



Goffstown Town and School Elections

Candidate Information

Election Day: March 12, 2024

Town Election

Select Board 2 for 3 years

Mark T. Lemay
Jim Craig

Budget Committee 4 for 3 years

Adam Barriere
Israel "Izzy" Carey
Elizabeth Dubrulle
Peter Grigorakakis
Dan O'Connell
Melanie Renfrew-Hebert
Craig Stansfield
Alan Yeaton
Joe Alexander

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years

Tim McKinnon
Bill Kordas

Library Trustees 2 for 3 years

Joe Alexander
Brian Campbell
Elizabeth Jipson

Library Trustees 2 for 2 years

Theresa Pare Curtis
Judy Johnson
Lisa Mazur

Planning Board 2 for 3 years

Tim Redmond
Richard "Bear" Freeman

Sewer Commission 1 for 3 years

Daniel Taylor

Supervisor of the Checklist 1 for 6 years

Marie B. Morgan
Janice E. Little

Town Moderator 1 for 2 years

Rodney "Rod" Stark

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 for 3 years

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert

Zoning Board of Adjustment 1 for 3 years

Jason Cote

School Election

School Board 3 for 3 years

Ellen Vermokowitz
John "Jack" Carbonneau
Lauren Doukas
Lindsay Lombo
Virginia "Ginny" McKinnon
Donna Pinard
Jared Talbot

School District Moderator 1 for 3 years

James Raymond

School District Clerk 1 for 3 years

Jo Ann Duffy

School District Treasurer 1 for 3 years

Lissa Winrow





Election Day Is:

MARCH 12,
2024

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

Vote At:

Bartlett Elementary School
689 Mast Rd, Goffstown, NH 03102

(District #5)

-or-

Goffstown High School
27 Wallace Rd, Goffstown, NH 03045

(District #1)



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Town Election

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Mark T. Lemay

Town Election: Select Board (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

During this time, I have held the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and have had the opportunity to represent the Selectboard on the budget committee, parks & rec committee, and filled in on the planning board. As a Selectboard Rep I have also sat on the Apparatus committee for the Goffstown Fire Departm (over character limit)

Education

I am a graduate of Manchester West High school and the NH Fire Science program- Fire 1, Fire 2, Fire 3, New Hampshire fire Instructor, Hazmat, and Emergency Medical Technician. I have also participated in courses presented by the State of New Hampshire for local government officials on budget and el (over character limit)

Professional

I have additional experience as a member of the Goffstown Fire Rescue Association where I held multiple Board positions to include the seat of President. I am retired Firefighter from both the Manchester and Goffstown Fire departments where I served for a total of 44 years. During my time in the Goff (over character limit)

Organizations & Affiliations

In addition, to my work with the town of Goffstown I am also affiliated with the Goffstown Fire Rescue Association, Hillsboro County Forest Fire Wardens, Manchester Retired Firefighters Association, and the State of NH Fire Service Instructor Association. All groups in which I am an active membe (over character limit)

Experience

I have held a position on the selectboard for 4 terms. In that time, I have gained valuable experience in policies both state and local, town budgets, finances, grant funding, union contracts and built the trust of our residents. I believe this experience to be an important skill when working with th (over character limit)

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

As for positive impact that I have made to the Town of Goffstown. I first and foremost would focus on my efforts to keep our town of Goffstown safe through supporting the multiple departments to ensure that they have the resources, materials and staff needed to do the work that is required.

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

I am running with an overall focus on making our town a better place to live, work and enjoy for current and future generations. I understand the financial impacts of taxes and will work to keep our taxes down so people can afford to live here and not be made to move from our town. I am committed to working for the people as a Selectboard member taking your thoughts, ideas and concerns to the table. As a Select board member, it is important to be honest, transparent and to follow the rules and regulations to ensure positive results even when the decisions are difficult.

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

Active in town affairs as a sitting member on the Goffstown Selectboard for the past 12 years I have gained knowledge with each term that I have served in our town policies and procedures. I feel I have a thorough understanding of the expectations of a town Selectboard Member. The position of Selectboard is a position that is a passion of mine and something that I enjoy. I really look forward to the opportunity to work with the people in our Town on issues and concerns facing us. I am known to be a hands-on, hardworking individual. I believe in working hand in hand with the residents of Goffstown so that we can ensure that the best resolutions are found for our community so that our town can sustain for generations to come. Those that know me know that I am passionate about the work that I do and respect the people that I work with and meet in our town. I am proud to say I am a resident of Goffstown.

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

As for the most pressing issues facing our town, I would have to say our taxes, infrastructure and the concerns surrounding the dams in our community. The current tax rate and the concerns facing the affordability to live in our town make it crucial that our town be fiscally responsible to decrease the impact on our residents. As for the issues surrounding infrastructure, we need to make sure to keep our roads well maintained for our residents who travel to and from our town to work every day. This would also include keeping up with the Towns Long Range Plan so that we can be prepared for the future of our town. This long-range plan allows for us to forecast and look ahead at preparedness. The current issues surrounding our dams in our town and our ability to keep them functional is an issue that brings great concern not only to those residents that live on those bodies of water and what it will do to property values but also to all those that enjoy the outdoors. These dams and their placement offer our citizens and visitors the opportunity for outdoor recreation on our bodies of water and common areas for activities such as fishing, kayaking, boating and enjoyment of the scenery and wildlife in (over character limit)

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

I am currently working with the rest of the Selectboard to research and secure grants. These grants would allow us to work to solve the above pressing issues while keeping our tax rate down. This is work that I look forward to continuing should I be reelected. I also look forward to researching and looking at the feasibility of solar power for our town as a way to make money to offset the high cost of power for our community. I will also remain committed to continuing the work build a Human Resource Department for our town that can serve the needs of our valued employees and assist our town leaders with Recruitment and Retention efforts.

To solve these issues, everyone will need to work together as a team both our Town Select Board, Department leaders and community members to find solutions while always keeping our community and residents as our highest priority. Coming together to collaborate will help us to bring new ideas and lead us to resolutions for the challenges that face our town. I am committed to putting in the effort that will be needed while working with the town leaders and citizens of Goffstown. In closing, I ask for your vote in our upcoming town elections.



Jim Craig

Town Election: Select Board (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

3 years Goffstown Selectboard, Selectboard Representative on Sewer Commission, Library Trustees, CIP and Economic Development Committee. Former member Manchester City Library Board of Trustees, Manchester Water Commission, Manchester Conduct Board. NH State Representative 1998-2010, (over character limit)

Education

BA, Keene State College
MA, International Relations, University Southern California
JD, UNH Law

Professional

1983, Attorney, Craig, Deachman & Associates, PLLC, Litigation, housing law. Of Counsel (semiretired) since 2019.

Organizations & Affiliations

Former Board Chair, Serenity Place, Manchester
Former Board Member, Farnum Center, Manchester
Current Board Member, New Futures, Concord

Experience

My experience has given me an understanding of people and of how organizations and budgets work. It has shown me that good organizations are that way because of the people who work in and/or support them. It has taught me to trust people to do their jobs unless they have proven that they can't, and it has (over character limit)

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

In the past three years on the Selectboard [have tried to approach each situation with the best interests of Goffstown residents in mind. My experience tells me that people want the basics: a good police department, a good fire department, good roads and parks, library, administrative services and a sense of pride in being a Goffstown resident. Prices nationally and statewide continue to increase and we have very little control over that. Therefore, we have to continuously and prudently manage what we can control, that is, what we spend balanced against the cost of what makes Goffstown a vibrant community.

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

My wife Anne and I moved to Goffstown from Manchester in 2019. I am a Manchester native so I have always been familiar with Goffstown and always have had many friends from Goffstown. Both my wife and I have never once regretted moving here, I ran for the Selectboard in 2021 and I do again today because I understand how governments work and because I want to do my part to insure that Goffstown stays the well-run, friendly place that it always has been while at the same time, helping to guide it into the future.

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

The Selectboard "manages the prudential affairs of the town and performs the duties prescribed by law." That to me means a responsibility to keep Goffstown citizens safe and secure with the best staff and equipment that we can afford for our police, fire and public works departments. It means the best parks and sports fields we can provide through our parks and recreation department. It means a fine library and it means providing a welcoming environment for economic opportunities within the town. Also, it means crafting a responsible budget each year that best allows for all of the above.

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

The town faces several pressing issues presently. It is always a challenge to keep our town departments staffed. The Barnard park pool needs to be replaced or refurbished and our police station is outdated and needs to be replaced, to name a few.

Further, the Hadley Falls dam is being abandoned by the State and town oversight is needed to ensure that the best use is made of the river after the dam goes and that it does not effect Glenn lake. The Kelly Fatis dam situation needs to be monitored as well.

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

Regarding the dams, I plan to stay in close contact with NH Department of Environmental Services and to be at the table when any decisions are made concerning any of the dams. There is a warrant article this year seeking money for engineering design for the replacement of the pool and bathhouse. Decisions are constantly being made concerning ways to attract new recruits for our various departments and plans are in the works for acquiring an appropriate site for a new police department.



Adam Barriere

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

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

Education

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

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

Professional

I am currently the Assistant Principal at Pelham High School. Prior to that, I was an administrator and English teacher at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH.

Organizations & Affiliations

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

Experience

As a local high school administrator, I have taken on many leadership responsibilities including the ability to work collaboratively to build the school budget that meets the organization's needs while respecting taxpayer dollars.

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

I have always been a strong advocate for Goffstown public schools and town programs. My experience as a local public education administrator has energized my support for a strong school board and budget committee in the Goffstown school district where my children now attend. During this current budget cycle, I have attended and spoken at various committee and board meetings to better understand the process.

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

I've stepped up to run for the budget committee because my experience as a public school administrator has given me the skills to be detail oriented while being forward thinking. While I care deeply about our town services, I acknowledge the financial strain our community is under with rising costs. My understanding of how this process works within my professional role as a school administrator gives me the necessary insight how this can be done in Goffstown as a budget committee representative. I look forward to the opportunity to pair my skills and passion with budgetary oversight.

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

As a member of the budget committee, I'll be working collaboratively with town department heads to evaluate their budgetary requests and I'll be making informed recommendations that the Goffstown residents can ultimately approve or reject. Budget committee members meet with residents, meet town leaders, and tour facilities to evaluate and prioritize town needs. Additionally, I will be working in collaboration with other budget committee members to understand all sides of budgetary concerns.

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

I am well aware of the economic hardships that many residents are facing due to rising costs of living. Goffstown continues to grow putting additional strain on our aging infrastructure. These two issues are in conflict with one another and we need innovative and forward thinking solutions to keep property taxes as low as they can be for residents struggling to make ends meet.

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

While sitting on the budget committee, I will work with town administrators to determine what needs to be prioritized. By asking the direct, and sometimes difficult, questions, I will work to ensure that my recommendations are considerate of both the needs of the town and the needs of the taxpayers. I will be seeking solutions by working collaboratively with town department heads and other members of the budget committee.



Israel “Izzy” Carey

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Do you Know Him, 2015-2016 Worked with the homeless in the inner city of Manchester.

Outreach Trip to Peru, South America, NTCF, March 2002

Outreach trip to the Ivory Coast, Africa. NTCF, Feb 1998

Education

Professional

Site Operations Manager/Construction Manager At Crown castle. Crown Castle is the nation’s largest provider of shared communications infrastructure: towers, small cells and fiber. Crown Castle is publicly traded on the S&P 500, and one of the largest Real Estate Investment Trusts in the US.

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Organizations & Affiliations

I am a member of the New England Wireless Association. Throughout the year we put on numerous charity events (Golf Tournaments, Cornhole Tournaments, Hockey Events and More) to raise money for the following charities. The New England Center for Children, The Tower Family Foundation, Heidrea for (over character limit)

Experience

Exemplify a broad set of decision-making principles and business practices aimed at achieving results:

Collaborative work done in a way that balances educated decision making with measured speed of implementation.

Ability to continuously prioritize long-term plans with short-term urgent r (over character limit)

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

I do not have any experience in Goffstown but believe that new faces and fresh perspectives in the area of town budgeting are important.

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

As a resident of Goffstown, I feel it is my duty to help people when help is needed. There are a lot of people in this who are struggling and need a person to be a voice for them. My goal is to be an advocate for the people in the checks and balances of a fiscal budget.

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

The Municipal Budget Committee: Roles & Responsibilities

Assist in preparing the budget.

Make recommendations by being accountable with appropriated public funds

Review expenditures

Discuss with other offices, department heads and officials relative to costs, revenues, and projects.

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

What I see and hear is that ever climbing property taxes in this town, have no downward trajectory in sight. Many are concerned that with the climbing taxes, they will not be able to afford to live in this wonderful town. The rate of inflation and tax increases greatly outweigh the rate of wage increases and puts a strain on already strained households. This is not sustainable for our town.

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

First and foremost, we need to find a way to provide some relief for the residents of Goffstown. We need to find ways to decrease costs without dampening services. We need to insource instead of outsource. Goffstown has a plethora of skilled residents and businesses that we could call upon, keeping our revenue here. We need to find ways attract a diverse spectrum of business interest to offset the tax burden on residents. We need to hold all departments accountable for their spending and ensure that the dollars allocated are being spent effectively in this current economy.



Elizabeth Dubrulle

Town Election: Budget Committee

(3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Budget Committee, 6 years (2011-2017), 3 years as chair (2014-2017);

Capital Improvement Program, 2 years (2014, 2015);

Goffstown 250th Committee, co-chair (2010-2011);

Historic District Commission, 6 years (2005-2011), 3 years as chair (2008-2011)

Education

Master's degree in public historical studies from the UC Santa Barbara, focus on New England history. Bachelor's degree from the UC Davis, where I studied American and European history, with minors in English and political science.

Professional

Director of education and public programs at the New Hampshire Historical Society and editor of the magazine, Historical New Hampshire. I oversee the school program, plan lectures, workshops, and tours, and create public exhibitions.

Organizations & Affiliations

I serve on several statewide boards, committees, and commissions, including NH Humanities (vice chair and member of the finance committee)

Experience

My 6 years on the budget committee has allowed me to see the importance of balancing the needs of the community--both services and tax relief. I also have an understanding of state funding and how it has impacted our community in the recent past.

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

Working on Goffstown's 250th anniversary was an incredible experience and brought the entire community together in a year-long celebration. Everyone set aside their political differences for the town's 250th. I also believe that my time on the budget committee had a positive impact on the community. I showed that I had a much more complex view on town and school affairs, that I was neither a rubber stamp nor a pushover, and that I really did believe in that sense of balance between taxes and services I had campaigned on. Within just a year or two of being in office, even the people who had railed against me before I was elected in 2011 were telling me that I was doing a good job representing them. I also think I helped people understand the budgetary situation better in our town and empowered them with information so that they could feel more confident about their own decisions. Or at least, that's what I hope my contributions did.

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

I'm running because I believe I can help keep the budget committee balanced. I am a political independent, unaffiliated with either political party, and generally hold moderate views, leaning slightly right on fiscal issues.

Previously on the budget committee, I earned a reputation for doing my research, for trying to understand all sides of an issue, for truly listening to what everyone had to say, and then finding a position that I felt comfortable defending. My votes were never automatic or based on political theories, which are usually just wishful thinking.

I also committed to being honest and upfront with everyone and treating people with kindness and respect. I asked tough questions on all sides and sometimes struggled through difficult conversations, but in the end, I believe I held to my own standards of fairness and decency while trying to make decisions that balanced the needs of individuals and the community.

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

The budget committee has a formal role in the budget-making process, and it's laid out in legal statute--to create town and school budgets for the voters' consideration in consultation with the governing bodies, who are responsible for administering the budgets and actually governing in their respective areas. I oppose efforts to govern from the budget committee.

I think the budget committee does provide an important check for town and school officials to ensure that residents are getting the best bang for their buck. The budget committee's job is to make sure neither the town nor the schools are spending money unwisely or frivolously, while ensuring that both the town and schools are providing the services that residents depend on.

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

There are two: setting priorities and fighting against political polarization.

For the first, we have been underinvesting in our infrastructure for decades, and at some point, it's going to catch up to us and cost us a lot of money or lead to a reduction in services. There are several town and school officials who have been trying to responsibly and creatively address this issue, and I think I can help make some tough choices about how we deploy our resources. For me, the top priorities will always be health/safety issues and education.

For the second, residents themselves must take responsibility for who they elect. People are too quick to follow those who drop political buzzwords these days. We need to fight against the trap of short-term decision making. It will cost us more in the long run.

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

A lot of it comes down to who we elect to public office. We need to elect representatives at every level of government—including the state level—who are not slaves to political ideologies but instead committed to problem solving, dealing with the actual issues that are confronting our town instead of national agendas. We have several officials on both the town and school side who hold to this view, but we must keep our boards and committees staffed with others who share this commitment. Town elections should always be nonpartisan.

We should only support elected officials who attempt to de-escalate tensions, not escalate them.

Honesty, integrity, fair play, and good judgment should be the standard to which we hold every public official. We need to recommit to these ideas, along with doubling down on public discussion, consensus building, compromise, and common sense.



Peter Grigorakakis

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown Budget Committee, 2017-2020

Tri-Town Soccer Coach

Challenge Day Volunteer, Crispins House Coalition for Youth
Americorps VISTA member, Manchester Housing Authority

Education

B.A. Humanities, Minor in Economics, Plymouth State University

Professional

Finance Counselor, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

Director, BRING IT! After School Program, Manchester, NH

Volunteers Coordinator, Crispins House Coalition for Youth

Executive Director, Goffstown Main Street Program, Goffstown, NH

Organizations & Affiliations

New Hampshire Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NHASFAA)

St. Matthew's Church, parishioner

Experience

Finance counseling requires me to communicate complex financial concepts to families needing to make wise choices that impact their future. One of my strengths is having difficult but constructive conversations that are above all informed by facts.

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

During my time on the budget committee, I was a curious member who did my homework before every meeting and had high expectations of our town department heads. I made sure we valued minority perspectives at the table so we could work vigilantly for taxpayers by exploring multiple vantage points.

Although I have worked and volunteered for wonderful community organizations like Crispins House and GMSP, I like to think my recent coaching with my Tri-Town Soccer teams had a positive impact. Every game presented its challenges and I found myself asking "What does this moment need?" and "How can I be helpful within my role?" so all of the players could meet the challenge we had in front of us. I brought these same strengths as a budget committee representative, making sure we all were mentally prepared to show up and do the work for residents.

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

Simply put- this is work that I love to do. Due to a time conflict in a prior job, I could not run for a consecutive term. I wouldn't have been able to attend enough meetings to be effective - which is an absolute deal-breaker for me.

Service to me means working on larger goals much bigger than myself. Being useful to my neighbors, listening, finding common ground, and working through community challenges are not just interests of mine, but strengths. I value diverse perspectives so we as a committee can remain effective in exploring all tax-saving solutions.

My skills don't just make me an effective budget committee member, I believe my skills are needed to make the budget committee more effective.

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

A single budget committee member has no statutory authority. It's the entire budget committee that acts as one body for the residents of Goffstown to assist in the preparation of the town budgets and make recommendations on any special warrant article that includes an appropriation of public funds. We base our recommendations on information provided by our town department heads, school district, and select board.

We are not drafting budgets for Goffstown, we work with department heads to prepare and refine budgets as co-stewards of the resident's tax dollars and investments.

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

Over the past few years, we've experienced rising costs that are disproportionately hurting households in Goffstown. Why is this? The tax base of Goffstown has always been heavily residential- in particular single-family homes. The burden on these properties compared to other property types has only increased in our most recent valuation. Simply put, most of our revenue comes from residents. My family's property taxes have risen about 18% over the past two years.

Right now, our biggest issue is finding ways to pay for our town and schools needs that don't push people out of their homes. We have large infrastructure projects coming down the pipeline that will make this even more challenging than it is today. This will take a strong budget committee and cooperation from our state leaders to assist our community.

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

Goffstown is not the only NH town facing these challenges - and frankly they're not new. But it's vitally important now more than ever that we put forth budgets that show respect to our residents and honor the investments this community has made, and must make, as cost-saving measures. Since it's in everyone's interest that Goffstown remains a great place to live, we need budget committee members who understand that fiscal responsibility is not just about cutting where we can, it's taking into account the long-term economic impact of our decisions.

Needing experienced and wise leaders isn't a new idea, but I hope to be an important and valued voice that reminds us to think about our neighbors, to be good stewards, and to always keep an eye on the future.



Dan O'Connell

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

- Community Member at Large for the Capital Improvements Committee from 2021-2023.

The committee would gather twice a month to discuss pending capital projects with each department head (Fire, Police, Parks, etc.). Each department head would address the needs of their department over the span of (over character limit)

Education

Withheld for privacy reasons.

Professional

- Corporate Accounting Manager for a small senior living community in the New England area. Providing assisted living, independent living, and Alzheimer's and dementia care. My career has consisted of property management and corporate accounting over the last 14 years.

Organizations & Affiliations

None at this time.

Experience

In my fourteen-year career, I have gained a lot of exposure to different budgeting experiences. While the standard budgeting process is maintaining the status quo, I prefer development budgeting. This process is held to a high standard and understanding, because all the costs that need to be cons (over character limit)

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

With my mentioned experience on the CIP committee, and my own professional finance experience. I understand the current wants and needs of the town, while keeping in mind the impact these wants and needs will have on the bottom-line of the townspeople.

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

I am running to bring more transparency to the budgeting process and to give the citizens of our town a better understanding of how their taxes are used. When you build trust with those who are backing you for a position such as this one. It is easier to communicate to our community our fiscal stance with assurance.

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

- Assisting and giving feedback on the annual budget preparation process based on our current funds.
- Discussing with department heads current fiscal issues, such revenue, current expenditures, and how it will affect the pending budget process.

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

Transparency. The current purposed increase in taxes without explanation of exactly why these taxes are being implemented. Seems to be the growing concern amongst the citizens of our town and I want to be a voice for them. Helping them understand what the funds are being earmarked for, while maintaining full transparency.

How do you plan to address these issues in your authority as an elected official?

As mentioned before, my mantra to be transparent and maintain accountability is how I will address the issues at hand. From my experience with budgeting, and my knowledge of how the market moves from one day to the next. I can bring a fresh perspective of how to budget with more accuracy and less of a guess. I do not like to throw numbers out there without having tangible data to fall back on. The full picture needs to be received from one year to the next from the department heads. These tax increases should become less frequent, and we the townspeople are not seeing that. With the collaboration of the budget committee members and department heads we should have a better grasp on how much is needed and where it needs to go. Having a strategic plan in place will help us execute the needs and wants, without having to spend more than is necessary. At the end of the day, I want to bring a different vision of fiscal responsibility and stop with the current status quo.

Melanie Renfrew-Hebert

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

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



Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

- I am a court appointed special advocate, guardian ad litem, with CASA of NH and have provided a voice for a child in court since 2020.
- I volunteer for Goffstown programs including the Goffstown Kid's Weekend Food Bag program and Community Clothing Closet.
- am a volunteer instructor for Mancheste (over character limit)

Education

2013 Doctorate in Community Economic Development, SNHU School of CED
2011 Master of Arts in Policy and Development, SNHU School of CED
2003 Master of Science in Business Administration, SNHU School of Business
1999 Associate of Science in Accounting, NHCTC Manchester

Professional

I am grateful to use this time in my life to serve my community and to volunteer. My professional work experience reflects my personal dedication to community and my focus on improving the lives of individuals and families. My work has provided me with many opportunities over the years to help others (over character limit)

Organizations & Affiliations

CASA of NH, guardian ad litem
Goffstown Food Panty, Kid's Weekend Food Bag Program
Goffstown Community Clothing Closet, worker

Experience

I have skills and experience to contribute. I have degrees in business, accounting, and policy, which have given me a solid foundation in the principles and practices of budgeting, auditing, and reporting. I also have a background as a labor market analyst for the State and have been involved in the (over character limit)

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

The time that I have spent with other volunteers though the Goffstown Kid's Weekend Food Bag program and Community Clothing Closet have greatly impacted my life for the better. It is my hope that my small contribution has made a difference to our clients and our community.

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

I am seeking re-election to the Goffstown Budget Committee because I believe in the power of responsible fiscal management and its ability to shape our town's future. Over the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving on this committee, and I have seen firsthand how our decisions impact every aspect of our community.

My experience on the committee has given me a deeper understanding of our town's financial landscape. I have learned to navigate the complexities of our budget and have worked to ensure that our resources are allocated in a way that reflects our community's values and priorities.

I am running for re-election because I believe there is still work to be done. Our town is growing, and with growth comes new challenges and opportunities. I want to continue to be a part of the decision-making process that addresses these issues head-on.

I am committed to maintaining transparency, promoting fiscal responsibility, and advocating for the needs of all residents.

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

The official job of the Budget Committee is to assist its voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds. We as a committee review the annual budgets for the town and schools. The responsibility of the Budget Committee as a whole, as I see it, is to be more familiar with the running of our town than our neighbors, to interact with department heads to see the reasons behind the numbers in the various budgets and the impact our community, and, of course, our taxes. And to ensure that the budget reflects the needs and priorities of our town and its citizens.

The role of Budget Committee members is to ask the hard questions and to challenge the assumptions and projections that are presented to us. It is to make informed decisions as well as listen to feedback and input from stakeholders. And through all this, to work collectively and respectfully, and to be transparent and accountable for our actions and recommendations.

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

As a resident of Goffstown, I am concerned about the challenges and opportunities facing our town. For the past three years as a budget committee member, I have had the opportunity to tour our town and school buildings, services, and facilities. I have listened to and questioned our department heads. Goffstown is growing. I believe that as a town we need to address four key issues: our aging infrastructure, growing student population, hiring and retention of critical service workers, and taxes.

Aging Infrastructure: Our roads, bridges, facilities, and public buildings are our greatest financial assets as a town. Many are in critical need of repair, renovation, or, in some cases, replacement. I often remind myself that our town buildings are open to the public and are not only assets but a working environment, one where an individual spends eight hours a day or, in the case of our fire and police, many more. On tours of the Town Hall and the police station, we were reminded of structural challenges and space issues that hamper function and growth. The issues were the same at the Library and Parks & Rec. The common thread throughout was the financial impact of pushing necessary repair (over character limit)

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

As members of the Budget Committee our power lies in access to data to help inform the voters. These four key issues, and others that come to the committee's attention can be brought to forward through active engagement in the budget process.



Craig Stansfield

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Service in the New Hampshire Army National Guard from September 2002 to Present. I currently hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and have spent the last 21 years leading Soldiers both in our community and in combat in Iraq, Kuwait, and Jordan.

Education

Master's Degree in Management - Granite State College 2015-2019

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

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

Professional

Supervisory Information Technology Specialist/Data Processing Manager for the United States Property and Fiscal Office. Division Chief, leading Datacenter Engineers, System and Database Administrators.

Organizations & Affiliations

United States Field Artillery Association

Experience

Served as a Budget Program Director and Manager for a multi-million-dollar Federal Budget. I have received training in proper budget planning, obligation, execution and reconciliation in accordance with federal fiscal law.

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

As a member of the New Hampshire Army National Guard, I have served the local community and state during times of natural disasters, civil disturbance, and during the pandemic. Additionally, I supported the U.S. National Security Strategy through multiple overseas deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 (2003-2004), Operation New Dawn (2010-2011) and Operation's Spartan Shield and Inherent Resolve (2022-2023).

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

I have dedicated the last 21 years of my life in service to the citizens of the United States, and returned from a 10-month mobilization to the Middle East in 2023 as well as performed exercises in Germany and Japan. As I transition from active military service into a traditional National Guardsman role, I want to commit my time and apply my broad leadership experience and proficiency with budgeting to the residents of Goffstown. I believe that I have the background to ensure our voters have the information they need to make pragmatic decisions in regards to their hard-earned money. I believe that we can deliver Goffstown Residents transparency and fiscal responsibility, while still providing the town with the critical services and safety it requires, and affording the children of Goffstown the outstanding education they deserve while maintaining budgetary sanity.

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

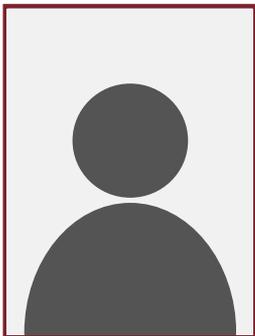
The role of the Budget Committee is to analyze, scrutinize and audit departmental budget requests, holding individual budget managers accountable to justify their requirements. This oversight ensures that there is a culture of fiscal stewardship among departments, safeguarding hardworking taxpayer funds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

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

Over the last 5 years we have seen a continual increase in our property taxes at a time where the cost of feeding our families, keeping our houses warm and buying the daily necessities has never been higher. Increased taxes burdens homeowners and renters alike, forcing landlords to increase rental costs and making our town less affordable for new families, our senior citizens and the disadvantaged. As the cost of living outpaces the salary increases of the hardworking citizens of Goffstown, we owe it to all residents to practice fiscal responsibility and find efficiencies in the way that we fund our municipal requirements.

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

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

**Alan Yeaton**

Town Election: Budget Committee
(3-year term)

No information submitted.

Joe Alexander

Town Election: Budget Committee (3-year term)

Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term)



Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

- Member, Goffstown Budget Committee 2018-present
- Chairman, Goffstown Budget Committee 2021 & 2023
- NH State Representative, 2018-present
- Co-founder, RunGenZ (501C4)

Education

- Bachelors of Art, Saint Anselm College 2017
- Masters in Public Policy, Carsey School for Public Policy, University of New Hampshire 2019

Professional

I work in the hospitality industry as a full-time bartender.

Organizations & Affiliations

I am a co-founder of Run GenZ, founded in 2021, which is a national 501(c)4 nonprofit aimed at recruiting and training the next generation of conservative leaders to run for office.

Experience

My masters in public policy has given me the tools I need to be able to analyze budget data and previous experience on town committees has set me up to be able to lead. My degrees specifically focused on the study of state and local government and its functions.

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

Through my prior volunteer, public service, and political experience, I have positively impacted the Goffstown community in several ways. I have used my position as a state representative for Goffstown to focus on youth mental health, suicide prevention, and addressing the lack of housing stock. I have worked to promote transparency and accountability in local government, as well as advocate for policies that support small businesses and economic development in the community. Overall, I have worked to bring people together, listen to their concerns, and work towards solutions that benefit the entire Goffstown community.

As chairman of the budget committee, I have facilitated meetings in which we can have extensive dialogue over budgetary issues facing town, and make sure all voices are heard.

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

I first fell in love with Goffstown when I attended Saint Anselm College in 2013 when I stepped onto campus. Since then I haven't thought about leaving as I purchased my first home here in 2017.

Goffstown continues to be the place where I have put my roots down and I want to start a family. I'm called to serve the community by volunteering for these positions on the board because I think it's important that if you have the time you try to give back in a small way.

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

New Hampshire RSA 32 deals with the statutory roles and responsibility of the budget committee. It's the job of the budget committee in my opinion to put another set of eyes on fiscal decisions being made in our town and schools and provide recommendations for the voters at Town meeting.

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

Goffstown is growing. Every town is going to experience growing pains but in order to transition Goffstown to the future we need to make sure that we are budgeting responsibly and we are staying accountable to those who put us in positions to make decisions.

I believe our town's most pressing issue is the rate at which our budget is growing compared to the rate of income growth of our residents.

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

The budget committee must act as a “check” on the budgeting responsibilities of the school board and the select board. We must as a committee continue to keep a keen set of eyes on the budgeting of departments to make sure we are spending within our means. I believe the function of the budget committee is not to act as a “pass through” of all projects but rather prioritize wants versus needs of the town.

As a library trustee I would like to bring more accountability and transparency to the Goffstown Public Library. I believe strongly that we should institute video recordings of all library trustee meetings and we should be far more transparent about what materials and policies we are putting into place. I would like to see the library revert back to a place that is welcoming and inclusive for all.



Tim McKinnon

Town Election: Cemetery Trustee
(3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I have not held any previous political office

Education

Associates of Arts degree 1976 -1978

Professional

Presently retired. I was in management for 32 years in the transportation industry.

Organizations & Affiliations

Volunteer at NH Food Bank. Volunteer NH & CT Winter Special Olympics

Experience

I have over 30 years of leadership experience in both union and non union environments.

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

In the early 1990's I was instrumental in bringing Challenger sports to Goffstown so children with disabilities could participate in baseball and soccer.

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

I have numerous family members and friends (past and present) that are or will be interred in one of the towns cemeteries. I want to help with the continued care of the cemeteries.

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

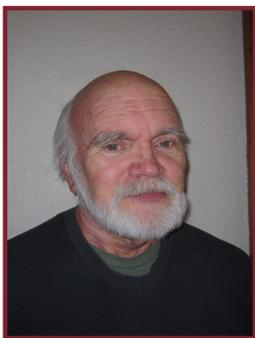
Having the responsibility for the care and maintenance of town cemeteries.

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

Several cemeteries have unmarked graves or broken head stones. Some of these include veterans of the Revolutionary War.

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

I seek to rectify by organizing untapped resources in our community to assist in the restoration and care of the cemeteries.



Bill Kordas

Town Election: Cemetery Trustee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Budget Committee, 2019-2020, 2020-2023

Education

I graduated valedictorian from GHS in 1966, having spent one year of high school in boarding school in Germany. I did undergraduate studies at Wesleyan University (CT), majoring in comparative literature (1973), and graduate work at UNH in German Studies (1977).

Professional

I am currently retired, although I still do freelance translation work, mostly German to English. Previously I taught German and French, grades 7 to 12, and some adult classes including individual tutoring. For a number of years I also managed retail book selling in NH and CT.

Organizations & Affiliations

For many years I volunteered with the Friends of the Goffstown Public Library helping to raise funds for various programs through book and pie sales.

Experience

My skills and experience gained over fifty years in education and business would assist me in serving in office.

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

My prior public service on the Town Budget Committee and volunteer work with the Friends of the Goffstown Public Library in support of library programs and services contributed considerable time and effort to worthy and necessary needs when there was a time when more members were very much needed and often lacking.

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

My family and I have lived in town for nearly over seventy years. I now find myself in a position to pay back a little in time and effort with service to the town and community.

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

My understanding is that the office requires regular attendance, responsible service and cooperation with my fellow trustees and members of the public.

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

An increasing tax burden aggravated by inflation while rationally financing the town budget requirements clearly is chief among many issues facing the town. As the town population increases the issue of affordable housing, both rental and privately owned, as well as all the other related cost-of-living issues are obvious.

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

The challenges of these issues require diligence and discretion in prioritizing use of available funds and resources to support the quality of life we enjoy in our town and state. There are no easy answers to these issues which must be dealt with as rationally as possible as they arise and confront us as good citizens of our town.



Brian Campbell

Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I was elected to the Goffstown Library Board of Trustees last year for a 1-year term.

Education

I received a bachelor's in Business Studies from SNHU in 1998, and an associate degree in Marketing NH Community Technical College in Nashua in 1996.

Professional

I'm currently working as a Production Planner-Scheduler in Merrimack, NH. I'm also an independent author. To date, I have published six novels in multiple genres.

Organizations & Affiliations

I actively support the creative arts. I am an independent author and attend as many local book events as possible. I also attend local art festivals and have funded efforts to bring authors, artists, and musicians together for local creative art festivals.

Experience

I've held management positions for many years and have a wealth of experience getting work done in a team environment. I have excellent communication skills—both as a speaker and writer.

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

I was a newly elected Library Trustee in 2023. Over the last year, based on voter response to our proposed library expansion in 2022, we moved the library expansion project off of the current CIP and created a Capital Reserve Fund in order to address the library's immediate needs. This effort received approval from both the Select Board and Budget Committee.

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

My family moved to Goffstown in 2009 and fell in love with the town. I decided last year to become more involved. Since I have a passion for writing, reading, and the services provided by our public library, the Library Board of Trustees was a perfect fit. I am a very proud advocate for the Goffstown Public Library and the amazing people who work there. I am also a strong proponent of the First Amendment and will always support a writer's freedom of expression as well as a reader's freedom to choose materials that speak to them and for them.

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

I served as a Library Trustee for the past year and have attended training classes in Concord to learn more about state laws pertaining to that responsibility. I am fully prepared to take on this role again for the next three years.

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

In Goffstown, and most towns, rising prices have become a tremendous challenge for both citizens and local government. The discomfort caused by last year's inflation has only added more fuel to a heated and divided political climate.

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

I will continue to work within the scope of the Library Board of Trustees to address the immediate needs of our 115-year-old building while also maintaining our current service level to the community. For many, our public library is the only way they can receive such services. Part of our library's mission is to provide a comfortable place for citizens to access quality materials and services. I will work diligently with my fellow board members to offset costs to taxpayers with money from grants and donations.



Elizabeth Jipson

Town Election: Library Trustee (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Currently serving a one-year term as Library Trustee, past member of Friends of the Goffstown Library, currently a volunteer at The Derryfield School Library. As a Master Gardener, I also volunteer with the NHFree Seeds project, and at the Massabesic Audubon Center gardens. On the Board of the NH M (over character limit)

Education

Bachelor of Arts Degree, Denison University, 1970
Masters Degree in Library Science, University of Michigan, 1972

Professional

Retired from The Derryfield School where I served as the Librarian from 1979 to 2021.

Organizations & Affiliations

New Hampshire Master Gardener, serving on the NH Master Gardener Alumni Assn Board, also on the Massabesic Audubon Center Advisory Council

Experience

A professional librarian for 50 years, I have experience with the practical, day-to-day joy of running the library and the importance of the mission and Board policies in decision-making.

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

I have contributed to Goffstown through time as a Friend of the Library, and as a volunteer in the archives of the Goffstown Historical Society. Now retired, I will have time to devote to Goffstown specifically, and the Library is near and dear to my heart.

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

I believe that it is the responsibility of each citizen to serve others in whatever way matches our experience and interests, and through the Library Board of Trustees I could make use of my educational and professional experience.

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

I will follow the roles and responsibilities as delineated in New Hampshire's RSAs and as articulated by the Library Director and the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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

To me, the most pressing issue facing the town is how best to take care of the library building we have and to make it function at its best for the growing population of the town. I certainly believe that the library building is vitally important to the town, and therefore also is the establishment of the Capital Reserve Fund for the library. Given the accessibility, safety, and environmental concerns that are so pressing, we need to take care of the current lovely but aging building. If we do nothing now, the current condition of the building will only get worse and will be even more expensive to repair in the future; in the long run, the financially wise thing to do is to start to plan for maintenance now.

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

I would hope to address this issue by working with other members of the Board and the Library Foundation to research and work on external grants and fund-raising possibilities as well as by articulating the needs of the library to Goffstown residents so that they can be well informed about the many resources and services available to them through the library.



Theresa Pare Curtis

Town Election: Library Trustee (2-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I have had the privilege of volunteering in the past within Goffstown. I am a former member of the Goffstown Library Board of Trustees, serving several years as the Board Chair. I was a volunteer EMT with the Goffstown Fire Department. I was also active in local Girl Scouts as both a scout leader and "co (over character limit)

Education

Master, Library Sciences - Simmons College
Bachelors, English - Saint Anselm College

Professional

Currently retired, I worked for the State of New Hampshire for over thirty five years. The first years was with the New Hampshire State Library where I was a reference and government documents librarian with a focus on technology and electronic materials. In 2003, I was transferred to the new depart (over character limit)

Organizations & Affiliations

CASA NH

Experience

My career through library services and state government have strengthen my skills in budgeting, contracting, policy development and implementation, and strategic planning. I have been responsible for the implementation of statewide technology and information security programs that impac (over character limit)

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

I believe everyone can have a positive impact on the community, whether they are in an elected position or part of a recognized organization. Publicly facing, my prior role on the Board of Trustees resulted in the renovations to the original building - expanding its current footprint to use every available inch to provide services. It was at this time the library also began more formal outreach programs, including a satellite branch (for a short time) and services to the homebound.

My time as a volunteer EMT provided a direct benefit to those in need of services and I was honored to serve with Goffstown's dedicated first responders.

As a CASA, I am assigned to the Goffstown and Manchester Family District Courts to advocate on behalf of children who are the victims in abuse and neglect cases.

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

I once again have time available to dedicate to serve the town. I believe I can do this best as a member of the Board of Trustees due to my education and background. I have been dedicated to the role a public library plays since I received my first library card at the age of six. I have seen how access to fiction expands the world of a child, how access to legal materials assists a pro se defendant, and how access to services can get social services to families in need. Libraries are books but they are so much more

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

By law, the trustees are the governing board of the library. They have legal responsible for the custody and management of the library and they accomplish that by hiring a director to manage operations, setting policies, establishing a budget, and advocating for the library and its services

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

The perennial issue of taxation - how much is collected and where should it be spent.

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

We need to demonstration the board understands it fiduciary responsibility to the town, that it continue to provide the strong services and programming for which it has become known, and that it is open and transparent in the development of its long term planning needs.



Judy Johnson

Town Election: Library Trustee

(2-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Currently I am a Goffstown Library Trustee Alternate since December 2023

Volunteer Positions include:

Pumpkin Regatta: 2022-2023

Millyard Museum Docent: 2014-2020

YMCA Aerobics Instructor/teacher: 1991-2008

YMCA Gymnastics Assistant: 1990-1997

CCD teacher at St Lawrence Church: 2001- (over character limit)

Education

1978 – 1982 Plymouth State University Plymouth, New Hampshire

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in MGNT

1983 Cornell University Ithaca, New York

Training and Development Certificate

1986-1989 Southern New Hampshire University Manchester, New Hampshire

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Professional

Currently I am a small business owner and for the past ten years I have been working as a Wedding Officiant - JPJudyJohnson. To date, I have had the pleasure of marrying over 400 couples.

Prior to that I spent 26 years working as a high school marketing and management teacher as well as a department head a (over character limit)

Organizations & Affiliations

The organizations I support and donate to include:

- * Goffstown Food Pantry
- * Crispin House
- * Upreach Therapeutic Riding Ranch
- * Catholic Charities
- * George Butch Joseph Foundation
- * Fuled by Kids
- * Girls at Work

Experience

The skills that I bring to this position are one of collaboration and the understanding of the responsibilities of a library trustee. In all of my past job positions I have worn many hats. They include preparing budgets, hiring, firing, organizing, problem solving, marketing, and goal setting.

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

In the 35 years that I have been a resident of Goffstown I have impacted the health of our residents through my volunteering at the YMCA. Over the years I know that I have put food on the table for those that are struggling through my food pantry donations. In volunteering for the Goffstown Main Street program I have contributed to our community events and their continuation. Lastly, I know that I have guided teenagers in understanding themselves and how they fit into our world through my work as a confirmation CCD teacher at St. Lawrence Church.

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

The main reason I decided to become a Library Trustee is I LOVE the library and the role it serves in our community.

Since November 1, 2023, I have been attending the Library Trustee meetings which lead me to my current alternate position. During this time I have learned how the library and the Goffstown community work together to meet the goals of their mission which is below.

"The Goffstown Public Library will serve as a primary resource for community information needs. It will provide a comfortable place for citizens to access quality materials and programs, enhance cultural awareness and to explore issues of local, national and global interest."

As your library trustee I will be dedicated to this mission so that Goffstown residents can continue to utilize all that the library has to offer.

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

After reading the NH State statues regarding libraries and being a Library Trustee Alternate seeing first hand how these laws are practiced by the board, I have a clear understanding about my role and responsibility as a library trustee.

The Goffstown Board of Library Trustee is the governing board for the library. The board sets policy, prepares budgets and has the sole responsibility for hiring and firing employees.

As your Goffstown Library Trustee I will be dedicated to preforming these duties to the best of my ability.

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

Overcoming our political divisions and working together for the betterment of all our citizens and businesses in Goffstown.

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

I will diligently work with all members of the Board of Trustees to balance the needs and wants of the library, the tax payers, and our community.



Lisa Mazur

Town Election: Library Trustee (2-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I organized yearly outreach community events in the inner city of Manchester in which hundreds of volunteers, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and city agencies partnered together to serve thousands of under-resourced children and their families. We also partnered with the Manchester [\(over character limit\)](#)

Education

Withdrawn for privacy reasons.

Professional

Operations Director – March 2020 – present

- Project management and event planning / coordination.
- Oversee day-to-day operations.
- Client and vendor relations include answering requests promptly and professionally, connecting each with the right solutions and establishing and maintaining [\(over character limit\)](#)

Organizations & Affiliations

- Having been active in community volunteering in the efforts mentioned previously, my volunteer time (as we make a whopping \$100/yr :)) is now mostly spent in the New Hampshire State House.
- I currently serve on the Health, Human Services & Elderly Affairs Committee in the New Hampshire State House [\(over character limit\)](#)

Experience

- Project management and volunteer mobilization. When people connect to a cause and other people, they then want to engage, donate and volunteer.
- Fundraising and event planning.

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

I believe everything mentioned in this questionnaire regarding my prior and current volunteer, public serve and political experience positively impacts Goffstown. I have administrative, organizational and relational skills that I have used and will continue to use to better our amazing Goffstown community.

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

In the words of Margaret Fuller “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.” I believe 100% that knowledge obtained from reading books made me a better leader and broadened my purview of the world.

I am running to bring more transparency and accountability to the Library Board of Trustees. I appreciate the work that has been done to date, but it’s time for some new faces to bring some fresh perspective.

I also want to bring a greater level of detail to financial requests that are brought forward from the library to our town ballots. For example, when requesting \$200,000 for repairs, it is the library board’s responsibility to provide exact information on what exact repairs are needed and financial estimates on what each of those repair’s entail. I have received a lot of feedback from Goffstown residents that say doing that would better help them trust what their tax money is being used for, so they can in turn support it.

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

My understanding of the role of a Library Board Trustee is establishing library policies that guide the operation of the library, advocacy and public relations, seeking community input, evaluation and assessment of library services, long term planning, some hiring and supervision and financial oversight that includes budget approval and financial planning.

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

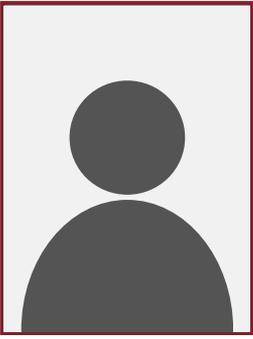
In this incredibly difficult economy, we need to budget more efficiently, be more financially creative and think outside of the box in regards to fundraising and volunteerism. I believe this can be done without lessening services that the library offers.

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

- Crowdfunding Campaigns
- Collaborative Events with Local Businesses
- Membership Programs
- Library Merchandise
- Digital Book Sales
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Library-themed Events
- Collaborative Art Projects

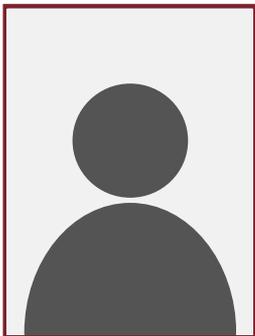
Volunteering ideas:

- Skill-Based Volunteering
- Library Ambassador Program
- Teen Advisory Board
- Community Service Partnerships
- Flexible Volunteering Hours

**Tim Redmond**

Town Election: Planning Board
(3-year term)

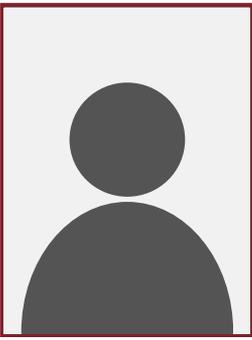
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**Richard “Bear” Freeman**

Town Election: Planning Board

(3-year term)

No information submitted.

**Daniel Taylor**

Town Election: Sewer Commission
(3-year term)

No information submitted.



Marie B. Morgan

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

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown Supervisor of the Checklist (March 2022 - present)

Education

BA in Secondary Education, Northeastern University;
MA in Educational Administration, Ohio State University;
ABD in Adult Education, Auburn University

Professional

Served 17 years in the US Air Force as an Education Training Officer. Retired from the NH Department of Education after several years working in the Office of School Approval.

Organizations & Affiliations

State Employees Association, Retirees Chapter

Experience

I appreciate the opportunity I have had to be a Goffstown Supervisor of the Checklist (SoC) for the last 2 years. There is quite a learning curve for this position. With the assistance of my fellow SoC, I have learned a lot and participated in several elections and trainings with the NH Secretary of State's office.

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

As noted above, I have served as a Goffstown Supervisor of the Checklist (SoC) for 2 years. Along with my fellow SoC we have worked diligently to maintain the Voter Checklist to ensure only eligible residents are added and we spent many hours to check and recheck the names of those who have moved away or are deceased based upon reports from the NH Secretary of State, the USPS, our town clerk and the town's tax assessor. Additionally, I have worked 4 elections in the past 2 years to help register new voters and train our assistants. After each election the SoC work several days to ensure the election's new voters are added to the state's electronic database and records of voters with name, address, or party affiliation changes are updated.

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

As noted above, I have served as a Goffstown Supervisor of the Checklist (SoC) for 2 years. Although I have learned a lot, I realize there is still much to learn especially how to navigate the state's electronic voter database which is being updated at this time. I would also like to develop training manuals/procedures for our election assistants and for future SoCs.

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

This is an interesting question. Because the NH legislature often changes voting rules, the NH Secretary of State is required to provide an updated manual each year to help election officials. The 2022-2023 NH Election Procedure Manual was 450 pages. It came with a new book of NH election related RSAs.

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

The role of a Supervisor of the Checklist is bipartisan meaning we do our work without regard to political issues. However, I believe the most pressing issue facing the town, the state and the nation is extremist politics.

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

I will continue to communicate with the other 2 Supervisors of the Checklist and town officials to get our work done accurately and efficiently and help them run the best elections possible.



Janice Little

Town Election: Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I was Supervisor of the Checklist in Weare from 2004-2010. I also served as president of the South Weare Improvement Society (SWIS) beginning in 2003 through 2010. From 2001 to 2007, I coached soccer, basketball and softball for the Weare Athletic Club.

Education

Both of my degrees are geared toward criminal justice, with an associate degree in law enforcement (1995-1999) and a bachelor degree in criminal justice (1999-2001).

Professional

Working in the pole compliance and regulations department at Telephone Data Systems Telecom, it's my job to monitor and track spending between other utility companies' telephone, electric and data systems.

Organizations & Affiliations

I have been a member of the New Boston Fire Department Fire Auxiliary since 2015.

Experience

Having held a previous supervisory position for six years, I am familiar with the process. I also helped the state work through bugs and rewrite the checklist program.

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

Having spent lots of time volunteering and working in public service (a lot of it behind the scenes), I'll be able to further improve the Goffstown community. There will be little training needed if elected, allowing me to hit the ground running for the town. I am an active and involved citizen, something every community needs.

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

A lot of the recent years of my life were spent parenting and working full-time, shifting my priorities for a time. But now I have the time to volunteer and serve again, so I'm back, hoping to become more involved.

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

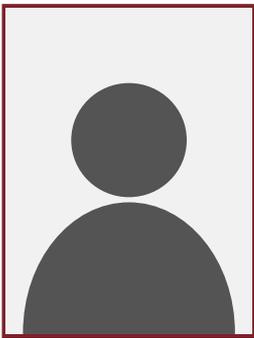
Having previously been elected as Supervisor of the Checklist, I have a very strong understanding of New Hampshire election laws.

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

This does not apply to the position I am running for.

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

This does not apply to the position I am running for.



Rodney “Rod” Stark

Town Election: Town Moderator (2-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

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

I have served as a member of the Conservation Commission

I have been an Alternate Member of the Historic District Commission

Education

I graduated from Goffstown High School in 1964

I graduated from Purdue University in 1968(Political Science)

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

Professional

I have practiced law in Manchester since 1971, 52 years ago

Organizations & Affiliations

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

Experience

Having served as Town Moderator for 44 years, and having a legal background, has enabled me to have a solid understanding of the election laws, rules and regulations which govern the election process in New Hampshire. I have always maintained close relationships with the offices of the NH Secretar (over character limit)

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

I like to think that my 44 years of service as Town Moderator has been of benefit to the Town of Goffstown.

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

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

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

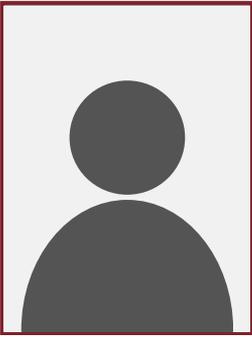
As Moderator, I am the chief election official for the town. I moderate the deliberative session of our town meeting.

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

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

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

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



Jason Cote

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

No information submitted.

School Election

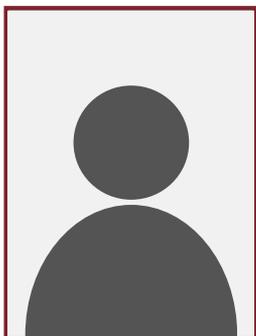
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Ellen Vermokowitz

School Election: School Board
(3-year term)

No information submitted.



John “Jack” Carbonneau

School Election: School Board (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Tri-Town Youth Soccer Board 1989-2002
Kindness Cures Project 2019-present
Glen Lake Adhoc Committee 2022

Education

Goffstown High School in 1981

New Hampshire Technical College in Manchester with an associates degree in Building Technology in 1983

Professional

Self employed carpenter and have been for over 40 years, from 1984-present

Goffstown Boys High School soccer coach for 18 years, from 1989-1997 and 1999-2009

Youth freestyle ski coach at Crotched Mountain, 2017- present

Organizations & Affiliations

United States Ski and Snowboard Association coach and official

Professional Ski Instructors Association

Goffstown LGBTQIA+ and Allies Group

Experience

I have over 40 years of experience as a self employed carpenter doing start to finish houses and small renovations. Much of this career I was a single dad of three children with limited finances.

This experience as a widowed father working to make ends meet helped me support clients working within a bu (over character limit)

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

I worked through Tri-Town Youth Soccer as a board member in collaboration with the Lions club to create the upper Lions Field on East Union Street. I worked through the board of Tri-Town Youth Soccer to get a bank loan and assisted in managing the project that provided sod and irrigation to the upper Lions Field two years later. I encouraged the Tri-Town Youth Soccer board to donate money to help level the area behind the high school to create field space. I also worked closely with then Athletic Director Frank McBride on the Field of Dreams project to sod and irrigate those fields.

I worked with the Glen Lake Adhoc committee to create suggestions for the Goffstown Select Board to create usage policies for the town owned properties on Glen Lake.

I am a founding member of Goffstown's Kindness Cures Project. Through that I have helped feed families and shut ins in need during Covid. Additionally I helped coordinate drives that collected clothing, tents, sleeping bags and hygiene items for area homeless people.

I impacted generations of youth through my time coaching Tri-Town youth soccer, high school soccer, travel soccer, and now as a ski coach. I try hard through this work to imbed the (over character limit)

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

I am running because I believe all children deserve to receive a high quality education in a place they feel safe and valued. I believe school is not just for academics but a place where kids learn social skills, develop an ability to work with a variety of people, learn to adapt, persevere, communicate, collaborate, and engage with the world in ways that are meaningful and fulfilling to them. I struggle with the ways that in recent years our most marginalized communities have been harmed by an increasingly divisive world that further marginalizes and weaponizes them. I want all children to feel valued and have spaces where they can develop their strengths. I believe that schools should be responsibly funded. I believe that teachers should be adequately supported so that they can do the job they are trained to do.

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

I understand that the school board is responsible for creating a budget for the Goffstown schools. That they will direct the superintendent for staffing and hiring purposes. That the board works for changes in school curriculum and services needed. I understand that the board oversees plans for building maintenance and modifications. The school board is also responsible for overseeing transportation to and from all school activities. I understand that the school board is responsible for creating short and long term plans for the education of their students. I also understand the board will adopt rules that ensures there is no unlawful discrimination.

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

I am concerned about the way state and federally mandated programs around education are not adequately funded by the state and federal government. I am concerned about voucher programs impacting the already high property taxes for the public school system. I feel passionately about continuing the high standard of diverse learning opportunities both academically and extracurricular for students. As the father and the son of teachers, feel passionately about reestablishing the trusting relationship with our teachers to fulfill their duties educationally and legally for all our students. I want to reestablish collaborative relationships with teachers that do not impede the growth of our students.

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

First, I would like to educate the public about what is mandated by the state and federal government, which falls on the local property taxes when it is not funded by these larger government bodies. Secondly, I would like to advocate against the way that voucher programs divert money from our public schools. I am concerned that the amount of vouchers given to a household is not tied to the household's property tax liability. Additionally, public schools must support all students in the community and voucher programs divert this money away from the public school and potentially towards private schools that can hand pick the students they accept. I realize these are issues that are not completely in control of the school board. But I do believe that the school board is the pertinent body to inform the public about the way these issues impact our students. If elected i will work to responsibly fund the goffstown schools to maintain the high educational standards that have been in place since I and my three children were educated in the goffstown school system.



Lauren Doukas

School Election: School Board (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Jacob's Ladder School Board Member 2016-2021, Chair 2019-2021

Budget Committee Member 2021-2024

As a member of the Budget Committee, I served on the Capital Improvements Committee and the School Facilities Planning Committee. As such, I was able to work with the Planning Board in developing the (over character limit)

Education

University Of Massachusetts Lowell - 2000-2002

New Hampshire Institute of Art - 2002-2006

Professional

I am a paraprofessional and substitute teacher at Mill Falls Charter School in Manchester NH. I assist students with a variety of support needs by providing instructional support and non-academic services as dictated by their Individualized Education Plan. I also train new paraprofessionals i (over character limit)

Organizations & Affiliations

Scouting of America

Girl Scouts

Scholastic Book Club coordinator

Goffstown Forward

Experience

I have experience with multiple facets of public education. Being an educator myself, I recognize the importance of attracting and retaining dedicated staff and respect the multiple roles that teachers fill, everyday. I have a deep understanding of the unique needs of a variety of students and fa (over character limit)

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

When my family moved here in 2020, I immediately wanted to learn more about our town and serve its residents. I am a firm believer in the quote, "If not me, who? And if not now, when?"

A critical quality needed for any public servant is to show up and do the work. In my entire tenure as a Budget Committee member, I have demonstrated an unwavering work ethic and only missed 2 meetings. I have toured all of our school facilities multiple times, met with teachers and administrators and asked all the questions, to educate myself in their continued support. I have seen the dedication of our school staff and have benefited greatly from their willingness to collaborate.

I believe I have benefited the Committees I've served on with my collaborative and earnest spirit. I do not flinch at asking the tough questions. I am not afraid to be wrong and learn from my more experienced contemporaries. I engage directly, respectfully and passionately and residents will never have to wonder where I stand.

I am deeply dedicated to civil discourse and public engagement. I am particularly proud of my advocacy for the marginalized youth in the community, as well as the multiple volunteer roles I've taken in local (over character limit)

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

After staying at home for 13 years to raise my 4 children, I re-entered the workforce in 2021 to support our school in getting students back in classrooms after the pandemic. Where many folks had to leave their jobs, there was a critical staffing need, and I stepped up to support our educators. I found the work so rewarding and worthwhile, that I have kept on working, even though I am privileged to not require it.

I have always held educators in the highest regard, but until you spend time in a classroom, there is no comparison. To see what staff manage on a daily basis with grace and compassion; to see the positive impact one can have on a child's life. It is a transformative experience.

I wish to use my experience to benefit a populace greater than my classroom walls. I feel a strong public school system is the core of a strong community. Well supported students turn into responsible, civically-minded citizens. A School Board member should be committed to the continuation of public education for the common good, where information and opportunity are freely available to all.

I firmly believe in creating a safe and inclusive environment where every student can thrive. I believe I engender a (over character limit)

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

A School Board does not run our schools, they make sure they can be run effectively. They are instrumental in crafting the climate and culture of our school community. The collective group is responsible for setting policy that supports the roles of our talented staff. The Board makes sure our educators have the tools and resources they need by developing district goals and budgets. They participate in collective bargaining agreements and oversee the superintendent. Members are also expected to serve on subcommittees that address more specific arenas, such as Policy Review and Curriculum and Education.

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

Growth - Having served on our Facilities Planning Committee, I have a particular interest in our continued growth and enrollment. This is an issue that has been identified for years and we can no longer take a wait-and-see approach. In order to maintain Goffstown's desirability in our state, we need to address our space needs. I am also a huge proponent of instituting full-day kindergarten. While I recognize this change is not currently feasible with our current state funding structure, we must continue to put this critical need at the forefront.

Policy and Safety- To say that school boards have become contentious environments in the last few years would be an understatement. I do not wish to ignore the elephant in the room that board meetings across the country have become passionate battlegrounds regarding issues like literary accessibility, community visibility and inclusive content. I believe that School Boards can act as protective barriers to this divisiveness by setting clear, concise policy that falls in line with nationally recognized best practices that respect families of all structures and beliefs, while making space for all. I would like to help our School Bo (over character limit)

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

Growth - Having presented to the School Board on the options available at this time, I understand the complexities. Our Subcommittees' recommendations included reducing program offerings, moving grades to different locations or building a new school. Each option presents its own complicated set of factors. I would strongly advocate for the options that provide the greatest long-term solution, even if the short term cost is high. I would also recommend a concerted public education and listening effort, so we can craft a solution that is palatable to all parties.

Policy - I would strive to cut through the confusing terminology and divisive buzzwords and find our common ground again. I would encourage the Board to act as the protective barrier to students we should be, first and foremost. As an individual Board member, I would take a personal onus to discuss any concerns with members of the public so we can each gain understanding.

I think most disagreements are borne out of misunderstanding. We all want the same thing; a quality education that respects all students and families. I will look for any opportunity to engage with residents and break down the barriers of discord so we c (over character limit)



Lindsay Lombo

School Election: School Board (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Girl Scout Troop Leader 2015-2022

Education

Bachelor's in Elementary Education

Master's in Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Certificate in Gifted and Talented Education

Certificate in Elementary Mathematics Leadership

Professional

Grade 4 Classroom Teacher

Organizations & Affiliations

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Experience

I have been a teacher for 20 years and have two girls in the Goffstown School District. This gives me the opportunity to view matters from a parent perspective as well as a teacher perspective. I am also the Math and Science facilitator for my building, so I am familiar with school budgets.

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

As a Girl Scout Troop Leader, I worked with girls on many different projects of interest. I helped to build courage, confidence, and character, as well as encourage leadership by allowing the girls to make decisions and participate in the planning of how to achieve their goals.

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

I am running for School Board in order to help make decisions that will create strong educational opportunities for the students of Goffstown. As an educator, I have a passion for education and, with my own children enrolled in the schools, I have a vested interest in ensuring that our schools have the resources and curriculum that is needed to help our schools thrive. I want to make a meaningful impact on the lives of students and families in our community, and I desire to prepare our students for success in an ever changing world.

I also have an interest in helping the other board members to manage the district's financial resources. By being a part of the budget decisions, we can work together to make sure that resources are allocated efficiently and effectively to best support student learning and achievement.

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

The three main roles of the school board are to draft a school budget, hire a superintendent, and create school policy. As a board, we work together with administrators to develop and adhere to a budget. We also collaborate to create policy and approve curriculum, and, when needed, hire a superintendent who will carry out that policy and curriculum.

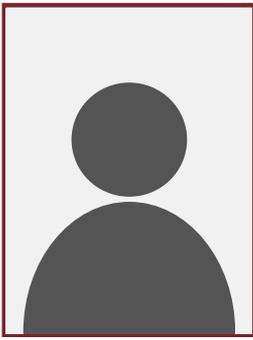
Numerous state and federal statutes outline the obligations of school districts. These regulations cover a broad spectrum of areas, such as transportation and special education services.

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

One of the most pressing issues I have seen our schools facing right now is adequate spacing. With the development within the town and the challenge of not having enough classrooms, the class size is growing, which has the potential to create inequitable and more challenging learning environments. As a school board, we can work to find a solution that balances the financial needs of our town with the educational needs of our students.

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

Collaboration and transparency are key in developing effective solutions to any problem. I will listen to understand different perspectives with an open mind and actively seek input from parents, community members, teachers, and administrators. Because I am a mom and educator, I can bring my professional experiences as an elementary school teacher alongside my personal experiences as a mom to gain perspective and help make decisions that will meet everyone's needs.



Virginia “Ginny” McKinnon

School Election: School Board

(3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

- Multi-term Goffstown School Board Member
- New Boston Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution Registrar
- Served in a variety of leadership positions over the last 40 yrs.
- Honorary Member of the Goffstown Mothers Club
- Served as president for two terms as well as member of various committee (over character limit)

Education

- Goffstown High School alumnus
- Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital School of Nursing alumnus - Registered Nurse Program now known as the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH
- Completed Continuing Education in the field of Pediatric Nursing over the last 50 years
- Life-long learner (over character limit)

Professional

Recently retired Registered Nurse:

I worked for 50 years in the field of Pediatric Nursing. I had the opportunity to work in a variety of different settings over that time. I served as a nurse in various referral hospitals for about fifteen years. As my family grew, I transitioned to home health nursing (over character limit)

Organizations & Affiliations

- Support PBS to help provide quality educational programming.
- Member of both the Goffstown and New Boston Historical Societies.
- Member of the Musterfield Farm Museum.
- Member of the American Independence Museum.

Experience

As an experienced School Board Member, I understand the importance of the role and the responsibilities connected to the position. I am politically independent and I am not beholden to any particular group or agenda. I am committed to what is in the best interest of the students and their families in (over character limit)

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

This job matters to me and I take it very seriously. As a member of the Goffstown School Board I have made an impact on the Goffstown community through my thoughtful decision making, my unwavering commitment to the value of education for all students, and my active participation in the process.

I am a life-long resident of Goffstown and attended all Goffstown Schools. I am married to Mike who is also a life-long Goffstown resident and alumnus. Additionally, I am the mother of three adult children who attended Goffstown Schools and the grandmother of three children who currently attend. Additionally, my two daughters are both teachers. I feel that this strong connection to both the school district and the community has given me historical perspective on the way that the school district operates. I have been able to use this experience to provide additional context to decisions that we need to make as a board.

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

I am running for this position because I was educated in Goffstown and have lived most of my life in this community. I am proud to be an active member of the town and I feel that it is important to give back to the community that has given me so much over the years. I feel that all of the experiences previously noted make me uniquely qualified to give back to the town as a member of the Goffstown School Board. I know that there are a lot of pressing issues within public education that we need to address and I am running to be part of those conversations.

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

As an incumbent I have had the opportunity to gain a thorough understanding of all of the roles and responsibilities of the School Board. If elected, I will continue to serve the Goffstown community in a responsible, ethical, and transparent manner.

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

There are several pressing issues that our town is currently facing. One of the issues on the forefront of the minds of many citizens is the need for responsible budgeting that takes into account both the high tax rates in our community as well as the need to provide a high-quality education for our students.

The lack of state funding for education is also a concern for our community. Over time the percentage of funding that the town pays has increased dramatically while the percentage of funding that the state pays has reduced dramatically and this has created a number of issues for Goffstown including the steep tax increases and the difficult budget decisions that we have had to make.

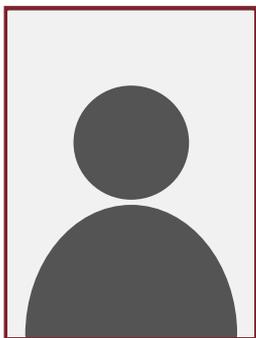
An additional issue facing our community is the need to create a stronger rapport between the Goffstown School Board and the families of all of our students. In doing so, we can create a more inclusive conversation and help to lessen the divide that seems to be widening in our community.

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

To address the budgeting issue, I will commit to continue to make sure the budgeting process is transparent as we have always done. However, I will try to increase public participation in the process by using all means of communication available to make sure that the public is aware of the process from the very beginning. This way they will be able to attend the meetings, watch the recordings, ask questions, and share their concerns as soon as possible. If we can keep the community involved in the process, there will not be any surprises when it comes time to vote on the budget because they have been able to be actively involved in the process.

To address the state funding issue, I would like to propose to our state legislators that we create a process to meet regularly to discuss the educational needs in Goffstown and how we can work together to help move education in both the community and the state forward.

Finally, to help bridge the divide that seems to be widening in our community I would like to propose regular opportunities for respectful face-to-face conversations to hear the concerns of all families in our community. By coming together to share concerns, we can work together to mor (over character limit)



Donna Pinard

School Election: School Board (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I have participated as a volunteer at my local church in many capacities including, short-term mission trips to foreign countries, teaching Sunday School to children, organizing Vacation Bible Schools, music on Worship Teams, etc

Education

I am a Goffstown High School graduate. I have a Masters Degree in Education and a certification in Emotional/Behavioral Disorders.

Professional

I am currently a retired public school teacher from SAU19. In my professional careers, I have worked as a paralegal as well as a teacher in SAU19.

Organizations & Affiliations

Because I am retired, I am not currently affiliated with any organizations. My husband and I have always tithed our income to organizations and causes we support. We do not expect or desire tax dollars to go to non-profits, but rather, support from our own earnings.

Experience

Both my husband and adult daughter have served on the Goffstown School Board for decades. I am well aware of the time, commitment, and issues that come with the job.

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

It is for others to judge whether I have positively impacted my community over the course of my lifetime since I was born in Goffstown and have always resided here.

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

It is the responsibility and duty for every citizen to give to their community. I am retired, and therefore, have the time to serve.

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

As stated previously, my family members have served, and therefore, I am aware of the statutory requirements, some of which I agree with and some I do not. I have every intention of participating in attempts to change the statutes I disagree with at the state and federal levels whether or not I am elected.

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

The most pressing issues facing SAU19 are (1) authority (who has it and who is usurping it), fiscal responsibility (what dollars are spent in the 4th quarter rather than returning funds to the tax-payer, and what dollars are foolishly spent on member organizations, top-heavy hires of administrators, as well as wasteful spending, and (3) the indoctrination of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Critical Race Theory, and Social/Emotional Learning.

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

There is a difference between knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. As a member of a 9 member board, I would attempt to bring wisdom. It will require research of facts as well as debate, however, ultimately, I would hope the board members would come to decisions with wisdom. For instance, the words "best practice" are often used, however, something cannot be a "best practice" without data to show the intended results are different from what was used before, and those results are better than what was used before. If there is no data, then one cannot claim it is "best practice." Wisdom allows a person to bypass the word-games often used in pedagogy and politics. There is an old saying which states, "The numbers lie." This saying stems from the fact that people use statistics in a less than genuine way. Whether it is with language or statistics, wisdom is needed to shine a light on the truth of the matter at hand. I have been trained to see the "whole" as well as the "parts" of an argument, and therefore, I have the ability to recognize and bring wisdom to the issues presented to the board.



Jared Talbot

School Election: School Board

(3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Goffstown School Board Member 2018 to current

Goffstown School Facility Needs Committee 2021

School Board Representative to the Budget Committee 2019 to current

Education

Master's in Business Administration from Southern New Hampshire University (2014)

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire (2002)

Professional

Director of Governance for BAE Systems

Adjunct Professor of Decision Sciences at the Peter T Paul Business College within the University of New Hampshire

Organizations & Affiliations

Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) from the Project Management Institute

Certified Scrum Master (CSM) from the Scrum Alliance, Certified Six Sigma Black Belt

Board of Directors for the Tri-Town Soccer league.

Experience

My professional experiences as an influencer and organizational leader will assist in discussions that focus on common goals that other stakeholders can agree with so that we can build upon a consensus to move forward as a board.

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

My experience as a PMP and 6 Sigma leader provides a unique skill set to ask the necessary questions about how things are implemented and to ensure a baseline of activities are established. Once a baseline is established, the board would review any deviations and ensure our tax money is being spent wisely and necessarily.

As an adjunct professor and business director I know the skills and needs our students must have after their High School education. These skills include communication, problem solving, leadership, time management, and determination. I will ensure that any academic decisions brought before the board will address these and other skills for our children to be successful in their lifetime.

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

I am running for re-election to the School Board to continue driving transparency and accountability for board decisions. I will continue to ensure taxes paid by the town's residents and businesses are funding necessary programs that prepare our children for their future and provide benefits to the community. I also believe that it is the community's responsibility to provide the necessary opportunities for our students to flourish.

We also need to continue to scrutinize the school's budget and ensure that tax dollars are not spent on line items that do not support the board's strategic roadmap that has been shared with and vetted by the community. This includes ensuring we do not spend "unreserved fund balance" money on purchases that have not been planned or shared with the community at large, and return that money back to our tax payers

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

There are many statutes, both federal and state, that govern the responsibilities of the school districts. These laws range from bussing, special needs, facility requirements, to curriculum, food nutrition, and hours or days in the classroom.

There are three main roles that a School Board conducts. The first is to establish the budget that is voted on by the town and to adhere to that budget. The second role of the School Board is to establish policies and curriculum for the school district to implement. This would include policies for buildings, teachers, administrators, students, parents, and even school board members. The third responsibility is to hire a superintendent to implement the policies and curriculum that was established by the School Board and approve the hiring being conducted by the Superintendent.

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

From a school perspective, the most pressing issue is our space needs or student capacity in the schools. Being the chair of our School Facility Needs Committee, I was able to work with members of the community and administration to determine what our facilities deficiencies are and how they are being impacted by new residential development in town. The committee built a multiplier for how many new school age children we can expect in our schools from the new developments being planned and built in town.

We currently have 14 module classrooms in our 3 elementary schools, most of which are at end of life. A decision is going to be made on how we deal with this from a community. As chair of the committee, we have laid our alternative plans that the board must consider and communicate to the public within the next few years so that the appropriate action can be taken in a fiscally sound way.

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

Though I am 1 of 9 people on the board, my first priority is continuing to promote ethics and accountability on the school board. As an elected official, it is important that we do not lose the public's trust in the institution. I would communicate any personal conflicts of interest, perceived or otherwise. When those conflicts arise, I would recuse myself from voting to ensure I held the public's trust.

I also believe that parents have the ultimate say on their child's wellbeing. It is important to look at all factors in the development of our school aged children. From an education perspective, it is important that we instill the ability for children to think critically and prepare them for a successful future after graduation.

From an administrative perspective, it is important that safety and security are at the forefront of our decision making process. We need to ensure students are not over crowded in their class, and have the ability learn in their environment.



James Raymond

School Election: School District Moderator (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

Among my town positions, I have served as the school moderator for a few terms and was on the planning board for several years. Last year, I was a member at large of the capital improvements committee and was previously the chair, and I am often appointed to help with elections as an assistant town moder (over character limit)

Education

I hold a B.A. degree from Wesleyan University and a J.D. degree from Boston College Law School.

Professional

I am a lawyer at Upton & Hatfield, LLP.

Organizations & Affiliations

My nonprofit organization activities include serving on the board and previously a president of the Concord YMCA and president of the Amoskeag Rowing Club.

Experience

Serving as moderator for several years is a good learning experience.

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

New Hampshire towns function best if their residents volunteer their time in a constructive way to make their towns better. Setting a tone of positive engagement, and not obstruction, is important for Goffstown.

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

My skills and experience can contribute to keeping Goffstown a good place to live and raise our families.

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

The statutory rules for conducting town and school meetings are set out primarily in RSA 40. Other statutes govern elections. In addition, the Secretary of State and the New Hampshire Municipal Association issue guidance on town and school meetings and elections.

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

Our experience at certain recent meetings and observing other towns should teach us that maintaining a tone of constructive and civil engagement is important to preserving Goffstown's character.

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

Having served as school moderator for a while, I would like to continue to promote orderly and civil discussions at our school district meetings and to assist with our well-run elections.



Jo Ann Duffy

School Election: School District Clerk (3-year term)

Volunteer, Public Service, and Political Experience

I am an incumbent. I have served on several town boards such as Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Capital Improvement Committee, and Master Plan. I am also a town representative to Southern NH Planning Commission.

Education

30 years experience in municipal government.

Professional

Town of Goffstown Planning & Economic Development Director

Organizations & Affiliations

Former Girl Scout Leader

Experience

I am an experienced transcriptionist. This position entails producing minutes of the annual School District meeting. I am also a Notary Public and Justice of the Peace, which allows me to administer the Oath of Office to new Board members.

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

I've been involved in community service in the Town of Goffstown for the past 35 years. I volunteered in the schools and served on several town committees.

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

I am running for reelection for School District Clerk because I enjoy serving my community and I believe I am qualified for the position.

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

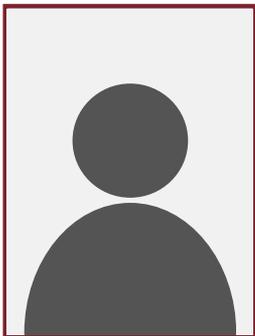
I am very familiar with NH State Statutes pertaining to the School District Clerk position.

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

Growth, lack of housing, lack of public infrastructure, overcrowded elementary school (Maple Ave)

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

The position of School District Clerk is limited to what is allowed by the State Statutes. The scope is focused on preparing the ballots, swearing-in new board members, taking minutes at the District Meeting, and signing off on required state forms.



Lissa Winrow

School Election: School District Treasurer
(3-year term)

No information submitted.



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Election Day Is:
MARCH 12,
2024

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

Vote At:

Bartlett Elementary School
689 Mast Rd, Goffstown, NH 03102

(District #5)

-or-

Goffstown High School
27 Wallace Rd, Goffstown, NH 03045

(District #1)

For more information about voting
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(603) 497-8990

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