

VOTER`S GUIDE
(AMENDED AFTER DELIBERATIVE SESSION ON FEBRUARY 4, 2017)

EXPLANATION OF WARRANT ARTICLES
YEAR 2017

We have attached the RSA`s that are relevant to the Warrant Articles.

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: Special Exception

RSA 674:33 requires a minimum of 2 years; the Town's Zoning Ordinance presently states variances must be implemented within four years; this amendment mirrors the time period allowed for variances.

Article 3: Amendment for Two Family Dwelling.

This amendment is being proposed to be consistent with the requirements in other Zoning Districts.

Article 4: Removing size limitation of office uses.

In order to expand the Town's tax base, the Planning Board does not believe the Town should limit the size of office buildings in the community.

Article 5: Adding a structure.

This amendment will clarify who may evaluate a septic system when an expansion of the home occurs.

Article 6-a: Accessory Build/Use

The purpose of this amendment is to help clarify the requirement.

Article 6-b: Accessory Dwelling Units

This amendment is being proposed to comply with the new statutory requirements of RSA 674:71-73 and to allow Accessory Dwelling Units within a home or as a detached housing unit.

Article 7: Town Budget

This article is the budget for the Town. This article has an impact on property tax of \$4.83 per \$1,000 of valuation. The difference between the proposed Town operating budget and the Town default budget is that the default budget is \$29,702 higher than the operating budget.

Article 8: Fire Department Forestry Truck

The Fire Chief has requested a new Forestry Truck. The cost to purchase and equip a new vehicle is \$48,750. This is to install one at the Corners Fire Station. This request is to withdraw \$48,750 from a previously established Capital Reserve Fund set up for this very purpose. This article has no impact on property tax.

Article 9: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund

This article is a continued contribution into the SCBA Capital Reserve Fund for the Fire Department established in 2011.

Article 10: Fire Radio Capital Reserve Fund

This article is a continued contribution into the Fire Radio Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for the Fire Department.

Article 11: Ambulance Power Cots

The Fire Chief has requested two Power Cots for the Ambulances which will assist in lifting patients.

Article 12: Police Cruiser.

This request is to purchase and equip a new cruiser for the Police Department.

Article 13: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

The Highway Department is requesting \$60,000 be deposited in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006.

Article 14: Computer Technology Upgrades

This request is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing Computers for the Town Departments.

Article 15: RSA 41:9-a

The passing of this article would give the Governing Body (Board of Selectmen) the authority to establish or increase fees charged by the Town. Public Hearings are required before any such action is taken.

Article 16: 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 17: Crystal Lake Playground

This is a request to see if the Town wants to repair and replace part of the playground at Crystal Lake Park.

Article 18: Academy Building Playground

This is a request to see if the Town wants to install a playground outside the Academy Building.

Article 19: Revaluation Assessment Update Capital reserve Fund

This is a request by the Assessing Department to see if the Town will deposit funds for the next Statistical Update that is required.

Article 20: Milfoil Treatment

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

Article 21: Sale of Town Properties

This is a request to see if the Town will authorize the Governing Body (Board of Selectmen) to sell certain properties at Auction.

Article 22: Elderly Exemption

This petition article would modify the Elderly Exemption (as approved by previous Town vote) as noted below. (NO CHANGE: To qualify for the optional adjusted elderly exemption; RSA 72:39a the applicant must be 65 years old, (if married, the eldest should apply), must have resided in this State for at least 3 consecutive years, preceding April 1st in the year in which the exemption is claimed).

Income Limitations: (From all sources, including Social Security).

	Current	Proposed
A Single	20,000	27,000
B Married	30,000	40,000

Asset Limitation: (Excluding the value of the applicant`s residence up to two (2) acres of land with the residence).

	Current	Proposed
	75,000	120,000

Exemptions:

	Current	Proposed
Age 65-74	60,000	80,000

75-79	80,000	100,000
80+	100,000	120,000

For further explanation please also see a letter from the Petitioner in the Board of Selectmen`s minutes dated 1/23/17.

Article 23: Gilmanton Year Round Library

This petition article is requesting the Town raise \$48,500 to fund the Gilmanton Year Round Library for 2017.

ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #2

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 IX Board of Adjustment, B Special Exceptions 1, General Provisions to provide that Special Exceptions shall expire if the use or construction permitted is not substantially implemented within four (4) years of the date the Zoning Board of Adjustment approves the application.

Recommended by the Planning Board: **yes**

Article #3

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, Table One, Dwelling Two Family by making the use Permitted (P) in the Conservation Zone instead of by Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

Recommended by the Planning Board: **yes**

Article #4

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 IV, Table 1 by removing the size limit of office uses.

Recommended by the Planning Board: **yes**

Article #5

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, A Sanitary Protection as follows:

Any Structure that is being improved, by adding a bedroom, or whenever a structure is being converted from a seasonal to a permanent use, shall have the existing septic system evaluated by a **NH Licensed Designer of Subsurface Disposal Systems** to determine the adequacy of the existing septic system for its current and /or proposed use.

Recommended by the Planning Board: **yes**

Article #6-a

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 IV Table 1 by amending the footnote for Accessory Building/Use as follows: In the Residential Lake District, **accessory** storage buildings are allowed when Accessory **to a principal use located** on an abutting lot, including a lot across the roadway.

Recommended by the Planning Board: **yes**

Article #6-b

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows?

- A.** Amend Article IV, Table 1 by adding a new category **Accessory Dwelling Units** and allowing this use in all zoning districts **as a Permitted Use (P) within the** Village, Rural, Conservation, Lt. Business, Business and Residential Lake.

- B.** Amend Article III, General Provisions Applicable to All Districts by adding a new Section R **ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**. Add Purpose and Definition of an Accessory Dwelling Unit, along with requirements that must be adhered to.

Recommended by the Planning Board: **yes**

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #7

Est. tax impact \$4.83

“Shall the Town of Gilmanton 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 three million six hundred nineteen thousand six hundred ninety-one dollars (\$3,619,691)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be three million six hundred forty-nine thousand three hundred ninety-three dollars (\$3,649,393) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by 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 XV1 to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #8

Est. tax impact \$0.00

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of forty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$48,750) to purchase and equip a new Forestry Truck vehicle and Fire Pump Skid Unit and further to fund this appropriation by withdrawing forty-eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$48,750) from the previously established Fire Department Forestry Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #9

Est. tax impact \$0.04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) to be deposited in the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund established in 2011.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #10**Est. tax impact \$0.02**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be deposited in the Fire Radio Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #11**Est. tax impact \$0.08**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000) for the purchase of two (2) "Power Cots" for the Fire Rescue Ambulances.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #12**Est. tax impact \$0.09**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$42,500) to purchase and equip a new Police cruiser.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #13**Est. tax impact \$0.13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to be deposited in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund Established in 2006.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #14**Est. tax impact \$0.04**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Computer Technology Upgrades and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be deposited in this fund and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **no**

Article #15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees, as provided in RSA 41:9-a. In accordance with that statute the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing with notice posted at least 7 days in advance, prior to amending or establishing any such fees.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Article #16

Est. tax impact \$0.11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be deposited in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 1995.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #17

Est. tax impact \$0.06

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand two hundred ten dollars (\$26,210) to remove, repair and replace the Playground at Crystal Lake Park in order to conform to safety and liability standards.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #18

Est. tax impact \$0.01

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand four hundred twenty-two dollars (\$5,422) to install a Playground outside the Academy Building.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #19

Est. tax impact \$0.05

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) for the Statistical Update of all properties to be deposited into the Revaluation Assessment Update Capital Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #20**Est. tax impact \$0.00**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to fund Milfoil treatment for the lakes of Gilmanton.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

Article #21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the following properties in the Town of Gilmanton to be sold at public auction:

1. Map 119 Lot 110 - Peach Ave
2. Map 119 Lot 162 - Hemlock Dr
3. Map 120 Lot 004 - 25 Orange Ave
4. Map 122 Lot 035 - Fox Dr
5. Map 122 Lot 046 - 62 Fox Dr
6. Map 122 Lot 068 - Hemlock Dr
7. Map 130 Lot 063 - Cedar Dr

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Article #22 (By Petition)

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax under the provisions of RSA 72:39-b in the Town of Gilmanton based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000); for a person 80 years of age or older One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person`s spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years. In addition the taxpayer must have a net income of less than Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) or , if married, a combined income of less than Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) and own net assets not in excess of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) excluding the value of the person`s residence.

Article #23 (By Petition)

Est. tax impact \$0.11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$48,500) for partial funding of operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library for 2017.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**

Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**