

Town of Gilmanton
Town Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2012
304 Voters of 2,322 = 13% Voter Turnout

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gilmanton in the County of Belknap in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Gilmanton Academy in said Gilmanton on Tuesday, the Thirteenth day of March 2012, next at 7:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE #1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. Polls are open 7am to 7pm. (*See Results of Election*)

ARTICLE #2: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Gilmanton on the second Tuesday of March. (**By Petition**)(**3/5 majority vote required**)

YES: 519* **NO: 328** *Article Passes by the required 3/5 majority.*

ARTICLE #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article IV Table 1, Zoning District Regulations, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, by replacing the existing requirement to obtain a Special Exception for this use in the Village, Rural, Conservation and Residential Lake Districts with the requirement to obtain Conditional Use Permit. In addition, amend Article III paragraph K., Personal Wireless Communications Facilities by replacing all references to Special Exceptions and its administration by the Board of Adjustment and replace them with a Conditional Use Permit process administered by the Planning Board. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES: 465* **NO: 307**

ARTICLE #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article IV A & Table 1, Zoning District Regulations relative to the following uses: Childcare Facility, Cottage Industry, Dwelling, Multi-family (New construction and interior alterations), Dwelling Two-Family, Offices (2,000 sq. ft. or less), Retail Business, Service Business & Article X Additional Special Exception Criteria – Cottage Industry by deleting all references to the requirement of Special Exception for specific uses administered by the Board of Adjustment and replace them with the requirement of a Conditional Use Permit requirement administered by the Planning Board. In addition, amend Zoning Ordinance to add the following new Article XVII: Conditional Use Permit Criteria: The Planning Board may, in appropriate cases, and subject to safeguards as determined by the Planning Board, grant a Conditional Use Permit per RSA 674:21 for a

land use in accordance with Article IV, Table 1. The Planning Board, in acting on an application, shall take into consideration the following conditions: each proposed use is consistent with the adopted Master Plan; the specific site is in an appropriate location and of adequate size for the use; the use, as developed, will not adversely affect the character of the area in which the proposed use will be located; there will be no nuisance or serious hazard to vehicles or pedestrians; the use will not place excessive or undue burden on the Town services and facilities; and there would be no significant effect resulting from such use upon the public health, safety, and general welfare of the neighborhood in which the use would be located. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES: 457*

NO: 326

ARTICLE #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article IX, Board of Adjustment, by adding the following new Section: Septic System Plans. The Board of Adjustment shall not require submission of a septic system plan/design (whether or not approved by the State of New Hampshire) as a condition to filing an application for a variance or special exception. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES: 447*

NO: 322

ARTICLE #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, General Provisions Applicable to All Districts, by adding a new section, to read as follows: NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS WHICH MAY BE CONSTRUCTED ON A LOT – Only one single family dwelling unit, or one 2-family dwelling unit, may be constructed on a single lot, except that, a greater number of dwelling units may be allowed as determined by a Conditional Use Permit under the provisions of this Ordinance relating to multi-family and /or condominium. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES: 439*

NO: 329

ARTICLE #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article III, General Provisions Applicable to all Districts, by adding a new Section, Steep Slope Protection. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES: 432*

NO: 323

ARTICLE #8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Gilmanston Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article IV Table 1, Zoning District Regulations, by replacing the term Church/Community Building with the term House of Worship/Community Building. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES: 383* NO: 374

ARTICLE #9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Gilmanston Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Article XVI Definitions, by adding the following new term – Kennel: A commercial or non-profit establishment in which dogs and other domesticated animals are bred, boarded (day or overnight), trained and/or sold. In addition, amend Article IV Zoning District Regulations, Table 1, by adding the following new use, Kennel broken down by District as follows: Village – Not Permitted, Rural – Conditional Use Permits, Conservation – Conditional Use Permit, Limited Business – Conditional Use Permit, Business – Conditional Use Permit and Residential Lake – Not Permitted. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

YES: 458* NO: 301

The following articles will be acted upon at the Gilmanston School on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 10:00 am.

At 10:00 a.m. the Moderator, Mark Sisti, opened the last, traditional, Town of Gilmanston Annual Meeting, he asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and asked Maurice Munsey to lead the body. Moderator Sisti asked all to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of all those we have lost in the previous year and a special remembrance of a very recent loss of Frank Bosiak, Sr. who served on our budget committee for 31 years.

Mr. Sisti continued the meeting, "...unless it was to be brought back, this meeting is in effect an historical meeting..." Mr. Sisti asked that, "like all other town meetings that we have had I would expect that we all treat each other with a great deal of respect, be polite, we will certainly, vigorously debate issues; but we will quite certainly be understanding of peoples different points of view".

"A couple of housekeeping things before I get into some other announcements, if you are not a registered voter, you cannot sit in the bleachers or chairs...you must sit on the side...the other thing I would like to remind everyone is procedurally, just a couple of things, there was a request to rearrange a petition article;, specifically they targeted Article #19 to be moved before Article #10. It's a discretionary call...I don't see, frankly, any truly good reason for it at all; I know that there are concerns about individuals cranking up the phone calls...on specific issues...That could take place if I put it as Article 1 or if I put it at Article 25...In my discretion that's allowed by me in RSA 39:2... I'm going to respectfully deny that request and continue through the town warrant in the

order that it was set forth in the town report...additionally there has been a verified request for a secret ballot on Article #19...there will be a secret ballot on this article..."

At this time the Moderator gave the floor to Tom Scribner and Diana McElwee who thanked publically, Phyllis Buchanan as a Library Trustee, who volunteered much of her time, as well as her husband of 65 years, who on many occasions dug into their own pockets to keep the Town Library going. Although they were not able to be here today, there was a request for a round of applause for Phyllis' dedication, for which the body responded with great enthusiasm!

There was another presentation that Rachel Hatch made to Stan Bean who retired this year from the Budget Committee. The Board of Selectmen wanted to acknowledge his 18 years of service on the budget committee, 15 years as Chairman. The Board presented Stan with a small token of their appreciation for all his years of dedicated service. Mr. Bean received a standing round of applause.

Mr. Sisti calls attention to Article #1 and begins to read the results of Tuesday's election results on the Town ballot.

Charles Houghton interjects to make a **Motion** to override the Moderator's decision of the submitted petition referencing RSA39:2 and would like an outside attorney's opinion on his ruling. Mr. Sisti states it's a fair motion and he has no problem with somebody raising their opinion on his decision. The motion is **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

Being that Town Counsel, Walter Mitchell was not present, Mr. Houghton asked for a vote of the body...Cindy Houghton reads RSA 39:2: "The governing body may place articles in any order it wishes, except for bond article exceeding \$100,000 which must appear before all other articles except those for election of officers and zoning proposals."

The Moderator puts the vote to the body and calls for a voice vote: **To see if the Town will vote to move Article #19 before Article #10.**

MOTION FAILS BY VOICE VOTE.

Moderator Sisti continues with reading the results of Article #1 balloting results, declaring those elected to the following positions:

*Raymond Daigle & Mark Sawyer – Budget Committee – Three Years
Candace Daigle – Cemetery Trustee – Three Years
Donna White – Library Trustee – Three Years
Paul Perkins – Road Agent – Three Years
Brett Currier – Selectman – Three Years
Betty Hughes – Supervisor of the Checklist – Six Years
Mark Sisti – Town Moderator – Two Years
Glen Waring – Town Treasurer – One Year
Fred Buchholz & Neil Roberts – Trustee of Trust Funds – Three Years*

Mr. Sisti gave the result of the Petitioned Article#2 which passed the required sixty percent of votes needed by ten votes and SB2 for the Town is adopted. He continues with the number results of zoning articles three through nine all of which passed.

The Moderator moved the body to Article #10 which will be a ballot vote and must pass a two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE #10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease/purchase agreement for a new ambulance with a total cost of \$197,045.65 to be paid in 5 annual lease payments of \$39,408.93 beginning in September, 2012, with a \$1 buy out at the end of the lease; and to raise and appropriate \$39,408.93 for the first annual payment with that appropriation to be funded by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw that amount from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund. **(2/3 vote required)** (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$39,408.93) (Budget Committee Recommend \$39,408.93)

Stan Bean **moved** Article #10 as written; **seconded** by Cheryl Stafford.

The Moderator opened balloting at 10:20 a.m.

ARTICLE #10 PASSES (\$39,408.93) BY BALLOT VOTE.

YES: 198* **NO: 70** *Article Passes by the required 2/3 majority.*

ARTICLE #11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to institute Mandatory Recycling for the Town of Gilmanton and to set rules and regulations in place to institute such a program.

Richard de Sève **moved** Article #11 as written; **seconded** by Peter Baldwin

Lori Baldwin gives recommendation of the Recycling Committee...Mandatory vs. pay as you throw. Recommends mandatory with pay-as-you-throw system...Brett Currier recommends we wait to make a decision on mandatory...town needs to look more at streamline...Leave it the way it is and see if single stream comes on board...Mark Davies questions pay-as-you-throw as to how it will work...Barbara Swanson said Board of Selectmen would make decisions of how it will be done...Recommends we do something now and not wait. We are not set up for single stream to get current facility set up would be costly. Recommends we do the recycling set up the way we have it now...would need to change the flow of traffic to make it more efficient. Rick Moorehead doesn't understand why we're voting on it today as we have no dollar figures as to what the costs

would be for either method. Cindy Houghton reiterates Rick Moorehead's concerns and recommends we vote "no" until there is valid and more specific information. Brian Forst states that this issue is discussed every year....the facility, as hard as we try, is not ready to accept a mandatory situation... We need a plan for a facility and where we want to go with it, whether it be single stream or mandatory...that will accommodate... Would like to see facility that will handle what we are planning to do...Lori Baldwin states the Board of Selectmen would decide how the method would be enforced...At present there are forty communities our size that do it...ten years or more...education of individuals necessary to make it work...minimal impact in budget.

Moderator closed ballot vote on Article #10 at 11:20 a.m. Continued with discussion on Article #11 while ballots are being counted.

Tom Robinson feels the consensus is that until we have a solid plan we put this on hold. Laurie Sanborn feels we're recycling more and refers to the town report statistics showing the increase in numbers of recycling, the numbers are up and we are recycling more... Skip Houghton ...nothing wrong with the way we do it now...keep it simple...Rick Lucas...educate with plan with cost presented before voting on it...Holly Nimirowski asks if anyone has sought grant money to modify the recycling the facility to streamlining it? Recommends grant money might be available to help...

Peter Pinckney feels the facility is not ready for mandatory recycling...not a good layout...it is inevitable that we need to do something...Should we visit Article #21 before vote we vote on Article #11 or Article #12?

Mr. Pinckney asks the Moderator if he would entertain a motion to vote on Article #21 before Article #11 or Article #12. Moderator Sisti responds, "Actually no, I won't...doesn't make sense...will go one article at a time...there is no logical order these articles can come in as one doesn't omit another...no sensible way to do it...will continue in order that they are listed".

Betty Ann Abbott confused by Articles #11, #12 and #21. The Moderator, again states that he agrees, there is no logic to these articles...one is not dependent on the other...that's it...Brian Forst asks if that's the interpretation of the Selectmen...Donald Guarino tells the body to make a decision on each article one at a time, vote it up or down...it's up to the body to make the decision...Lori Baldwin, as a representative of the Recycling Committee agrees about education...not many attended their meetings...Barbara Swanson feels the choice is yours, but there is a need to make a choice and the body is the only one to make decisions...20% should not be paying for all...it is within every person's power to reduce the costs. Chairman Guarino asks the body how we got to this place after the body asked for more options...the recycling committee was established at the request of the body...there were many meetings...at the last public hearing on their findings it was the consensus of the residents that it be put to the people at town meeting to decide...Cindy Houghton would like to see solid figures as to how much it will be for reconfiguration costs of our facility...

Moderator Sisti announced the results of balloting on Article #10. He then called the question of Article #11 to a vote.

ARTICLE #11 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish, implement and administer a mandatory Pay-by-Bag (Pay-as-You-Throw) system for the disposal of trash with the revenue generated used to offset the cost of solid waste disposal and reduce the tax rate accordingly. Material recycled will not be subject to the Pay-by-Bag fee.

Nate Abbott **moved** Article #12 as written; **seconded** by Nancy Girard.

Richard de Sève ...doesn't feel it's fair for people who do recycle to pay for those who don't and will not recycle...if you want to throw everything in a bag, pay for it, the rest of us who do recycle don't want to...Mark Davies, as a civil engineer...makes sense to recycle...recycling makes money...everything going in compacter, we pay a tipping fee...hauling away trash is just going to get more expensive...Not ever going to get people to expend money for "if" we someday go to mandatory.

Moderator calls the article to a question...

Voice Vote: Too close to call

Hand Count: Yes: 112 No: 135*

ARTICLE #12 DEFEATED BY HAND COUNT.

ARTICLE #13: Shall the Town of Gilmanton adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-h to restrict 100% of the revenues from the income generated by the Recycling Facility for the purpose of offsetting the cost of running the Recycling Facility. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Recycling Revolving Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only

after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of the revenue. (Recommended by Selectmen) (Not Recommended by Budget Committee)

Laurie Henderson **moved** Article #13 as written; **seconded** by Tom Farley.

ARTICLE #13 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #14: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Replace Forestry 1 Capital Reserve to Forestry Vehicles Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. And to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from that fund. (2/3 vote required.)

Joe Hempel **moved** Article #14 as written; **seconded** by Cheryl Stafford.

Chief Hempel explains that this is purely a housekeeping request...historically we have had two forestry trucks, Forestry I and Forestry II, which was in the Corners District which was a state vehicle that was given to the town many years ago and we used it for thirty years...it belonged to the State of New Hampshire, it was a former military vehicle ...due to its age and condition, it had to be retired and was returned to the State...New Hampshire State Parks have taken possession of it...and looking into the future we have foreseen the need to have a second forestry truck...we would like to change the name of this reserve account to reflect forestry in general so that it allows us in the future to have one account and access funding for either forestry that's necessary to pursue...that's the nature of this request...there is no funding this year...no purpose to purchase this year it's simply housekeeping language that is necessary in conforming the language to what the state asks us to do...

Amendment #1: Stan Bean **moved to amend** to strike last sentence, “And to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from that fund”; **seconded** by Brian Forst.

Stan Bean explains, “On all other capital reserve items, we give you folks, the opportunity, the right to decide on whether or not to replace a piece of equipment at that time or whether you feel it should be postponed...allowing the Selectmen to make that decision for you, means you would have to attend the Selectmen’s meetings...to let them know...you do not want to make that purchase...that’s the rationale behind this motion...” Chief Hempel has no problem with Mr. Bean’s motion to amend.

AMENDMENT #1 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #14 PASSES AS AMENDED BY HAND COUNT.

*The Moderator calls Article #14, as amended, to a hand count for the two-thirds passage necessary. Mr. Sisti declares the article, as amended, passed by the two-thirds simple majority by the **overwhelming amount of cards shown for the “yes” vote**. There was no need for a hand count of those voting no.*

ARTICLE #15: To see if the Town will vote to Discontinue the Lower Gilmanton Library. The Town closed this Library in 2009. **A majority vote is required.**

Laurie Sanborn **moved** Article #15 as written; **seconded** by Richard de Sève.

ARTICLE #15 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Four Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars (\$3,407,898.00) for the payment of statutory obligations of the municipality for the 2012 fiscal year, exclusive of all other warrant articles.

	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND
Selectmen	\$1,198,413.00	\$1,149,971.00
Police Department	500,967.00	484,265.00
Fire Department	563,815.00	563,815.00
Highway Department	929,337.00	927,638.00
Solid Waste	<u>284,208.00</u>	<u>282,209.00</u>
TOTALS:	\$3,476,740.00	\$3,407,898.00

Stan Bean **moved** \$3,407,898.00; **seconded** by Cheryl Stafford.

George Roberts...nostalgically speaks to this being his 52nd town meeting....questions where the money from the Current Use penalty is shown in the Conservations budget and how much it was...Tracy Tarr made reference to the amount shown on page 67 of the 2011 town report showing the receipt of \$20,177 plus 121.51 interest...Mr. Roberts wants to know where the Board of Selectmen have the authority for the monetary

purchase of conservation land...Tracy Tarr recites State Land Use Law 36:85 decision made according to state law...Conservation Commission has the authority without a town meeting....Mr. Roberts feels \$147,000 should have been brought before the town... he feels that in the future, purchase of land from current use should be brought to town meeting...Tom Howe, member of the Gilmanton Land Trust, refers to the 1996 town meeting where a decision was made by the body granting the Conservation Commission on how the money in the reserve is expended...

Amendment #1: Donald Guarino **moved to amend** to increase the Article to **\$3,424,600**, an increase of \$16,702; **seconded** by Brett Currier.

“The Selectmen did not agree with Budget Committee’s cut of a position in the Police Department...the Board of Selectmen brought forward a reduced budget without cuts in any positions....The Budget Committee took a full time position and recommended cutting it to a part-time position within the Police Department...The Board of Selectmen were not looking to cut any positions or change any positions...the Board wants positions to stay the same....just because a position was vacant for eight months, doesn’t mean the position is not going to be filled...this line for the police department is important and should stay as it is...”

Brian Forst stated that, “...the Budget Committee’s decision was based on adjusted insurance line and the rest based on the fact that the current position is not filled...they (Budget Committee) asked the Chief if he could run the department with the budget he recommended...the Chief felt that he could...the Budget Committee looked at the numbers for justification on their recommendations...”

Allen Everett asked, “Why was there a 35% budget cut for the Historic District Commission”? Brian Forst explains it was based on last year’s funds that were not used...

Wayne Zold asks about the expenses regarding increase in the contracted assessor’s line...25% increase asks for reason it’s increasing...Donald Guarino explains change in law allows the town to tax telephone company for lines...and for electric companies for electric lines and needed to increase to cover assessing costs of assessing for this new tax. Can now tax utilities based on new legislation...the town will gain it back in tax money...not to confuse with assessing done with additions and improvements....

Moderator Sisti called the Amendment to a voice vote in the amount of: \$3,424,600.

Voice Vote: Too close to call.

Hand Count: Yes: 108 No: 130*

AMENDMENT #1 DEFEATED BY HAND COUNT.

The Moderator directs the body back to original motion - \$3,407,898.00

Dick de Sève asks for an explanation on page 111... he would like to know why the Building Inspector's budget shows only the bottom line with no detailed numbers showing for the Budget Committee's recommendation...Stan Bean responded, "...this is one of those lines that the Budget Committee looked at and felt there were many areas that could be cut...there was quite a discussion about this same line item last year...going through what we (Budget Committee) felt could do the job we came up with the bottom line number with that amount as our recommendation to the Selectmen...it is up to the Board to decide where to make the specific cuts."

ARTICLE #16 PASSES (\$3,407,898) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000.00) to be deposited in the following Non-Capital Reserve Accounts. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$11,000.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$11,000.00)

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
Non-Cap. Res. Office Equipment	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Non-Cap. Res. Court Cases	3,500.00	3,500.00
Non-Cap. Res. Town Bldg Repair & Maintenance	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00

Stan Bean **moved** Article #17 as written; **seconded** by Richard Lucas.

ARTICLE #17 PASSES (\$11,000) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Dollars (\$344,521.00) to be deposited in the following Capital Reserve Accounts. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$344,521.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$344,521.00)

Cap. Res. Reval/Assessing Update	62,500.00
Cap. Res. Fire Engine Fund	87,400.00
Cap. Res. Town Septic System	2,000.00
Cap. Res. Town Driveways	5,250.00
Cap. Res. Town Roofs	4,000.00
Cap. Res. Salt/Sand Cover	1,000.00

Cap. Res. Highway Equipment	64,040.00
Cap. Res. Recycling Equipment	6,867.00
Cap. Res. Fire Command Vehicle	5,000.00
Cap. Res. Police Cruiser	29,000.00
Cap. Res. Bridges	51,964.00
Cap. Res. Replace Forestry 1	8,000.00
Cap. Res. SCBA	<u>17,500.00</u>
TOTALS	\$344,521.00

Mark Sawyer **moved** Article #18 as written; **seconded** by Brian Forst.

Tom Howe asks the Moderator being that Article #14 changed the name of the Capital Reserve for Replace Forestry 1, should that technical correction to that line now be call Cap Res. Replace Forestry Vehicle? Moderator states that it should officially be corrected in the records for clarity as per the vote of Article #14 to: Cap. Res. Forestry Vehicles Replacement.

A question for the definition of SCBA was asked...Steven Latici responds, "...Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus...the equipment has to be tested every year...it is very expensive...air tanks that need to be replaced due to the shelf life."

A question was asked, "If the police cruiser line in Article #18 is the same as the police cruiser in Article #20"? Stan Bean responds, "They are not...the police cruiser is one of those articles, one of those issues where we debate back and forth whether it should be a Capital Reserve item or not...the idea was that we used to have two years for the fire cruiser than one year for the police cruiser before purchasing...it just wasn't evening up...we are trying to come up with a number that we could set aside each year that would then...space out the amount having to be raised each year....Mr. Bean explains that they try to come up with a number to keep up with the rotation of the equipment...trying to get the schedule on track...when it comes up on a warrant again to purchase, the funds will be available to withdraw..."

Amendment #1: Brett Currier **moved to amend** to reduce Cap. Reserve Police Cruiser line to \$0.00 for a bottom line of **\$315,521**, a decrease of \$29,000; **seconded** by Philip Ray.

Brian Forst states, "We are voting on monies to be put away on expenditures...we sat here a few years ago and cut \$100,000 that was being put aside for fire equipment Capital Reserve for Fire Equipment..." He explains, "...The mission of capital reserve accounts are to help level your tax in that it is set up and designed to give minimal impact and level out the tax over time...do understand, if you vote to zero out these funds, SB2 or no SB2,...you have to make a decision as to whether or not you're going to save your

money or pay more taxes...” The Budget Committee recommended this in trying to get this capital reserve account back on track...The idea behind this account is to have it for future purpose and help keep your tax rate down...”

Mr. Currier states, “We’re not buying a fire truck, we’re not spending four or five hundred thousand. I understand saving for a fire truck, it’s a whole different item that we had to raise in taxes last year... what we’re asked to do doesn’t feel this is a big ticket item like a fire engine is...”We don’t need a police cruiser this year...put \$5,000 aside for a cruiser every year, not \$29,000...we’ll have enough in the Capital Reserve for two cruisers...we don’t need to tax everyone on something we don’t need ...”

AMENDMENT #1 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

Mr. Currier requests a hand count. Moderator Sisti calls Amendment #1 to a hand count.

Hand Count: Yes: 65 No: 166*

AMENDMENT #1 DEFEATED BY HAND COUNT.

Amendment #2: Laurie Sanborn **moved to amend** to reduce Article #18 to **\$243,081**, **seconded** by Fred McVey.

AMENDMENT #2 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

Moderator Sisti directs the body back to the original motion

ARTICLE #18 PASSES (\$344,521.00) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #19: Submitted by Petition To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) for operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$45,000.00)

Anne Kirby **moved** Article #19 as written; **seconded** by Philip Ray.

Amendment #1: Theodore Maltzie **moved to amend** Article #19 to **\$25,000**, a decrease of \$20,000; **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

AMENDMENT #1 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

Moderator Sisti opens the secret ballot voting at 1:50 p.m.

ARTICLE #19 PASSES (\$45,000.00) BY BALLOT VOTE.

Ballot Vote: Yes: 152* No: 112

ARTICLE #20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase and equip a new Police Cruiser and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$30,000.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$30,000.00)

Stan Bean **moved** Article #20 as written; **seconded** by Francis White.

Voice Vote: Too close to call

Hand Count: Yes: 87* No: 61

ARTICLE #20 PASSES (\$30,000.00) BY HAND COUNT.

ARTICLE #21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the installation of a new entrance at the Recycling/Transfer Facility and to fund this appropriation by authorize the withdrawal of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Recycling/Transfer Facility Improvement Fund. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$20,000.00)(Budget Committee Recommend \$000.00)

Richard Lucas **moved** Article #21 as written \$20,000.00; **seconded** by Cheryl Stafford.

ARTICLE #21 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for Speed and DWI Enforcement, said sum to be funded by New Hampshire Highway Safety Grants, these grants are for salaries and will not be expended unless the grants are received. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$3,000.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$3,000.00)

Speed Detail	\$ 1,500.00
DWI Detail	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,000.00

Richard Lucas **moved** Article #22 as written; **seconded** by Philip Ray.

ARTICLE #22 PASSES (\$3,000.00) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for ATV Enforcement, said sum to be funded by New Hampshire Fish and Game Enforcement Grant, these funds will not be expended unless the grant is received. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,500.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$1,500.00)

Brett Currier **moved** Article #23 as written; **seconded** by Vincent Baiocchetti.

ARTICLE #23 PASSES (\$1,500.00) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for Underage Drinking Enforcement, said sum to be funded by a Department of Justice Grant, these funds will not be expended unless the grant is received. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$3,500.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$3,500.00)

Cindy Houghton **moved** Article #24 as written; **seconded** by Richard Lucas.

ARTICLE #24 PASSES (\$3,500.00) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the start of the process of listing all properties for the revaluation scheduled for 2014. And to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Revaluation Assessment Update Capital Reserve Fund. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$35,000.00)(Budget Committee Recommend \$35,000.00)

Richard Lucas **moved** Article #25 as written; **seconded** by Cheryl Stafford.

ARTICLE #25 PASSES (\$35,000.00) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to fund milfoil treatment for the lakes of Gilmanton. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,000.00) (Budget Committee Recommend \$000.00)

Cheryl Stafford **moved** Article #26 as written; **seconded** by Richard Lucas.

David Russell speaks to importance of supporting this article...Priscilla Plourde speaks to 2011 cost \$16,000 of the treatment of milfoil last year...Steven Latici speaks not against the efforts...not the money...but strongly advises that Rocky Pond utilize the state methods available and incorporate a district with a board of commissioners that would be able to appropriate money for those owners on Rocky Pond...the residents of Rocky Pond would have to pay for the treatments...If adopted provisions would give them the avenue to collect the money through taxes.

ARTICLE #26 PASSES (\$1,000.00) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) to update the Emergency Operations Plan for the Town, said sum to be funded by an Emergency Operations Grant; this grant has all ready been approved by the State of New Hampshire. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$2,500.00)(Budget Committee Recommend \$2,500.00)

Cheryl Stafford **moved** Article #27 as written; **seconded** by Richard Lucas.

ARTICLE #27 PASSES (\$2,500.00) BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #28: To hear the reports of any Committees chosen and pass any votes relative thereto.

Richard de Sève **moved** Article #28 as written; **seconded** by Francis White.

*Hearing that there are no further reports or business, Moderator Sisti stated that it has been his honor to conduct Gilmanton's last traditional town meeting. He reminded the body that **SB2 still requires participation in the form of the deliberative session and it is hope there will be a strong attendance as they are conducted like the town meeting.***

Moderator, Mark Sisti adjourned the annual business meeting of the Town at 3:30 p.m.

The Town Clerk gave the Oath of Office to Town Moderator Sisti, who, in turn, gave the same oath to the following elected officials that were present after the business meeting:

- ✓ *Betty Ann Hughes*
- ✓ *Brett A. Currier*
- ✓ *Frederick A. Buchholz, Jr.*
- ✓ *Donna M. White*
- ✓ *Raymond M. Daigle*
- ✓ *Mark A. Sawyer*

On Monday, March 19, 2012, Glen Waring and Candace Daigle took the Oath of Office with the Town Clerk. On Thursday, March 21, 2012 Neil Roberts and on Friday, March 22, 2012 Paul Perkins took the Oath of Office with the Town Clerk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A. Cornett

A true copy, attest.