On the agenda for the upcoming year is a move to a digital video server for playing back shows and the implementation of a new bulletin board system.

Our studio is in the back of the Goffstown Area High School. It is in use during almost all periods of the day as part of the school curriculum. Students continue their work at night as patrons. The educational and public access groups continue to work together in a cooperative effort for the betterment of both school and community.

The only requirement to work with us is a desire to learn. Everyone is welcome. Our patrons have been covering public hearings, producing their own shows, building sets, programming the show schedule and helping in many other ways to improve community access on both channels. For more information please contact the studio at 497-5707.

Respectfully submitted,
James Pingree, Chair

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The goal of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is to ensure citizen health, safety and welfare by maintaining facilities and the improvements of essential services.

When related to the Master Plan, the CIP process works to anticipate investments in community facilities, which are needed to serve or shape the pattern of development and growth.

The Capital Improvement Program is one measure, which the Planning Board may use to judge whether a development is scattered and premature based on the absence of essential public services, where the development could require excessive public expenditures to supply these services. After meeting with all department heads the committee studies each project and may make recommendations to the department. The final report is subject to approval from the public, the Planning Board, the Budget Committee and the Selectmen.

The budgetary purpose of the CIP committee is to receive, analyze and prioritize capital proposals, which the town anticipates over the next six years.

The Planning Board's adopted Capital Improvement Program appears below.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Georgantas, Chair

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2003 – 2008

DEPARTMENT	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
- TOWN VEHICLES -						
POLICE:						
Cruisers	129,780	64,890	97,580	100,940	104,030	69,353
SUBTOTAL:	129,780	64,890	97,580	100,940	104,030	69,353
FIRE:						
Refurbish Ladder 1	0	0	0	0	0	100,000
Replace Engine 2	0	0	0	0	150,000	150,000
Replace Engine 5	0	135,000	135,000	0	0	0
Replace Utility 1	25,000	0	0	0	0	0
Car 1 Replacement	0	0	0	0	35,000	0
Car 2 Replacement	30,000	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	55,000	135,000	135,000	0	185,000	250,000
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.:						
1995 Ford Pickup	0	0	41,000	0	0	0
1997 Ford Pickup	0	0	0	43,000	0	0
1989 Chevy 1 Ton Dump	0	55,000	0	0	0	0
1992 Ford Extra Cab Pickup	39,000	0	0	0	0	0
2001 Ford F-350 (#361)	0	0	0	0	46,000	0
2001 Ford F-350 (#358)	0	0	0	0	0	63,000
1992 Mack Dump (#321)	0	0	92,000	0	0	0
1992 Mack Dump (#322)	92,000	0	0	0	0	0
1992 Mack Dump (#323)	0	97,000	0	0	0	0
1992 Mack Dump (#324)	0	0	101,000	0	0	0

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2003 – 2008

DEPARTMENT	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
1992 Mack Dump (#325)	0	0	0	105,000	0	0
1995 Mack Dump 10 wheeler	0	0	0	0	107,000	0
1995 Mack Dump (#352)	0	0	0	0	0	111,000
New Dump	0	0	0	0	0	111,000
1988 Caterpillar Dozer	0	0	0	0	0	158,000
1988 Caterpillar Loader (#314)	0	0	0	0	154,000	0
1994 Caterpillar Backhoe (#318)	0	0	0	139,000	0	0
1992 Bombadier Sidewalk	0	0	0	0	107,000	0
1997 Stecco 100 yd trailer	0	0	0	0	68,000	0
1970 Mack Tractor	10,000	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	141,000	152,000	234,000	287,000	482,000	443,000
PARKS & RECREATION						
1999 Escort Wagon				17,500		
SUBTOTAL:				17,500		
TOTAL (VEHICLES):	\$325,780	\$351,890	\$466,850	\$405,440	\$771,030	\$762,353

- TOWN CAPITAL PROJECTS -

ADMINISTRATION

Geographical Information System	147,000	0	0	0	0	0
GTV Digital Conversion	30,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000	0
SUBTOTAL:	177,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000	0

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Open Space Acquisition	270,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Prime Wetland Designation	30,000	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	300,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000

HISTORIC COMMISSION

Grasmere Town Hall Renovation	236,000	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	236,000	0	0	0	0	0

PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Master Plan Update	35,000	0	0	0	0	0
Rails to Trails Project	0	300,000	500,000	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	35,000	300,000	500,000	0	0	0

POLICE

Hot Standby Microwave System	0	62,500	62,500	0	0	0
24 Hour Recording Device (Multi-Channel)	0	0	36,000	0	0	0
Communications Console Radio Room	0	0	0	103,000	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	0	62,500	98,500	103,000	0	0

FIRE

Church St. Station Additions	0	0	0	0	75,000	0
Pinardville Station Additions	0	0	0	120,000	0	0
Conventional Radio	0	34,000	0	0	0	0
Replace Self-Contained Breathing	0	138,000	0	0	0	0
Thermal Imager	36,000	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal Alarm Upgrade	0	25,000	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	36,000	197,000	0	120,000	75,000	0

PARKS & RECREATION

Barnard Pool Bottom Replacement	0	0	65,000	0	0	0
Pinardville Field Replacement	0	28,000	0	0	0	0
Barnard Tennis Court	0	0	0	0	59,000	0
Roy Park	45,000	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	45,000	28,000	65,000	0	59,000	0

DEPARTMENT	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
PUBLIC WORKS						
Harry Brook	0	480,000	0	0	0	0
Mtn Rd Bridge Replacement 085/98	0	0	348,000	0	0	0
Mtn Rd Bridge Replacement 085/100	0	0	0	326,000	0	0
Reclamation	1,650,000	1,700,000	1,750,000	1,800,000	1,860,000	1,900,000
Wallace & Mast Rd. Improvements	0	500,000	0	0	0	0
Shirley Hill Rd. Cemetery Stonewall	0	40,000	0	0	0	0
Sidewalk – Danis Park to Mooseclub Park	0	0	0	630,000	0	0
Snook Rd. Reconstruction	0	0	232,000	0	0	0
Sidewalk Reconstruction	45,000	48,000	51,000	54,000	57,000	60,000
Traffic Signal Upgrades	44,200	0	0	0	0	0
Drainage Projects	27,000	29,000	31,000	33,000	35,000	37,000
Municipal Curbside Recycling	591,574	94,100	91,850	89,600	87,163	79,625
MSW & Demo Hauling	175,000	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	2,532,774	2,411,100	2,155,850	2,606,600	2,039,163	2,076,625
TOTAL PROJECTS:	3,361,774	3,073,600	2,894,350	2,904,600	2,278,163	2,136,625
COMBINED TOTAL:	3,687,554	3,425,490	3,361,200	3,310,040	3,049,193	2,898,978
OFFSETTING REVENUE:	739,400	679,000	703,400	789,800	25,000	20,000
NET COST:	2,948,154	2,746,490	2,657,800	2,520,240	3,024,193	2,878,978
% INCREASE/DECREASE	16%	-7%	-3%	-5%	20%	-5%
FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:						
03 – Grasmere Town Hall – Grant \$94,400				05 – Rails to Trails – Grant \$400,000		
03 – Municipal Recycling – Bond \$597,120				05 – Mtn Road Bridge 085/98– Grant \$278,400		
04 – Rails to Trails – Grant \$240,000				06 – Fire Station Addition – EMS SRF \$50,000		
04 – Harry Brook Bridge – Grant \$384,000				06 – Sidewalk Danis Pk to Moose Club Pk – Grant \$504,000		
				06 – Mtn Road Bridge 085/100 – Grant \$260,800		
SEWER COMMISSION						
West Side Pump Sta.,	141,000	133,000				
Piscataquog River Interceptor \$1.5M	132,000	125,000	118,000	110,000	103,000	
MWWTP Upgrade/Capacity	165,000	158,000	151,000	144,000	137,000	130,000
Riverview Park	42,000	41,000	39,000	37,000	30,000	29,000
Moose Club Park System	83,000	80,000	78,000	75,000	73,000	70,000
Knollcrest	126,000	118,000	115,000	112,000	109,000	106,000
Lynchville Park System	113,000	364,000	354,000	345,000	336,000	327,000
Hermisdorf System		77,000	249,000	243,000	237,000	230,000
Shirley Park					18,000	57,000
Inflow & Infiltration Project	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000	185,000
SUBTOTAL:	987,000	1,281,000	1,289,000	1,251,000	1,228,000	1,134,000
State's Share:	278,000	260,000	250,000	151,000	148,000	135,000
User's Share:	667,000	980,000	1,000,000	1,063,000	1,050,000	970,000
Riverview Park Share:	42,000	41,000	39,000	37,000	30,000	29,000
NET-TOTAL SEWER	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT						
Well System Improvement	25,000					
Truck	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Upgrade to Water System			975,000	975,000	975,000	975,000
Pipework (LOOP)	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
SUBTOTAL:	88,000	63,000	1,038,000	1,038,000	1,038,000	1,038,000
User's Share	88,000	63,000	1,038,000	1,038,000	1,038,000	1,038,000
NET-TOTAL WATER PRECINCT	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
SCHOOL DISTRICT						
BARTLETT						
New Portable – 60 Mo Lease	22,395	22,395	22,395	22,395	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	22,395	22,395	22,395	22,395	22,395	0
MAPLE AVE.						
Move Portable From MVMS – New 48 Mo. Lease	22,234	22,234	22,234	22,234	0	0
Sprinkler other ½ Building	0	34,500	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL:	22,234	56,734	22,234	22,234	0	0
MT. VIEW						
\$7.9M and \$5M Existing Bonds*	998,455	955,820	908,229	865,332	820,844	775,144
SUBTOTAL:	998,445	955,820	908,229	865,332	820,844	775,144
G.A.H.S.						
New Surface on Existing Track	0	60,000	0	0	0	0
Lights & Upgrade to Field	0	0	100,000	0	0	0
Front Parking Lot	40,000	0	0	0	0	0
GAHS Renovation & Addition Bond	1,109,750	1,085,750	1,061,750	1,037,750	1,013,000	987,500
SUBTOTAL:	1,149,750	1,145,750	1,161,750	1,037,750	1,013,000	987,500
DISTRICT WIDE						
Truck Replacement	25,000	0	0	0	0	0
Technology Plan	93,000	123,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	72,000
Kindergarten Proposal	3,878,700	0	0	0	0	0
Kindergarten Facility Bond	272,921	234,238	224,283	214,288	200,900	0
Elementary Expansion	0	0	0	6,141,120	383,386	378,499
SUBTOTAL:	4,269,621	357,238	296,283	6,427,408	656,286	450,499
SCHOOL SUB-TOTAL:	6,462,445	2,537,937	2,410,891	8,375,119	2,490,130	2,213,143
OFFSETTING REVENUES:	3,878,700	0	0	6,141,120	75,336	76,000
NET SCHOOL TOTAL:	2,583,745	2,537,937	2,410,891	2,233,999	2,414,794	2,137,143
% INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:	0%	-2%	-5%	-7%	8%	-11%
COMBINED TOWN & SCHOOL TOTAL:	5,531,899	5,284,427	5,068,691	4,754,239	5,438,987	5,016,121
% INCREASE/DECREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR:	8%	-4%	-4%	-6%	14%	-8%

CEMETERY TRUSTEES



L-R: Ezra Beck, Leon Konieczny, Russ Lauriat

During the past year the Trustees continued their efforts towards improving the three Goffstown cemeteries. At Westlawn, rusted leaking pipes were replaced and new water meters were installed. After a severe summer storm uprooted many decayed and/or diseased trees, others deemed unsafe were removed to prevent further damage. Twenty-five of the many broken or fallen monuments were repaired by DPW, and several plots were seeded according to the deed agreement. Improvements at Hillside included repairing the water system to make it functional and removing old unsightly trees and replacing them with smaller ornamentals. Work at Shirley Hill involved grooming of existing overgrown and unsightly trees.

Once again, the researching of cemetery deeds, wills and town reports in the hopes of making available to the town monies from Perpetual Care Trust Funds has proven to be a monumental and frustrating task. As of this writing, 925 names of those contributing money to this fund have been identified. However, only 86 of these names can be directly linked with their original appropriations in order that interest from each fund can be used for maintenance of that particular lot. Until the Trustees of Trust Funds can completed this process, the town will be limited to receiving the interest only from the funds that are lot specific. Hopefully, this dilemma will be solved in the upcoming year, as the interest from \$77,000 cannot yet be used.

The Cemetery Trustees have visited and consulted with the Charitable Trust Division of the State of NH Attorney General's Office and remain in constant contact with them regarding the matter. To continue to improve the overall appearance of the three Goffstown cemeteries, we hope in the upcoming years to complete the repairs of the monuments as quickly as possible, continue rebuilding the plots that need attention, paint the rusted fences to protect against corrosion, and finish paving cemetery roads. Also, a dependable water system

and gates are needed at Shirley Hill. Hillside is in need of a turnaround for vehicles.

We express our appreciation to the Department of Public Works for their support, and to the many who called, wrote and complimented our efforts to make the cemeteries a place of pride and respect, and a sustaining source of comfort to family members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ezra Beck, Co-Chair, Leon Konieczny, Co-Chair, Russell Lauriat

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



L-R seated: Collis Adams, Janet Falcone, Sue Ward (secretary). L-R standing: Jean Walker, Sue Tucker, Jason Sachs, Lisa Yesse, Selectman Henry Boyle. Absent: Charles Freiburger, Tim Hanson, Karen McRae, Evelyn Miller

The year 2002 was very eventful and productive for the Conservation Commission. It has been refreshing to see new people step forward during the year and volunteer their services to assist with the work of the commission in overseeing the protection and responsible use of our community's natural resources.

In May the commission was delighted to dedicate the Waterfront at Glen Lake, the culmination of over two years of planning, design and construction. The restored waterfront area will help to improve water quality in Glen Lake and provides a multi-use recreational area for the residents of Goffstown. The commission is grateful for the many, many contributions of monies, materials and volunteer hours that were so graciously donated by local businesses, community groups and individuals to make this project such a success. The hard work and dedication of all those involved was formally recognized by the New Hampshire Office of State Planning as this project received the 2002 Project of

the Year Award. This unique and valuable asset to our community is something in which we can all take great pride and the commission hopes that the residents make good use of the facilities.

In 2002 the commission created the Open Space Subcommittee to investigate and make recommendations relative to identifying and protecting valuable open space areas within Goffstown. The ever-increasing loss of unique and valuable open spaces to residential development has negative impacts to aesthetics and the rural quality of life for our residents and places excessive demands on our limited community services. The subcommittee has spent many hours working to develop a town-wide open space plan which, when complete, will provide the first comprehensive, detailed plan combining both town infrastructure and natural resources. This plan will serve as a valuable planning and development tool for the various boards, committees and departments within town. The subcommittee has also put forth recommendations for the establishment and funding of a Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of land or protective easements to preserve valuable open spaces within the town. The subcommittee is committed to continuing these efforts into 2003 and beyond so that our community can strike the proper balance between commercial, industrial, residential and open space development to the benefit of all residents.

The Commission provided comment and recommendations to the NH Department of Environmental Services relative to 8 Dredge and Fill Permit applications during 2002. Although this was down from the 15 applications which the commission reviewed in 2001, it is important to note that these applications were for significant projects including; asbestos removal at the Parker Station Historical Society, construction of the ice arena and Political Science Center at St. Anselm College, the Flagstone and Bachand residential subdivisions, the First Avenue drainage improvement project and the Carr's Meadow and Brookfield Development multi-family residential developments.

The commission continues to provide inspection reports and technical assistance to the Planning Board, Department of Public Works and many other town agencies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Collis G. Adams, *Chair*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



L-R seated: Jeffrey Seifert, Dick Georgantas, Selectman Bob Wheeler, Chairman Bill Jabjiniack, Marie Boyle. L-R standing: Phil Tatro, Bill Dolbow, Maggie Dolbow, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator Steve Griffin, Bryan King, Henry Grady, Selectman Bruce Hunter.

The task of the Goffstown Economic Development Council (GEDC) is to provide for and to encourage commercial and industrial facilities within Goffstown. For the town to create economic development opportunities it must be done in a planned, well thought out manner, and the town must be proactive with its efforts.

In 2002, the GEDC focused on the some of these issues. In an effort to maintain the traditional village experience that typically includes a post office, church, meeting places and public open space, the GEDC continued to work with Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. and with four other related projects.

One project has been the Plan NH Design Charrette to put forward redevelopment ideas for the Goffstown Village Mill Site. The resulting report of alternate proposals should be available at the time that this report is being printed. One of the Council's 2003 objectives will be to continue to work with the mill's property owner.

The second project is the Route 114 Corridor Management Study that is being undertaken by Wilber Smith and Associates, with a broad-based steering committee. This study will be complete just after Town Meeting. The study will suggest where, and in what form higher, densities and non-residential uses might be concentrated. GEDC's follow-up for implementation will be with the Planning Board during 2003.

The third part of this effort has been to review properties to determine the best location to apply the \$125,000 in funding that the 2002 Town Meeting raised and appropriated for economic development preliminary planning or other appropriate forms of assistance in an effort to foster economic development. Discussions have been undertaken with the County Commissioners relative to the

availability of various County properties. GEDC is now waiting a response from the Commissioners.

The last piece of this puzzle is the Rails to Trails program through which Goffstown hoped to create a continuous link from the village center through Pinardville. For any community to be attractive to employers it must offer a range of services and amenities. One such effort, which received the formal support of GEDC was the Rails to Trails program. At this time clear title to these properties remains an issue.

Special thanks to Planning and Economic Development Coordinator Stephen Griffin for his assistance.

I hope you will help promote Goffstown's growth and prosperity in 2003!

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Jabjiniak, Chair

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Chief Edward Hunter Retires

The entire Fire Department wishes Chief Hunter well in his retirement. He served our community for more than 25 years. We understand he is looking forward to challenging the golf courses this spring in between all those projects around the house! Perhaps tuning and tweaking the outboard motor for next year's regatta may be one of this year's challenges. Ed, we wish you well in all your endeavors.

OVERVIEW: The Goffstown Fire Department covers 37 square miles. Mutual Aid is provided to surrounding towns including, but not limited to Bedford, New Boston, Weare, Dunbarton, Hooksett, and Manchester. We have 3 stations manned 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday by our fulltime personnel. Part-time personnel man the Village and Pinardville stations 7:30 am to 5:00 pm on weekends and holidays. After duty hours, personnel respond on a per call basis.

STAFF: Our fulltime staff includes Chief Nault, Department Secretary – Brenda, Training Officer – Captain Hurley, Fire Prevention Officer – Lieutenant Connor, 2 House Officers – Lieutenant Tower and Lieutenant Roberts, 3 Senior Career Firefighters – Firefighter Battey, Paramedic Miller, and Firefighter Covis, 5 Firefighters – Firefighter Koch, Firefighter Vogeley, Paramedic Laforge, Firefighter Reilly and our newest fulltime member Firefighter Mailhot. We are fortunate to have such a well-versed group of professionals with a range of skills and certifications in the Fire Service and Emergency Medical Service. This year we welcome Firefighter Mailhot, a long-time Goffstown resident. He has been a member of the Department since March of 1994 and joined us fulltime on December 23, 2002. Firefighter Mailhot holds several certificates in firefighting and EMS. He will compliment our staff with his skills and knowledge.

Our part-time staff includes 2 Deputy Chiefs, 3 Captains, 6 Lieutenants, and 60 additional members consisting of both Firefighters and EMTs. They respond on a per call basis, fill weekend and holiday shifts and fill fulltime shift vacancies as needed. We recently held a recruit class to bring in new members. We were fortunate to have 10 residents attend our 60-hour basic firefighter program. The recruits were required to pass a written and practical test at the end of the course in addition to a rigorous physical ability test in order to become a member of the Department. The physical ability test challenges members strength and endurance while handling tools, dragging 150 pounds of weight 50 feet, climbing 110 foot ladder, carrying a coil of 2 ½ inch fire hose 1,500 feet, and advancing 150 feet of 2 ½ inch fire hose. These tasks must be completed within 11 minutes while wearing a full set of turnout gear and an air pack. Our fulltime members are required by the State to successfully complete a similar program.



APPARATUS: The Department utilizes 5 pumpers, 2 aerial ladders, of which one is a combination pumper, 1 hose truck with 2,000 feet of large diameter hose, 1 tanker, 1 forestry unit, 3 staff cars (Chief's, Chief's coverage – Training and Fire Prevention), 1 utility pickup and 2 ambulances.

Ambulance 2, the van-style (type 2) ambulance stationed in Pinardville, has recently been replaced with a box style (type 3) Ambulance. The former van

style Ambulance, while providing excellent service through the years, afforded little room to work in. As skills advance and protocols expand the equipment needed on board increases. Our new ambulance will afford us with ample room with additional space to carry advance life support equipment. It was jointly funded through GEMSA (Goffstown Emergency Medical Services Association) and EMS Special Reserve Fund. We expect to have Ambulance 2 at the Town Deliberative session from 6pm to 7:30pm for your viewing.

EQUIPMENT: The Department has 2 inflatable boats. Due to deteriorating conditions Boat 2 had to be replaced. The outer material became so thin that leaks were inevitable. Two of the three chambers were breached and leaking down. This boat came to us as a used boat and served us for many years. It was replaced with a 10 foot Mercury inflatable. Inflatable boats serve our purpose quite well because they are easy to maneuver as well as offer the ability to enter shallow and turbulent waters.

SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA): I would like to thank those who were involved in the application process for FEMA's FY 02 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. This was our first grant application process. We were fortunate to be awarded a grant in the amount of \$123,984. from FEMA to fund 90% replacement of this equipment. We had projected through CIP, a cost of \$138,000 in 2004 for SCBA replacement. Being awarded the federal grant will allow us to adjust our CIP projections during the next budget process.

Our current SCBA units have aged and are supported with steel air bottles. The replacements will be much lighter and will incorporate the latest technology. Of particular interest is a command module which will afford the incident commander the knowledge that a firefighter is on low air or if he is motionless. This control module will also provide the incident commander the ability to notify personnel to evacuate from within and around a structure or incident by simply depressing the EVAC button on the module. This feature gets the attention of all personnel wearing SCBAs equipped with this option, that there is an immediate need to evacuate or clear the area. Not all air packs will be outfitted with this option due to limited funding. It is our goal to have all our SCBA retrofitted with this option in coming years. The grant will allow us to outfit 7 of the new air packs and purchase the command module.

DEFIBRILLATORS: Complimenting both Ambulances this year are new Zoll Defibrillators. These multi-lead units provide exceptional data with capabilities to transmit this data to our local hospitals via fax prior to our arrival to their facility. These defibrillators were jointly funded through GEMSA and EMS Special Revenue Fund. We are fortunate to have highly trained personnel with advance skills including intermediates and paramedics within the Department's fulltime and part time ranks. Some of our personnel have experience going back to the mid 70's, prior to the arrival of our first ambulance in the Village.

OVERHEAD DOORS: The Pinarville Station has newly installed overhead doors. We have already seen an improvement in station quality with these insulated doors. Our next step is to replace the single pane windows throughout the station. This will significantly cut down the heat loss as the overhead doors have.

LADDER 6: Due to time constraints Ladder 6 was partially refurbished and is scheduled for completion this year.

LAST YEARS FIRE / EMS STATISTICS

Our responses increased from 1,398(2001) to 1,637(2002). The breakdown is as follows:

<i>Type of Incident</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>Difference</i>	<i>% Change</i>
Fire Related:	109	84	25	29.8%
Rescue/EMS:	946	800	146	18.3%
Hazardous Conditions:	102	69	33	47.8%
Service Calls:	149	142	7	4.9%
Good Intent Calls:	120	117	3	2.6%
False Alarms:	205	176	29	16.5%
Severe Weather Related	3	5	-2	-40.0%
Other:	3	5	-2	-40.0%
Total	1637	1398	239	17.1%

FIRE PREVENTION STATISTICS

The fire prevention office handled additional projects and programs in 2002 that impacted the workload for the year. Fire prevention had an 8% increase in services provided in 2002 when compared to 2001.

Inspection Services	729
Educational Services	156
Miscellaneous Services	151
Total	1036

Fire prevention and fire personnel were kept busy closely tracking the progress of some unusual construction projects including the High School renovations, the Shaw's addition/ renovation, the Hannaford renovation, and a variety of projects at St. Anselm College. Each of these large projects created their own special conditions from alarms to safety.

Among the projects in 2002 was the development of a first draft Hazard Mitigation Plan. With efforts of the NH Office of Emergency Management, Southern NH Planning, and representatives of various Town Departments over

the course of the year, the plan was drafted and presented to the Selectmen and Department Heads for review.

Later in the year, research was done to help establish a blasting ordinance intended to protect residents from loss of life, injury or property damage as a result of improper blasting.

Fire prevention's efforts to reach out to youth are varied. One of our more important is our Juvenile Fire Setters program. This program strives to help children who have set fires or have been involved in fire related incidents. The program gives them the tools they need to make better decisions and correct any behaviors that may lead to arson or other destructive crimes.

Other youth oriented activities include teaching first aid and fire safety to Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts here in Goffstown. The Fire Prevention Officer is a registered Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor for Fire Safety, Safety, Emergency Preparedness, and First Aid merit badges. In addition to our regular school visits, firefighters have done presentations for other youth oriented programs. One of our biggest was Fire Safety Day at the YMCA's day camp, where firefighters shared safety tips, insight into fire fighting and EMS careers, and of course tours of the different fire apparatus and ambulances.

I would like to close by acknowledging the assistance I have received from the fulltime crew. Without their help, these services could not have been provided to the citizens of Goffstown. Thank you. (Lt. Bill Connor)

G.E.M.S.A.: In 1979 a group of concerned citizens formed the Goffstown Emergency Medical Services Association to raise money for an ambulance for the Town. Over the years various fund raising events and voluntary contributions have allowed GEMSA to purchase and equip an ambulance. The first ambulance was purchased in 1980 and operated out of the Church Street (Village) Station. Replacements were purchased in 1990 and 2000. In 1992, an ambulance was purchased for the Pinardville Station and was recently replaced. As a result of our billing process for Emergency Medical Services, fund raising to support our ambulances is no longer needed. We had seen a decline in donations, which prompted the billing process. After 22 years of service to the Town, the Goffstown Emergency Medical Services Association has been dissolved. We thank everyone who joined us in fund-raising efforts and the many contributions we received over the years. To all, a job well done. The remaining GEMSA Funds will be allocated for EMS Equipment and any future contributions in support of the ambulances can be made to the Goffstown Fire & Rescue Association earmarked for EMS. (Diana Sterling)

FOREST FIRE WARDEN: We had a total of 35 forest/brush/grass related fires. Of particular note were 2 fires on the North Uncanoonuc Mountain. Both of these fires required specialized equipment due to location and terrain. The steep grade made it difficult to get equipment to the scene. Several firefighters with personal 4 wheel ATV's were utilized to shuttle equipment up the steep terrain and back. Use of these vehicles was a tremendous asset to this operation.

Weather conditions and an extremely dry season made extinguishing the blazes extremely difficult. Fires were burning deep into the ground. Mutual Aid was summoned from surrounding towns and as far away as Auburn and Litchfield for their 6x6 tankers and 4x4 forestry units. State Forestry Personnel, under the direction of Regional Forest Fire Ranger Nowell assisted with extinguishment.

BURNING PERMITS: All residents should keep in mind that Burning Permits are not required while there is significant snow cover on the ground. However, you need to call in to inform us that you will be burning. Failure to call will result in a response for an unknown fire, causing unnecessary expenditure and placing our personnel at risk of injury. Permits are required when there is little to no snow. They are issued for the hours from 5pm to midnight. Fires must be attended to and upon completion must be totally extinguished. A buried fire is not considered extinguished. You must be the owner of the property or provide a note from the owner authorizing you to burn on the property in order to obtain a permit. Only clean untreated wood; brush less than 5 inches in diameter, or camp wood can be burned. Household trash, packaging materials, coated or laminated papers, painted or treated wood, coated or treated cardboard, plastics, rubber and oily rags cannot be burned. State Forestry provides daily weather conditions as it relates to fire danger. Burning Permits are generally not issued when the state issues classifications of 3 or greater. Consult your nearest fire station after 3pm for the days permit status.

New this year is a State Law (RSA 125N) which Prohibits Residential Trash Burning. Penalties for illegal burning of trash may include a warning or a fine of up to \$250.00.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL: Many thanks to all the members of this Department. Your dedication and unselfishness doesn't go unnoticed. To my fulltime staff, thank you for taking up the slack during this transition. I couldn't have done it without you. To my part time staff, your support and commitment is much appreciated. We are fortunate to have the quality and talent of all our Firefighters and EMTs. To all our families, thank you for your understanding and support. It's not easy to break away from family when the tone alerts. On many occasions meals were left behind and quality family times were interrupted. It is what we do, for our neighbor in need.

A special thank you to our refreshment committee. The many occasions our personnel were out on extended incidents, in particular the mountain fires and prolonged structural firefighting training sessions; your refreshments were welcomed. To the Red Cross for their support of our personnel with refreshments and residents displaced by fire, thank you for being there.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Nault, Fire Chief

HISTORIC DISTRICT/HERITAGE



L-R seated Brenda Henk, Eleanor Porritt, Elizabeth Merrill, Roberta Perkins. L-R standing: Doug Gove, Annie Vincent, Sel. and HDC Chair Philip D'Avanza.

The Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission has continued to support, promote and supervise its three Historic Districts throughout the year 2002.

The Parker Station District and the Carr Court District had no actions or activities that required hearings with the Commission.

The Grasmere Historic District was, once again, the District that received the most attention. Because the Grasmere Town Hall is located in that District and because the undertaking of the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Project is such a vast and multi-phased project, the Commission spent a great deal of time and energy on fundraising and promotion. A full color newsletter/ fundraiser was quite successful in both raising interest in the project, and adding to the Grasmere Town Hall Restoration Fund. The Commission is always looking for and applying for Grant money to help offset the cost of restoring this grand old building.

Grants were received for the restoration of the slate roof on the Grasmere Town Hall and for an architectural design with bid documents for the handicap access elevator, the final stage, that will allow the 2nd floor auditorium and stage area to be used by the public once again. These grants have come through the National Park Services and The NH Division of Historical Resources.

The Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission is committed to seeing this project completed and will continue its efforts in fundraising and historical promotion throughout 2003 and as long as necessary.

The Commission looks forward to bringing this project to a successful conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

Goffstown Historic District Commission/Heritage Commission

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Year 2002 was a busy second year for the Information Technology (IT) office. Along with the daily activities of maintaining Town computers, networks, and software, there were a number of new projects and a few continued from last year. Projects continued include updating and maintaining the town's financial information system, improving the Town Website (www.goffstown.com), and the second year of the three-year Geographic Information System (GIS) implementation project. New initiatives included an upgrade of the Town Clerk's motor vehicle registration program, networking together two of the Goffstown Fire Stations, creating a "static" assessor's database to begin groundwork on the 2003 town wide revaluation, and a first draft of the Town of Goffstown Information Technology Strategic plan. The highlights of these projects are as follows:

The Town website now contains a calendar of events that includes links to meeting agendas (Selectmen's and Planning Board). The meeting minutes for many Town committees can now be viewed in the free Adobe PDF file format. The site contains the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations, many application forms, and a bulletin board for election results, project information, seasonal committee schedules, and upcoming events.

As we approach the third year of the GIS implementation, CDM of Manchester, NH is combining our new aerial maps with the Town Assessor's database and updating our tax maps to create a mapping system that can be used by all town departments to improve their geographical information needs. The new tax maps will be "seamless" and more spatially accurate.

The Information Technology Strategic plan is similar to a Town Master Plan, with a specific focus on IT. Highlights of the draft include standardizing software, operating systems and computer hardware, centralizing purchasing to gain from economies of scale, and creating procedures to simplify and coordinate planning. Other benefits we hope to achieve include organization-wide coordination and support of IT projects that improve government services, increased return on Town-wide IT investment, improved efficiency and quality of information service delivery, paced management of IT expenditures to take advantage of technological efficiencies as they become available while preventing costly obsolescence, and improved access to Town information by all staff, citizens, and business partners.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Funcke, IT Administrator

LIBRARY



L-R seated: Library Director Dianne Hathaway, Chair Theresa Paré, Maureen McLean. L-R standing: Amy Lapointe, George Fullerton, Kenneth Rose, Barbara Totherow, Alternate Stephen Brzozowski. Absent: Barbara Griffin and Alternate Susan Osburn.

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by marking progress and service at the Goffstown Public Library. Our statistics demonstrate our growth, showing that we have increased circulation of materials by more than 5%, handled 11.5% more reference transactions, seen a 17.5% growth in the usage of our museum passes (generously funded by the Friends of the Library), and experienced about a 104% growth in usage of our computer network. Our staff hasn't increased but the number of people we serve certainly has!

Goffstown Public Library Endowment Fund: 2002 marked the second year for the library's endowment fund. The Library Board of Trustees continues to reinvest any earnings from the fund in order to expand it as much as possible. Unfortunately, with the down turn in the economy the fund has lost money this past year. As of September 30, 2002 the fund was worth \$131,821.18. The Goffstown Public Library Endowment Fund is managed by the Manchester Regional Community Foundation, a division of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The purpose of the fund is "to support special initiatives of the Goffstown Public Library Trustees in furtherance of the mission of the Goffstown Public Library not funded by other sources."

Programming: The library welcomed an increase in attendance at our programming, by both children and adults. In addition, we've broadened our events to include a kick-off barbecue for our annual summer reading program and a barn dance to celebrate Goffstown's giant pumpkins. Both events, which included food and entertainment, were huge successes and contributed to our growth in the area of programming. We've also added new monthly programs that include the Knitting and Crochet Club, Getting-to-Know-You Tea Time @ your Library, and the new Teen Advisory Board (TAB). Overall for 2002, the number of programs offered increased by 11% over 2001 and the attendance at our programming increased by 35%!

Community Partnerships: We have always viewed the library as a community center and a great builder of social capital for Goffstown. We continue to cultivate partnerships with local organizations that include Crispin's House, the Goffstown Main Street Program, the Parks and Recreation Department, the Pinardville Business Association, Dreamcatchers (our barn dance buddies!), area churches, and the Goffstown Youth Forum. As we continue to connect, the library has begun to host a community calendar that can be used by local groups and organizations to publicize events. Located at www.goffstown.lib.nh.us/calendar.html the calendar can include happenings for schools, most local organizations, and more. Check it out and send in your contributions!

Service Highlights: The Library Board of Trustees expanded library hours in April to move closer to our goal of being open sixty hours per week. The final decision was based on our staffing, programming, and usage patterns, and gives us a total of fifty-seven hours per week. The library now opens earlier, at 9:00 a.m. during the week and at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesdays during the summer.

This year the Goffstown Public Library was the only one in New Hampshire to receive an \$1,800 assistive technology LSTA grant. This money enabled us to install screen magnification and voice synthesis software to a PC for use by low vision or blind patrons. While the funds were administered by the New Hampshire State Library, they were provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Library Web Services: More and more libraries are increasing the number of services available via the Internet and the Goffstown Public Library is no exception. Our library catalog is available in a new, more efficient version for the public to remotely search for materials, renew their own items, and place their own reserves from home or work. We have also continued to expand access to research databases. Through our website, cardholders can access newspapers, magazines, reference books, business resources, and health information from the library or from home. This includes great resources for homework help! Take a look at www.goffstown.lib.nh.us.

The community can be proud of its public library thanks to the tireless efforts of the staff and volunteers. The staff has more great ideas than time or money

allows us to implement and the volunteers definitely take care of all of us with the help they provide. A huge thanks to the Friends of the Library who raised a record-breaking amount of money with their annual book sale and ski and skate sale. We all think the Goffstown Public Library is *the place to be in 2003*, so plan to visit us, attend our programming and use our resources!

Respectfully Submitted,
Dianne Hathaway, Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

Jan. 1, 2002 – Dec. 31, 2002

REVENUE

Fines	4,010.00
Interest	409.37
Fundraising	462.00
Dividends	2,524.36
Other Revenue:	
Gifts/Donations	100.00
Misc.	1,707.67
Grants	1,873.45
Programs	<u>450.00</u>
Subtotal other:	4,131.12

Total Revenue \$ 11,536.85

NET PROFIT \$ 3,772.52

EXPENSES

Books/Subscriptions	3,887.88
Other Expenses:	
Fundraising	458.00
Programs	300.00
Access computer	1,873.45
Security system	777.00
Misc.	<u>468.00</u>
Subtotal other:	3,876.45

Total Expenses \$ 7,764.33

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



L-R seated: Claude LaRoche, Susan Tucker, Parks & Recreation Director Dave French, George Havener. L-R standing: Phil Tatro, Mike McKinnon, Dick Fletcher, Chair Bob Draper.

The year 2002 was a year that saw new programs added to the department. We hired a new Program Supervisor, Anastasia Hurley. She is involved in our youth and Senior Citizen activities as well as our summer playground programs.

Our youth basketball program continues to grow with the addition of 2 new travel teams as well as 2 new teams in our Senior Boys Division. Our Girls Softball program has also continued to grow in participation. Our summer playground program changed its format to a 9 a.m.-3 p.m. day at both Barnard and Roy parks and the participation levels increased. We also increased our Senior Citizen Trips by traveling to Sturbridge Village, the Salem Witch Museum and House of Seven Gables. Attendance at our 2 outdoor pool facilities increased by 4% over 2001 to 18,003 people utilizing our facilities.

The Parks & Recreation Commission has embarked on the path of evaluating our park facilities. Our C. I. P. request for 2003 includes plans to re-vitalize Roy Park.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parks & Recreation Commission for their support as well as their work in looking to the future of this department and its facilities. I would like to acknowledge Steven Paul, Groundskeeper for all of his efforts on behalf of the department.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen as well as Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux and her staff for all of their support and cooperation. Also, I wish to express my appreciation to several organizations including: Uncanoonuc Mountaineers, Tri-Town Soccer, Goffstown Jr. Baseball,

Goffstown Lions Club, Goffstown Rotary Club, Tae Kwon Do Karate Club, Goffstown Youth Football as well as the Main St. Program for their efforts on behalf of the community. Thanks also to DPW, Police, Fire, Water, and Library for all of their cooperation and support.

I would like to express my appreciation to the CIP and budget committees for their efforts on behalf of the town.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the summer staff for their efforts on behalf of the department, and to all of our volunteer coaches in our youth programs. A special note of thanks to Barbara Larkin, Cindy Tremblay, Bob Corson, David Turner, John Riehl, Mike MacDonald, Brian Yianakopolos, Jim Gallagher, Mike Tremblay, Howard Sobolov, Bruce Hartwell for coaching our youth basketball travel teams.

I would also like to thank the Goffstown School District and Supt. Dr. Darrell Lockwood for their continued support in use of the school facilities by our department.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Paul Smith for his 8 years of service to the community as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Finally, to my family I thank them for their continued understanding and support. We look forward to serving the people of Goffstown in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. French, Director

PROGRAMS AND PARTICIPATION LEVELS

Program	2000	2001	2002
Activity period	90	90	94
Activity period, summer	65	65	60
Aerobics, Evening	56	90	90
Arts & Crafts	241	258	289
Awards Night {4 times/yr.}	1,000	1,135	1,515
Ballet {3 times/wk.}	190	190	205
Ballet Recital	400	400	415
Basketball, Boys	175	184	238
Basketball, Boys Travel	24	24	37
Basketball, Girls	104	130	140
Basketball, Girls Travel	12	12	24
Basketball, Instructional	45	45	45
Basketball, Mens	40	35	36
Basketball, Mens 30 & over	80	80	85
Basketball, Summer	18	20	20
Cheerleading	70	30	20
Christmas in August	65	71	38
Clown Day	56	50	34
Concert in Park (2)	290	300	310
Cook-Out Program (lunch in the park)	65	-	80

Easter in July	182	168	155
Family Skating Night	225	230	230
Field Trips (summer)	210	210	210
Field Day Barnard Pk.	140	135	-
Field Day, Roy Pk.	130	120	-
Foul Shooting Contests	122	125	144
Goffstown Gallop	239	239	218
Great Pumpkin Hunt	225	225	225
Gymnastics	155	155	175
Halloween in July	98	97	90
Hiking, Fall	-	-	14
Jazz Dancing	20	32	52
Karate	98	105	142
U.N.H Red Wagon	190	248	-
Dan Grady Magic Show			145
Mystery Trip	40	40	40
Open Gym	115	123	25
Pickle Ball Tourney	50	34	-
Scavenger Hunts	92	96	-
Tie Dye Shirt Day	70	75	66
International Day	52	43	-
Senior Citizen Day	110	110	110
Senior Citizen Trips	80	102	80
Soccer, Jr.	80	20	60
Softball, Girls {Major}	108	106	119
Softball, Girls {Minor}	116	124	128
Softball, Girls Instructional	32	35	40
Softball, Summer	191	118	178
Adult Softball League	32	48	48
Special Events, Summer	270	297	245
Yoga	-	35	40
Concert on the Common	78	165	-
Swimming Lessons	538	394	398
Tennis Tournament	24	24	24
Tennis, youth	136	130	140
Track & Field, Hershey	40	22	36
Volleyball, Adult	67	72	56
Open Gym {Recreation Center}	45	50	55
Total	7,670	7,238	7,582

FACILITIES

RECREATION CENTER:

Groups using the French Community Room: Karate, Gymnastics, Ballet, Jazz Dancing, Tap Dancing, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading, Summer Programs, Special Events, Youth Sports Registration, G.Y.F.A., Library Ski & Skate Sale, Health Fair.

Groups using the Commissioners Room: Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Snowmobile Club, Goffstown Jr. Baseball, Goffstown Babe Ruth Baseball, G.Y.F.A.

Skating Rink/Picnic Area

Barnard Park

- John Brown Track & Field
- Tennis Courts (4)
- Stark Memorial Pool
- Playground Area
- Basketball Courts
- Outdoor Volleyball Area

Roy Park

- Tennis Courts (3)
- Softball/Baseball Field
- Basketball Court
- Playground Area
- Roy Memorial Pool

	2000	2001	2002
Pool attendance: Barnard Pool	10,015	11,136	11,536
Roy Pool	5,962	6,174	6,467
	<hr/> 15,962	17,310	18,003

Skateboard Park:

Located on Church St.; open dawn to dusk for skateboarders

Church St. Park:

Located on Church St.

PLANNING BOARD



L-R seated: Lowell Von Ruden, Alt.; Dick Georgantzas, Vice-Chair; Jim Raymond, Chair; Marie Boyle, Secretary. L-R standing: Tom Heany; Dick Murphy; JoAnn Duffy; Miles Phillips, Steve Griffin, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator.

Goffstown continues to face the challenges of growth, and particularly of increased residential development. Several factors contribute to our growth. Goffstown is an easy commute to jobs in Manchester. We are experiencing spill-over from neighboring towns, such as Bedford, that have substantially higher land prices. The planned expansion of Route 93 is projected to increase substantially the population of Goffstown, as well as other southern New Hampshire towns, over the next several years. As a result, the pressure of residential growth will continue. To offset the expenses related to residential growth, and reflecting our state's choice to rely primarily on local property taxes, we need to increase the town's tax base by attracting businesses to Goffstown, but increased commercial activity may adversely affect residential properties. The Board continues its efforts to manage this growth and balance the competing demands for land in a manner that preserves the attractive qualities of our town.

The Board's major planning initiative this year is the Route 114 Corridor Management Study. With the Economic Development Council, the Board engaged professional consultants, who are working with a committee of townspeople to define how and where Goffstown should arrange a higher density of commercial and residential development within the Route 114 corridor. The Board has also identified as a goal the preservation of open space. The Board is proposing an amended open space ordinance for adoption by the voters. The Corridor Study may also provide recommendations on how to offset increased development in the Route 114 corridor by limiting development of Goffstown's outlying areas. This study will continue into next year and will provide a foundation for review of our Master Plan and additional zoning ordinance

amendments in 2004.

The planning staff, is available to assist you with questions on land use and development. The Planning Board's public hearings are typically held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Hall. We welcome your attendance and participation at our hearings.

Respectfully submitted,
James Raymond, *Chair*

PLANNING OFFICE

Year 2002 was a busy one for the Planning Office. Plan proposal activity reached a high, as compared to the recent years, demanding more staff and Board time. The table below shows the number of subdivision and site plan applications submitted to the Planning Board for review last year:

Applications Reviewed by the Planning Board							
Type	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Subdivision	22	8	16	23	21	26	37
Site Plan	11	9	12	14	17	12	14
Conceptual	16	7	13	19	15	15	31
Total	49	24	41	56	53	53	82
% Change	+29%	-51%	+71%	+37%	-5%	0	+55%

Because many of these subdivisions were small, however, the potential growth impact on the community was significantly reduced from prior years. For example, there were 45 new house lots approved last year, as contrasting to 150 new house lots in 2000. The use of these lots for new homes, however, varies by year and reflects the real estate market as to how quickly available lots are absorbed.

Single Family or Duplex Building Permits Issued						
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
40	74	100	79	58	53	90

In addition to these reviews, the Planning Board also worked on three major projects. (1) The Zoning Ordinance, adopted in 2001, has been fully reviewed and amendments proposed, including a major revision of the Open Space Overlay district to better reflect Master Plan goals. (2) The Planning Board has rewritten and adopted their subdivision regulations, last previously amended in December 1998. (3) The comprehensive Route 114 Corridor Management Study is underway and will very shortly be completed.

In October of 2002, Goffstown hired Stephen Griffin as the new Planning & Economic Development Coordinator. The Planning Office serves as an advisor

to several Boards and Committees in Goffstown: Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Board of Selectmen, Capital Improvements Program Committee, Economic Development Council, Technical Review Committee and the Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen B. Griffin, AICP
Planning & Economic Development Coordinator



LAND USE OFFICE (L-R): Ed Neveu, Susan Audet, Mary Lavallee, Ron Mace, Neil Funcke, Patty Gale, Steve Griffin.

POLICE

The police department provides the initial primary response in most emergency situations on a full time 24-hour basis. The department handled 15,900 calls for service during 2002. There were 3,868 criminal and motor vehicle arrests, an average of 10.6 per day. A listing of the more significant categories of calls and arrests can be found at the end of this report.

Several time consuming and intense cases were investigated during the year requiring the dedication of significant personnel and financial resources. Sexual assaults show an 8.25 percent increase. Two cases involved multiple victims (all minors) by two separate adult offenders. In one of these cases, the offenses and victims spanned many states, with one victim located in London, England.

Narcotics complaints increased from 71 in 2001 to 80 in 2002, with arrests being made in 72 of the cases. These cases require time to develop and a coordinated effort among a number of agencies to be brought to successful conclusions. Unfortunately, drug cases on school property increased from 4 in 2001, to 12 in 2002.

Through the diligent efforts of the patrol division, following through on an established division goal, traffic crashes were reduced from 614 to 601, and crashes with personal injury dropped from 83 to 81. Fortunately, there were no

fatal car crashes during the year. We will continue to target the aggressive driver in our attempts to keep the roadways of Goffstown safe for all.

PERSONNEL: Officers Allen Aldenberg and Charles Nickerson remain on active duty with their respective military units. Both were activated immediately following the attacks of September 11th and have remained on active duty since. Each Officer was deployed overseas, Officer Nickerson returned stateside in December, while Officer Aldenberg remains overseas. We wish them safety and success in this important mission and excitedly await their return.

Officer Kevin Bernard became the newest member of the sworn division in November after completing the Police Academy. Kevin was a fourth grade teacher at Mountain View Middle School, and a part-time officer in Wilton before joining us. In Communications, Lynn Fitzpatrick completed her initial training in December, and now fills one of the vacancies in that Division. One vacancy will be filled in January 2003 to bring that Division back to full strength.

PROGRAMS: The Department continued its community policing initiatives, using a problem-solving model in a cooperative effort with individuals, neighborhood groups, schools, other town departments, and community groups in an effort to deter and prevent incidents before they occur.

In its fifth year the volunteer program has again been instrumental in assisting the department in the day-to-day delivery of service and special projects. Volunteers assist the department by answering the business phone lines, filing, property management, and court witness liaison. Special projects included town celebrations, child fingerprinting programs and Halloween Safety Day.

Under the direction of Patrol Commander Lieutenant Glenn Dubois, another successful Halloween Safety Day and a Public Safety Day was held at Hannaford's on Mast Road. The Public Safety Day gave citizens the opportunity to see demonstrations by Police, Fire and Public Works personnel and equipment, and the State Police K-9 Division. More of these awareness programs are envisioned for the future.

Through grants provided by the Division of Children Youth and Families, officers have teamed up with Juvenile Services Workers to conduct home checks through the Juvenile Offender Locator Tracking (JOLT) program. This program ensures that those juveniles under Conditional Release from the court are adhering to court orders and community expectations along their route to rehabilitation.

Officer Lisa Mackey has now been joined by Officer David Rivard as certified Child Safety Seat Inspectors through the State of New Hampshire and the Department of Transportation. Since September, 69 such inspections have been completed. Two replacement seats were given out as the seat in use was either in poor condition, or the size was inappropriate. Inspections are available by contacting Officer Mackey.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Communications Center serves as a Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Dispatch for the Town. In addition, we provide

after hours communications for the Goffstown Water Department and the Department of Public Works.

Also, on a contractual basis, we provide Emergency Services Dispatching for the towns of New Boston and Weare. Goffstown realizes approximately \$44,190 in annual revenue from these contracts.

Eight communications specialists and one supervisor provide coverage 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to staff the Center. Over 20,000 calls for service are communicated from this division each year, along with 80,000 telephone calls and 540,000 radio transmissions.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: The Police Department also handles the Emergency Management function for the Town of Goffstown. Our mission is to prepare for and coordinate the town's emergency readiness and response capabilities in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Ongoing information gathering and training is being conducted to ensure that Goffstown remains prepared to deal with any unusual occurrences.

During this past year we conducted drills and exercises with some of the schools and the Gregg Falls Dam. We are also in the beginning stages of formulating a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in cooperation with the NH Office of Emergency Management. This initiative comes from the call to action by President Bush for citizens to volunteer to become involved in Homeland Security. A core group of 12 dedicated volunteers, including three students from the high school, have been meeting over the past few months to formulate this program's goals and training needs.

Through the efforts of the Emergency Management function Goffstown received \$9,376 in reimbursement for completion of the five projects identified in our plan for 2002.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: In 2003, the Department hopes to hold another Citizen Police Academy. This academy is designed to give citizens a look at the service provided and the requirements of a law enforcement agency. Additional information is available by contacting Sgt. John Tuthill or Team leader Lisa Sturgill.

In April a team of assessors will visit the department from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., to assess the department's on-going compliance with International Law Enforcement Standards. The public will be given an opportunity to comment on the department's abilities at a public hearing to be held the last week of April. The department was last accredited in August of 2000. Sgt. LeBel is the department accreditation manager and would be happy to answer any questions concerning this effort.

Finally, we will strive to continue to reduce the opportunity for our young people to have access to controlled substances or alcohol, and continue to reduce traffic crashes and injuries through a consistent effort to target the aggressive driver in a firm, but fair, approach to enforcement activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the men and women of the Goffstown Police Department for their hard work and dedication this past year. It is their dedication and professionalism, along with your cooperation and

support, that makes Goffstown a great place to live. We will constantly strive to enhance our efforts and abilities to keep our community as safe as possible. With your continued help we will continue to meet these expectations.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael T. French, Chief of Police

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS		Burglary	152
Abuse/Neglect	32	Courtesy Calls	1,091
Alcohol	103	Crime Prevention	411
Intoxication	63	Criminal Mischief	340
Assaults	266	Disorderly Conduct	120
Safe School Acts – Assaults	80	Fraud	115
Criminal Threats	86	Hazard	183
Safe School Acts – Criminal Threats	22	Larceny	344
Domestic Violence	151	Motor Vehicle Larceny	14
Family Offenses – non-violent	66	Motor Vehicle Complaints	1,082
Restraining Orders Served	51	OHRV Complaints	52
Harassment	122	Mutual Aid	295
Homicide	0	Noise	190
Homicide Attempted	0	Operations	1,783
Indecent Exposure	2	Property – Lost/Found	227
Juvenile Offenses	236	Suspicious Persons	160
Runaway	21	Suspicious Vehicles	179
Tobacco Possession	30	TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST	
Truancy	36	PROPERTY/OTHER	7,957
Narcotic Offenses	100	MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	
Safe School Acts – Narcotics	30	Speed	215
Robbery	2	Operations After Suspension/Revocation	50
Sexual Assaults	20	Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	3,422
TOTAL CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	1,519	TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	3,868
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY / OTHER		Motor Vehicle Accidents	606
Alarms	771	Motor Vehicle Accidents with Injury	81
Animal	446		
Arson	9	TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE = 15,900	

PUBLIC WORKS

What a year it has been. Thanks to the support of the town we got the first year of the new Infrastructure Management Plan underway with the reconstruction of Montelona Road, Back Mountain Road and Moreau Street. Under our old plan it would have taken about 11 years to complete that amount of work. All of the design work was done in-house using our new Geographic Information System (GIS) saving the town thousands of dollars to put towards construction. The actual construction work was put out to bid with one of our DPW supervisors overseeing the contractors' work. By providing the construction inspection we again saved thousands of dollars and ensured proper completion of the project. As part of the plan we also paved numerous roads in town. Any improvements needed prior to paving were done by Public Works. Did you wonder why we were paving roads that were "not in too bad a shape"? We had several comments to that affect. With the new infrastructure plan we apply overlays to roads as a maintenance repair to keep the road from deteriorating. It is sort of like new shingles on a roof. You don't want to wait until the roof is caving in to re-shingle. Roads that are too deteriorated to overlay will be reconstructed. We look forward to voter support of the article for road maintenance again this year so we can continue our work.

We began the design and permitting for the First Avenue drainage improvements. Unfortunately, we did not get the actual construction done but we hope to have all the permits in place so we can complete the construction next summer. At long last the restoration of the Main Street Bridge is underway. The project will be completed some time next summer. We also completed improvements to the Town Hall Parking Lot and the Fire Department Parking lots at Church Street and the East Parts. We made some drainage improvements in the Knollcrest/Mountain Road intersection while the sewer was being installed on Knollcrest. DPW also provided the design and inspection for the new sewer installed on Violet Street and Park Lane and the sewer upgrade on Mill Street.

The Fleet Maintenance Division completed 597 repair orders to all the town's equipment and vehicles.

We continued our efforts to beautify the cemeteries. We have continued to work closely with the Cemetery Trustees. We also had a prospective eagle scout, Scott Hastings, working on a project to automate our burial records to improve our record keeping and enable us to provide better information to the public. We would like to thank Scott for all his work.

Not much changed in solid waste and recycling last year, however, we did spend a great deal of time planning for next year's budget. Our contract with our curbside recycling contractor is up next year and we are proposing bringing that collection service in-house and doing it in the same manner as our automated trash collection. I would like to thank the members of the Solid Waste Commission for the tireless hours they have spent helping the department plan for the future and provide the town with the most cost effective service possible. Obviously, that type of change requires a great deal of planning. We also spent a

lot of time working on the new NPDES Phase II Stormwater rules and the Town's plan to comply with those rules.

In terms of personnel, Tyler Frost was activated as a reservist in the President's war on terrorism. Hopefully, he will not be gone for long. Also, 2002 saw the retirement of Stan Cook. Stan operated the Town's backhoe for almost 24 years. We wish Stan the best as he transitions into his golden years and give a sincere thank you for his dedicated service.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl L. Quiram, PE, Director of Public Works

SOLID WASTE



L-R seated: Kilton Barnard; Environmental Projects Manager Tom Fatheric; Paul LaPerle. L-R standing: Chair Frank Leffman, Public Works Director Carl Quiram, Eugene Hazelton, Selectman Bruce Hunter.

The Goffstown Solid Waste Commission serves as an advisory committee to the Selectmen, making recommendations on matters regarding solid waste and recycling disposal, as well as, Transfer Station operations. The commission currently consists of five active citizen members. The Director of Public Works, Environmental Projects Manager and Selectmen Representative all take an active role in the Commissions meetings and efforts. The Commission is actively seeking new members to increase its ranks back to seven members for 2003.

The year 2002 was busy for the Commission. Members volunteered for numerous events to help educate and distribute information about Goffstown's Solid Waste and Recycling Programs. A recycling booth was set up during the

June 8th Old Home Day event. The booth was manned in conjunction with a representative of the NRRA to distribute recycle bins and informational material to residents. The annual Household Hazardous Waste Day held on June 1st served 152 households and removed approximately 4 tons of hazardous materials from peoples homes and the waste stream. The Treasure Trailer operated all summer long only due to the volunteer help of the Commission.

Residents of Goffstown produced a total of 7169 tons of trash during 2002; 1376 tons of this total was recycled. The Commission worked diligently throughout the year to develop an educational flyer and sticker that could be placed on each refuse container to help increase recycling diversion and provide information to residents regarding the proper use of their solid waste tote. This project was completed during the month of November and the Commission will be tracking the disposal numbers during the first part of 2003 to determine how successful the program was.

The latter part of 2002 had the Commission busy with developing a volume based "Pay As You Throw"(PAYT) system. The system will provide a financial incentive to increase recycling and an equitable means to recover the costs of disposal services in Goffstown. The PAYT program will be deliberated and voted on in the spring of 2003. No matter the result, the Commission looks forward to working for the community over the next year to enhance solid waste services.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Leffman, Chair

SOUTHERN N. H. PLANNING

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning and Economic Development Coordinator and/or the Town Administrator. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation.

Services that were performed for the Town of Goffstown during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series, which was attended by Goffstown officials.

2. Conducted traffic counts at thirty-four (34) locations in the Town of Goffstown. Data was forwarded to the Planning & Economic Development Coordinator.
3. Provided a copy of the Regional Transportation Plan Update (August 2002) including the Transportation Improvement Program FY 2003-2005 to the Planning Board. A copy of this document has been forwarded to the town's library.
4. A hazard mitigation plan for the town was completed during this year.
5. Reviewed and offered comments on several traffic impact studies.
6. Updated all of the town's large-scale tax maps which were prepared by the Commission. One set of these maps was forwarded to the town. Additionally, one set of maps (in smaller scale) measuring 11" X 17" was also forwarded to the town.
7. Provided electronic copies of all the town's maps which were prepared using ArcView and Arc/Info.
8. Provided a copy of *A Handbook on Sprawl and Smart Growth Choices for Southern New Hampshire Communities*.

Goffstown's Representatives to the Commission are:

Arthur W. Rose

Robert L. Wheeler

Barbara J. Griffin, Alternate

Executive Committee Member: Robert L. Wheeler

SUPPORT SERVICES

This office performs three major functions as well as a number of other tasks that are assigned on an "as needed" basis. The three primary areas of responsibility are Facilities Management, administration of the General Assistance program and enforcement of the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT: The Support Services Administrator is charged with managing both the Goffstown and Grasmere Town Halls. There has been a major project at each building this year. At Goffstown Town Hall the permanent records storage area (a/k/a "The Vault") reorganization moved forward steadily. Shelving was installed and staff in all offices spent a considerable amount of time sorting and reboxing old records. We were able to discard a great deal of material that no longer needed to be kept and inventory those records that must be maintained. Efficiency has greatly improved as we are now able to locate and retrieve old records much more quickly and accurately. If it stays on schedule, this project will be complete by mid 2003.

Installing the new Grasmere Town Hall slate roof was the major project there this year. Additionally, a grant proposal was developed and submitted to the state Division of Historical Resources to fund the design of the building addition. This addition is primarily intended to house the elevator that will make the second floor auditorium accessible to those individuals that cannot manage the stairs.

Preliminary work was also begun on a proposal to repair or replace the building's front doors.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE: The Town of Goffstown, along with the other municipalities in New Hampshire, has the responsibility of relieving and maintaining anyone in town who is poor and unable to support themselves. Assistance with the necessities of life is provided through a voucher system and eligibility is determined according to guidelines established by the Board of Selectmen. This community is truly fortunate in having a large number of individuals, organizations and businesses that help in this effort. The groups that regularly assist their fellow townspeople include Goffstown Salvation Army, Goffstown Network, St. Joseph Community Center, Vestree Shop, Goffstown Outreach Program, Clergy Association, Lions Club and St. Matthew's Outreach program.

ZONING ENFORCEMENT: This area involves answering questions regarding the zoning ordinance, interpreting the ordinance and receiving and responding to zoning complaints. I am also responsible for reviewing applications for sign permits, preparing the cases for the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and enforcing the conditions of approvals granted by that body and the Planning Board. Additionally, I continue to assist and support the Building Inspector/Health Officer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony F. Simon, Support Services Administrator



L-R: Donna Bergeron, Felice Dandurand, Karen Leclerc, Gail Lavallee, Renee Millson.

TOWN CLERK

The year 2002 has been a very productive one. Revenues and automobile registrations are up once again. The mail-in registration program is working well and has helped to reduce lines in the Town Clerk's office. The current response rate is approximately 36%. While you are still welcome to renew in

person, we hope that you will consider taking advantage of the renewal program. Renewal notices are sent out by the 25th of the month prior to your registration expiration. Please read the notice carefully, send two checks and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Registrations are processed in the order in which they are received. If you wish to receive your decals from us, you must pay the \$2.50 processing fee. If you deduct this fee from the amount shown on your mail-in renewal form, you will have to finish your renewal registration at a State Motor Vehicle office.

As an on-line agent with the State of New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles we are now able to perform more motor vehicle functions. This means fewer trips to the Manchester Motor Vehicle Sub-Station for some of you. A few of these new services include: vanity plates, moose plates, replacement of lost plates, decals and registrations, address changes and vehicles which weigh up to 26,000 pounds. We upgraded our town motor vehicle computer system on October 3, 2002. The transition went very smoothly and the new program is a huge improvement over the older software.

The State Health & Human Services Department also upgraded our vital records computer system. We are now able to access vital records on file for the entire state. This access is limited to records as far back as 1988 at the present time. As time goes on, we will be able to access more records. We are not allowed to disclose vital record information over the phone. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 497-3613. Requests for vital records may be done in person or by written request. The fee for a vital record search is \$12.00.

The Town Clerk's office is regulated by both state law and administrative rules. The policies we have established and operate by are not designed to be inconvenient. Rather, they are for your protection. We will no longer renew a motor vehicle registration unless you have your previous registration or the mail-in renewal form. If you are a new resident, please be sure to bring proof of residency with you.

The following is a list of town meetings and elections for the year 2003:

February 3, 2003 – School Ballot Determination Meeting

February 5, 2003 – Town Ballot Determination Meeting

March 11, 2003 – Town and School Election

Residents may register to vote at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours. Residents may also register to vote when the Checklist Supervisors are in session. These sessions are posted and notice given in the *Goffstown News*. Residents may also register to vote on election day at the appropriate polling district. Identification and proof of residency must be presented at the time of registration. Please remember to complete address change forms (available in the Town Clerk's office) even if you move within the Town of Goffstown. Your polling location may be affected by your move. Goffstown has two voting districts.

District 1 - Goffstown Area High School, 27 Wallace Road, Goffstown: Includes those residents living in the Goffstown Village area and the Grasmere

area, from Route 114/114A intersection westerly to the Weare, New Boston and Dunbarton town lines including residents on the east side of the Piscataquog River.

District 5 – Bartlett Elementary School, 689 Mast Road, Pinardville: Includes residents from the Route 114/114A intersection to the Piscataquog River and easterly to the Manchester line.

Residents are reminded that all dogs must be registered yearly. Dog licenses are effective May 1 to April 30 regardless of when the license is issued. Failure to comply results in a penalty of \$1.00 per month after May 31st and you may be subject to a \$25.00 unlicensed dog fine. A puppy needs to be registered as soon as it receives its first rabies shot. Dog registration fees are \$6.50 for a spayed/neutered animal; if they have not been neutered the fee is \$9.00. Residents must present a current rabies certificate and certificate of neutering (if applicable) in order for the Town Clerk to process a dog license.

We have 2003 dog tags that can be sent through the mail. If you wish to renew your dog's registration via mail, you must send a copy of the rabies certificate showing the rabies expiration date and tag number. Also be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and your check payable to the Town of Goffstown.

I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Rosemary Garretson who generously volunteers her time in the Town Hall. She has been keeping our automobile registration filing current. Her time and services are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the election workers, Checklist Supervisors, Jerry Agate of SAU 19, and the employees at the Public Works and Police Departments for all their hard work during election time. Their help is invaluable and makes my job so much easier.

We have a wonderful team in the Town Clerk's office, and we are here to help you in any way we can. Feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Bergeron, Town Clerk

REVENUE COMPARISON

	- 2001 -		- 2002-	
	Transactions	\$	Transactions	\$
Motor Vehicle Permits:				
Automobiles	18,449	\$2,126,092	18,870	\$2,200,386
Municipal Agent Fees	14,641	\$36,515	17,426	\$43,565
Title Fees (CTAs)	3,606	\$7,253	3,543	\$7,004
Mail-In Fees	July-Dec	\$5,261	Jan.-Dec.	\$12,219
Protested Checks	44	\$1,312	30	\$960
Dog Licenses:				
Fines	27	\$900	34	\$1,125
Licenses*	1,195	\$8,511	1,239	\$8,705
Filing Fees:				
Articles of Agreement		\$60		\$40

Game Licenses		\$1,150		\$900
Pole Licenses		\$110		\$90
Filing Fees		\$60		\$107
Candidate Filings		\$4		\$26
UCCs	219	\$3,644	353	\$5,264
Vital Records:				
Birth Certificates*	162	\$1,915	198	\$2,308
Death Certificates*	218	\$2,038	430	\$3,820
Marriage Licenses*	93	\$4,185	104	\$4,680
Marriage Certificates*	155	\$1,708	172	\$1,840
Miscellaneous:		\$85		\$356
Amount Remitted to Treasurer		\$2,200,803		\$2,293,394

*Revenues prior to payments to the State of New Hampshire (July 2002 town went onto the State's VRV2000 computer system which enabled the town to be able to access records for the entire state as far back as 1988)

2002 ELECTION RESULTS

Election	Date	Votes Dist. #1	Votes Dist. #5	Total Votes	% Voter Turnout	New Reg.	Total Reg.
School Ballot							
Determ.	2/4/02	N/A	N/A	77	1%	N/A	8,386
Town Ballot							
Determ.	2/6/02	N/A	N/A	99	1%	N/A	8,386
Town/School Election	3/12/02	2,244	767	3,011	35%	122	8,492
NH State Primary	9/10/02	2,156	922	3,087	36%	131	8,647
NH Gen. Election	11/5/02	4,199	1,787	5,986	66%	406	9,069

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



L-R seated: Denise Renk, Marie Boyle, Dianne Shakra. L-R standing: Dick Georgantias, Henry Grady, Keith Allard, Mike Pelletier. Absent: Chair Tony Marts, Gossett McRae.

The New Hampshire legislature requires a Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) in every town where a zoning ordinance has been adopted. The ZBA's role is to act as an interpreter of the ordinance, as well as a safety valve against overly strict application. This role requires the ZBA to determine disputed issues of application as well as provide relief from "unjust" applications of the Zoning Ordinance. The ZBA hears requests for "variances" where the express terms of the ordinance create an unjust or unreasonable "hardship" on the land owner, as well as "special exceptions" where the ordinance actually allows a specific use but only after additional scrutiny by the ZBA. In addition, the ZBA hears appeals from decisions made by the planning board, the code enforcement officer and other officials when they make decisions based on an ordinance interpretation.

The ZBA thus acts in a "quasi-judicial" capacity. It's work is non-political and in most instances their decisions are as final as a court opinion. Appeals from ZBA decisions are taken directly to the New Hampshire Superior Courts. As New Hampshire has grown, and that growth has begun to affect Goffstown, land use and growth issues have become more complex and parties have more often resorted to litigation to press their agendas for or against specific projects and growth in general. Apart from the Master Plan (now under review by the Planning Board), Goffstown has no clear policy on growth. Thus the ZBA is in the position of attempting to apply the zoning ordinance as applicable state law allows, while balancing the perceived needs of and impacts on the community with the rights of landowners.

Goffstown has had the benefit of the volunteer efforts of several individuals who have served the Town for a long time. Special note should be made of the long service of the ZBA's immediate past chairman Henry Grady. In fact, this is the first ZBA annual report in 20 years, which has not been written by Henry. Henry has served on the ZBA since 1982 (after 9 years as Selectman, 7 years on the Budget Committee, 9 years on the Planning Board, 6 years on the School Board and 3 years as a Library Trustee). Henry's commitment, patience, long term perspective and historical understanding of Goffstown's development has been an invaluable service to the ZBA and the Town. Thank you, Henry!!

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Marts, Chair

Other Agency Reports

SEWER COMMISSION



L-R seated: Steve Crean, Jim Bouchard, Paul LaPerle. L-R standing: Administrative Assistant Marilyn Hozeny, Selectman Bruce Hunter, Mike Yergeau.

The Knollcrest Sewer Project (Knollcrest Road, Ashlar Drive, Ashlar Circle, Bailey Court, Pineridge Street and Highland Avenue) bid was awarded to J.W. Darrah Ltd. Construction began in the spring and continued throughout the summer months. Properties began to connect in late fall. Final pavement and restoration will begin in the Spring of 2003.

As the Town grows demand for all municipal services increases. During the course of the year several projects were presented to the Commission. Some of the more notable projects approved were a gas station/convenience store; dormitory, Political Institute of Politics Building and an ice hockey rink all located on the St Anselm College campus; and a twenty-two lot subdivision.

Along with the yearly maintenance program to the municipal wastewater system a bid was awarded to R.D. Edmunds & Sons for the replacement of the aerial line over the Piscataquog River plus replacement/extension of several other lines. The aerial line, which is located downriver from the dam here in the Village, was replaced with a larger line in order to meet the future needs of the Village Area.

The Commission continues to follow their Facility Plan to bring municipal sewer to specific areas that lie along the Piscataquog River and Glen Lake. An engineering study for the future expansion of the wastewater system into the area known as Lynchville Park will be conducted in 2003.

The Sewer Commission was created in 1956 and is comprised of a three member elected board whose function is to administer and maintain the municipal wastewater system. Public meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall. Individuals requesting to be on the agenda should contact the Sewer Commission's office at (603) 497-8992 to schedule an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
James Bouchard, Chair

ADMINISTRATION	2002 BUDGET	2002 ACTUAL*	2003 BUDGET
SALARIES/BENEFITS	55,414.00	56,076.66	58,127.00
TRAINING	1,000.00	50.00	500.00
AUDIT	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,700.00
LEGAL EXPENSE	10,000.00	5,166.60	10,000.00
CONTRACTED SVCS (ADMIN)	3,913.00	3,853.98	4,469.00
INSURANCE	6,652.00	5,184.22	7,270.00
POSTAGE	4,100.00	2,987.14	3,700.00
SUPPLIES	1,416.00	1,292.33	1,416.00
COMPUTER	6,085.00	1,323.49	5,900.00
TELECOMMUNICATION	1,000.00	999.96	1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
INTEREST	228,966.00	228,906.43	195,830.00
PRINCIPAL	498,835.00	498,835.00	495,000.00
SUB TOTAL	821,381.00	806,675.81	787,912.00
SEWER OPERATIONS			
CONTRACT SVCS (DPW)	35,000.00	34,564.04	35,000.00
SEWER PROJECT	20,000.00	3,387.91	20,000.00
PERSONNEL EQUIP	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
MNTNCE SUPPLY/EQUIP	568,284.00	474,382.20	489,358.00

MNTNCE/LABOR (VAC)	5,000.00	1,835.84	5,000.00
SEWER OPERATION (O&M CHRG)	497,700.00	392,000.34	512,367.00
SUB TOTAL	1,127,984.00	908,170.33	1,063,725.00
SEWERAGE/PUMP STATION			
CONTRACTED SERVICES	4,700.00	2,937.00	4,700.00
SUPPLIES	10,000.00	2,319.31	10,000.00
ELECTRICITY	19,000.00	12,191.66	19,000.00
PROPANE GAS	2,100.00	1,970.73	2,100.00
WATER	500.00	325.81	500.00
TELEPHONE ALARM SYS	3,400.00	2,443.00	3,400.00
CHEMICALS	500.00	325.56	500.00
DIESEL FUEL	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
PUMP REPAIRS	15,000.00	5,317.82	15,000.00
SUB TOTAL	59,200.00	27,830.89	59,200.00
TOTAL	2,008,565.00	1,742,677.03	1,910,837.00
*UNAUDITED			

GOFFSTOWN VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT



Richard Coughlin, Chair Allen Gamans, Clerk Linda Reynolds Naughton, Lee Minnich, Raymond Taber. Absent: Henry Boyle, Richard Fletcher.

During 2002 we continued the system upgrade work that is required to meet water treatment regulations and to cope with components installed over 100 years ago.

We have reviewed plans for several sizeable developments and are considering some additional sources. The EPA is changing treatment regulations again and we are taking steps to comply. One important change is filtration of our well water.

Our water system at Mountain Laurel Estates has undergone several service and safety modifications. There will be about 40 homes when the development is complete.

Breaks and leaks at water mains and customer service lines along with hydrant replacement work helped fill our schedule.

A major project this year was working with other departments at the Knollcrest sewer project to protect or reinstall water service lines and mains.

Several facility changes and service extensions are planned for 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Allen D. Gamans, Jr., Chair

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

To the inhabitants of the Goffstown Village Water Precinct qualified to vote on Precinct affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Goffstown Town Hall in said Goffstown, in said Precinct, on Monday, March 17, 2003, at 7:00 in the evening to act upon the following activities:

ARTICLE I

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, including a Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE II

To elect one (1) member to the Board of Water Commissioners for a term of five (5) years.

ARTICLE III

To see if the Precinct will vote to accept the report of the Board of Water Commissioners to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-two Dollars for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE IV

To see if the Precinct will vote to allow the Board of Water Commissioners the right to borrow in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) due to any emergency that may arise.

ARTICLE V

To hear the reports of the various officers of the President and to pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 14th day of January 2003.

Henry Boyle, 2007
 Richard Coughlin, 2003
 Richard Fletcher, 2004

Allen D. Gamans, Jr., 2005
 Raymond Taber, 2006

REVENUE (UNAUDITED)

	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Budget
3402 WATER CHARGE			
Meter Water	301,690	309,018	306,000
Flat rate	107,312	105,267	100,000
Hydrant Rental	46,785	47,740	49,445
SUBTOTAL:	\$455,787	\$462,025	\$455,445
3409 OTHER			
Booster Station	4,500	4,173	4,500
Thawing	0	98	0
Forestry	0	0	0
Hyd Repair	2,900	425	2,900
New Services	10,000	6,260	6,300
On/Off	300	520	300
Service Repair	2,000	3,780	2,000
Meter Repair	0	0	40
Ins. Refund	200	337	200
Mt. Laurel	0	2,653	2,500
Engineering	1,000	0	1,000
Mt. Laurel Septic	5,400	5,391	6,600
Bond Int. Ref.	0	7	9,940
Pools	300	198	300
Supplies	200	544	200
SUBTOTAL:	\$26,800	\$24,386	\$46,780
3502 SAVINGS INTEREST	\$14,500	\$ 9,364	\$8,000
3351 SHARED REVENUE	\$31,153	\$31,154	\$30,208
3913 SAVINGS TRANSFER	\$50,000	\$8,277	\$34,919
3915 Cap Res. Veh. Fund	0	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$578,240	\$535,206	\$575,352

EXPENDITURES (unaudited)

	2002 Budget	2002 Actual	2003 Budget
4130 EXECUTIVE			
Salaries	85,000	72,503	85,000
SUBTOTAL:	85,000	72,503	85,000
4150 FINANCIAL ADMIN.			
Audit	1,300	1,300	1,500
Business Supplies	1,500	2,104	2,000
Office Equipment	3,500	2,993	1,000
Personnel Supp.	350	0	350
Safe Box	60	55	60
SUBTOTAL:	\$ 6,710	\$ 6,452	\$ 4,910

4153	LEGAL	1,500	1,500	0	1,500
	SUBTOTAL:		\$ 1,500	163	\$ 1,500
4155	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION				
	FICA	6,510	5,539	6,510	
	Health Ins.	25,106	25,115	26,432	
	W/C Insurance	1,500	839	1,500	
	Retirement Fund	1,900	1,832	1,900	
	Unemployment Ins.	150	19	30	
	SUBTOTAL:		\$ 35,166	\$ 33,344	\$ 36,372
4194	BUILDING MAINTENANCE				
	Office Repairs	1,000	225	1,000	
	Filter Plant	0	1,072	0	
	Well Buildings	0	0	0	
	Tank	0	595	0	
	SUBTOTAL:		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,892	\$ 1,000
4196	INSURANCE				
	Liability, Property, Veh	2,100	2,475	3,000	
	Bond	200	100	200	
	SUBTOTAL:		\$ 2,300	\$ 2,575	\$ 3,200
4197	ADVER/REG ASSNS.				
	Advertising	1,300	176	800	
	Assns. Fees	250	370	250	
	License Fees	250	375	250	
	Meeting Exp.	200	187	200	
	SUBTOTAL:		\$ 2,000	\$ 1,108	\$ 1,500
4199	OTHER GENERAL GOV'T.				
	Vehicle Expense	2,000	1,084	2,000	
	Rent	6,000	6,550	6,600	
	Tel/Comm.	4,000	4,014	4,000	
	Postage	2,400	2,133	2,400	
	Forestry	0	0	0	
	Eng.	1,000	1,570	800	
	Computer Support	1,000	495	1,000	
	SUBTOTAL:		\$ 16,400	\$ 15,846	\$16,800
4332	WATER SERVICES				
	Contract Labor	6,000	5,110	6,000	
	Hydrant Repairs	3,000	1,234	3,000	
	Dam Repairs	1,000	0	1,000	
	Service Repairs	5,000	15,245	5,000	
	New Services	2,000	550	3,000	
	Main Repairs	10,000	10,528	10,000	
	Meter Repairs	200	441	200	
	Pump Repairs	10,000	10,000	10,000	
	Equipment Repairs	250	866	1,000	
	Road Repairs	500	0	1,000	
	Thawing	0	0	0	

	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 35,950	\$ 43,979	\$ 28,200
4335	WATER TREATMENT			
	Chemical/Chlorine	10,600	4,924	11,600
	Electric/Filtration	19,900	19,732	19,900
	Heat/Filtration	2,000	693	2,000
	Glenview	4,000	2,539	4,000
	Supplies	3,000	2,967	3,000
	Water Tests	4,000	2,636	4,000
	Mt. Laurel Septic	2,000	1,605	2,500
	Mt. Laurel Water	3,400	2,907	7,850
	SUBTOTAL:	\$ 48,900	\$ 38,003	\$ 54,850
Debt Service				
4711	#1 Bond - Principal	50,000	50,000	50,000
	#2 Bond - Principal	60,000	60,000	60,000
4721	#1 Bond - Interest	9,500	9,500	5,715
	#2 Bond - Interest	45,420	45,420	42,270
	SUBTOTAL	\$164,920	\$164,920	\$157,985
Capital Outlay				
4901	LAND & IMPROVEMENTS			
	Contingency Fund	10,000	15,987	10,000
	Capital Replacement	10,000	11,991	10,000
	Upgrading Mains/System	139,894	118,426	141,735
	SUBTOTAL	\$159,894	\$146,404	\$161,735
4902	MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT			
	Household Meters	2,500	0	6,300
	New Equipment	3,000	3,017	3,000
	New Hydrants	8,000	0	8,000
	SUBTOTAL	\$ 13,500	\$ 3,017	\$ 17,300
Operating Transfers Out				
4915	To Cap Res Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$578,240	\$535,206	\$575,352

GRASMERE VILLAGE WATER PRECINCT

The Grasmere Village Water Precinct has ended another year and all is well. The precinct is in good standing and ready to move forward into the new year.

There are a few new challenges on the horizon, which may or may not affect the operation of this precinct.

The Officers look forward to working with the Town and others in the future development of the Town in our area.

WARRANT 2003

To the Customers of the Grasmere Village Water Precinct in the Town of Goffstown, in the County of Hillsborough, in the State of New Hampshire; you are hereby notified to meet in the Grasmere Town Hall in the Village of Grasmere at Seven Thirty (7:30 p.m.) in the evening of Wednesday, March 26, 2003 to act on the following articles;

ARTICLE I

To choose a Commissioner for years 2003, 2004 & 2005.

ARTICLE II

To see if the Precinct will vote to approve the budget as proposed by the Commissioners and approved by the Town Budget Committee to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twelve Thousand, Four Hundred and Ten Dollars for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE III

To hear the reports of the Treasurer and Clerk for the year 2002.

ARTICLE IV

To act upon any unfinished business from the previous meetings.

ARTICLE V

To discuss and act upon any other business, which may rightfully come before said meeting.

Theodore J. Rohr, Chair

Arthur W. Rose, Jr.
Commissioners

William Swanson

REVENUE (unaudited)

	2002 Budget	2002 Actuals	2003 Budget
Receipts Reg.	100,000	105,625	102,000
Hydrant	10,252	10,252	10,252
New Inst.	3,000	4,649	3,000
Med. Farms	4,800	3,600	4,800
Interest	25	31	25
Misc. Water Sales	300	0	300
Replace Void Ck.	0	0	0
Repairs Private Line	0	822	200
Trans. From Cap. Res.	10,000	0	10,000
TOTAL	128,377	124,978	130,577

EXPENDITURES (unaudited)

Water	56,700	58,054	59,000
Salaries	6,900	8,650	7,100
Contract Labor	25,000	19,204	25,000
Maint. Supplies	2,000	1,339	2,000
Office Supplies	900	904	900
Telephone	1,000	589	1,000
Electric	2,200	2,594	2,760
Misc.	500	6,145	1,000
Training	500	120	500
Trans. To Cap. Res.	0	29,910	0
Snow Plowing	800	0	800
Meter & Testing	600	300	600
Auditing Books	750	0	750
Manchester Contract	10,000	10,000	10,000
Insurance	1,000	1,861	1,000
Returned Check		180	
TOTAL	108,850	139,851	114,410

BALANCE SHEET**Assets**

Cash on Hand (General Fund Check Book)	20,860.68
On Deposit NHDPIP	128,404.21
Total Cash Available	149,264.89

Liabilities

Bills Owed by Precinct	0
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**OFFICIAL BALLOT
NON-PARTISAN TOWN ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, N.H.
(March 11, 2003)**

Donna Bergeron, Town Clerk

SELECTMEN

For 3 Years **Vote for Two**

- Laurent Beaulac
- Jeremy Dupuis
- Bruce F. Hunter
- John C. Sarette
- Robert Wheeler
- Write In
- Write In

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years **Vote for Four**

- John A. Caprio
- Daniel J. Cloutier
- Write In
- Write In
- Write In
- Write In

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 1 Year **Vote for Three**

- William J. Gleeson
- Write In
- Write in
- Write In

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years **Vote for One**

- Leon H. Konieczny
- Write-In

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For 3 Years **Vote for Two**

- Barbara J. Griffin
- Miles J. Phillips
- Barbara Totherow

Write-In

Write-In

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years **Vote for Two**

- JoAnn Duffy
- Richard "Dick" Georgantas
- "Larry" Pinard
- William Walsh
- Write-In
- Write-In

PLANNING BOARD

For 2 Years **Vote for One**

- Joseph M. Beauchemin
- Thomas Heany
- Gail Labrecque
- Miles J. Phillips
- Lowell S. Von Ruden
- Write-In

SEWER COMMISSION

For 3 Years **Vote for One**

- James A. Bouchard
- Write-In

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

For 3 Years **Vote for One**

- Rosemary Garretson
- Suzanne "Sue" Tremblay
- Write-In

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years **Vote for One**

- Andrew J. Szerlog
- Write-In

ARTICLE 2

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 4.3 "Two-family Dwellings" from two (2) to three (3) acres as follows: "Base District", R-1 & R-2 zones "Minimum Lot Size" 3.0 acres, "Minimum Lot Frontage" 300 feet. Footnote: Cannot be waived or lessened.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 3

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 4.3 "Table of Dimensional Regulations" from two (2) to three (3) acres as follows: "Agricultural" A. Minimum Lot Size 3.0 acres. Footnote: (****) Cannot be waived or lessened.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 4

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 5.16 by renumbering the existing text as 5.16.1, and by adding a new section 5.16.2 Gasoline Stations: A gasoline station with or without accessory service bays or convenience stores is not permitted within two (2) miles (lot line to lot line) of an existing service station measured by road length to and from each property. 5.16.2 cannot be waived or lessened.

Submitted by petition. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 5

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 15.3.2 "Special Exceptions" to add section 15.3.2.1.5 as follows: Special exceptions and/or accessory uses cannot be granted on a lot where a proposed zoning change by warrant article on "the lot" was previously denied by the people. 15.3.2.1.5 cannot be waived.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town amend the zoning district by changing the zoning of map 5, lot(s) 54, from Agricultural to Commercial.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town amend zoning ordinance 15.2.1 "Zoning Board of Adjustment" as follows: In accordance with NH Election Laws, Chapter 669 Town Elections, beginning with the March 2004 elections, to change the ZBA from an appointed board to an elected three (3) member board. Selectmen will appoint up to three (3) alternates and one (1) Planning Board Representative. Planning Board representative will be recommended by the Planning Board to the Selectmen.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town adopt a zoning ordinance, pursuant to the provision of NH RSA 674:22 and RSA 674:23, imposing interim regulations upon development in Goffstown by establishing a moratorium on approval of new subdivision applications and the issuance of building permits for new construction for one year from the date of passage of said ordinance. With a continuing unprecedented influx of residential development proposals, crowded schools using portable classrooms, and severe traffic flow problems at peak hours, Goffstown faces (per RSA 674:23) "unusual circumstances requiring prompt attention" to prevent such development from creating undue burdens on the town's schools, finances and infrastructure. The purpose of said ordinance shall be to: a) allow time for completion of updating of town's 1997 master plan to reflect correct and current local and regional data. b) allow time for completion of Route 114 corridor study. c) allow time for revision of Capital Improvements Program matrix regarding appropriations for construction of a new elementary school. d) allow time for the planning board to develop additional zoning ordinance amendments providing for phased development of major projects involving 20 or more building lots.

Submitted by petition. Not recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 9

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance (a) to clarify definitions, including "multifamily", "setback requirement" and "storage containers" within the glossary; and "small offices", "motels" and "hotels" within Section 3.8 Table of Uses; "home occupations" within Section 3.9, Table of Accessory Uses and Section 5.10.2 Home Occupations; and (b) add a paragraph limiting the size of multifamily building; (c) to delete paragraph 5.12 Lodging Facilities; (d) to correct the floor area ratio formula in Section 6.4.1 Industrial Floor Area Ratio; (e) to define how sign area and heights are to be measured in Section 7.2.1 Sign Measurement; (f) to remove advertising from incidental signs in Section 7.3.4 Incidental Signs; (g) to correct a typographical error in Section 8.2.1 Computation of Number of Spaces Required; (h) to clarify the definitions in Section 14.7.3.3 Non-conforming Lots; (i) to increase the time to twenty-five days in Section 15.3.7.2 Deadline and Materials; (j) to modify Section 15.3.7.5 Report from the Planning Board in accordance with the ZBA's review process; (k) to clarify the Planning Board review relative to Sections 15.4.1.4.5 Visual Impact, 15.4.1.5.2: Architectural Design Review, and 15.4.2 Subdivision Approval and Site Plan Review; and (l) to correct references in Section 8.1.3 Location of Required Parking and in Section 8.2.3 Requirements Where There are Multiple Uses or Buildings on a Lot, specifically:

a. Within the Glossary:

- (1) Amend "Multi-family" so that it reads: A building containing three (3) or more dwelling units or a group of two (2) or more buildings containing at least two (2) dwelling units per building.

- (2) Add a new definition "Setback Measurement" to read: The setback is measured from the property line or the edge of the right-of-way, if the property line encroaches on the right-of-way.
 - (3) Relative to storage containers (a) add a new definition for Storage Containers to read: Storage containers, truck trailers, shipping containers or other similar containers are defined as structures, and (b) add a line for storage containers in Section 3.9 Table of Uses under Accessory to a Principal Residential Use as being allowed in any district as a use in conjunction with an active building permit, and (c) add a line for storage containers in Section 3.9 Table of Table of Uses under Accessory to a Principal Non-Residential Use as being allowed only in the C and I as structures in accordance with a Planning Board approved site plan.
 - (4) Within Section 3.8 Table of Principal Uses, amend "Small offices of healthcare practitioners including outpatient healthcare" to read "small offices, not exceeding 1,500 square feet, of general business and professional offices and healthcare practitioners including outpatient healthcare".
 - (5) Within Section 3.8 Table of Principal Uses: combine "Motels" and "Inns or Hotels" into one use, and allow as Inns and Hotels are now allowed.
 - (6) Within Section 3.9 Table of Accessory Uses: amend the accessory use to a Principal Residential Use so that Home Occupations are permitted in all districts.
 - (7) Delete paragraph 5.10.2 under Section 5.10 Home Occupations, and renumber its following paragraphs as appropriate.
- b. Add a new paragraph 4.4.2 Number of Units that reads: In no case shall a multi-family building, except a bonafide student dormitory, contain more than twelve (12) dwelling units, except by Conditional Use permit from the Planning Board upon a finding that the proposed building(s) are in scale with both their neighborhood and the Town as a whole.
 - c. Delete Section 5.12 Lodging Facilities, and re-number other paragraphs.
 - d. Within Section 6.4.1 Industrial Park Floor Area Ratio, amend the phrase "not be less than" to read "not be more than".
 - e. Add the following new Section 7.2.1 Sign Measurement to read:

7.2.1 Sign Measurement

7.2.1.1 Sign Area:

The surface area of a sign shall be determined by the maximum height of the sign multiplied by the maximum width. The surface area of a sign shall include all lettering or elements of a sign, accompanying design and symbols, together with the background, whether open or closed, on which they are displayed, but not including any supporting framework and bracing which are incidental to the display itself and which are not designed to attract attention. Where the sign consists of letters or symbols affixed to a surface or building, without any

distinguishing border, panel or background, the area shall be considered to be the smallest rectangle or shape that encompasses all of the letters and symbols. The area of multi-faced signs shall be determined by adding together the area of all sign faces visible from any one point. When two identical signs are placed back to back, so that both faces cannot be viewed from any point at the same time, and when such sign faces are fixed to the same sign structure, the sign area shall be computed by the measurement of one of the faces. Signage on an awning shall be measured as a wall sign, except that if the awning is lighted, the entire awning shall be considered signage, measured by the amount of wall area that is covered by the entire awning. The total sign area for a property shall be the sum of the area of all signs located on the property.

7.2.1.2 Sign Height:

The height of a sign shall be computed as the distance from the base of the sign at normal grade to the top of the highest attached component of the sign. Normal grade shall be construed to be the lower of the grade prior to construction or the newly established grade after construction, exclusive of any filling, mounding or excavation solely for the purpose of locating the sign.

- f. Add the following sentence within Section 7.3.4 Incidental Signs: Incidental signs shall not include a business name, logo or other advertising.
- g. Within Section 8.2.1 Computation of Number of Spaces Required, amend “fraction of one-half (2)” to read “fraction of one-half (1/2)”.
- h. Replace Section 14.7.3.3 Non-conforming Lots to read: The proposed use of the non-conforming lot conforms to the front, side and rear yard requirements and to the maximum lot coverage requirements of Section 4.3, Table of Dimensions.
- i. Within Section 15.3.7.2 Deadline and Materials, amend the reference to twenty (20) days to be twenty-five (25) days.
- j. Relative to reports from the Planning Board:
 - (1) Amend Section 15.3.7.5 Report from the Planning Board to read:
The Zoning Board shall deliver to the Planning Board a copy of any application relating to (a) a commercial or industrial project or use, or (b) a residential use of three or more units for which site plan approval will be required, for the Planning Board’s review and comment. Except in extraordinary circumstances requiring immediate action, the Zoning Board shall make no substantive decisions on the application until at least thirty (30) days thereafter. The Planning Board may submit a report or an advisory opinion to the ZBA, and may present testimony at the public hearing, on any application before the ZBA.
 - (2) Add a new Section 15.3.7.6 Reports from the Conservation Commission to read:

The Zoning Board shall deliver to the Conservation Commission a copy of any application relating to a variance request concerning wetlands setback, for the Conservation Commission's review and comment. Except in extraordinary circumstances requiring immediate action, the Zoning Board shall make no substantive decisions on the application until at least thirty (30) days thereafter. The Conservation Commission may submit a report or an advisory opinion to the ZBA, and may present testimony at the public hearing, on any application before the ZBA.

- (3) Renumber Sections as required.
- k. Relative to the Planning Board review:
 - (1) Within Section 15.4.1.4.5 Visual Impact, add the following sentence: In evaluating visual impact, the Planning Board may consider architectural and design elements.
 - (2) Also delete Section 15.4.1.5.2: Architectural Design Review.
 - (3) Within Section 15.4.2 Subdivision Approval and Site Plan Review, add the following sentence: Within the Site Plan Review process, the Planning Board may consider architectural and design elements in order to address compatibility with other development in the area and the goals of this ordinance and visual impact on abutting properties and on the public.
- l. Relative to correcting cross-references:
 - (1) Within Section 8.1.3 Location of Required Parking, amend reference to Section 8.06 to be Section 8.5.
 - (2) Within Section 8.2.3 Requirements Where There are Multiple Uses or Buildings on a Lot, amend reference to Section 8.6 to be Section 8.5.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 10

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance relative to clarifying the definition of building and Section 5.1 Accessory Buildings and Facilities, specifically:

- a. Within the glossary, add to "Building": The term Building shall include structures of permanent or temporary construction, plastic and canvas covered framed structures, structures installed on skids, blocks or a permanent foundation, and all shed and storage facilities.
 - b. Add "sheds and portable structures, including plastic and canvas covered framed structures" to the list of examples included as accessory buildings.
- Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.*

ARTICLE 11

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance relative to Section 8.8 Parking and Storage of Unregistered Motor Vehicles, specifically:

Amend Section 8.8 Parking and Storage of Unregistered Motor Vehicles to read: In any district, not more than two unregistered motor vehicles or trailers shall be parked or stored, except in enclosed buildings, or in areas

that have been designated for such parking and/or storage by Planning Board approved site plans, or in a residential district approved by Special Exception by the ZBA, subject to appropriate screening, setback and other conditions, or less than four vehicles or trailers are stored in a location and manner approved by the zoning administrator. As used herein, unregistered motor vehicle or trailer shall mean a motor vehicle or trailer that would be subject to state vehicle registration if operated or transported on public highways, but which does not have a current valid number plate, or plates attached.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 12

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance to define Tattoo Parlor as a commercial establishment, to allow it only by Special Exception in the Commercial district and to set forth supplemental standards and conditions relative to and limiting its location, specifically:

- a. Within the Glossary, add a definition for Tattoo Parlor to read: A commercial establishment, which either as a principal or as an accessory portion of its business, provides tattooing or body piercing, or both, except for ears, which are not defined as body piercing.
- b. Add Tattoo Parlor to the Table of Uses as a Special Exception (SE) in the Commercial (C) district as use #F-5, renumbering other uses in this table as required; and
- c. Add a new paragraph under Supplemental Standards: A Tattoo Parlor shall be permitted subject to the following conditions: (1) The use shall be located no closer than 1,000 feet from any school, church, or park or from the boundary of the R-1, R-2 and A District, and (2) The use shall not be located closer than 1,000 feet to another Tattoo Parlor.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 13

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance relative to the Village Commercial district, allowing a concert hall or indoor theatre as a conditional use, specifically:

Add to Section 3.8 Table of Uses so that Concert halls or indoor theaters are allowed as a Conditional Use in the Village Commercial district.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 14

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance by clarifying the Section 6.5 Nuisances and Hazards under industrial parks and placing it in section 3 so that it applies to all districts, specifically:

- a. Delete Section 6.5 Nuisances and Hazards.
- b. Add a new Section 3.7 Nuisances and Hazards to read:
No use may be made of any lot that may:

- 1. Become an excessive annoyance or nuisance to other properties by reason of unsightliness or the excessive emission of odors, dust, fumes, smoke, noise, heat or glare; or
 - 2. Unreasonably increase the fire hazard to adjoining properties as measured by fire insurance ratings.
- c. Add a new Section 3.8 Waste Material to read:
 Property owners shall properly dispose of any waste materials, and shall not permit any waste materials to remain on any property, except in an enclosed area approved by the Planning Board.
- d. Renumber paragraphs as required.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 15

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance by requiring an additional three parking spaces for restaurants where take-out food counter service is available, in Section 8.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements, specifically:

- a. Add to Section 8.2.5 Table of Off-Street Parking Requirements under restaurants the requirement that restaurants shall provide an additional five (5) parking spaces where take-out food counter service is available.
- b. Note in table that this requirement may be waived in part, or in its entirety, by the Planning Board through their site plan review process.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 16

Shall the town amend the zoning ordinance controlling the location, height and light projection of outdoor lighting in order to insure the maintenance of Goffstown’s character and to prevent further reduction of visibility of the night sky, to insure efficient use of lighting and to reduce unsafe or annoying lighting conditions, specifically:

- a. Add a new Section 9 to read as follows: Section 9 Outdoor Lighting

9.1 Purpose

It is the intent of this section to maintain Goffstown’s character and to prevent further reduction of visibility of the night sky, to insure efficient use of lighting, and to reduce unsafe or annoying lighting conditions.

9.2 Location and Height

Any new outside lighting whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, shall be mounted at a height equal to or less than the value $3 + (D/3)$, where D is the distance in feet to the nearest property boundary. The maximum height of the light source shall not exceed 25 feet.

9.3 Light Projection

Any new outside lighting, whether for area illumination, sign illumination, building illumination, or other purpose, shall project no more than 3% of its light rays above the horizon from the lamp, its lens structure or any associated reflector. In addition, any new lighting

greater than 20 foot-candles on the ground requires the submission of a detailed engineering lighting plan, and the receipt of a lighting permit from the zoning administrator.

9.4 Exceptions

Exceptions include all temporary lighting required for public or private construction projects, all temporary emergency lighting related to police, fire or other emergency services, all hazard warning luminaries required by Federal regulatory agencies, to the degree and extent required, and all seasonal, decorative lighting displays using multiple low wattage bulbs. The Planning Board may grant exceptions for outdoor recreational facilities and for historic purposes by Conditional Use Permit.

b. Renumber other sections as required.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 17

Shall the town amend the zoning ordinance, increasing the wetland conservation district to 100 feet from certain defined wetlands, specifically:

a. Replacing Section 13.3.3 Limits of the WC District with the following: Section 13.3.3 Limits of the WC District. The precise location of the WC district boundary shall be determined by an on-site inspection of soil types, vegetation and hydrology by a certified soil scientist in accordance with the requirements of the Goffstown Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations.

13.3.3.1 The WC District includes those contiguous wetlands, any part of which lie within the Town of Goffstown, that are two thousand (2,000) square feet or larger, and those wetlands that are of any size if contiguous to surface waters, as well as any land within fifty (50) feet of those wetlands, of any lots that were created on or after March 9, 1993.

13.3.3.2 The WC District also includes those contiguous wetlands, any part of which are twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or larger, as well as any land within one hundred (100) feet of those wetlands, of any lots that were created on or after March 11, 2003. The provisions of this section do not apply to lots that are in the C, I, RSBO or VC zoning districts. Relief from this section may be granted by the Planning Board, following recommendation of the Conservation Commission relative to its impact on the functions and values of the wetland system, and upon a finding that the wetland's functions and values have not been compromised.

b. Delete paragraph 13.3.7.1 and renumber Section 13.3.7 as appropriate.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 18

Shall the Town amend the zoning ordinance Section 10 Open Space Developments in order to make it more flexible, and more completely meeting Goffstown's Master Plan goals, specifically, replacing the existing Section 10 with the following overlay district:

13.5 OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENTS

13.5.1 Authority. This Section is adopted pursuant to the provisions of RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls. The Planning Board shall administer the application, review, and approval process for Open Space Developments through the subdivision of land process, including lot line adjustments.

13.5.2 Purpose and Objectives. The purpose of this Section of the Zoning Ordinance is to allow and encourage alternative subdivision designs that preserve Goffstown's rural character and environmentally sensitive elements, while providing housing that is more desirable in its design for the town and for the general public.

Open Space Developments shall promote the following objectives:

- (a) Maintain the rural character of the town through the preservation of natural resources and open space;
- (b) Preserve agriculture and farming within the community where possible, achieving a balance between farming, open space and residential growth;
- (c) Encourage the use of land in accordance with its character and adaptability, including view sheds, assuring the permanent preservation of open space, agricultural lands, and other natural resources; allowing innovation and greater flexibility in the design of residential developments while facilitating the coordination of design and use between adjacent properties;
- (d) Encourage a less sprawling form of development, thus preserving Open Space as undeveloped land or for dedicated recreational use;
- (e) Provide adequate setbacks and buffers to minimize any adverse affect of the use of a property on neighboring properties; and
- (f) Promote a natural system of storm water management to minimize erosion and to encourage aquifer recharge.

13.5.3 Location. An open space development may be approved only on land located within the R-1, R-2, Agricultural or Conservation zoning districts and having a Parent Lot of ten (10) acres or larger.

13.5.3.1 Mandatory Use of the Open Space Development. Any subdivision or other division of land, including lot line adjustments that may create additional developable lots,

must use an Open Space Design in the Agricultural and Conservation districts if the Parent Lot size is twenty (20) acres or larger, unless

- (a) The completed subdivision of the Parent Lot will have a total of no more than five (5) lots; or
- (b) All lots in the completed subdivision of the Parent Lot will have a minimum of ten (10) acres in size.

13.5.3.2 **Optional Open Space Designs.** Open Space designs are optional in the R-1 and R-2 Districts, and in Agricultural and Conservation Districts where the Parent Lot is less than twenty (20) acres in size.

13.5.4 **Subdivision Approval Required.** An Open Space Development shall require Planning Board approval. The application for approval shall comply with the Planning Board’s subdivision regulations and the following requirements:

13.5.4.1 **Site Analysis.** The applicant shall submit a site analysis plan showing the physical features and character of the site and the surrounding area.

13.5.4.2 **Density Determination.** The applicant shall submit a yield plan showing that the net density will be no greater than permitted within that zoning district for a conventional subdivision or development, unless waived by the Planning Board upon a finding that the proposed number of dwelling units is well within the density requirement.

13.5.5 **Flexibility.** As an exception to Section 13.1, and to encourage flexibility and creativity consistent with the Open Space Development concept, the Planning Board may waive the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance for frontage, yard, lot size, and density standards, upon a finding that the granting of the waiver will promote the objectives of the Open Space Development and will not adversely affect other properties or the public.

13.5.6 **Open Space Requirements.** The total area of dedicated open space shall equal a percentage of the total site, as follows:

<u>Base Density</u> <u>(Dwelling Units /Acre)</u>	<u>Open Space Required</u> <u>(% of Buildable Area)</u>
1 or greater	40%
Between 0.5 and 1	45%
0.5 or less	50%

13.5.7 **Permanent Restriction of Open Space.** Open space land shall not be further subdivided or used other than for recreation, conservation or agricultural purposes, except for easements for utilities, except as approved by the Planning Board.

13.5.8 **Definitions.**

- (a) Base Density - The original maximum density permitted under the property's residential zoning district (dwelling units per acre).
- (b) Buildable Area - All of the area of a parcel, except (a) the area of any street right-of-way proposed to be dedicated to the public; (b) any submerged land area; (c) any portion of the project used for cisterns (may be waived); (d) slopes in excess of 25%; (e) steams, wetlands and Wetland Conservation District areas; and (f) utility rights-of way.
- (c) Open Space - A portion of a development site that is permanently set aside for public or private uses and shall never be developed.
- (d) Open Space Development - A development pattern that arranges the layout of buildings in a compact area of the site so as to preserve and protect, in perpetuity, a portion of the site for recreational or natural open space as an integral part of the overall plan.
- (e) Parent Lot - Any lot, as it existed on March 11, 2003, the date this ordinance went into effect.
- (f) Yield Plan - A plan submitted by the applicant showing a feasible conventional subdivision under the requirements of the specific zoning district in which the property is located and the requirements of any and all State and local subdivision regulations.

Proposed by the Planning Board. Recommended by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four dollars (\$591,574) for the purpose of financing the Municipal Curbside Recycling Program and to authorize the issuance of not more than Five Hundred Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four dollars (\$591,574) of bonds or notes with bond related fees in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, the maturity and the other terms and provisions thereof, as may be in the best interests of the Town? (A 3/5 ballot vote is required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 20

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) to continue the curbside recycling contract? This amount will be appropriated only if Article 19 fails. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 21

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Fifteen Thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of funding the nonprofit Goffstown Main Street Program, Inc. for the year 2003? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 22

Shall the Town of Goffstown raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Three dollars (\$13,928,753)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Fourteen Million Eighty-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three dollars (\$14,084,193), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Goffstown or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. NOTE: This article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in any other warrant article.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 23

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Ninety dollars (\$1,810,490) for the road improvement plan, which was initiated last year? This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d). (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 24

Shall the town establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquisition of land, easements and/or land rights for conservation purposes and to raise and appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in this fund? (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 25

Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 41:14-a which authorizes the acquisition or sale of land, buildings or both by the Selectmen provided they follow the requirements of the statute and which authority is to remain in effect until specifically rescinded by a vote of the Town?

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 26

Shall the town appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund when established in accordance with statute?

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 27

Shall the Town establish a "Pay As You Throw" trash and recycling program, and authorize the Selectmen to establish user fees for the disposal of trash and recyclables? The intent of this program is to create an economic incentive to recycle, to provide equity for all users, and to eliminate the economic waste in the current recycling program. This program is expected to generate One Million One Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Twenty-Four dollars (\$1,158,024) in revenue. (This revenue is in addition to Article 22.)

Presented by the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 28

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Seventy Eight Thousand dollars (\$78,000) for the town's portion of property acquisition and plan design for an alternative transportation path in the Town of Goffstown? This money was raised by taxation in 2001 but returned to the General Fund when negotiations could not be satisfactorily completed in time. This project will be funded by a \$78,000 transfer from the General Fund Balance. This article is designated as a Special Article pursuant to RSA 32:3, VI (d) and the authority to expend will be limited to one year. (This appropriation is in addition to Article 22.)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.

ARTICLE 29

This Petition is being circulated to help get tax credits for Disabled Residents of the Goffstown Community. We hereby ask this to be brought up for a town vote next election period.

Submitted by petition.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
GOFFSTOWN, N.H.**

(MARCH 11, 2003)

Jo Ann Duffy, School District Clerk

Article 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

- Keith Allard**
- Jane E. Raymond**

To choose one member of the School Board for a remaining one-year term.

- Dorine L. Olson**

To chose three School District Officials for the ensuing three years, namely:

- School District Moderator **“Larry” Emerton**
- School District Treasurer **Helen Skoglund**
- School District Clerk **Jo Ann Duffy**

Article 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) for (1) The construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, land acquisition, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and to raise an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,295,300.00), which equals the project cost of THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) less revenue from Kindergarten aid of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,297,700.00) and Impact Fees from the Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Fund of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) by the issuance of bonds or notes to the District in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board; and (2) to further raise and appropriate through taxation a sum of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

DOLLARS (\$26,179.00) for the initial interest payment and fees on said bonds or notes. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the Operating Budget Article. (Sixty percent vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Article 3

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2003 – 04	\$ 117,135.00
2004 – 05	\$ 129,105.00
2005 – 06	\$ 139,149.00
2006 – 07	\$ 111,303.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$117,135.00) for the 2003-04 fiscal year, and to take ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$11,487.00) from the Food Service Revenue accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$105,648.00) to come from taxation for the purpose of funding the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article)

Article 4

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY- FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be TWENTY FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY- NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$25,469,258.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00) as the Operating Budget.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

SCHOOL BOARD

I must begin by thanking the citizens of Goffstown who have given of their time to work on our Building and Kindergarten Committees. The Board sincerely appreciates their dedicated efforts.

Although a default budget is always a challenge, the Administration and building principals are commended for their efforts to continue "*Advancing Student Learning*" despite budgetary constraints. This coming year will be a challenge, as we will again need to fill the gaps in programming and staffing created by a default budget. The Board has worked very hard to develop a fiscally responsible and defensible budget for the ensuing year. This budget accurately reflects the costs of educating our youth at a time of unparalleled growth, and the need to keep educational programming and technology on the cutting edge for our students and staff.

The Board continues to work with the Superintendent's office to manage our default budget and get the most out of every dollar spent. Adjustments to various budget lines and programs must be made in order to keep within the budget as set. Unanticipated Special Educational and Special Needs costs continue to present a formidable challenge to both the Administration and the Board. Newly mandated Federal educational programs will also prove to be a fiscal challenge, as they often do not come with the Federal money needed to implement them.

Building renovations that have been completed at the high school are a wonder to behold. Much work has been completed, but more lies ahead. The Board asks all citizens using those buildings to treat them with care and respect, as they need to last for a very long time. Portable classrooms have been placed at various schools so that the fourth grade students can remain in an elementary school setting.

A huge "thank you" goes out to all those who have worked on our various athletic fields and the various new buildings and fixtures thereon. The spirit of community is alive and well in Goffstown, and allows us to offer co-curricular and extracurricular activities that the public desires, but that would otherwise be impossible due to budget constraints.

The Board has done significant work in the long-range planning area to address our space needs for the future. A look around town will reveal that as we continue to grow at the current rate, our school spaces will need improvement. The Board is putting forth a Kindergarten proposal that will allow for future expansion in much-needed elementary school space. The good news is that if the proposal is approved, 75% of the costs to build the kindergarten school (including infrastructure sufficient for expansion) will be borne by the State. It is unlikely that the State will offer these funds ever again, and this is a great opportunity for Goffstown to look into the future for our children.

On the educational front, the Board continues to work hard to promote our overall goal of *Advancing Student Learning*. The District's *Literacy Program*

is in full swing and has met with great success to date. This continues to be an area where our success is showing based on the progress of our students. Literacy is an area that is of critical importance to the success of any student, and we continue working hard to assist those students in need.

The School Board Curriculum and Education Committee continues to work hard to ensure appropriate course content and rigor throughout the district. Our *BEST Schools* teams are also hard at work to invigorate and enhance the learning process for all students, and smoothing the transition from middle school to high school. Ongoing review of all educational programs is the hallmark of this committee's work, and they do it in a well-reasoned and informed manner.

The Administration and Finance Review Committee has been working for months reviewing the AREA Agreement under which New Boston and Dunbarton send their middle and high school students to Goffstown on a tuition basis. The current agreement dates back to the early 1970's and expires as of 2008. There can be no argument that it needs to be updated and modified to meet today's educational and fiscal challenges. It is the committee's hope that we might reach an educationally appropriate and fiscally responsible successor agreement to benefit all participants.

Our Planning and Communications Committee worked extremely hard to finalize the School Board's goals for this year and develop a plan to continue an ongoing, two-way dialogue with our constituents. This committee is also working on an ongoing basis to improve and enhance communication with the various town-side entities involved in the budget process. Members of the Board and this committee have been and will be at various events and are available to speak with you about issues of concern.

The Planning and Communications Committee would also like to remind you that our relationship with the citizen is interactive. As such, in order for us to implement what our community desires, community members must actively participate in the process, and must follow through at the polls. Anyone interested in what is going on in our schools, or in what the Board or SAU is working on can also get information from our website at: www.goffstown.k12.nh.us. One must remember that accurate information makes for good decision-making.

Please know that the Board will work diligently as always to ensure that we promote an educationally **sound budget** that does not ignore the concerns of our taxpayers. It is **our sincere hope** that we can continue to build a positive relationship with **our Budget Committee representatives**.

Finally, I would be **remiss not** to mention the passing of our former Board Chairman, Dr. Craig **Hieber**. Craig was a respected scholar and teacher, a hard-working family man and concerned citizen actively making the Town of Goffstown the kind of town that we all can be proud of. His hard work is most appreciated. It is **true that** "character shows", and Craig was the living embodiment of that phrase. He will be missed, but not forgotten. He did make a difference in all the lives he touched. I know that he is with this

Board in spirit as we continue to work toward a vision we shared with him in making Goffstown's schools the best possible.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the current members of the School Board for their untiring efforts. The Board's combined experience, intellect, and thoughtful approach to all aspects of their work has made an extremely challenging and time-consuming endeavor a pleasure to undertake. Their consistent devotion to the current and soon-to-be student of Goffstown is commended.

The members of the Goffstown School Board look forward to serving you in the ensuing year, and wish to thank you for your support. Best wishes and good fortune to all!

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry P. Steckowych, Esquire, Chair

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2001-2002 school year held a renewed level of enthusiasm, sense of purpose and vigor for students and staff. This continues to be an exciting place to live, work and learn. On behalf of the School Administrative Unit #19 School Districts of Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston, our Boards of Education, school site administrators, dedicated front line personnel – our teachers – and the ones for whom we work, the children of our towns, I present the following report.

Student population in Goffstown stabilized in the previous year. The population was 2,841 in June 2001 and ended the year in June 2002 at 2828. October 2002 enrollments however have reached 2,998 students. Student growth is primarily at Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown AREA High School. This fall the fourth grade was moved from Mountain View Middle School to the elementary schools to alleviate overcrowding. A portable classroom building was located at Maple Avenue and Bartlett schools to accommodate fourth graders and preschoolers. Even with that change, the enrollment of the middle school is 1,064 pupils. The high school at 1,170 students in October 2002 is the largest it has ever been. This growth placed Goffstown AREA High School into Class L (large school) for athletics beginning in the Fall of 2002.

Yearly assessments are administered to students across the grade levels in our districts. They include Early Literacy Screening (Grade 1), Writing Prompts (Grade 1-8), *Houghton Mifflin Benchmark Assessment* (Grades 2-6), *Everyday Mathematics Assessment* (Grade 1-6), *New Standards Reference Examination* (Grades 5, 7, 8, and 9), NHEIAP at Grades 3, 6, and 10, and at the high school level *AP Exams*, *PSAT*, *SAT*, *ASVAB*, and common mid-terms and finals.

No one assessment provides a complete picture of our students or our programs. Viewed collectively, the purpose of these assessments is to: (1) determine the effectiveness of district reading, writing, and mathematics programs as well as the degree to which students have learned content materials outlined in our curriculum; (2) assess individual student progress and report that information to parents; (3) plan appropriate professional development based on identified areas of need designated by student data; (4) determine intervention or enrichment activities; and (5) report to parents and the community the progress students are making toward meeting established learning goals.

What have we learned? Over the last four years, students in Grades 1-8 participated in writing a grade level writing prompt. Each student's work is scored based on their ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, and presentation. Teachers score the writing prompts and they use this information to guide and plan classroom instruction. Teachers and administrators have observed a greater classroom focus on writing across content areas and therefore overall student writing is improving. Children in Grades 2-6, also participate in the *Houghton Mifflin Benchmark Assessment*. School reports over the last three years indicate a significant decrease in the number of children reading below grade level. In 1999, 28% of 3rd graders across our districts read below the grade level average. In 2002, that number decreased to 15%. We are making steady progress toward our goal of having all children reading and writing on grade level.

Across our three school districts, student performance on the *New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program* (NHEIAP) for Grades 3 and 6, shows steady progress. Students in Dunbarton, Goffstown and New Boston are performing at or above state averages in almost all content areas. Grade 10 NHEIAP scores are holding steady but educators are discussing ways in which we can provide support and incentives to improve overall performance. The *New Standards Reference Examination* provides information about how our students in Grades 5, 7, 8, and 9, perform based on national student averages. Students at both MVMS and GAHS, outperform students nationally in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. An identified area of concern is multiple step problem solving and that will be a focus for our professional development opportunities. We continue to develop a close relationship between the learning of our educators and that of their students.

School drop out rates at GAHS are among the lowest in the state. Our college acceptance rate is improving. GAHS students are consistently accepted at the colleges of their choice. We have students accepted at Ivy League schools at the same rates as schools of comparable size. Another factor in our profile is that GAHS usually has a higher than average St. Paul Summer Program acceptance rate than similar size schools across the state.

One concern that has come to the surface as part of our data review, is the overall SAT scores of our students. It appears that the scores are not consistent with the ability or other achievements of our students. Since the year 2000, increases are obvious, however we believe with further program and assessment support, students will achieve at higher levels.

Staff members in all of our elementary schools were trained in the *Second Step Program*, a program which develops skills in our children to deal with diversity as well as adversity and gives them tools to resolve conflicts. DARE program instruction continued through the support of our local police departments. Implementation of the Everyday Mathematics program continues in our schools for students K-6. Professional development opportunities have been developed for staff, and Family and Parent Mathematics nights have been presented. Our Social Studies Curriculum Committee completed their work in aligning our program with the State Curriculum Frameworks and new materials were purchased. This past summer staff completed curriculum work in science. They also participated in programs such as Write Traits instruction, Guided Reading, Mentor Training and Image Writing. A BEST Schools Team spent a week together to develop a comprehensive approach to addressing areas of need identified in the study of our Middle School. The primary focus of their efforts will address the failure rate of grade 9 students by improving the transition from grade 8 to grade 9. This project addresses six areas: Assured Learning Experiences, Student Attitudes and Behaviors, Transition Process, Communication, Technology and Research. The Advanced Placement program at the high school continues to grow with seven offerings during the current school year. Staff new to the program spent many hours this past summer in classes preparing for teaching these courses. As you have heard me say before, teacher quality is the factor that matters most in student learning. What teachers know and do has an important influence on student achievement. We have had teachers working diligently on their personal professional development plan. In addition to work in core curriculum areas and the instructional process, the integration of technology has come to the forefront as an area we must improve.

The renovations and additions at GAHS were a constant challenge to the educational process this past school year. Students and staff made it through the struggle keeping a keen eye on the improvements in process. We were all pleased to open this school year with a SAU-wide staff meeting in the newly expanded and renovated gymnasium. Students were welcomed to a new cafeteria space, new art rooms, refreshed classrooms, theater and music rooms, new administration, guidance and health offices, and expanded parking. The next phase of the high school project got underway in January and will be completed by September of 2003.

Through the efforts of many community volunteers and Field of Dreams supporters, two new areas for field sports were ready for use this past fall.

The Goffstown Area Stadium Committee continues to plan and fundraise for bleachers, lights and concession stands. Another group, the Softball Boosters began the overhaul of the softball field on campus. Through the hard work of a select few and the contributions and support of many, this field will be ready for use Spring of 2003.

Our facilities are used by community programs including Cub Scouts, Brownies, Screamin' Eagles Football and Cheerleading Clubs, Lions Club, Rotary and Tri-Town Soccer. Town recreation programs are active in all of our schools and utilize playing fields as well as gymnasiums and multi-purpose spaces. Self-funded After School Programs exist at each elementary school in the SAU. Summer School literacy and numeracy programs were again offered for all grade levels. An extended year program is also operated annually for students with special needs.

All three of our districts were in some way involved with Long Range Planning Committees. The studies included a New Boston educational survey of the community, AREA Review Committees in all three towns, and a Goffstown Kindergarten Study Committee. A formal discussion of the future of the AREA Contract between the school districts will begin in earnest later in 2003. The Goffstown Kindergarten Committee, the School Board and the Budget Committee are all supporting the funding of a kindergarten building proposal. This issue will be voted upon in March of 2003.

Six teachers retired during the 2001-2002 school year. We send best wishes to Michael MacQueston, Richard Wood, Linda Lawrence, Louise Draper and Michael Colbert of Mountain View Middle School and Charles (Pooch) Baker of Goffstown AREA High School. We are forever indebted for their work with our students. We cherish the memory of our friend and colleague Candy Champagne (Bartlett Physical Education teacher) who lost her battle with cancer.

We thanked several School Board members for their years of service. Members completing Board service were Paul O'Reilly, Al Packard, John Stafford and student member Ben Bruno. We continue to mourn the loss of Dr. Craig Hieber (Board Chair) who died suddenly on July 18, 2002.

As we look toward the future, our educational focus will be upon:

- The appropriate integration of technology to augment our goals for student learning;
- Reading and writing across all content areas;
- Consistency of instruction across and between grade levels;
- Instructional practices that are proven to be "best practice" that advance student learning;
- Mathematical problem solving and its application; and
- Family and School partnerships for learning.

In closing, as always, we give thanks to school boards, employees, school volunteers, parents and citizens who have contributed to the past and present

accomplishments of our students. Your continued support and cooperation is essential to our students' success.

Darrell J. Lockwood, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

February 6, 2002

Moderator, Larry Emerton, called the 2002 School District Deliberative Session to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 82 registered voters in attendance. Arthur Rose and Richard Fletcher were sworn-in as counters.

Mr. Emerton introduced School Board members; Chair Craig Hieber, Vice Chair Paul O'Reilly, Ellen Vermokowitz, Al Packard, Jane Raymond, John Stafford, Michael York, and Scott Gross. Mr. Emerton also introduced Superintendent Darrell Lockwood; Assistant Superintendent Mary Heath; Business Manager Michele Croteau; Principals Mark Roth, Rose Colby, Marc Boyd and David Bousquet and Assistant Principal Leslie Doster.

Moderator Emerson also introduced Budget Committee Chair Peter Georgantas; Budget Committee School Sub-Committee Chair John Caprio; School District Clerk Jo Ann D'Avanza; and Assistant Moderator Fred Plett.

Ezra Beck led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. The GAHS Small Ensemble, led by Chris Shimkus, followed, singing the Star Spangled Banner. Next, Moderator Emerton introduced the 2001 Field Hockey Champions. The brand new Goffstown First Robotic Team introduced their robot. Jim Tsiatsos, technology education teacher at the high school, who is heading up the U.S. Robotics team at Goffstown AREA High School, introduced the team.

Mr. Emerton expressed his sadness on the passing of Dr. Snay, who had at one time been a Goffstown School Board member.

Craig Hieber recognized two members of the School Board who are leaving; Al Packard and Paul O'Reilly, and presented each of them with a plaque.

Scott Gross: Last year the Goffstown School Board created two awards to recognize outstanding contributions and sustained commitment in advancing student learning. This year's Dream Keeper and Cornerstone Award winners are truly the heroes in our community.

This year's winners of the Cornerstone Award are:

Charles Carr

Nancy Killeen

Brigid McNamee

Patricia Packard

Our Dream Keeper Award recipient is:

Kathryn Stoye

Pat Packard is a Multiage teacher at Maple Avenue Elementary School. Pat has a reputation as a terrific educator and as someone who epitomizes lifelong learning. During her career at Maple Avenue Elementary School, she has distinguished herself as a pioneer for bringing a multiage program to Goffstown. A teacher with high standards for her students, Pat Packard is no doubt a very special person in the Goffstown School District.

Being a role model for teachers and promoting change initiatives at Mountain View Middle School is what separates Nancy Killeen from other teachers. For many years, Nancy has been a leader at MVMS and she has been instrumental in her work on the Integrated Model for Improvement for Instruction. Nancy is a fine educator who serves on a variety of different committees to improve the quality of education in Goffstown.

When you think about someone who has made a significant contribution to literacy in our district, it would be impossible to overlook Brigid McNamee. Brigid's dedication to improving the literacy skills of Goffstown's students is what makes her such an important asset at Bartlett Elementary School. A member of the SAU 19 Professional Development Committee, Brigid's enthusiasm for teaching has served as a great example for other teachers.

Charlie Carr is an individual who has clearly committed his adult life to education, and improving student learning. As a volunteer in our community for many years, Charlie brings many years of experience as a retired teacher and former school board member. For those of you who may not sit around at night eating chips and watching GTV-16, Charlie Carr has been instrumental in the Goffstown High School Renovation Project and recently, the Kindergarten/Elementary School Needs Committee. Charlie's work ethic and enthusiasm toward school district initiatives cannot be matched.

Keeping the dream alive at Maple Avenue Elementary and Mountain View Middle School is Kathryn Stoye. As president of the PFT, Kathryn has been an outstanding leader in our community. At after-school functions you will usually find Kathryn busy making sure that everything is going as planned. Because of Kathryn's contributions to our schools as PFT President and volunteer, our student's lives have been enriched by the variety of activities that would have not been possible without her involvement. The Goffstown District is proud to present you this year's Dream Keeper Award.

The names of all recipients are on the Dream Keeper and Cornerstone plaques and will remain on display here in the GAHS lobby.

A motion was made by Peter Georgantas and seconded by George Collins to dispense with the reading of Articles 2-6 and take them up separately. This was voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Mr. Emerton then read the legal posting for this meeting and the MS-27.

ARTICLE 2

Shall the School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the School District, money from state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (The School Board recommends this Article.) (Majority vote required.)

MOTION: Craig Hieber moved, seconded by John Stafford to place Article 2 on the Ballot as presented.

(ARTICLE 2 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.)

ARTICLE 3

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$537,746.00) for the purpose of constructing a new roof support structure and abatement of asbestos materials in the existing roof for the Goffstown AREA High School plus completing any other related modifications necessary to comply with current building and safety codes and authorize the use of up to that amount from the June 30, 2002 fund balance for this purpose? As of December 11, 2001, the amount earned on bond proceeds which will contribute to the fund balance is TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$214,358.00). This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6 the Operating Budget Article. (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.) (Majority vote required.)

MOTION: Ellen Vermokowitz moved, seconded by John Stafford to place Article 3 on the Ballot as presented.

Ellen Vermokowitz: I ask you to join me in thanking the people that serve on the Building Committee: John Stafford, Sue Tremblay, Sara Sarette, Charlie Carr, and Colleen Russo. Thank you all very much. The high school project is moving along quite well. We expect all additions to be completed by next September. The new ball field will be able to be used next fall. Our gym will seat over 800 fans. We will have handicapped parking and a fitness room and new classrooms. More work will continue throughout the school year. Let's not forget a structurally sound and leak proof roof. This article provides for the funding of roof repairs. When we were able to hire a structural engineer to look at the roof, he discovered unknown problems. We feel this work is absolutely necessary. It will create a sound roof over the interior of our school for many years to come.

Peter Showerman: We had \$10 million expended last year for renovations. Why weren't the problems with the roof discovered at that time?

Ellen Vermokowitz: The district was able to hire an architect for this project. The project included roof work. This was specific to the additions. We had no way of knowing of the snowdrift loads.

(ARTICLE 3 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.)

ARTICLE 4

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$43,212.00) for the purpose of funding the cost of the high school football program; of which NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$19,571.00) is to come from the District and up to TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$23,641.00) from private funds? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6 the Operating Budget Article. (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.) (Majority vote required.)

MOTION: Kerry Steckowych moved, seconded by Al Packard to place Article 4 on the Ballot as presented.

Kerry Steckowych: This is a spark for the continuation of the football program. This is an opportunity for the voters to get behind this program and let the School Board know they will fund this year after year.

Ezra Beck: I am against the Article. With the operating budget up and the roof problems, I think this is a poor time to do this. Is this for equipment?

Kerry Steckowych: It is the program from the bottom up. The program is an expensive program. This is for the team's equipment and coaching. The Board would anticipate funding for football as part of its operating budget each year if this passes the vote this year.

Pam Manney: If the fundraisers do not raise the necessary funds, will the school district cover that cost?

Kerry Steckowych: I don't see the school district covering anything other than the \$19,471.00. The teams tend to be bigger than a baseball team. There are approximately 62 students on the team.

Tess Marts: I want to thank you for putting this on the ballot. This is one of the most exciting things I have seen for our community. This is such a boost for the students in our school.

(ARTICLE 4 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED.)

ARTICLE 5

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) to study, design and develop plans for additional school space, including space for a kindergarten program? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #6 the Operating Budget Article. (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.) (Majority vote required.)

MOTION: Jane Raymond moved, seconded by Michael York to place Article 5 on the Ballot as presented.

Jane Raymond recognized the Kindergarten Planning Committee members.

Ezra Beck: Doesn't the Town know how many kids are in town under the age of five? Why do we need to spend \$50,000?

Jane Raymond: The \$50,000 is similar to when we appropriated monies for the high school renovation. This money would be for architect fees, land investigation, studying soils. It is not to investigate the number of children. Those numbers are available from other venues. The kindergarten funding in the State of New Hampshire has been in doubt because it had to be reauthorized. But the state has put forward significant monies to assist communities in building kindergartens and helping the students get started. In order to make a presentation for the kindergarten space needs, we would need more than a rough estimate. We would need to find a parcel of land that would be suitable. You would need experts helping you with those studies.

Paul O'Reilly: The money should be spent so we do not run into the same problem we did with the high school project.

Arthur Rose: The handout does explain Article 5. Before you invest in purchasing land, you need to make sure it is suitable. That is why we need this money upfront to proceed ahead with the program.

(ARTICLE 5 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED)

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling TWENTY-FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS (\$24,251,116.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be TWENTY-THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$23,428,791.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends \$24,251,116.00.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.) (Majority vote required.)

MOTION: Scott Gross moved, seconded by Craig Hieber to place Article 6 on the Ballot as presented.

Pam Manney: The percentage increase in the school's budget is about ten percent. The school's tax rate is going up a little over \$4.25. Could you explain why the Town is able to keep their tax rate so low and the school is not able to do that?

Scott Gross: The Town is able to offset the tax rate by revenues and the general fund. We do not have that same luxury. I don't think we are allowed by law to keep monies leftover.

Bob Wheeler: The Town, by Statute, is charged with the financial solvency of the community. Because the Town has that kind of responsibility, the Town is responsible for having to reserve contingencies. It is different than the school's reserve. We put in the same type of money into a reserve that the School Board does. If we spend less than what was appropriated, or our revenues exceed what was expected to be, both of those things make a contribution to the surplus account. The Town puts that account into a bucket and we have monies from the previous years and we need to keep a reserve. It is suggested to be between five and ten percent to take care of contingencies. The School Board has a reserve that is created the same way, but they can't put it in the budget. It becomes the first item of revenue in the following year on the revenue side of the ledger. The Town can chose how much to put in and how much to take out; the school cannot.

Liz Veilleux: Does the Town of Goffstown charge a school impact fee to developers?

Scott Gross: Yes, it has about \$75,000 in the fund.

Pam Manney: What do you think we need to do to lower the tax rate on the school side?

Scott Gross: That is something that we struggle with as a community - how can we bring in more businesses? Unfortunately, we are a bedroom community.

Tess Marts: One of the best things we can do to help the Town is to accept revenues from the State.

(ARTICLE 6 WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS PRESENTED)

MOTION: Peter Georgantas moved, seconded by Fred Plett to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann D'Avanza, School District Clerk

ELECTION RESULTS

March 12, 2002

Article 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

Philip Pancoast	1653
Sara Ann Sarette	1849
Tammy Schofield	1564
John G. Stafford	1547

Article 2

Shall the School District accept the provisions of RSA 198:20-b providing that any school district at an annual meeting adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the school board to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the School District, money from state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? (The School Board recommends this Article.) Yes: 1782 No: 1031

Article 3

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Article 4

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$43,212.00) for the purpose of funding the cost of the high school football program; of which NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$19,571.00) is to come from the District and up to TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$23,641.00) from

private funds? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #7 the Operating Budget Article. (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.) Yes: 1319 No: 1616

Article 5

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) to study, design and develop plans for additional school space, including space for a kindergarten program? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #7 the Operating Budget Article. (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.) (Majority vote required.) Yes: 1377 No: 1552

Article 6

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling TWENTY-FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS (\$24,251,116.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be TWENTY-THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$23,428,791.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends this article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.) Yes: 1335 No: 1569

2003 WARRANT

SCHOOL DELIBERATIVE BALLOT DETERMINATION MEETING (February 3, 2003)

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Goffstown qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet on Monday, the third day of February 2003, in the Gymnasium at Goffstown AREA High School, at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the 11th day of March 2003, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 11, 2003, at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. at the Central polling district at the Goffstown AREA High School and will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M. in the Fifth District at the Bartlett Elementary School.

Article 1

To choose all School District officers for the ensuing years:

To choose three members of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

To choose one member of the School Board for a remaining one-year term.

To choose three School District Officials for the ensuing three years, namely: School District Moderator, School District Treasurer, and School District Clerk.

Article 2

Shall the School District raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) for (1) The construction of a 10 classroom Kindergarten facility, for the payment of furnishings, equipment, architectural and other fees, land acquisition, site development and related incidental and necessary costs for such construction pursuant to the plans and specifications as may be approved by the School Board, copies of which shall be on file with the School Administrative Unit #19 Office in Goffstown, New Hampshire; and to raise an amount not to exceed ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-

FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,295,300.00), which equals the project cost of THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,693,000.00) less revenue from Kindergarten aid of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,297,700.00) and Impact Fees from the Town of Goffstown School Impact Fee Fund of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) by the issuance of bonds or notes to the District in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, the form and terms of said bonds or notes including the time and place for the payment of interest, the rate of interest, and provisions for the sale of said bonds, or notes and all other matters in connection therewith to be left to the discretion of the School Board; and (2) to further raise and appropriate through taxation a sum of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$26,179.00) for the initial interest payment and fees on said bonds or notes. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #4, the Operating Budget Article. (Sixty percent vote required.) (The School Board recommends this Article.) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article.)

Article 3

Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the four-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Goffstown School Board and the Goffstown Educational Support Staff Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2003 – 04	\$ 117,135.00
2004 – 05	\$ 129,105.00
2005 – 06	\$ 139,149.00
2006 – 07	\$ 111,303.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$117,135.00) for the 2003-04 fiscal year, and to take ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$11,487.00) from the Food Service Revenue accounts with the remaining ONE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$105,648.00) to come from taxation for the purpose of funding the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. (Majority vote required.)

(The School Board recommends this Article) (The Budget Committee recommends this Article)

Article 4

Shall the Goffstown School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY- FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00). Should this Article be defeated, the Operating Budget shall be TWENTY FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY- NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$25,469,258.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Goffstown School District or by law. In the event this Article is defeated, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only. (The School Board recommends TWENTY SIX MILLION NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$26,009,185.00) as the Operating Budget.) (The Budget Committee recommends this article.)

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AT SAID GOFFSTOWN ON THIS 20th DAY OF JANUARY 2003.

GOFFSTOWN SCHOOL BOARD

Kerry Steckowych, Esq. Chair
Tammy Schofield
Jane Raymond
John G. Stafford
Michael York

Scott Gross, Vice Chair
Philip Pancoast
Sara Ann Sarette
Ellen Vermokowitz

OCTOBER 1ST PUPIL ENROLLMENT 1998-2002

School	Grade	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
BARTLETT	Pre-School	17	29	29	28	33
Multi-age (1,2,3)		42	42	42	---	---
Combination Grades ½		---	---	20	---	---
1		47	32	37	57	52
2		37	47	20	57	59
3		42	36	48	35	53
4		---	---	---	---	44
Total - Bartlett		185	186	196	177	241
MAPLE AVE	Pre-School	18	---	---	---	---
Multi-age (1,2,3)		69	68	66	67	---
Combination (2,3)		---	---	---	---	46
1		117	115	95	107	126
2		97	120	114	99	110
3		152	108	127	119	97
4		---	25	23	44	144
Total - Maple Avenue		453	436	425	436	523
MOUNTAIN VIEW	4	191	214	168	156	---
	5	203	200	232	199	197
	6	208	220	211	239	223
	7	286	305	314	303	331
	8	257	301	310	320	313
Total - MVMS		1,145	1,240	1,235	1,217	1,064
GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL						
	9	225	240	330	302	314
	10	245	224	243	323	303
	11	273	257	242	259	308
	12	181	219	206	185	245
Total - GAHS		924	940	1,021	1,069	1,170
GRAND TOTAL 1998- 2002		2,707	2,802	2,877	2,899	2,998

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT LETTER

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Nashua, N.H. 03063-1974

To the School Committee
Goffstown School District

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Goffstown School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated September 25, 2002. As part of our audit, we made a study and evaluation of the District's system of internal accounting control to the extent we considered necessary to evaluate the system as required by generally accepted auditing standards. Under these standards, the purposes of such evaluations are to establish a basis for reliance on the system of internal accounting control in determining the nature, timing, and extent of other auditing procedures that are necessary for expressing an opinion on the general purpose financial statements.

The management of the Goffstown School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal accounting control. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by them are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of such a system are to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with required authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of inherent limitations in any system of internal accounting control, errors or irregularities may still occur without being detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risks that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

Our study and evaluation was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal accounting control and would not necessarily disclose all weaknesses in the system. However, as a result of our study and evaluation, and in an effort to be of assistance to the District, we are submitting for your consideration comments and recommendations intended to improve operations and internal accounting control.

After you have had an opportunity to consider our comments and recommendations, we would be pleased to discuss them with you.

Nashua, New Hampshire
September 25, 2002

1. Update and Implement Departmental Receipt Policies and Procedures

The District created a handbook of accounting policies and administrative procedures in 1996. Within the handbook are formal written policies and procedures for departments to follow for collecting or remitting receipts. Although we did not note any errors or irregularities during our audit, we did note that in certain situations the District did not fully follow the prescribed policies. This increases the risk that errors or irregularities could occur and go undetected.

We recommend the District review and update the existing written departmental receipt policies and procedures to include issues such as uniform receipt records, receipt logs, audit trails, standard forms for remittances to the Business Office, overnight security, check cashing policies and reconciliation policies between District and department. We further recommend the Business Office personnel perform periodic internal audits of the various departments to assure compliance with the revised policies and procedures. This should result in improved controls over departmental receipts and reduce the likelihood of errors or irregularities occurring.

District Response

We concur that it is time to update the written policies and procedures in the handbook. Currently each School in the District manages their own process for collecting, documenting and remitting departmental receipts. Although this allows each School to establish processes that work at their location, it has created some deviations from the handbook. The current practices will be reviewed, modified where appropriate to create consistency, and documented for inclusion in the handbook.

2. Prepare Student Activity Fund Policy and Procedure Manual

The District maintains various student activity funds, however, there is currently no formal policy and procedure manual to document day-to-day operations of the funds.

We recommend the District formally document the policies and procedures related to student activity fund maintenance. Although the following list is not meant to be all-inclusive, we specifically recommend the following issues be addressed in the manual.

- Treatment of accounts for graduated classes
- Closing of inactive accounts
- Closing of unauthorized bank accounts for separate activities
- Segregation of duties

- Transfer control of scholarship accounts to Treasurer or Town Trustee of Trust Funds
- Standardized forms for remitting receipts from advisors to school administrative staff, including breakdown of bills, coins, and checks.
- Standardized advisor disbursement request forms
- Types of expenses allowed and disallowed to flow through this account
- Verifying availability of funds
- Standardized reconciliation procedures for activity advisors and bank statements
- Ongoing training and support

The implementation of a formal policy and procedure manual will provide District personnel and activity advisors with a documented resource to properly and consistently maintain student activity fund records.

District Response:

We agree that policies and procedures should be formalized and included in the handbook. Over time, variations between each School's internal process were not reflected in the handbook. The current practices will be reviewed, modified where appropriate to create consistency and documented for inclusion in the handbook.

3. Close Unauthorized Bank Accounts

Through the audit process of confirming bank accounts, the District has been made aware by the various local banks that several unauthorized accounts exist under the District's federal identification number. All bank accounts should be under the authority of the District Treasurer.

We recommend the District obtain a complete listing of all unauthorized accounts and contact appropriate parties so these accounts can be closed. All local banks should be reminded that accounts should not be opened under the District's identification number without appropriate District authorization.

District Response:

As a result of the audit process, three accounts were identified by a local bank which were not being tracked by the School District Treasurer. One of these accounts was originally established in 1977 as a scholarship fund and the other two were established to hold funds for two graduated classes. Although the scholarship funds were being tracked, it was being done at the school building level rather than by the Treasurer. Upon further review, it was determined that these funds should in fact be managed by the Town Trustee of Trust funds per the original donor's request. The funds have since been transferred to the Trustee's care. In the case of the class funds, the District is in the process of contacting the signers of the accounts and requesting (1) that they establish a separate account to track their class funds now that their classes have graduated and, (2) that the account utilizing the School District's tax identification number be closed. As a safeguard against

this in the future, the Administration will be working with the local banks to ensure that appropriate documentation is required for all new accounts.

4. Improve Purchase Order System

In our testing of the budget, we noted several old purchase orders which remain open in the District's accounting records. Apparently these were caused because teachers requested encumbrances for courses taken, but have not yet requested reimbursement for course fees.

We recommend that Teacher's contracts stipulate a time period for submitting receipts for reimbursement for classes they take. We further recommend that old open purchase orders be closed out at year end. This will provide a more timely recognition of District liabilities and allow greater financial management by department heads.

District Response:

In some cases, the District has experienced significant delays when attempting to obtain the required receipts and other documentation to authorize payment of teacher course reimbursement. As a result, purchase orders remain open and unpaid until this information is received. We agree with the recommendation provided and will be working with the Goffstown Education Association representatives to identify a mutually acceptable solution.

5. Implement Department Reconciliation Procedures

Currently, no formal procedures exist to reconcile the Business Office accounting records for school lunch activities with the records of the individual responsible for administering the School Lunch program.

We recommend that on a monthly basis, the Business Office continue to provide School Lunch administrator with a printout of the general ledger accounts for revenues, expenditures and related fund balances. The administrator, in turn, should reconcile their records to the ledger and report any differences or discrepancies to the Business Office. These procedures will reduce the likelihood of errors and irregularities occurring and going undetected.

District Response:

The detailed source documents used by the Business Office for tracking School Lunch activity are provided by the School Lunch personnel and are the same documents used by the School Lunch Administrator. However, we agree that a formal process should exist to ensure that the Business Office's results and the Administrator's records are in agreement. To that end, the Business Manager has implemented a process with the School Lunch Administrator to review and confirm reconciliation of the School Lunch activity on a monthly basis.

6. Prepare for GASB 34 Implementation

Effective June 30, 2004, the District will be required to implement the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 (GASB 34). This accounting pronouncement has a sweeping effect on the presentation and format of the year-end audited financial statements. Major changes include:

- Requiring a narrative “Management Discussion and Analysis” (MD&A) section, which describes a minimum of seven specific financial areas to help the reader understand the key financial conditions and highlights of the financial statements.
- Requiring “dual perspective” financial statements, that include “entity-wide” consolidated reports in addition to the “fund basis” financial reports that currently exist.
- Reclassification and renaming of certain fund types.
- Recoding of certain revenue chart of accounts numbers.
- Reporting of all budget amendments and transfers in the financial statements.
- Revisions of required footnote disclosures and supplementary information.

In addition, the most immediate issue that requires the planning of the District involves the reporting of general fixed assets (such as buildings, land, equipment, vehicles and furnishings).

We recommend the District begin to compile the required fixed asset records. This will help assure that the District is able to implement the requirements of GASB 34 within the required timetable.

District Response:

The District acknowledges that the impact of GASB 34 is significant and intends to address the new requirements. One of the more challenging aspects of implementing GASB 34 will be the compilation and valuation of the opening fixed assets balance at July 1, 2002. That opening valuation will then need to be adjusted throughout time as changes occur. To accomplish this the District will define and adopt a process to maintain the fixed assets information as additions, dispositions, and depreciation occurs.

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BUDGET

		2001 - 2002	2002 - 2003	2003 - 2004	2003 - 2004
		Actual	Appropriation	Proposed School Brd	Proposed Budg Com
1100	Regular Education	9,468,738.54	10,067,111	10,650,520	10,650,520
1200	Special Education	2,905,230.65	3,383,888	4,064,813	4,064,813
1410/1420	Co-Curricular & Athl	272,104.93	286,881	407,588	407,588
1430	Summer School Programs	1,377.89	0	14,384	14,384
1490	Other Pupil Services	8571.13	9,120	19,800	19,800
1810	Field Rental	2,000.00	5,000	5,000	5,000
2120	Guidance	662,118.05	671,337	765,274	765,274
2130	Health Services	179,670.48	226,348	273,150	273,150
2150	Speech Path. & Audio	231,200.91	307,000	335,004	335,004
2212	Curriculum Development	2,426.52	1,885	3,689	3,689
2213	Staff Development	78,547.07	66,000	66,000	66,000
2222/2223	Inform. Ctr Servs	331,701.80	353,716	354,651	354,651
2224	Educational TV	1,633.96	3,800	3,800	3,800
2290	Technical Support Servs	173,370.15	170,172	170,211	170,211
2311	School Board	27,771.56	29,620	30,119	30,119
2313	Treasurer	2,399.45	2,624	2,624	2,624
2314	District Meeting	2,591.52	3,445	3,445	3,445
2317	Audit Services	3,500.00	5,000	5,000	5,000
2318	Legal Services	4,920.51	10,000	10,000	10,000
2321	SAU Services	775,609.00	814,051	939,588	939,588
2410	Administration	1,190,720.64	1,215,426	1,396,530	1,396,530
2490	Other Student Supp Serv	156,825.98	148,021	168,711	168,711
2620	Building Operations	1,318,521.55	1,466,710	1,519,477	1,519,447
2630	Care of Grounds	22,775.17	23,715	69,115	69,115
2640	Equipment Maintenance	35,309.04	22,204	6,004	6,004
2721	Transportation	721,797.34	747,724	766,552	766,552
2722	Special Needs Trans.	347,169.28	307,881	529,211	529,211
2723	Skills Center Trans.	25,308.29	27,756	28,458	28,458
2724	Athletic Program Trans.	48,374.42	42,500	52,200	52,200
2725/2790	Field Trip Trans.	20,472.24	11,350	24,140	24,140
2834	GESS Course Reimbursement	4,577.15	6,000	6,000	6,000
4200	Site Improvement	15,529.81	11,000	20,000	20,000

5110/5120	Debt Service	1,452,527.08	2,180,010	2,108,195	2,108,195
	Total General Fund	20,495,392.21	22,627,295	24,819,223	24,819,223
Fund 32	Federal Grants Fund	0.00	104,937	487,029	487,029
Fund 33	Capital Projects Fund	5,883,740.09	537,746	0	0
Fund 34	Food Service Fund	691,947.68	696,559	702,933	702,933
Total Goffstown School District *		27,071,079.98	23,966,537	26,009,185	26,009,185

* Notes: The proposed fiscal year 2003- 2004 columns equal the operating budget warrant article

REVENUES

	2001 - 2002 Approved MS 24	2002 - 2003 Approved MS 24	2003 - 2004 Proposed School Board	2003-2004 Proposed Budget Committee
Revenue From State Sources				
Adequacy Grant	5,295,245	5,501,613	5,235,636	5,235,636
School Building Aid	235,303	505,303	515,671	515,671
Area Vocational School	6,500	0	0	0
Catastrophic Aid	223,194	170,808	350,000	350,000
Child Nutrition	12,850	12,850	12,850	12,850
Revenue From Federal Sources				
IASA, Chapter I and II	50,000	104,937	487,029	487,029
Child Nutrition Programs	80,700	80,700	80,700	80,700
Local Rev. Other Than Taxes				
Tuition	2,600,000	2,970,000	3,600,000	3,600,000
Driver Education Program	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Receipts				
Earnings on Investments	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Food Service	450,000	603,009	609,383	609,383
Medicaid	70,000	50,000	65,000	65,000
Reimbursement Spec. Ed.	75,000	50,000	158,400	158,400
Subtotal Revenues & Credits	9,333,792	10,084,220	11,149,669	11,149,669
Other Financing Sources				
Sale of Bonds		11,995,000		

Reserved Fund Balance		537,746		
General Fund Balance	802,451	397,595	400,000	400,000
Total Revenues & Credits	22,131,243	11,019,561	11,549,669	11,549,669
District Assessment	7,143,841	8,418,506	8,998,695	8,998,695
State Assessment	4,462,832	4,528,470	5,460,821	5,460,821
Total Appropriations *	33,737,916	23,966,537	26,009,185	26,009,185

*Note:

In FY 2003- 2004 This number equals the proposed operating budget warrant Article.

DEBT SCHEDULE

As of June 30, 2002

Years remaining on Goffstown School District's general obligation bonds.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>
2002-03	1,345,000.00	835,010.00	2,180,010.00
2003-04	1,330,000.00	778,195.00	2,108,195.00
2004-05	1,320,000.00	721,570.00	2,041,570.00
2005-06	1,305,000.00	664,978.75	1,969,978.75
2006-07	1,295,000.00	608,081.25	1,903,081.25
2007-08	1,285,000.00	548,843.75	1,833,843.75
2008-09	1,275,000.00	487,643.75	1,762,643.75
2009-10	1,265,000.00	426,818.75	1,691,818.75
2010-11	1,205,000.00	367,381.25	1,572,381.25
2011-12	900,000.00	316,925.00	1,216,925.00
2012-13	600,000.00	281,300.00	881,300.00
2013-14	600,000.00	252,800.00	852,800.00
2014-15	600,000.00	224,150.00	824,150.00
2015-16	600,000.00	194,750.00	794,750.00
2016-17	600,000.00	164,750.00	764,750.00
2017-18	600,000.00	134,750.00	734,750.00
2018-19	600,000.00	104,750.00	704,750.00
2019-20	600,000.00	74,750.00	674,750.00
2020-21	600,000.00	44,750.00	644,750.00
2021-22	595,000.00	14,875.00	609,875.00
Total Outstanding Bonds	\$18,520,000.00	\$7,247,072.50	\$25,767,072.50

<u>Bond</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>AMOUNT DUE</u>
MVMS & Elementary Bond	6,525,000.00	1,519,547.50	8,044,547.50
GAHS Renovation/Addition	11,995,000.00	5,727,525.00	17,722,525.00
Total Outstanding Bonds	\$18,520,000.00	\$7,247,072.50	\$25,767,072.50

PRINCIPALS

BARTLETT ELEMENTARY

David A. Bousquet, Principal

Throughout 2002, Bartlett Elementary School has continued its focus on improving student achievement in literacy and math. Bartlett has implemented the Everyday Math program and continues its participation in the Literacy Collaborative initiative through Lesley University. This initiative is a schoolwide reform program that is funded through the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Project, which enables us to provide intensive professional development and instruction in literacy. A Literacy Leadership Team consisting of teachers, administration and the community began its training in January. I am confident that these actions will have a positive effect on the learning of our students.

There are many events and programs that take place at Bartlett Elementary School. Some of the programs that help create a positive environment while fostering learning include monthly All-School Meetings, Lunch With the Principal, McDonald's Student of the Month, Grandparents' Luncheon, Red Ribbon Week, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day Program, celebrating Dr. Seuss's and Arthur's birthdays, Project Night, and Bartlett Bash. Students at Bartlett Elementary School are called to the office on their birthday and receive a "Birthday Book" chosen especially for them. This program is sponsored by the PTA and is coordinated by Mrs. Audley.

The 2002 school year ended with the death of two people close to Bartlett: our physical education teacher, Candy Champagne and former custodian, Don Champagne. Candy and Don's deaths were a tremendous loss to our school.

During the summer, Bartlett Elementary School dealt with two major changes. First, the fourth grade classes moved from Mountain View Middle School to Bartlett and Maple Avenue Schools. Classrooms were rearranged to make room for the two additional fourth grade classrooms. Second, a portable classroom was placed at the school to deal with our school's limited space. The portable houses the school's library, teacher's room, and an area for the Literacy Coordinator. The pre-school classes were moved to the former library space. Although these changes had a dramatic impact on Bartlett, we are pleased that the fourth grade children will remain at the elementary schools where they belong developmentally.

School opened in the fall with several additions and changes to the staff at Bartlett Elementary School. We were very excited to have the following staff members join us this year:

Jennifer Donahue – Preschool Teacher

Katie Birdsey – Autistic Programming Supervisor

Chantal Guerrette – Grade 1 Teacher

Jarrod Brooks - Physical Education (grades 1 & 2)

Dawn Florino - Grade 3 Teacher

Todd Lavallee – Physical Education (grades 3 & 4)

Niki Lambert – Grade 4 Teacher Kris Drake – Educational Assistant
Jill Plamondon – Special Education Teacher Amy Moskwa – Educational Assistant
Sara Smith - Reading Recovery

Lisa Lambert offered to be Bartlett's Volunteer Coordinator during the 2002-2003 school year. She has been doing a tremendous job finding volunteers to meet a wide variety of needs, from serving Thanksgiving Lunch to students and staff, to selling popcorn on Wednesdays, to working in our student publishing center. Thank you, Lisa, for your continued support of our school.

The fall of 2003 brought extensive professional development to the Bartlett Staff to improve literacy and math instruction. As part of the Literacy Collaborative, every primary teacher will receive 50 hours of professional development on effective literacy instruction. To help improve our test scores, we are also participating in the New Hampshire Distinguished Educators program. Two “distinguished educators” have been working with Bartlett staff in literacy and math instruction. These activities will help Bartlett maintain its upward trend in student achievement.

A Parent Advisory Group has been conferred to help develop school procedures and programming. The first task of this group was to develop a Home-School Compact, which outlines the responsibilities of the school, the student, and the parent. I would like to thank Marie Cashin, Stacy Depner, Robin Gagne, Howard Gagnon, Sue Riel, Barbara Roy, and Tammy Schofield for volunteering to be on this committee. Their work will help make Bartlett Elementary a wonderful school for everyone!

MAPLE AVENUE ELEMENTARY

Marc Boyd, Principal

In a simple sentence, W. B. Yates summed up the basic philosophy of the Maple Avenue Elementary School when he said “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire”. Our goal here is to ignite all the children to the wonders of literacy, math and their world around them to keep them life-long learners.

The 2001/2002 academic year was devoted to the continuation of the advancement of literacy (the instruction of reading and writing) instruction at the school. As I have said many times, we at the school believe that children learn to read in the primary grades (first through third) and read to learn for the rest of their lives. It is essential that we provide the foundation, if not the “house”, for our students in the area of literacy if they are to be successful in school and life!

Our literacy program is based on the following four premises of life-long learning: enjoyment, data driven, early intervention and professional development. The instruction of literacy is presented in a manner, which

attempts to instill a love of reading and writing within the children. The materials and themes used in the instruction are used to challenge, motivate and stimulate the individual child.

In our literacy instructional process we are continually assessing the individual child to not only determine their progress but also assist in the development of their literacy program. We also believe that if we are to be successful in advancing student learning for all students, early intervention is essential. In literacy, we accomplish this by identifying the lowest 20% literacy-achieving students in the first grade and provide them with a Reading Recovery Program. The Reading Recovery Program is an intense daily 30-minute program running for 12 to 20 weeks.

Research and evidence states that an effective Reading Recovery program will be highly successful with the lowest-performing first-grade students. By intervening early, Reading Recovery reduces referrals and placements in special education. In subsequent years, students who have participated in Reading Recovery programs are more seamlessly integrated into the class as a whole.

The continual professional development of our staff is critical if we are to be successful in our literacy goal. As I mentioned earlier, we are striving to have our children become life-long learners. The staff at the Maple Avenue Elementary School are true examples of this belief. This is my thirtieth year in public education and everyday I am learning something new. Education is an exciting and quick moving field with new technology, research and ideas flowing rapidly.

The children who have attended the Maple Avenue Elementary School have received a wonderful education. We are currently working to assure that all children who pass through our doors continue this tradition.

A literacy coordinator position has been added to the staff. This position assures direct training to the staff and services to the children, which is essential to the instruction of literacy at the school.

While I emphasized literacy in this report, believe me when I say "Math instruction is alive and well at the school" along with the other curriculum areas.

There are too many individuals to thank for all the successes and happenings at the school to mention them individually here. Let me collectively thank our Parent/Guardian group, the PFT and its volunteers, the community of Goffstown and public departments, the Superintendent's Office, the students and staff, who all work so hard for your children.

We ended this academic year with the retirement of an individual who completed the last 18 years of her public education service at the Maple Avenue Elementary School. Louise Draper left her mark on hundreds of students during her tenure at the school and is missed. On behalf of the school and community, I would like to thank her for the dedication, commitment and love she gave to your children.

MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE

Jerome E. Frew, Principal

The school year opened with a few changes. Most notably, the fourth graders were not here – they have been moved to the elementary schools and although it would seem to reduce our enrollment significantly, we closed in June 2002 with 1252 students and opened the new school year with 1091 students.

The other major change was that Mrs. Colby, Principal of Mountain View Middle School since 1996, was not here. On a one-year sabbatical, Mrs. Colby is administering a Principals' Leadership Grant for the New Hampshire Department of Education and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. She will be returning in July of 2003.

In our quest to Advance Student Learning, Mountain View Middle School underwent a study during the 2001-2002 School Year designed to review the first decade of the school's existence, identify effective programs, and establish a basis for continuous improvement. Programs and practices that were cited by various stakeholder groups as being of great benefit to students included: arts programs, home/school communication, school safety and maintenance, a strong staff and effective management of a large school. Recently undertaken initiatives which were listed as needing continuing support included: Everyday Math/Math Thematics, district emphasis on writing skills, utilization of curriculum webs and the Professional Development Master Plan. Areas which were identified as needing strengthening, include: Technology Integration, World Languages, Uses of Instructional Time, Curriculum Alignment, Transitions, and Academic Rigor.

As a result of the study, our faculty is working this year in focus groups to address the issues raised in this study. Our curriculum work as well, features discussions around assured learning experiences for all students, curriculum alignment between grade levels and developing consistent learning targets and expectations.

We participated in a national program entitled, "First Day of School America" in September, designing a program to welcome all parents new to the school. Staff members are being trained in "Second Step", a social skills program designed to help staff address violence prevention issues with students.

In addition to New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program testing, we conduct writing prompts in the fall (grades 5, 6, 7, and 8); Houghton Mifflin Benchmarks (Grades 5 and 6); Everyday Math mid-year assessment and New Standards testing in math (Grades 5 and 8) and Language Arts (Grades 7 and 8). These assessments provide valuable feedback both on student progress and curriculum effectiveness.

Ongoing school programs include the "Artist in Residence", parents to lunch, Veterans Day Program, Mountain View Partnership (parents group),

parent roundtable discussions (quarterly), peer mediators and the eighth grade class trip.

Our "Best Schools Leadership Initiative" this year is focusing on effective transitions of students from grade to grade and school to school. The data that we gather and input from parents and students will assist the staffs at Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown AREA High School in providing smoother transitions for students and their families.

GOFFSTOWN AREA HIGH

Mark Roth, Principal

Last year building construction was well under way; changes were everywhere and creating a fair amount of disruption for staff and students. The question was "will we be ready on time?" The building was ready for the first day of school. The construction included transforming the building's façade to include a new spacious kitchen and cafeteria, an expanded gym, offices, main corridor and first floor classrooms. It has all been very exciting and a source of pride and pleasure for staff, student and community alike. The focus this year has been the many challenges of learning about the needs that are created in and by this new environment. At the end of this school year the second phase of the construction will be engaged in earnest and by the start of the next school year the entire project will be completed. The second phase of the project will include a completely transformed science wing that will have space for state of the art equipment, a refreshed media center and refurbished classrooms.

Our Parent Council group meets monthly and brings a fresh perspective to the Principal. We also continued the popular "Everyday Heroes," meeting with students who distinguish themselves as solid citizens and hard working with a willingness to work and a desire to learn. We had a series of service learning projects that provided assistance to the communities' elderly. There were a number of art awards including representation in the prestigious Scholastic Art Awards Program, as well as the NH All State Art Program. Our Drama Society continues to thrive, the recent production of *Robin Hood* was the most well attended production ever. Student Council was remarkably successful in their projects with a food drive to top all previous and set the stage for providing holiday assistance to over 200 local families. There were other accomplishments, including awards that sent students to the National Student Council Convention and the selection of our advisor to be the representative from New Hampshire, to name but a few of their accomplishments. We had teachers advancing in their professional education and attending conferences such as a 13-day Summer Institute

hosted by the National Science Foundation for two of our special education teachers.

The next graduating class is almost 100 students larger and the freshmen class was well over 300 as are all the current classes at the high school. Growth such as this will be leveling off and we will remain in the 1250+ range for the near future. This growth necessitated the move of our sports program to Class L. It is hard to believe that just a few years ago this school was a mid-size Class I participant. Participation in the 2002 winter season proved to be very rewarding for the Grizzlies. Winter track, ice hockey, wrestling, swimming, spirit, basketball, and the alpine ski team all participated in the State NHIAA events. The basketball teams qualified for the playoffs, our spirit squad participated in the State Tournament, and the ski teams participated in the State Ski Meets. The Grizzlies baseball team ended the season as State Runner-up, our softball team made it to the quarterfinals and the spring track teams qualified for the State Meet. The most successful tennis team in years participated in post-season play. This season's Academic/Athletic Awards were presented to 56 students. To qualify for this honor students must maintain an A average, making the Principal's Honor Roll during the season.

No report would be complete without the mention of September 11, 2001 and the aftermath that was felt daily. An event that has changed the focus of the school in significant ways. The focus on safety and security has taken on a larger role in the operation of the school. From a different perspective, many of us at the high school had a chance to see the care and compassion that flowed from the student body to all those affected. It was inspiring.

This report is a small window of the exciting and gratifying work that is being accomplished by teacher and student alike. It is a good time to be in Goffstown.



GOFFSTOWN'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

GLASS* clear, brown or green glass is accepted.

ALUMINUM CANS*

TIN & STEEL CANS*

PLASTIC* #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastic is accepted, however, bags or containers that held petroleum products such as motor oil are excluded.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD should be flattened and cut down to no larger than 21" x 32". Corrugated cardboard consists of three layers of cardboard, where the center layer consists of ridges.

NEWSPAPER should be placed in a paper bag or tied in bundles.

MAGAZINES should be placed in a brown paper bag or tied in bundles.

MIXED PAPER such as junk mail and cereal boxes, should be placed in a paper bag. Packages partially comprised of foil, blueprint paper, carbon paper and food soiled paper, such as napkins and paper plates are excluded.

** Please rinse clean.*

DROP OFF PROGRAM

All of the items accepted as part of the Curbside Program, as well as the following items are accepted in our Drop Off Program at the Transfer Station.

TEXTILES should be clean, dry and bagged.

LEAVES must be removed from plastic bags. Paper bags accepted.

BRUSH is limited to no larger than 5" diameter. no stumps accepted.

SCRAP METAL such as appliances, bikes, etc. are accepted. No appliances that contain, or once contained freon are accepted without certification of evacuation by a licensed refrigerant technician.

WET-CELL BATTERIES such as automotive batteries are accepted provided the cases are not broken.

TIRES are accepted.

TRANSFER STATION OPERATING SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION GUIDE

The Transfer Station is open Tuesday through Sunday from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Severe inclement weather may delay the opening of the Transfer Station and may affect the rubbish and recycling routes.

The Transfer Station will be closed the Saturday preceding a Monday holiday. A holiday that occurs Tuesday through Saturday only affects that particular day. Holiday rubbish and recycling route changes will be posted in the Goffstown News, Union Leader as well as on GTV16.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call us at #497-4824. If you get our answering machine please leave your name, number and a brief message. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank You!

GOFFSTOWN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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POLICE
POISON CENTER

911 OR 497-3311
911 OR 497-2232
800-562-8236

TOWN OFFICES

Admin/Selectmen	497-8990	Library	497-2102
Assessor	497-3611	Parks & Recreation	497-3003
Building	497-3612	Planning	497-8991
Finance	497-3615	Police	497-4858
Fire (Church St.)	497-3537	Public Works	497-3617
Fire (E. Goffstown)	497-4655	Transfer Station	497-4824
Fire (Pinardville)	622-6713	Sewer	497-8992
Goffstown Village Water	497-3621	Tax Collector	497-3614
Grasmere Village Water	497-8346	Town Clerk	497-3613

SCHOOLS

Bartlett Elementary	623-8088	Goffs. Area High School	497-4841
Maple Ave. Elem.	497-3330	Administration (SAU#19)	497-4818
Mt. View Middle School	497-8288		

