

VOTER`S GUIDE

**PLEASE BRING WITH YOU ON
JANUARY 30, 2016 @10:00 AM
GILMANTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

EXPLANATION OF WARRANT ARTICLES YEAR 2016

If you have any questions that can be answered before the January 30th Meeting you can call the Town Office at 267-6700 ext 12 and speak to the Town Administrator.

The money articles have an estimated Tax impact per \$1,000 of valuation which please remember is just an estimate.

**This Document can be found on the Town Website at
www.gilmantonnh.org**

Article 2: Floodplain Ordinance

The Town of Gilmanton has land in the area designated by FEMA to be the floodplain; participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); and has a Floodplain Ordinance. The current Floodplain Ordinance FEMA referenced is outdated and because the Floodplain Ordinance is part of the Zoning Ordinance, this change to update the most current map name and edition requires a Town vote.

Article 3: Bio-solids

Bio-solids are classified as a fertilizer. Class "A" bio-solids do not require any permit. Class "B" bio-solids require a permit from NHDES (Department of Environmental Services). There is current bio-solid use of both Class A and Class B in Gilmanton. Should this petition warrant article pass, the current activity would, by right, be allowed to continue. The proposed amendment would only apply to future users of bio-solids and could create an enforcement issue for the Town.

Article 4: Gilmanton Year Round Library

This petition article requests that the Town enter into a three year agreement with the Gilmanton Year Round Library and raise \$50,000 for the first year's funding.

Article 5: Town Budget

This article is the budget for the Town. This article has an impact on property tax of \$5.31 per \$1,000 of valuation. The difference between the proposed Town operating budget and the Town default budget is \$40,133.

Article 6: Fire Department Command Vehicle

The Fire Chief has requested a new Command Vehicle because his current vehicle is over ten years old and has mileage in excess of 120,000 miles. The cost to purchase and equip a new vehicle is \$50,589. This request is to withdraw \$37,000 from a previously established Capital Reserve Fund set up for this very purpose. The remaining \$13,589 would come from general taxation with an estimated impact on property tax of \$0.03.

Article 7: Lucas Device for Fire Department

This request is for the Town to purchase an Automatic CPR device to put placed in Ambulance 9A2.

Article 8: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund

This article is a continued contribution into the SCBA Capital Reserve Fund for the Fire Department.

Article 9: Fire Radio Capital Reserve Fund

This article is a continued contribution into the Fire Radio Capital Reserve Fund established last year for the Fire Department.

Article 10: Police Cruiser

This request is to purchase a new cruiser for the Police Department. On the Capital Improvements Program, the PD was scheduled for vehicle replacement in 2016.

Article 11: Six Wheel Dump Truck

The Highway Department is requesting a new Dump Truck that was scheduled for replacement in the Capital Improvement Program in 2015 and this article is a request to withdraw \$175,000 from the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. This article has no impact on property tax.

Article 12: Compactor for Transfer Station

The Compactor at the Recycling Facility is over twelve years old and continued repairs needed to maintain it in working order are cost prohibitive This article is a request to withdraw \$19,120 from the previously established Recycling Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. This article has no impact on property tax.

Article 13: Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

This article is a continued contribution into the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. There are currently three Bridges in Town that are slated for repair and the first is scheduled to be replaced in 2018.

Article 14: Generator for the Academy Building

This is a request for the Town to purchase and install a generator at the Academy Building. The building has no back up energy source.

Article 15: Document Restoration

Keeping old records, particularly minutes of meetings is paramount for the Town office. This is a request for the Town to raise \$6,000 for the purpose of document restoration. If the operating budget passes this article will become null and void.

Article 16: Erosion to Crystal Lake Beach

This is a request by the Parks & Recreation Department for the Town to support the efforts of controlling and preventing the continuous erosion taking place at the Crystal Lake Beach.

Article 17: COLA`s for Town employees

This article is requesting the Town support cost of living adjustments for all full time and part time employees of the Town.

Article 18: Milfoil Treatment

This article is requesting \$1,000 for the ongoing treatment of Milfoil for the Lakes of Gilmanton.

Article 19: Bridge Engineering Study

This article is requesting the withdrawal of \$125,000 from the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for a Bridge Engineering Study for the two bridges on Stage Road. 80% of this cost up to \$100,000 will be reimbursed by New Hampshire Department of Transportation through their NHDOT State Bridge.

Article 20: Non-Capital Reserve Funds

The Town office uncovered that some Non-Capital Reserve accounts that were established by Town vote that neglected to delegate the Board of Selectmen as “Agents to Expend.” This meant that the Selectmen could not authorize the expenditure of funds from these accounts until voted on by the Legislative Body in March of each year. This article is requesting that the Town allow the Board of Selectmen expend funds from the named accounts as the need arises.

Article 21: Gilmanton Year Round Library

This petition article is requesting the Town raise \$50,000 to fund the Gilmanton Year Round Library for 2016. This article will become null and void if Article 4 passes.

Article 22: Rescind SB2

This petition article is asking voters if they would like to return to the regular form of Town Meeting where the official ballot will only be used for voting for the election of Officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by State Law.

Article 23: Conflict of Interest

This article if passed would prohibit any individual from serving as a member of the Gilmanton Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee if a member of their immediate family or household is currently a department head employed by the Town of Gilmanton.

Article 24: Conflict of Interest

This article if passed would prohibit any individual from serving as a member of the Gilmanton Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee if that individual is currently employed by the Town of Gilmanton or the Gilmanton School District.