

Goffstown Public Library Alternate Trustee Position

It is the recognition of the NH General Court and the Goffstown Public Library Board of Trustees that conflicts will occur from time to time that will affect the availability of an elected Trustee to attend all meetings of the Board. For this purpose, up to three Alternate Trustees may be appointed to the Board for continuity and stability of process.

An Alternate Trustee is a person who is recommended by the Library Board of Trustees to the Select Board for an official appointment to the elected board of Trustees of the Goffstown Public Library. An Alternate Trustee has the same powers to attend, and speak at all meetings as the elected and appointed Trustees. An Alternate Trustee has the power to vote only in the absence of an elected or appointed Trustee.

An individual interested in an Alternate Trustee appointment is best served, and best able to serve the Library, when fully informed of the parameters of the work of the Board of Trustees. To this end, the GPL Board of Trustees may require attendance at three (3) consecutive Board of Trustee meetings prior to official recommendation to the Select Board for an appointment to end annually on March 31. Until the Alternate Trustee candidate has been appointed and sworn into office by the Select Board, candidates are considered members of the public and abide by those constraints.

Once appointed, the Alternate Trustee is expected to attend all Board meetings. If an alternate board member misses three consecutive board meetings they will be removed. The Alternate will be placed on all Board email distributions and is strongly encouraged to read all email correspondence to stay abreast of ongoing Board business. Alternate Trustees are encouraged to serve on committees of the board and have the same duties and rights as elected or appointed Trustees. Since the committees are advisory in nature, alternate trustees may vote and lead committee meetings.

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