



*Gilmanton*



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The season has arrived when municipal officials wrestle with plans for the 2017 Budget on how best to provide adequate revenue for necessary services without over-burdening the Town's tax payers. The Department Heads and the Selectmen's office have been judicious regarding their expenditures and this will be reflected in the first round of talks with the Budget Committee on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Academy Building beginning at 6 pm.

The Board of Selectmen are scheduled to meet with four key Departments on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> prior to the second Budget Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**The next Board of Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Public Information Forum on the replacement of the two bridges on Stage Road.** Representatives from the Engineering firm of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates will describe the process for bridge replacement and answer residents' questions and concerns. The Selectmen's meeting will open with non-public interviews for the Highway Department followed by the General Business session.

The Town office has been notified by MetroCast that rate changes and service enhancements will go into effect in January 2017. This is because television networks each year impose substantial increases in the license fees that they charge to MetroCast and therefore the provider has to pass these along to the consumer. The rate increase will be shown in upcoming customer bills.

All municipalities share the same responsibilities to provide for the health, safety and welfare of their residents. They also share the same frustrations with declining revenues and unfunded State and Federal mandates. Gilmanton is not immune to any of these issues. Every year at annual school district meetings across the State, discussions and votes pit struggling taxpayers against children in need of an education. There is reform proposed in Concord to support legislation to reduce local property taxes by fully funding the NH Education Trust Fund and to significantly reduce the amount to be raised by the State property tax, with any reduction to be replaced from other State revenues.

**Please take note that the Town Offices will be closed on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Veteran's Day.**

A few months ago the Board of Selectmen nominated the Town Administrator to become a member of the Winnepesaukee Public Health Council whose mission is to build a healthier, resilient and vibrant community through active partnerships. Belknap County is one of the regions advocating for the implementation of programs that go beyond personal health. An increasing focus of the Council is on Social Determinants of Health (poverty) and it is the goal of the Administration in Gilmanton to bring about changes that can break down barriers that are sustaining poverty within our community. We have the power through the ‘Partnership for Public Health’ to bring about change and make a difference in our community, but we cannot do this alone. If there are any Gilmanton residents who would relish the opportunity to volunteer their time to discuss what our Community needs the most to improve health would they call the Town Administrator at 267-6700 extension 12 or e-mail at [townadministrator@gilmantonnh.org](mailto:townadministrator@gilmantonnh.org)

**Town of Gilmanton-Important Phone numbers/Hours**

**Assessing, Building, Code Enforcement, Planning, Zoning, Health** **267-6700**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am-4:30 pm

**Building Inspector**  
Wednesday: 1:00 pm -3:00 pm

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector** **267-6726**  
Monday & Thursday: 9:00 am-2:00 pm and 6:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Transfer Station/Recycling Center** **267-6070**  
Wednesday: 7:00 am-6:00 pm  
Saturday: 7:00 am-1:00 pm  
Sunday: 12:00 pm-5:00 pm

**Fire Department-Corners** **267-8466**

**Fire Department-Iron Works** **364-2500**

**Highway Department** **364-7711**

**Parks & Recreation** **364-9411**

**Police Department** **267-7401**

<b>Gilmanton School</b>	<b>364-5681</b>
<b>Gilmanton SAU Office</b>	<b>267-9097</b>
<b>Gilmanton Corner Town Library</b>	<b>267-6200</b>
<b>Gilmanton Year-Round Library</b>	<b>364-2400</b>

**2016 remaining Town Holidays-office closed**

Veteran`s Day: Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving: Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas: Monday December 26<sup>th</sup>