

1 The inhabitants of the Town of Gilmanton in the County of Belknap in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in
2 Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

3 **First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):**

4 Date: Saturday February 4, 2023 (and Saturday February 11, 2023 as needed)

5 Time: 9:00 AM (9:00 AM on Saturday February 11, 2023 as needed)

6 Location: Gilmanton Elementary School – 1386 NH Rt 140, Gilmanton, NH

7 Details: Town deliberative Session first, then School deliberative session

8 **Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

9 Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2023

10 Time: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

11 Location: Academy Building – 503 Province Rd, Gilmanton NH

12 Details: Voting is upstairs in the Auditorium

13 **GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

14 We certify and attest that on or before 1/30/2023 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of
15 meeting and at the Gilmanton Academy Town Office, the Gilmanton Corners Post Office and the Gilmanton Iron Works
16 Post Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

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18 MARK E. WARREN CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

19 VINNIE BAIOCCHETTI SELECTMAN

20 EVAN COLLINS SELECTMAN

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22 *Town Deliberative session opens at 9:00 am*

23 *(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Adam Mini)*

24 *Mark Sisti, moderator - Okay, this is a meeting that is held pursuant to SB2, I think you guys all know the rules here. It's*
25 *not as though we're voting on final warrant articles, what we're doing is this is the opportunity for the community to*
26 *discuss the substance of the articles, to make some amendments, and we have legal counsel here today, he's right over*
27 *here [gestures to legal counsel] Eric (Maher), and if there are questions of legality or amendment I'm going to shift it*
28 *there because quite frankly I want an official on the record comment with regards to those things to avoid any*
29 *ambiguities. So, we will get it going.*

30 *Article One, that is the election of officials, quite frankly there is nothing you can do about that. There is a list that about*
31 *that that is posted for those individuals that are running for certain positions in the town. I'll move on to Article Two,*
32 *these zoning articles, I am told, were the subject of an open meeting on, I believe, January 12th. There was discussion and*
33 *alteration and input for those, and again I don't believe at this point in time there can be amendments with regards to*
34 *that, but let us open it up, I don't think so, and if not, I'm going to move it on so we can get down to the substance*
35 *articles.*

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ARTICLES FOR VOTING

37 **Article #1: Election of Officials**

38 To choose in a manner provided by law, one [title of position: ex. Selectman] for a term of [_____] years; one [second
39 title: ex. Town Clerk] for a term of [_____] year; etc. etc.

40 *No discussion*

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43 **ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES**

44 **Article # 02: Zoning Ordinance Amendment #1**

45 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as
46 follows: to amend article VII. Non-Conforming Uses, Lots & Structures to allow an existing non-conforming structure to
47 be replaced in the same footprint without a variance or special exception and to allow a waiver from encroachment,
48 well setback, or slope requirements on a septic system design on a non-conforming lot?

49 **Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes**

50 **Discussion:**

51 *No Discussion*

52 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

53 **Article # 03: Zoning Ordinance Amendment #2**

54 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Gilmanton as
55 follows: to amend Article XVI. Definitions to remove the definition of “warehouse”; to create the definition of
56 “Commercial Storage Facility” to be a building or series of buildings which are leased or rented; to create the definition
57 of “Warehouse or Wholesale Marketing” to be storage for the sole purpose of distribution; and to amend the definition
58 of Storage Building- Noncommercial to remove the requirement that it be used by the owner of the lot?

59 **Discussion:**

60 *No Discussion*

61 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

62 **Article # 04: Zoning Ordinance Amendment #3**

63 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Gilmanton as
64 follows: to amend Article IV, Table 1. Table of Uses to add “Commercial Storage Facility” to be by special exception in the
65 Village Zone, by conditional use permit in the Rural & Residential Lake Zones, permitted in the Business & Light Business
66 Zones, not permitted in the Conservation Zone; to add “Storage Building Non-commercial” to be permitted in the
67 Village, Rural, Conservation, Light Business & Business Zones and by conditional use permit in the Residential Lake Zone;
68 and to amend the use of Warehouse Existing Building and New Construction to be allowed by conditional use permit in
69 the Rural & Light Business Zones where currently is not permitted or permitted by special exception?

70 **Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes**

71 **Discussion:**

72 *No Discussion*

73 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

74 **WARRANT ARTICLES**

75 *Mark Sisti, moderator - Okay, we've got Article Five. I don't know if you guys want me to read these into the record, I'll*
76 *take it from the folks out there, if you want me to read every article in, I can. If you just want me to pause between them*
77 *so you have an opportunity to read them yourselves, that may be a little bit more efficient. Why don't you take a look at*
78 *it and then I'll ask for any amendments or any comments. That's Article Five. My understanding is that there will be an*
79 *amendment with Article Five regarding the language. There was a handout I believe, as you were coming in, that will*
80 *explain the new version, but I am going to need somebody to move it forward.*

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82 **Article # 05: Ambulance & Equipment Lease/ Purchase**

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to acquire and outfit a replacement for Ambulance #2 for the total purchase price of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$419,766.00). Further, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to fund the down payment of Two Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$200,922.00) by withdrawing One Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$146,250.00) from the previously established EMS Revolving Account and Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$54,672.00) from the previously established Repair, Replace EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

Lastly, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease-purchase agreement, and to raise and appropriate the anticipated sum of Fifty-Four Thousand and Fifty-Four and 40/100 Dollars (\$54,054.00) for the first year's payment commencing in 2025. The appropriation for the payment of the lease payments shall be non-lapsing under RSA 32:7.

(3/5th Ballot Majority Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

MOTION Brian Forst moves as written with an amendment to follow

SECOND Vinnie Baiocchetti seconded as written

Discussion:

Vincent Baiocchetti motions to amend by reading amendment as required by DRA:

Article # 05: Ambulance & Equipment Lease/ Purchase

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease-purchase agreement to acquire and outfit a replacement for Ambulance #2 for the total purchase price of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$419,766.00). Further to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$200,922.00) for the initial down payment with One Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$146,250.00) to come from the previously established EMS Revolving Account and Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$54,672.00) from the previously established Repair, Replace EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

If authorized, the annual lease payment in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand and Fifty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$54,054.00) will be raised and appropriated through the Town's operating budget starting in fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028. (3/5th Ballot Majority Required)

AMENDMENT MOTION Vincent Baiocchetti

AMENDMENT SECOND Brian Forst

Mark Sisti, moderator – Is there discussion with regard to the amendment? Seeing none, I'll ask the body right now.

Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – There is a portion that was misread, on the amount.

Mark Sisti, moderator – What was it?

Eric Maher, Town Legal Counsel – Where it said to appropriate the sum of \$200922.00 for the additional down payment, with \$146250.00 to come from previously... (inaudible, continues to read the amendment again)

Mark Sisti – Alright, that is the accurate figure. With that being clarified, again I leave it to the body for discussion.

Brian Forst, Budget Committee – I'd just like to make a statement on this, this article is nothing different than what was warranted at public hearing, there is nothing different than what we've seen. DRA had some language issues with this article, which is the reason we have a modified version of it today. That version amounted to some language further to

133 appropriate the sum and it spells out the lease payment annual payments in a little more detail. The reason that we are
134 not raising and appropriating those sums at this point, it would mean that we would have to hold them, we would have
135 to tax public, and we would have to hold that money until the lease payments are due a year or two years from now. So
136 that's why we're putting language in here that says those are forthcoming, but that they're not being taxed in this cycle.
137 DRA originally approved this as written and came back and said they did not like the language and that's why we're here
138 to make changes today. Does not change our intent or our, the amount we wish to raise and appropriate, everything else
139 stays the same (inaudible). Thank you.

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141 Mark Sisti, moderator – Thank you. Having that said, all in favor of the amendment being embraced and taking effect,
142 please state aye. (voice vote) Against, nay? (none). Ayes have it, it is amended.

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144 Original Warrant Article:

145 **Article # 05: Ambulance & Equipment Lease/ Purchase**

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147 total purchase price of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six and
148 00/100 Dollars (\$419,766.00). Further, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to fund the down
149 payment of Two Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$200,922.00) by
150 withdrawing One Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars
151 (\$146,250.00) from the previously established EMS Revolving Account and Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and
152 Seventy-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$54,672.00) from the previously established Repair, Replace EMS Vehicle Capital
153 Reserve Fund.

154 Lastly, to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease-purchase agreement, and
155 to raise and appropriate the anticipated sum of Fifty-Four Thousand and Fifty-Four and 40/100 Dollars
156 (\$54,054.00) for the first year's payment commencing in 2025. The appropriation for the payment of the lease
157 payments shall be non-lapsing under RSA 32:7.
158 (3/5th Ballot Majority Required)

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160 Amended Warrant Article:

161 **Article # 05: Ambulance & Equipment Lease/ Purchase**

162 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease-purchase agreement to acquire
163 and outfit a replacement for Ambulance #2 for the total purchase price of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand
164 Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$419,766.00). Further to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred
165 Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$200,922.00) for the initial down payment with One
166 Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$146,250.00) to come from the
167 previously established EMS Revolving Account and Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Two 00/100
168 Dollars (\$54,672.00) from the previously established Repair, Replace EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

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170 If authorized, the annual lease payment in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand and Fifty-Four and 00/100 Dollars
171 (\$54,054.00) will be raised and appropriated through the Town's operating budget starting in fiscal year 2025
172 through fiscal year 2028. (3/5th Ballot Majority Required)

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174 **The motion for amendment passed and the Article will appear on ballot as amended.**

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176 Mark Sisti, moderator – Alright, let's go on to Article Six. This one I think I will read in, this is rather significant.

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178 Eric Maher, Town Legal Counsel – Mr. Sisti, you took a vote on the amendment, but to move it forward (inaudible)

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180 Mark Sisti, moderator – Alright, with that language we're moving it forward and placing it on the petition, or on the
181 actual warrant article. Again, I have to take a voice vote. All in favor (voice vote) Against, nay? (none) Thank you.

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183 **Article # 06: Operating Budget**

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Est tax impact \$ 5.715

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted within the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein totaling Five Million, Ninety-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$5,092,570.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$4,894,138) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

MOTION Brian Forst

SECOND Vinnie Baiocchetti

Discussion:

No discussion.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article # 07: Add to existing ETFs Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds and CRFs Capital Reserve Funds

Est. tax impact \$0.295

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One-Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) to be deposited in the previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) and Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) identified below. This sum to come from taxation.

Highway Equipment	(CRF)	\$ 70,000.00
Highway Vehicle Equip/Repair	(ETF)	\$ 10,000.00
Recycling & Transfer Facility Improvement	(CRF)	\$ 30,000.00
Recycling Equipment	(CRF)	\$ 50,000.00
Transfer Station Vehicle & Equip Rep	(ETF)	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 165,000.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

[POWER WENT OUT]

[CHATTER, MOTION]

Mark Sisti, moderator – No problem, I have a cellphone. I can read it. I can do it. That’s kind of interesting. Hey folks, I can actually read this off. We can continue if it’s ok with you guys. I made it through the body. (continues to read table of warrant article). Do I have a motion?

MOTION Brian Forst

SECOND Vinnie Baiocchetti

Discussion:

No discussion

Mark Sisti, moderator – Any discussion? I can’t say I don’t see any because I can’t see you. We good? Okay, that will appear for your consideration on the ballot.

221 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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223 **Article # 08: Revaluation Capital Reserve**

224 **Est. tax impact \$0.072**

225 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be put into the
226 previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve account and further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from
227 the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account previously established in 2001.

228 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

229 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

230 **MOTION** Brian Forst

231 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

232 **Discussion:**

233 *No discussion.*

234 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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236 **Article # 09: Capital Reserve Academy Mechanical Upgrades**

237 **Est. tax impact \$0.045**

238 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited
239 in the Academy Mechanical Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund established in 2018.

240 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

241 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

242 **MOTION** Brian Forst

243 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

244 **Discussion:**

245 *No discussion.*

246 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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248 **Article # 10: Establish an Accrued Liability Expendable Trust Fund**

249 **Est. tax impact \$0.088**

250 To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of
251 funding Accrued Benefits Liability, including the payout of wages, vacation, health insurance, or other benefits related to
252 the separation or retirement of the Town employees, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars
253 (\$50,000.00) to be placed in this fund and, further, to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this
254 fund.

255 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

256 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

257 **MOTION** Brian Forst

258 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

259 **Discussion:**

260 *Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – I have a note that it should be changed to a tax impact of .088 rather than .089.*

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262 *Mark Sisti, moderator – Alright, got that? Any discussion? Alright that will be up for your consideration at the general*
263 *election.*

264 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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Article # 11: Purchase Police Cruiser

Est. tax impact \$0.088

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000) to purchase, equip and prepare for service a new Police Department cruiser and to partially fund this appropriation by withdrawing Twenty-Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Police Outside Detail Revolving Fund established in 2015 and modified in 2018, the remaining sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) to come from taxation. This is a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the purchase of the Police Cruiser is complete or until December 31, 2024, whichever comes first.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

MOTION Brian Forst

SECOND Vinnie Baiocchetti

Discussion:

No discussion.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article # 12: Re-Adopt the Optional Veterans’ Tax Credit under RSA 72:28, II

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans’ Tax Credit in the amount of \$500.00? If re-adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran’s Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined by RSA 21:50, and who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran’s tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

MOTION Brian Forst

SECOND Vinnie Baiocchetti

Discussion:

No discussion.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article # 13: Re-Adopt All Veterans’ Tax Credit under RSA 72:28-b:

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans’ Tax Credit? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident of the state who is a veteran as defined in RSA 21:50, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from services and (3) is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans’ tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. This tax credit shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, III. This article shall be contingent on the passage of Article 12. If the Town Meeting votes “no” on Article 12, this Article shall be null and void.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

311 **MOTION** Brian Forst

312 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

313 **Discussion:**

314 *No discussion.*

315 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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317 **Article # 14: Conservation-Establish a Town Forest**

318 ***No Tax Impact***

319 To see if the Town will vote to establish a town forest under RSA 31:110, on the following parcel of land: Map 410, lot
320 43, totaling 189.036 acres, located within the Rural Zone and to authorize the conservation commission to manage said
321 town forest pursuant to RSA 31:112, II.

322 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

323 **Conservation Commission Recommended: Yes**

324 **MOTION** Brian Forst

325 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

326 **Discussion:**

327 *No discussion.*

328 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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330 **Article # 15: Discontinue Brick School Lane AKA Brick School House Rd**

331 ***No Tax Impact***

332 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely the Class VI highway known as Brick School Lane (AKA Brick
333 School-House Road). Brick School Lane commences at Stage Road and terminates at the boundary of property owned by
334 the First Baptist Society and Religious Association (Tax Map 424, Lot 008), traversing approximately 695 feet.

335 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

336 **MOTION** Brian Forst

337 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

338 **Discussion:**

339 *No discussion.*

340 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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342 **Article # 16: By Petition-Amend the Elderly Tax Exemption**

343 ***Est. tax impact: The tax impact is dependent on the number of individuals who qualify.***

344 To see if the town will maintain the elderly exemption from property taxes under RSA 72:39-b established by the 2017
345 Town Meeting and modified by 2020 and 2021 Town Meetings in the Town of Gilmanton based on the assessed value,
346 for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

347 For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000): for a person 75 years of age up to 80
348 years, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000): for a person 80 years of age and older, One Hundred Twenty
349 Thousand Dollars (\$120,000).

350 To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three years; own real estate individually or
351 jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married at least five consecutive
352 years. In addition, to see if the town will modify the elderly tax exemption by increasing the maximum allowable net
353 income from Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the individual and Forty Thousand (\$40,000), combined, for
354 married couples to Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) for individuals and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000),

combined, for married couples, and own net assets not in excess of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) excluding the value of the person's residence.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: No

Recommended by the Budget Committee: No

Discussion:

Duncan Geddes – the Selectmen and Budget Committee didn't want it.

Maura Thomas, Town Clerk Tax Collector – I'm sorry I can't see you, who are you?

Duncan Geddes – Duncan Geddes, can they explain why they didn't want it, or?

Brian Forst, Budget Committee – for starters, this is a petition warrant article, so it has to go forth on the warrant because it was petitioned. We've had an elderly exemption that's been modified a couple of times in past few years, this is another minor modification of it, it was indicated to the budget committee that this was brought forth because something didn't fit into the other, into what we already had, so it was wished to be changed. Our feelings are, as the budget committee, the reason the budget committee doesn't recommend, I'm speaking to the budget committee recommendation at the moment, our feelings were that we have a system in place and that some modification of it every year or two is not extremely helpful, we need to have a system, stick with the system, and not be trying to modify it so that it fits, you know, particular situations over and over again, I guess is why we don't recommend it.

Duncan Geddes – Thank you, selectmen?

Vinnie Baiocchetti, Selectman – We have, one of the reasons is we're already one of the most generous in county, and we're actually one of the most generous in the state as far as our benefits in Gilmanton exemptions. If this goes through, we're 100% more, we would exceed 100% under (inaudible) under the elderly person 65-74, 75-79, within 70% of the elderly exemptions being single income, 80% with, if this comes into play, we're 171% of what 120% above (inaudible) so we're extremely generous currently. The tax impact, just like the one that we voted in a couple years ago, would have some consequences that we really can't figure in yet. Does that make sense?

Duncan Geddes – Yeah it does, okay, thank you.

Vinnie Baiocchetti, Selectman – We have a, there is a paper, I don't know if we have enough but we can get that for you, that explains the consequences of this bill, of this article.

Mark Sisti, moderator – Okay, that's going to appear for your consideration at the continuation of this meeting actually, the general election. So, let's move on.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article # 17: By Petition- Amend Historic District Map to Remove Parcel

TITLE LXIV Planning and Zoning- Chapter 675- Enactment and Adoption procedure

No Tax Impact

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment as proposed by the petition of the voters of this town to amend town of Gilmanton Historic District Ordinance as follows.

Amend the official Historic District Map of the Town of Gilmanton by removing land known as Tax Map/Lot 000419, Parcel ID: 419-025-000-000 located on Meeting House Rd. from being designated as part of the Gilmanton Historic District. Said parcel is located near 215 Meeting House Rd.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

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Discussion:

Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – Mr. Moderator, can you hear me? So this position of this warrant article is going to be placed on the zoning, is just going to be reordered on the ballot, just so you know, it’s going to be higher up under the other zoning changes.

Mark Sisti – Alright, so it won’t appear as 17 is what Heather is saying, but it will be there.

Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – Correct.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article # 18: By Petition- Change Elected Road Agent to Appointed Public Works Director

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:62, to change the position of elected Road Agent to a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and to change the title of Road Agent to “Public Works Director,” (PWD) said position to have all duties of a Road Agent under RSA 231:62 and any one or more of the following additional duties pursuant to RSA 231:63: the care and maintenance collection of waste, refuse and garbage; care of public dumps; care of public parks and cemeteries; public beaches; public forests; public playgrounds; shade and ornamental trees. If approved, this article shall be effective as of the date of the 2024 Town Meeting.

Discussion:

No discussion.

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article # 19: By Petition- Support Shell Camp Pond Management Group

Est. tax impact \$0.013

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of supporting the Shellcamp Lake Management Group in controlling the presence and proliferation of milfoil at Shellcamp Pond.

Discussion:

Brian Forst, budget committee – I have a question. This petition warrant article showed up after public hearing so is not warranted, I understand the petition warrant article, but how does it move forward if it didn’t go through the budgetary process of being warranted in public hearing or evaluated by the budget committee? How does it land on the warrant?

Mark Sisti, moderator - I don’t know, I’ll pass it off to Eric.

Eric Maher, Town legal counsel – I’d have to know when it was submitted. If it was submitted prior to the date for the submission of petition warrant articles the Town has to put it on the warrant as is, but of course the budget committee can, if it has a monetary impact, even after this meeting, update and revise its recommendations as to the warrant article.

Mark Sisti, moderator – There is something that’s noted here, that there’s a tax impact of .013, I don’t know where the figure came from but obviously you’re saying that it didn’t come from the budget committee.

Brian Forst, budget committee – This is, right now is the first time I’ve seen this.

Mark Sisti, moderator – Okay.

Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – So let me clarify. When we had our public hearing, it was noted that a petition warrant article was coming, I believe ours was on the 4th, the dates that the State put out for petition warrant articles was the 10th, so therefore you got it after the fact.

448 Brian Forst, budget committee – And what is, I don't have the dates right here Heather, but what is the last date that we
449 could have had public hearing? I hate this system, I really do.

450 Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – So we could have had our public hearing further out -

451 Brian Forst, budget committee – We could have had it further out to allow for this not to happen.

452 Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – So again, like legal counsel just stated, I mean, if you, as the budget committee
453 you want to see things before it comes to the floor I understand that, however the schedule that the budget committee
454 made for public hearing was prior to the last date of petition warrant article.

455 Michelle Heyman – I think, Brian, the challenge is that –

456 Mark Sisti, moderator – You have to identify yourself.

457 Michelle Heyman – I'm sorry, this is Michelle Heyman, I'm the rep for the School Board. I think the challenge is because of
458 the Super Saturday dates too, just because we split up the time, that the window for public hearing was within that same
459 time frame.

460 Mark Sisti, moderator – Alright. I mean the bottom line I guess, and Eric correct me if I'm wrong, is as we sit here, this is
461 going to appear for your consideration at the time of the general election.

462 Eric Maher, Town legal counsel – That is correct.

463 Mark Sisti, moderator – Alright. Got it? Alright, outside agencies-

464 Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – Mr. Moderator, I would just like to go back and have you go back to the Road
465 Agent petition warrant article, on our voter's guide it's correct, on our DRA form it is not, it is missing the date 2024, so if
466 you'd like me to read it I can, it's just per the petition warrant article.

467 Mark Sisti, moderator – Okay, I read it "2024 town meeting"

468 Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator – Did you? Okay.

469 Mark Sisti, moderator – Yep, Okay? Alright. I'm going to go on to outside agencies, these are articles 20 through 30, and
470 from what I recall this is something that we all wanted to do and preferred, rather than the other method that we had
471 done in previous years, so each one of these will be read in, and they are by petition.

472 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

473 **OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

474
475 **Article # 20: By Petition-Support the Gilmanton Year-Round Library**

476 **Est. tax impact \$0.084**

477 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$47,100)
478 for partial funding of operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library for Fiscal Year 2023.

479 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

480 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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482 **MOTION** Brian Forst

483 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

484 **Discussion:**

485 *No discussion.*

486 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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488 **Article # 21: Support the Gilmanton Youth Organization**

489 **Est. tax impact \$0.018**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of supporting the Gilmanton Youth Organization (GYO), a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is operated for the express purpose of organizing and administering high-quality sports programs for the school-aged children of the Town of Gilmanton, as well as the continued operation, maintenance, and development of GYO Park.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: No

Recommended by the Budget Committee: No

MOTION Brian Forst

SECOND Anne Kirby

Discussion:

Mark Sisti, Moderator – Any discussion?

Unknown – I have a question

Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – They have someone here [at the microphone, which does not work due to power outage]

Mark Sisti, Moderator – Okay we've got to identify yourself, speak up please.

Katie Bass – 152 Potter Road and I'm currently speaking on behalf of GYO board because I serve as the secretary for the organization. Reads following statement and amendment into record:

"It was with immense disappointment that I learned that the Gilmanton Youth Organization's request for additional funding assistance this year was met without recommendation from both the Board of Selectman and the Budget Committee. It appears that the need for greater funding and the data proving that it is justified and in the interest of serving the town were not made clear enough. It was not without extensive consideration that our board even brought this request forward to the Town. This additional funding is necessary due to the lack of volunteerism and the resulting increase in our overhead costs as well as limited fundraising capabilities. To be without this funding will significantly impact the stability of our organization; however, if we were to receive no funding from the town, it would be critically detrimental to our organization's ability to provide youth sports for the town of Gilmanton. The GYO board intends to make this more explicit for next year in hopes of receiving support for the services it consistently provides for so many Gilmanton children. In a moment, I'm going to make a motion on behalf of the board to reduce our funding assistance request to be the same level as what was requested last year; that level was supported at that time by the selectman, the budget committee, and the voters of our community. It is our hope that with the change to the monetary value of Article 21 both the selectmen and the budget committee will reconvene to consider and hopefully change their recommendations to support the GYO. With that said, I would like to make a motion on behalf of the Gilmanton Youth Organization to reduce the dollar value being requested in Article 21 from \$10,000 to \$5,500. Thank you for your time and consideration."

AMENDMENT MOTION Katie Bass

AMENDMENT SECOND Adam Mini

Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – Katie, do you have that on paper?

Katie Bass – The motion? What I said?

Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – Yeah, can I have it so that I can write it into the record for the minutes? Or do you want to email it to me?

Katie Bass – Yes. (inaudible) What's your email?

539 Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – That’s fine. I’ll reach out.

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541 Mark Sisti, moderator -Alright, we have an amendment on the floor. We can deal with that after. We have an
542 amendment on the floor. The amendment is to change the amount in article 21 from \$10,000 to \$5,500 I believe. With
543 that being said, is there any discussion? Hearing none, I’ll place it before the body. All in favor of the amended amount,
544 please indicate by stating “aye”. (voice vote) All opposed, no? (none) Ayes have it. I’ll now ask the body if there is any
545 further consideration?

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547 Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – I do have a question. The original second, was that Anne?

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549 Anne Kirby, budget committee – Yes.

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551 Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – Okay. That’s all. Thank you.

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553 Mark Sisti, moderator – Alright, it should now be read as:

554 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred (\$5,500.00) for the
555 purpose of supporting the Gilmanton Youth Organization (GYO), a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization
556 that is operated for the express purpose of organizing and administering high-quality sports programs for the
557 school-aged children of the Town of Gilmanton, as well as the continued operation, maintenance, and
558 development of GYO Park.

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560 [POWER COMES BACK ON]

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562 Mark Sisti, Moderator – And all in favor of that please indicate by aye (voice vote) opposed, no (none). It will appear
563 before you as amended.

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565 Original Warrant Article:

566 **Article # 21: Support the Gilmanton Youth Organization**

567 **Est. tax impact \$0.018**

568 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the
569 purpose of supporting the Gilmanton Youth Organization (GYO), a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization
570 that is operated for the express purpose of organizing and administering high-quality sports programs for the
571 school-aged children of the Town of Gilmanton, as well as the continued operation, maintenance, and
572 development of GYO Park.

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574 Amended Warrant Article:

575 **Article # 21: Support the Gilmanton Youth Organization**

576 **Est. tax impact \$0.018**

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578 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred (\$5,500.00) for the
579 purpose of supporting the Gilmanton Youth Organization (GYO), a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization
580 that is operated for the express purpose of organizing and administering high-quality sports programs for the
581 school-aged children of the Town of Gilmanton, as well as the continued operation, maintenance, and
582 development of GYO Park.)

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584 **The motion for amendment passed and the Article will appear on ballot as amended.**

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586 **Article # 22: Support the New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse**

587 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

588 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of
589 supporting New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse which provides 24-hr crisis support operates a shelter and
590 provides counseling for domestic/sexual assault victims.

591 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

592 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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594 **MOTION** Brian Forst

595 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

596 **Discussion:**

597 *No discussion.*

598 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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600 **Article # 23: Support the Community Action Program**

601 **Est. tax impact \$0.009**

602 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the continuation of
603 services to the low-income residents of Gilmanton through the Laconia Area Center of Community Action Program
604 Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

605 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

606 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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608 **MOTION** Brian Forst

609 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

610 **Discussion:**

611 *No discussion.*

612 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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614 **Article # 24: Support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center**

615 **Est. tax impact \$0.013**

616 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) to
617 support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC), formerly known as Genesis, which provides integrated mental
618 and physical health care to area residents with mental illness.

619 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

620 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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622 **MOTION** Brian Forst

623 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

624 **Discussion:**

625 *No discussion.*

626 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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628 **Article # 25: Support the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association**

629 **Est. tax impact \$0.007**

630 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the purpose of
631 supporting the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association, for the purpose of maintaining trails that are open to the public in a
632 safe condition for use by snowmobilers, hikers, cross-country skiers, and equestrians in the Town of Gilmanton.

633 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

634 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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636 **MOTION** Brian Forst

637 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

638 **Discussion:**

639 *No discussion.*

640 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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642 **Article # 26: Support the Gilmanton Iron Works Private Library**

643 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

644 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of
645 supporting the Gilmanton Iron Works Library, a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

646 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

647 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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649 **MOTION** Brian Forst

650 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

651 **Discussion:**

652 *No discussion.*

653 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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655 **Article # 27: Support Granite VNA formerly Central NH Visiting Nurses Association & Hospice**

656 **Est. tax impact \$0.014**

657 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$7,600) for the
658 purpose of supporting Granite VNA which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care, and maternal
659 child health services.

660 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

661 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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663 **MOTION** Brian Forst

664 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

665 **Discussion:**

666 *No discussion.*

667 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

668

669 **Article # 28: Support the Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH**

670 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

671 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of
672 supporting the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH which provides, recruits, trains, and supervises
673 volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the New Hampshire court system.

674 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

675 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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677 **MOTION** Brian Forst

678 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

679 **Discussion:**

680 *No discussion.*

681 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

682
683 **Article # 29: Support the Rocky Pond Association Milfoil**

684 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

685 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the purpose of
686 supporting the Rocky Pond Association in controlling the presence and proliferation of milfoil at Rocky Pond.

687 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

688 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

689 **MOTION** Brian Forst

691 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

692 **Discussion:**

693 *Mark Sisti, moderator – Any discussion?*

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695 *Brian Forst, budget committee – This is where I'd like to have a brief discussion about milfoil.*

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697 *Mark Sisti, moderator – Usually this goes on for three hours.*

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699 *Brian Forst, budget committee – I think most everybody here sensed my concern with an earlier petition warrant article.*
700 *We've had a warrant article on our warrant in this town for many many many years to work on the proliferation of*
701 *milfoil. At some point a few years ago, it got titled to Rocky Pond. Previously it was never titled to one body of water.*
702 *When that happened, I asked the question and it was indicated at that time that Rocky Pond was the only people that*
703 *were asking for it. Now we're presented with another warrant article from another association from another body of*
704 *water in town that has a milfoil problem. I am concerned that as a taxpayer, as the budget committee chair, that we are*
705 *setting some kind of precedent here in that, every organization that has a wish for some help, and I understand the wish*
706 *for help, but I would like us, I would like to see this go back to maybe one warrant article and people could, you know, the*
707 *budget committee could address one warrant article and not have to separate out whether we're going to support one*
708 *organization or another. I don't feel that is a good way to handle business in this town and that is why I felt concerned*
709 *when I saw a petition warrant article that I had not seen yet. I'm not sure that we can change it right now, but I don't like*
710 *the route that this is taking and those are the reasons why.*

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712 *Garret Graaskamp – Loon pond road, I have some information about Rocky Pond in particular. It has no public access, so*
713 *the only people that can get on that pond are the people who own property. So it's only going to help out a select few*
714 *people, just want to make that clear.*

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716 *Mark Sisti, moderator – Anything else? I'm going to move to article 30.*

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718 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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720 **Article # 30: Support the Gilmanton 4TH of July Association**

721 **Est. tax impact \$0.010**

722 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) to support
723 the Gilmanton 4th of July Association, a community organization, for the continuation of Gilmanton's 4th of July Parade,
724 Fireworks, and other events.

725 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

726 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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728 **MOTION** Brian Forst

729 **SECOND** Vinnie Baiocchetti

730 **Discussion:**

731 *No discussion.*

732 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

733 *Mark Sisti, Moderator – seeing none, that completes I believe the presentation on every article. There is something*
734 *interesting though that’s going on, I think we can discuss other business for a second. I was approached by Mr.*
735 *Baiocchetti before this meeting and there’s something brewing. Looking down the road a few years, I thought that*
736 *maybe you could just briefly address the tricentennial committee. There’s something interesting going on, this town’s*
737 *going to be 300 years old really soon, and there’s some real consideration as to really having a party. I’m into this, you*
738 *know? I’m okay with that. It’s supposed to be a big deal, it is a big deal. I mean, you make it 300 years that’s okay. So,*
739 *there will be something coming. Alright, thank you.*

740 *I’ll recess for about fifteen minutes or so, and then we’ll start on school district meeting. How’s that?*

741 *Town Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am; recess for 15 minutes.*