

TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF GILMANTON
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIRST SESSION: *(141 Voters of 2,506 Total Registered Voters = 6% Voter Turnout)*

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gilmanton School Gymnasium in the said Gilmanton, on Saturday, the 2nd day of February 2013, at 10:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered Seven (7) through Thirty Nine (39).

The Warrant Articles may be amended subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and

- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

SECOND SESSION:

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

You are hereby notified to meet at Gilmanton Academy in said Gilmanton on Tuesday, the 12th of March, 2013; polling hours will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. This session shall be the Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles numbered One (1) through Thirty Nine (39), as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "First Session".

Article #1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
(The election of the Town Officers will be on the ballot for the March 12, 2013 Election.)

Article #2 - #6: *(Zoning Articles are not amendable at the First Session; Articles two through six will be on the ballot for a vote at the March 12, 2013 Election).*

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: To amend Article III (F) Signs as follows:

Add to the end of Paragraph 3 the following clause: "except as provided in Paragraph 15 below."

Add to the end of the first sentence of Paragraph 4 the following clause: "except as provided in Paragraph 15 below."

Insert a new Paragraph 15 as follows:

15. A retail business in the Light Business District may place one portable "sandwich style" sign on the premises of the business advertising items for sale on location, except that if the retail business is located on an intersection of roads, it may place one sign on each road abutting the premises, but no more than a total of two signs on the premises. The sign may be displayed during the operating hours and shall be removed and placed out of the view of the public while the business is closed. The sign shall not exceed 16 square feet on each side and shall not use electronic, flashing or moving messages. The sign shall be maintained in good condition at all times. Retail businesses located in another district may apply for a conditional use permit for one portable "sandwich style" sign meeting these requirements. Any such portable sign shall be in addition to any other sign permitted in Section F. If a business fails to comply with these requirements, the selectmen may enforce in accordance with Article VIII. Any sign in an historic district shall also comply with the requirements of the Historic District Commission. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

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: To Amend Article IV, Table 2 by reducing the Septic Systems Setbacks from Water bodies from 125 feet to NH State Requirement of 75 feet. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

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: To amend Article XVI by amending the following definitions: Campground or Recreational Vehicle Park is a place licensed by the State of New Hampshire where visitors may stay overnight or longer on a temporary basis in allotted spaces in recreational vehicles, tents or cabins with limited facilities.

The terms used herein shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with similar terms defined in RSA 216-I: 1. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

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: To amend Article XVI by amending the following definitions: Right-of-way: Reference RSA 671:24 (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

ARTICLE #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To amend Article XVI by amending the following definitions: Setback Delete from the definitions the following: Docks, boathouses and other similarly sized waterfront structures shall also be exempt from any such waterfront setback requirement. (Planning Board recommends adoption of this article.)

Moderator, Pro Tem, Stanley O. Bean, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Mr. Bean asked Daniel Webster to lead the Body in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. He announced to the Body to, "...hang on to your pink cards if you would like your vote to count, you want to have your pink cards..." He welcomed all to Gilmanton's First Deliberative Session also known as the First Session of Town Meeting; "...The meeting this year will be in two parts. This is the session today you may make amendments and then the next one will be on March 12th when we get to vote in a voting booth on a ballot...today is not unlike Town Meeting...there will be motions, seconds, discussion...the difference being, amounts voted at the First Session will not be final until placed on the "Official Ballot" to be voted on Tuesday, March 12 for the final vote. There are a few differences from what everyone is used to, but we will deal with those if they arise. "Moderator Tempore" – Folks requested this meeting be held on Saturday so more people could attend. Your regular Moderator, Mark Sisti, exercised his prerogative and appointed a "Tempore" to honor that request. Mr. Sisti will be with you for the School District Deliberative Session..."

A few simple rules:

- *If you are a registered voter in Gilmanton, have you checked in and received your colored voting card? If you are not a registered voter, you are requested to sit over on the side.*
- *Please turn cell phones off or at least on vibrate. If you must take a call-outside.*
- *Take articles in the order in which they appear.*
- *The Moderator will read the article as it appears, ask a member of the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectmen or a petitioner (In the case of a petitioned article.) for a motion to place it on the "Official Ballot" and then obtain a second. The individual making the motion and the person making the second, will state their name for the record. The person making the motion will then be the first to speak to the article. After that, the article will be opened for discussion and or amendments.*
- *Only one motion or one amendment will be taken at a time.*
- *We will keep it civil and respect each other. We'll deal with the issues and not personalities.*

- *Address questions and comments to the moderator and we'll get the answers for you.*
- *Each person wishing to speak will move to the microphone, and when recognized, will state their name for the record.*
- *We will take speakers in the order they have lined up at the microphone and allow each person who wishes to speak for the first time, before allowing a person to speak for a second time.*
- *Any requests for a "secret ballot" must be made in writing, before the hand vote is taken, by five registered voters who are present and who make themselves known to the Moderator.*
- *Each vote will initially be by show of cards, we will not use voice votes. If the vote appears close, the Supervisors of the Checklist will make an actual count.*
- *The 10% Rule cannot exceed \$409,032.50*

The Moderator asked the body if there were any questions before we began with the first article. Thomas Scribner stood to address the body and thanked Rachel Hatch for all her years of service as Selectmen, and to the other boards she has served on, as well as for the service of all the people who volunteer and serve the Gilmanton community. Mrs. Hatch received a round of applause from the body.

ARTICLE #7: " 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 with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$3,315,219? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$3,410,619, 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 XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only."

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$3,297,872) (Budget Committee Recommend \$3,315,219)

Brian Forst **moved \$3,315,219**, Article #7 as written and read; **seconded** by Frank Gianni.

Discussion: Brian Forst noted the difference of approximately \$17,000 between the Budget Committee's recommendation and the Board of Selectmen's recommendation. He noted that, "...there were areas they saw to reduce and others that they put back in... (i.e. highway fuel line, highway materials [sand, gravel]; Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a discrepancy in wages not received in 2012...we're talking \$200, \$400, & \$750, etc., put back into various accounts (i.e. Trustee of Trust Funds, HDC, Budget Committee, etc.)" Mr. Scribner asks, the Budget Committee and the Selectmen, " ...if they feel the underlying philosophy of composing this budget...having in mind people that have lost their jobs and might be in jeopardy of losing their homes and was related to current economy...questions budget being lean.?" Brian Forst, as Budget Committee Chair, answers, "...we do understand the economic climate...but there were certain areas, we felt, if we are too conservative the day will come it will cost a lot more than we could bear ...the Budget Committee's concern was that the Town be presented with a reasonable budget...the Budget Committee's recommendation, brought forward today, allows the Town to

function at a reasonable level of service without loss of services and functionality to the Town. Tom Scribner questions, "Welfare line 01-444111-800-00...expended \$69,606.00 but the Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommend only \$50,150.00?" Brian Forst responded, "...there is a Non-Capital Reserve set up for selectmen to access any time for the amount warranted...Non-Capital for Welfare balance is such that they can access \$50,000 in this Non-Cap to fund." Tom Scribner then stated, "...so the true available number as presented would be about \$107,000..." Elizabeth Brulotte stated there was a referenced warrant article...for merit raise and asks if that article was still in the warrant. Board of Selectmen, Chair, Rachel Hatch explained, "....after meeting with the Budget Committee and after hearing concerns at the public hearing...one of the concerns expressed was, did the Selectmen have a criteria that we could present to the Budget Committee and to the residents on how these merit raises would be given? ...to make a long story short, the Selectmen decided to withdraw that warrant article, and as your outgoing Selectmen, and for public information, I would recommend to the future Board of Selectmen that they find the money, if they so choose, to give pay increases to the employees as they see fit. The reason I recommended that, was because in the 2012 budget we ended up having \$94,000 left over...the future Board could come up with pay increases within the budget that they have...so that is why it was withdrawn." Tom Scribner asked if salary increases were included in the budget. Chair Hatch stated, "...no increases were included in the budget line items, and again, I reiterate, that if the future Board of Selectmen should so choose, they can find the money in the budget that they will be getting."

Moderator Bean called Article #7, as written and read, in the amount of **\$3,315,219?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #7 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$62,500) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Reval/Assessing Update Capital Reserve Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$62,500) (Budget Committee Recommend \$62,500)

Rachel Hatch **moved \$62,500**, Article #8 as written and read; **seconded** by Ralph Lavin.

Discussion: Elena Ball asked for the current Capital Reserve Fund Reval/Assessing balance. Brian Forst responded, "...\$56,059.09..." Michelle Heyman requested, "...for each of the Capital Reserve items... provide the balance, target money and the Capital Improvement Plan target date be stated..." Brian Forst responded, "for the CIP we are targeted in 2014, next year, for a Reval...estimated cost is \$200,000...last year we spent some money to get started on this...money is getting spent on it this year...the cost of this process with the balance plus the amount being asked in this Article will still leave us short for the Reval next year..." Ernie Hudzic asks, that in future, for tax rate impact to be added to the warrant article as an

informational note...so that way the public will know what \$62,500 will cost...on the warrant. Brian Forst stated, "...it is not legal, by law, for us to put an estimated tax impact on a warrant article..." Chair Hatch added that the Department of Revenue Administration states, "That for every additional \$25,000 that we spend, it's an additional six cents per thousand on your tax rate..."

Moderator Bean called Article #8, as written and read, in the amount of **\$62,500?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #8 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Salt/Sand Cover Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$1,000)

Brian Forst **moved \$1,000**, Article #9 as written and read; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer.

Discussion: Brian Forst states that the current fund balance is \$7,807; the target date for replacement is in 2020 and the target amount is \$15,000...at the current amount in this article, this places us on target."

Moderator Bean called Article #9, as written and read, in the amount of **\$1,000?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #9 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$51,964) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Bridges Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$51,964) (Budget Committee Recommend \$51,964)

Ralph Lavin **moved \$51,964**, Article #10 as written and read; **seconded** by Brett Carrier.

Discussion: Brian Forst stated that the current balance of this fund is \$141,666; the CIP is showing three bridges that are scheduled for replacement in 2018, 2019 and 2020, consecutively...the full sum to replace these three bridges is approximately \$465,000...at current

state of funding it will come close...but Budget Committee felt this will be on shy side...so this is why the Budget Committee's recommendation is the same as the Selectmen's..." Dan Hudson notes that state reimburses, he believes it's approximately 89% and asks if the CIP cost total includes actually more or less than that...Brian Forst states, "Your CIP is based on our share of the replacement cost...this is our cost..." Dick De seve asks if this is based on current estimates...Brian Forst responds that, "...this is based on current or best guess estimates...in the last three or four years there has been an increase in the cost of materials, construction, etc...still trying to maintain schedule on best guess estimate...trying to do best to put monies aside...prevent huge spike in tax rate when it comes due..."

Moderator Bean called Article #10, as written and read, in the amount of **\$51,964**?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #10 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #11: 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 Capital Reserve Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$17,500) (Budget Committee Recommend \$17,500)

Brian Forst **moved \$17,500**, Article #11 as written and read: **seconded** by Frank Gianni.

Discussion: Brian Forst states, "...that the current balance in the Fund is \$36,275..." Brian refers continued discussion on the article to Chief Hempel. Chief Hempel states, "...this fund started in 2011 with the idea to fund it for the next seven years with the \$17,500 so that in 2018...funds would be available to replace the current equipment..." Lori Sanborn asks, "How much does each cost and how many are there?" Chief Hempel responded, "...in 2011 the price was \$6,250 a set...looking to replace 20 units...current units in service were purchased in 2003, which is 15 years' service...looking to replace all units at once...technology changes...from operational stance easier to operate and maintain if all are the same...price includes a replacement clause..." Tom Howe asks, "How often the packs are used to date?" Chief Hempel responded, "...used for fighting fires, hazardous material environment, CO2 calls...units on all vehicles...use is based on called...when needed...they are required..." Lori Sanborn asks, "Do we need twenty of these...?" She also asks if the masks are interchangeable...Chief Hempel responded that, "...masks are interchangeable...there is not an overabundance; they are shared and sanitized after each use...We have twenty plus bottles... there are some extra bottles...each bottle is good for 25 - 35 minutes..." Tom Howe asks, "How many calls per year are they used?" Chief stated, "...between just upward of 450 calls, half are fire and a percentage of the other requires use of SCAB...the type of equipment and its' use is dependent on the type of the call..."

Moderator Bean called Article #11, as written and read, in the amount of \$17,500?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #11 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to be deposited in the Non-Capital Reserve Office Equipment Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$2,500) (Budget Committee Recommend \$2,500)

Rachel Hatch **moved \$2,500**, Article #12 as written and read; **seconded** by Ralph Lavin.

Discussion: Brian Forst stated, "The current balance is \$2,481...\$5,000 is the target amount to keep in that account in case replacement of equipment is needed..."

Moderator Bean called Article #12, as written and read, in the amount of \$2,500?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #12 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in the Non-Capital Reserve Town Building Repair and Maintenance Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$5,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$800)

Ralph Lavin **moved \$5,000**, Article #13 as written and read; **seconded** by Brett Currier.

Discussion: Rachel Hatch states, "The Selectmen initially recommended \$5,000 as a result of... Mr. Scribner asking the Board to support residing the Corner Library and that's why we recommended..." Mr. Forst states, "...there is current balance of \$9,197 in this account...current target was \$10,000...Budget Committee felt \$800 recommendation was within target amount..." Richard Bakos states, "...they (Budget Committee) based their recommendation on the current balance and the target amount..." Tom Scribner points out the structural damage that needs to be repaired. Brian Forst pointed out that a Non Capital Reserve

Account is set up for the unpredictable events, not the predictable events that are in the budget for the Board of Selectmen to expend...the Budget Committee's recommendation of \$800 is within the target amount set...this is within spirit of what voters have asked them to do..."

AMENDMENT: Malcolm MacLeod motions to amend Article #13 to **\$800.00**; Brian Forst seconded.

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$800.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #13, as amended, in the amount of **\$800.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #13 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) to be deposited in the Non-Capital Reserve Paramedic Intercept Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,500) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Ralph Lavin moved **\$5,000**, Article #14 as written and read; **seconded** by Brett Currier.

Discussion: Mr. Forst stated that the current balance is \$1,331.06...Fire Dept. operating budget, already approved, includes \$1,000...Budget Committee recommended \$0.00 based on funds that are already in the budget...in the same spirit as the previous article..." Chief Hempel states, "...he would agree, at this time, with the Budget Committee's recommendation...account used only if a paramedic is needed...called through a number of resources...use mutual aid...not charged by our Lakes Region sister towns...Pittsfield, Epsom, Concord charge fee only when help is needed from these communities..."

AMENDMENT: Chief Hempel motions to amend Article #14 to **\$0.00**; Tom Scribner seconded.

Discussion: Dan Hudson asks, "If it is on the ballot as \$0.00 and doesn't pass, what happens?" Moderator responded, "...it doesn't matter either way, it will stay as \$0.00. John Weston asks if it has to be on the ballot at all. Moderator responded, "...yes, as required by law..." Elena Ball

states that the Moderator is correct, even if \$0.00 funded the warrant article still has to go on the ballot...so that everyone knows that it was discussed at the meeting..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #14, as amended, in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #14 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,500) to be deposited in the Non-Capital Reserve Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$15,500) (Budget Committee Recommend \$15,500)

Brian Forst **moved \$15,500**, Article #15 as written and read; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer.

Discussion: Brian Forst stated, "...the current balance is \$14,653.48...target amount is \$30,000...this doesn't go very far in cost of engine repair...needs to be kept in case of failure of engine expense...\$15,500 brings this to the target amount..." Chief Hempel points out "...the Vehicle Repairs line in the operating budget was decreased by \$9,000....need to put some monies aside in case of catastrophic failure...we don't access fund unless necessary..."

Moderator Bean called Article #15, as written and read, in the amount of **\$15,500?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #15 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to purchase and equip a new police cruiser. And to further fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$30,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$30,000)

Rachel Hatch **moved \$30,000**, Article #16 as written and read; **seconded** by Brett Currier.

Discussion: Rachel Hatch states, "the \$30,000 is money we already have... basically taking it from our savings account and placing into our checking account to purchase the new cruiser..." Duncan Geddes asks, "Do we have a need for a new cruiser or can we get by on what we have..." Chief Collins responded, "The vehicle that we're looking to replace is the '07 Crown Vic... 257,000 miles on it... has costly repair issues... already spent several thousand in repairs this past year... money is already saved... Maintenance Fund line in the operating budget was reduced in anticipation of new vehicle being purchased and less repairs being needed..." Lori Sanborn asks, "I need clarification... the way this article is worded it looks like we're appropriating \$30,000 and taking \$30,000... is this correct or not correct?" Moderator Bean responded, "That is the way we have to do it... We are on gross budget, we have to recommend the expenditure in order to expend it... sounds like double wording, but that is how it has to be worded..."

Moderator Bean called Article #16, as written and read, in the amount of **\$30,000?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #16 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for the second year of listing all properties for the revaluation scheduled for 2014. And to further fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the Revaluation Assessment Update Capital Reserve Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$30,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$30,000)

Brian Forst **moved \$30,000**, Article #17 as written and read; **seconded** by Frank Gianni.

Discussion: George Roberts questions, "...are any of these property taxes increased before the year 2014..." Brian Forst, "...in speaking to the budget... process is broken down to a little bit each year... to complete goal of the 2014 reevaluation..." Moderator Bean asks, "If everyone understood... if your property has already been revalued, that will not appear on your property tax until such time that all properties have been finished in 2014..."

Moderator Bean called Article #17, as written and read, in the amount of \$30,000?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #17 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) for Speed Enforcement, said sum to be funded by New Hampshire Highway Safety Grants, these grants are for salaries and associated taxes and will not be expended unless the grants are received.

Brian Forst moved \$4,500, Article #18 as written and read; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer.

No Discussion.

Moderator Bean called Article #18, as written and read, in the amount of \$4,500?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #18 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for DWI Enforcement, said sum to be funded by New Hampshire Highway Safety Grants, these grants are for salaries and associated taxes and will not be expended unless the grants are received.

Brian Forst moved \$5,000, Article #19 as written and read; **seconded** by Frank Gianni.

No Discussion.

Moderator Bean called Article #19, as written and read, in the amount of \$5,000?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #19 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Non-Capital Reserve Fund entitled Non-Capital Reserve Police Detail and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in such fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$5,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Rachel Hatch moved **\$5,000**, Article #20 as written and read; **seconded** by Brett Currier.

Discussion: Rachel Hatch explains, "...in budget expended last year...there was \$9,200 in 2012...police dept. requested \$11,000; the Selectmen recommended \$5,000 and also recommended establishing a fund for Police Detail...Budget Committee wanted to fund it at \$0.00, but what they did was recommend \$10,000 in the operating budget..." Brian Forst explains, "...Non Capital is for unforeseen items...the Budget Committee does not see this as an unforeseen expenditure. Police Detail has been seen on the budget for as long as he has been sitting on the Budget Committee...to put another Non Cap in place was not seen as being necessary...Detail is revenue for the Town...in order to achieve reimbursement for detail pay, we have to expend...just see it as necessary in a budget line..."

AMENDMENT: Janet Breton motions to amend Article #20 to **\$0.00**; Susannah Richards **seconded**.

Discussion: Janet Breton states, "...this is another reason why you really want to consider revolving accounts...may spend \$10,000 on private detail, but when the phone company or somebody hires these guys, they pay us back and in some instances pay more..." Ralph Lavin mentions that Detail Pay is mostly reimbursable but there are some instances such as the Fourth of July parade...detail pay required but not reimbursed. Tom Howe asks, "Just want to clarify...Selectmen's budget in an earlier warrant article already approved \$5,000 for Detail, correct? Brian Forst replied, "...the Selectmen's recommendation was \$5,000, but the Budget Committee's recommendation was \$10,000 in that line..." Tom Howe states, "...if we incur more than \$9,000, with that coming back to us as reimbursable, wouldn't it be prudent to increase what we have available in the coming years so we don't forgo opportunities for reimbursement? Because at present, all we have is \$5,000 funded when last year we expended \$9,000..." Brian Forst responded, "When we approved the Budget, we approved \$10,000 for that line..." Tom Scribner asks Chief Collins to address. Chief Collins responds, "...the \$10,000 recommendation of the Budget Committee that was approved in that line I am happy with..." Rachel Hatch states, "...Board is fine if the Body wants to amend that figure to zero seeing that the Budget Committee recommendation figure was brought forward and voted on...would suffice..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #20, as amended, in the amount of \$0.00?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #20 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #21: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Non-Capital Reserve Fund entitled Non-Capital Reserve Police Vehicle Maintenance and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in such fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$5,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Ralph Lavin moved \$5,000, Article #21 as written and read; seconded by Brett Currier.

Discussion: Rachel Hatch states, "This article came about to establish a new Non-Capital Reserve for Police Vehicle Maintenance given the fact that the Fire Dept. currently has a Non-Capital Reserve fund for Vehicle Maintenance...consensus of the Board to mirror the two departments back-to-back..." Brian Forst responds, "Again the Budget Committee recommended zero on this...a couple items ago we recommended \$30,000 for a cruiser...a piece of fire apparatus can cost \$30,000 for repair costs at the snap of a finger...replacement costs are quite different...Budget Committee felt establishing another Non-Capital Reserve Fund was not appropriate for this year..." Chief Collins sees both sides "...if the new cruiser were to pass, I am fine with the \$10,000...tires, oil changes and day to day stuff can eat up \$5,000...if the new cruiser doesn't pass there is no way of knowing what the cost of the 2007 cruiser will be over the year..." Rachel Hatch reminds the body, "...when we configured this budget and crafted the warrant articles we're talking months ago, we're not talking last week, we've been working for months...when we looked at what was expended, \$14,683.38, last year...trying to be stewardships of the Town's money we only recommended \$10,000 and establish a Non-Cap for \$5,000...so, if worst case scenario, the three other cruisers needed maintenance, than the \$10,000 in the operating budget and the \$5,000 that we could possibly use would more than cover what was expended last year..." Rachel continues, "I am really going to advocate establishing this fund...the fleet looks good today...don't know what future holds...establish this fund and put in any amount..." Brian Forst, "...understanding that in the spirit of voters...we did not want to put money in accounts that are not necessary..." Ernie Hudzic comments that, "...establishing another Non-Capital Reserve or a Capital Reserve for peanuts...would mean in five or ten years they'll be one hundred articles...make this a budget item..." Rachel Hatch, again asks for fund to be established being good stewards in planning ahead.

AMENDMENT: Lori Sanborn motions to amend Article #21 to **\$0.00**; Ernie Hudzic seconded.

Discussion: Lori Sanborn explains, "...my reason for amending to zero is last year they expended \$496,417 {Police Total Line} and had \$505,221 and didn't even use what they had last year...this year asking for \$10,000 more from last year and didn't even use last year's...\$5,000 should be in their budget..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #21, as amended, in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #21 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

*Tom Howe asks a technical question to the Moderator, "If this article passes with zero, does the Fund still get established"? Moderator Bean states, "In order to vote to establish a Fund, there has to be a dollar amount..." Brian Forst says, "With that being said there are Fund balances that aren't funded anymore...there is no money being put in them any longer...I believe if people vote 'yes' at zero the Fund would still be established..." Elena Ball states that, "...she believes the law states that there has to be at least \$1.00 for a fund to be established." ****

******The Clerk verified with the Department of Revenue (DRA): Even though Article #21 was amended to zero, if the voters pass this article, as amended, the new Non-Capital Reserve Fund entitled Non-Capital Reserve Police Vehicle Maintenance would be established.***

Brian Forst **motioned to reconsider** Article #21; seconded by Brett Currier.

Moderator Bean asks for a show of cards to **reconsider** – too close to call. Moderator Bean asks the Supervisors' for a count of the cards.

YES: 48 NO: 63*

Reconsideration of Article #21 Fails.

ARTICLE #22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to fund milfoil treatment for the lakes of Gilmanton.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$1,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$1,000)

Brian Forst moved \$1,000, Article #22 as written and read; **seconded** by Raymond Daigle.

Discussion: Elena Ball asks if the money was expended last year and if there is a balance left. Rachel Hatch stated that it was expended last year. Priscilla Plourde thanks Gilmanton for helping finance the funding of the milfoil treatment...shows a map of pockets of milfoil...\$40,000 was spent in treatment of Rocky Pond...cannot fund without help..."

Moderator Bean called Article #22, as written and read, in the amount of \$1,000?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #22 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #23: 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 replacing worn hose for the Fire Department.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$7,500) (Budget Committee Recommend \$7,500)

Brian Forst moved \$7,500, Article #23 as written and read; **seconded** by Raymond Daigle.

Discussion: Dan Hudson asks, "Why this is this a warrant article instead of being part of the operating budget?" Chief Hempel responds, "We put this in the form of a warrant article because we don't really have a mechanism of funding in our operating budget...\$7,500 considered a capital expenditure...in terms of maintenance...in terms replacement of worn hose and of purchase of new hose needed...high cost...placed as warrant article so as not to drain budget..."

Moderator Bean called Article #23 as written and read, in the amount of \$7,500?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #23 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #24: To see if the Town will vote to close the Fire Department Call Pay Non-Capital Reserve Fund, allowing any money remaining in that fund to be transferred to the General Fund.

Rachel Hatch **moved** Article #24 as written and read; **seconded** by Ralph Lavin.

Discussion: Duncan Geddes asks for the remaining balance in the account. Brian Forst replies, "\$50.44" (Fifty dollars and forty four cents).

Moderator Bean called Article #24 as written and read?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #24 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for document restoration. And to further fund this expenditure by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the Document Restoration Capital Reserve Account.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$5,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$5,000)

Brian Forst **moved** \$5,000, Article #25 as written and read; **seconded** by Frank Gianni.

No Discussion

Moderator Bean called Article #25 as written and read, in the amount of \$5,000?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #25 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$485,000) for the purchase of a fire truck to replace 9 Engine 1. And further to fund this appropriation by acceptance of a Fire Act Grant equal to 95% of the

cost, being a total grant of Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$460,750) with the remaining 5% balance of Twenty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$24,250) to be funded by authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Fire Engine Fund. No funds will be expended if the grant is not approved. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$485,000) (Budget Committee Recommend \$485,000)

Brian Forst **moved \$485,000**, Article #26 as written and read; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer.

Discussion: Brian Forst states, "...it was brought to our attention in order for us to accept this grant if we achieve the grant, we have to have the wording mechanism in place...the Town of Gilmanton is in the running for this grant and it would be ashamed if we were to receive this grant that we didn't have this warrant article in place to accept the monies from the grant...if we achieve this grant we have the possibility of purchasing a \$485,000 fire truck with \$24,250 coming from our Capital Reserve..." Chief Hempel states, "...if awarded, the time-table allows us a year to expend the funds if we receive the grant..."

Moderator Bean called Article #26 as written and read, in the amount of **\$485,000?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #26 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Four Thousand Dollars (\$44,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Ambulance Replacement Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$40,000)

Elena Ball **moved \$44,000**, Article #27 as written and read; **seconded** by Betty Ann Abbott.

Discussion: Tom Scribner stated he, "...doesn't understand how it went from the Selectmen's recommendation of zero to \$40,000 to \$44,000...who put the warrant article on?" The Moderator replied, "That amount (\$44,000) comes from the Capital Improvement Plan...and is the amount that was recommended by the Planning Board in the Capital Improvement Plan program in order to fund that Reserve adequately in the time we have..." Tom Scribner asks, again, who put the warrant article in. Moderator Bean replied, "The Selectmen." Rachel Hatch responds, "There was a consensus of the Board of Selectmen to not recommend any

money in this Capital Reserve Fund this year...however, the Selectmen wanted to bring it forward so that the Budget Committee could act on it and so that the members of the body could act on it as well...the target amount was \$44,000, the Selectmen recommended nothing and the Budget Committee recommended \$40,000; so what this does, is this allows the body before us today to have say over whether or not they want to put money in this Capital Reserve Fund..." Moderator Bean states, "You may recall during the public hearing there were a number of those Capital Reserve articles that did not come up and the Budget Committee, made a note towards the end of that hearing, that they would like to see these amounts at least warned so they could at least be brought up..." Chief Hempel stated, "...I appreciate and respect the Capital Improvement Plan and the Budget Committee's desire to...fund this account...I don't believe it's necessary this year, we received a delivery of two ambulances in 2011 and 2012...we've got a little bit of time...we bought these outright with funding through the Capital Reserve and a lease-purchase program...I believe we could take a break for a year or two before we fund this account again...our existing service is for ten years or so...if all goes well...can move forward with Selectmen's recommendation..." Duncan Geddes states, "...seems like we're all set with the economy the way it is...I would like to amend this to keep the Capital Reserve open..." Moderator Bean states, "The account is already open, this is adding monies to it..." Duncan Geddes responds that, "rather than just put zero, we should put a little money in it..."

AMENDMENT #1: Duncan Geddes motions to amend Article #27 to \$5,000.00; Ernie Hudzic seconded.

Discussion: Karen Clifford asks for the current balance on this Reserve account. Brian Forst responds, "The current balance is \$16,819...target for replacement is 2021 and 2022; we have a situation here where we are replacing ambulances in back-to-back years...due to the large number we have in expenditures, which is \$220,000 a piece for these ambulances in '21 and '22, that means \$440,000 to replace both ambulances. We have ambulances that have been replaced in the last two years; one of them is on a lease-purchase program, in essence...if we are making lease payments and putting money away for 2021 and 2022, but if we don't put monies away for the next few years, instead of being \$40,000 away for the target of \$440,000, we're going to have to raise this money in a few years so we felt that...if we put \$40,000 in this year and we did \$40,000 for ten years, we would be close to having money for these ambulances and still fund this in the spirit of the account...with the amendment of \$5,000 I do understand putting some money in there, but I just want people to remember as they are doing this, these accounts, if not funded in a manner to meet the spirit of the account, when the day comes that we need the ambulance, you're going to be looking at a large expenditure, which is then going to influence your tax rate within that year..." Dan Hudson makes a comment that "...there are other ways to purchase and other options when we reach the point that we need them." Brett Currier states, "...originally we did not want to bring Capital Reserve items forward...in the spirit of economic

times...not bring these forward would save taxpayers money...but brought them forward for the voters to be able to make the decision...expenses are rising for all and I recommend the Board of Selectmen's recommendation at zero..."

Moderator Bean calls **Amendment #1** to a question in the amount of **\$5,000.00?**

By show of hand cards in the negative, Amendment #1 fails.

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AMENDMENT #2: Brett Currier motions to amend Article #27 to **\$0.00**; Ralph Lavin seconded.

Discussion: Dick De seve asks the body to consider the Budget Committee's explanation before voting on zero funding. Kristyn Fischev questions, "We have two new ambulances, one that we purchased and one that we lease, is that correct?" Brett Currier responds, "Yes, that is correct." Kristyn Fischev continued, "So the one that we own outright we don't owe anything on that, the one that we lease we are paying on the lease...is it cheaper to lease rather than own, because when you lease you usually have maintenance coverage, is that correct?" Brett Currier responds, "No, we keep them." Brian Forst adds, "...this is a lease-to-own which is basically a finance program..." Kristyn asks, "It's not like a car...we're not turning it in in a few years and getting a new one...Is it cheaper to lease than buy it outright...If it's going to cost \$400,000 (+) for two new vehicles, so if we go to a lease program is it going to cost more or less?" Brian Forst responds, "...the discussion right now is about going to a lease...the method to buy a vehicle a year ago...we did not have the money to purchase outright so it was leased to own which is not like a regular lease that you return the vehicle...we leased this ambulance to own...we don't have the figures in front of us to determine an answer to the question." Tom Scribner adds, "When we lease a vehicle you are committed to the payment, the Town has to make a payment every year..." Brian Forst added, "...this is the point...this (the lease) is a contractual debt...we don't have the ability sit in this body and discuss whether we wish to save us \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000 or \$20,000, we have to make the payment...when the statement is made that we'll just wait until we need it and buy it, we'll put it on payments and pay for it, I understand and respect that that is what the people wish to do; but you're not going to have any bargaining power as to what you're going to put away or not put away when you're paying in the end...in a Capital Reserve Program we can look and adjust these amounts on an annual basis if we are in a position...tax funds...can offset tax rate and if we do not wish to save this much money this year for a Capital Reserve, then we don't; but if we are in a lease situation we cannot negotiate that payment, we have to make it..." John Funk states, "This debate about setting monies aside in a Reserve to purchase a vehicle in the future verses buying the vehicle

and bonding at the time of purchase is interesting...towns have different approaches. Some towns say that we're dealing with non-discretionary items, so you know you're going to have to buy an ambulance at some point...or other item that the town absolutely needs to function...then you can approach in two different ways...one is to say when we need it we go out and buy it; and then we will bond the funds that we need to pay for it, and then we'll pay for it over the life of the vehicle, and the citizens that are benefiting from that vehicle's use during the period of its life are the one's paying for it. The other approach that this town has historically used, which is to pay for things in advance of the use; so that by setting the funds aside for something that you may want to purchase ten years from now, you're setting funds aside today to the current tax payers to buy something that's going to be used for future tax payers, who are going to get the benefit...municipal bonds have a very low interest rate attached to them, so the additional costs associated with the borrowing of these types of Capital items is not a significant amount of money...I feel the bonding approach is a more sensible approach when you are dealing with these non-discretionary items..." Tom Howe states, "...that's a great issue but I think that the Planning Board is the right place to take that question, and hash it out in the context of the Capital Improvement Plan, because that is where the rubber hits the road when setting up these schedules...I don't think that's the question before this body today...I believe we are voting on a zero amendment to the dollar figure on Article #27..."

Moderator Bean calls **Amendment #2** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the negative, Amendment #2 fails.

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AMENDMENT #3: Tom Howe motions to amend Article #27 to **\$22,000.00**; Ernie Hudzic seconded.

Discussion: It is asked how much money is in the Capital Reserve Account. Mr. Forst responds, "...\$16,362.85..." Lori Sanborn agrees with Mr. Funk's outlook. She states, "...the question is whether we need cash or we take a loan out for this vehicle...borrowing today to pay for tomorrow..." Elizabeth Brulotte states, "...we should pay attention to the Fire Chief's recommendation..." Charles Mitchell states, "...the issue is not whether or not we need an ambulance this year, the issue is whether or not we're going to follow a long-range plan...I urge people to vote down the amendment and support the Budget Committee's recommendation..." John Funk replies, "...I understand setting aside...I ask the question, do we want to continue, going forward, setting that money aside or do we want to consider a different approach for these purchases...Capital Improvement Committee has an opportunity to think about these things going forward..." Charles Mitchell states, "There is real value in long-term planning and we

should stick to target planning...” Brett Currier states, “...When we’re talking leasing a vehicle...basically what we’re doing right now is borrowing the taxpayers’ money. We’re going to take our money and put it in the Town’s Fund, that’s what we’re doing...it’s our money we’re putting in a fund to buy something in ten or twelve years...if we can’t come together when the economy has dropped and say that we can forgo something like this, how can we ever get past it? It’s no different than if we have a lease payment. If we can’t say to our people that this isn’t the year to raise money and raise taxes in a very terrible economy...it’s no different than if we had the vehicle sitting on the lot and we pay \$44,000 on a lease payment for it. It’s the same thing...” Nanci Mitchell states, “You have both failed to mention that whenever you borrow money, the Town has to pay in subsequent years...if you look at Gilford, they failed to pass a warrant article for an engine that required a super majority...they are without an engine and have to rely on other towns...would not want to find ourselves in a similar situation...recommend the Budget Committee’s recommendation...”

Moderator Bean calls **Amendment #3** to a question in the amount of **\$22,000.00?**

The vote was too close to call and moderator asks for hand count by Supervisors of Checklist.

Yes: 59* No: 45

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Amendment #3 passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #27, as amended, in the amount of **\$22,000.00?**

The moderator asks for hand count by Supervisors of Checklist.

Yes: 76* No: 28

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #27 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

The Moderator calls a recess at 1:15 p.m. to break for lunch until 1:45 p.m. to resume the meeting.

At 1:50 p.m. the Moderator called the meeting back to order and before beginning with Article #28 read the following in answer to Mr. Hudzic’s question from Article #8 when inquiring about tax impact being placed on a warrant article and read the following: “RSA 35:V-b Any town

may vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article. The determination of the estimated tax impact shall be subject to approval by the governing body.” “But, this means that this could appear as a warrant next year if you wish to have the tax impact show up, you can vote on it next year on the warrant and then it would be the following year, so it would be 2015 that you would get your first chance to see that...if that’s the way you folks would like to go you need to make sure there’s a warrant article next year.”

ARTICLE #28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$87,400) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fire Engine Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$85,000)

Elena Ball moved \$87,400, Article #28 as written and read; **seconded** by Dick De seve.

AMENDMENT: Charles Mitchell motions to amend Article #28 to **\$85,000.00**; Brian Forst **seconded**.

Discussion: Brian Forst states, “This account stands at \$188,157.19. The Capital Reserve Program chose 9 Engine 2 to be replaced in 2014...Mr. Hempel can speak a lot better to this because there has been some shuffling of schedules...Budget Committee’s feeling was that if we are that close to the purchase of \$525,000...whether or not we put money in the account when it only has \$188,000 is not really prudent at this time...” Chief Hempel added, “When you look back a couple of years we were actually due to replace 9 Engine 1 in 2012...there are a couple of ways to look at it, once again, the semantics of buying is up to you folks. As a Department Head and the Board of Selectmen, we have tried to put this purchase off another year to try and give everybody a break. I will, next year be coming before you to ask for your support in the replacement of 9 Engine 1...\$485,000 in and around that ballpark. How we get there is certainly up to you...we have some funding in the Capital Reserve right now...if we use the lease plan, which is to say we purchase the engine, than we would finance it/lease it for up to five years...financing would be about \$75,000 per year for five years...we will need to replace, but want to be sensitive to taxpayers with the monies that we do fund...I think we’re okay if we didn’t fund this account and we went with the lease/purchase option, we could fund it without additionally having to put in the \$85,000...I will say we have another engine we need to look at in 2016/2017. I appreciate whatever you decide you want to do...but I will be back next year to propose we replace Engine 1...delivery of the engine is nine months out...lease payment would not be due until we take delivery of the vehicle...” Duncan Geddes asks, “...if we have chance

of getting the vehicle in Article #26, based on that we wouldn't need to put so much in the Capital Reserve this year..." Moderator Bean responded, "...March 12th folks will have a chance to say yes or no to the articles on the ballot..." Dan Hudson urges to vote against the amendment and the article. He feels this purchase should be bonded.

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$85,000.00?**

The vote was too close to call and moderator asks for hand count by Supervisors of Checklist.

YES: 61* **NO: 40**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #28, as amended, in the amount of **\$85,000.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #28 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Town Septic System Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Betty Ann Abbott **moved \$2,000**, Article #29 as written and read; **seconded** by Laura Stephan.

AMENDMENT: Brett Carrier **motions to amend** Article #28 to **\$0.00**; Ralph Lavin **seconded**.

Discussion: Selectmen Currier inquires how this article got on...asks if it was a mistake by the Selectmen. Brian Forst reminds all that at the end of the public hearing, warrant articles were asked to be warned so that the Budget Committee could make their decisions and then let the people decide. Selectmen had to bring the articles forward to enable this. Elena Ball asks for the account balance. Brian Forst states that, "the account balance is \$15,610." Dick De seve stated that he's, "...not sure how many septic systems the town is responsible for but one septic system had to be replaced at the Academy and another is not in good shape. Where would additional funds come from if one {septic system} goes? I feel there is not near enough in the account in case of a failure in a septic system." Brian Forst answers, "...on the Capital Improvement Program there are three septic systems listed that the town is responsible for. One would be the

old Town Hall which was rebuilt a few years ago. The next one is slated on this program is slated in 2024...if it fails we are in a different situation and the Board of Selectmen would have to address and come up with the funding..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #29, **as amended**, in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #29 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$5,250) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Town Driveways Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$4,250)

Laura Stephan moved **\$5,250**, Article #30 as written and read; **seconded** by Michael Hatch.

AMENDMENT: Ralph Lavin motions to amend Article #30 to **\$0.00**; Brett Currier **seconded**.

Discussion: Brian Forst states that this Capital Reserve account balance is \$26,658...there was a proposal to pave the Academy parking lot/driveway in 2012 and it was an estimated cost of \$30,000. Then there is another estimated amount of \$30,000 in 2016, but that is for the old Town Hall driveway/parking lot...the reason the Budget Committee recommended \$4,250 was getting this account to the \$30,000 mark would put money in place if one of these paving projects were to happen...then we wouldn't need to fund this account again for a while." Tom Scribner stated that, "If the Capital Improvement is set up to save money for a project and we don't do anything; people are looking at the money just sitting there. Projects should be done in the years they are scheduled to do so..." Ralph Lavin felt that this was one of the accounts they could cut for this year.

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #30, **as amended**, in the amount of **\$0.00**?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #30 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Town Roofs Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Michael Hatch moved **\$4,000**, Article #31 as written and read; **seconded** by Laura Stephan.

AMENDMENT: Ralph Lavin motions to amend Article #31 to **\$0.00**; Brett Carrier **seconded**.

Discussion: Brian Forst explained that with the balance of \$31,243.96 ...target amounts for Town Hall roof is \$40,000, the Academy roof is \$40,000...target year is for 2020...felt this year it is not necessary...Budget Committee felt by not funding this account it would not be detrimental when the expense comes due in the future..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00**?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #31, **as amended**, in the amount of **\$0.00**?

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #31 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Four Thousand Forty Dollars (\$64,040) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Highway Equipment Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$30,000)

Julie Perkins moved **\$64,040**, Article #32 as written and read; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

AMENDMENT #1: Lori Sanborn motions to amend Article #32 to \$0.00; Brett Currier seconded.

Brian Forst states, "The current balance to be \$405,127.62...next three years replacement of a backhoe loader, loader, highway sander and six-wheel dump truck...\$420,000...Budget Committee recommended half of what the article is asking for...trying to stay within the Capital Reserve Program..."

Moderator Bean calls **Amendment #1** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

The vote was too close to call and moderator asks for hand count by Supervisors of Checklist.

Yes: 35 **No: 66***

By show of hand cards in the negative, Amendment #1 fails.

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AMENDMENT #2: Brian Forst motions to amend Article #32 to \$30,000.00; Frank Gianni seconded.

No Discussion.

Moderator Bean calls **Amendment #2** to a question in the amount of **\$30,000.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Amendment #2 passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #32, **as amended**, in the amount of **\$30,000.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #32 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$6,867) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Recycling Equipment Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Julie Perkins moved \$6,867, Article #33 as written and read; **seconded** by Laura Stephan.

Brett Currier motions to amend Article #33 to **\$0.00**; Brian Forst **seconded**.

Discussion: Brian Forst states, "The current Fund balance on this account is \$33,527.42...target in 2015 for compacter is \$20,000; 2013 for glass crusher is \$40,000 and for recycling there is \$10,000...there is some housekeeping to be done on the Reserve Funds for the...Recycling Facility...Budget Committee felt there was enough money here to take care of some things as they needed to be taken care of...There is no warrant article to expend monies from this this fund this year..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #33, as amended, in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #33 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (5,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fire Command Vehicle Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$2,500) (Budget Committee Recommend \$2,500)

Michael Hatch moved \$5,000, Article #34 as written and read; **seconded** by Betty Ann Abbott.

Brett Currier motions to amend Article #34 to **\$2,500.00**; Brett Currier **seconded**.

Discussion: Brian Forst states, "There is a balance of \$31,978 in this account...would take less money to replace the vehicle...and that was reasoning for decreasing the amount..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$2,500.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #34, **as amended**, in the amount of **\$2,500.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #34 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$29,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Police Cruiser Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Betty Ann Abbott **moved \$29,000**, Article #35 as written and read; **seconded** by Julie Perkins.

Brett Currier **motions to amend** Article #35 to **\$0.00**; Ralph Lavin **seconded**.

Discussion: Brian Forst states, "The balance on this account is \$31,491...there is a cruiser on the warrant articles this year to the tune of \$30,000 that was addressed in a previous warrant article {Article #16}; if that passes...that purchase will be completed...the Budget Committee recommended zero..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #35, **as amended**, in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #35 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Forestry Vehicle Fund.

(Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Betty Ann Abbott **moved \$8,000**, Article #36 as written and read; **seconded** by Elena Ball.

Brian Forst **motions to amend** Article #36 to **\$0.00**; Brett Currier **seconded**.

Discussion: Brian Forst states, "The balance on this account is \$45,110...slated for replacement of this piece of equipment in 2015...Budget Committee felt currently this account had a firm plan and felt it was funded enough..."

Moderator Bean calls the **amendment** to a question in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, the amendment passes.

Moderator Bean called Article #36, **as amended**, in the amount of **\$0.00?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #36 will appear on the ballot, as amended.

ARTICLE #37: Submitted by Petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) for the operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library. (Board of Selectmen Recommend \$0) (Budget Committee Recommend \$0)

Anne Kirby **moved \$45,000**, Article #37 as written and read; **seconded** by Laura Stephan.

Discussion: Anne Kirby speaks on behalf of Gilmanton Year Round Library, "...we're requesting, again, \$45,000 for continued operation...it helps us reach our goal..." John Funk feels we should limit conversation. "...With only one hundred of us here, I don't think one hundred of us here should deny the people of the Town the right to vote on this..." Mr. Funk recommended the support of this article, as it appears, to go on the ballot to let the majority of the Town's people to decide..."

Moderator Bean called Article #37, as written and read, in the amount of **\$45,000?**

By show of hand cards in the affirmative, Article #37 will appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #38: Submitted by Petition: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to require separation of all recyclables deposited at the Gilmanton Transfer Station and to set such rules and regulations in place as soon as possible in order to maximize the cost benefits.

Tom Scribner **moved** Article #38 as written and read; **seconded** by Dick De seve.

Discussion: Mr. Scribner states he is in favor of this article and spoke to the waste of money and cost to the taxpayers by not recycling.

The Moderator stated, "...there are no changes that the body can make...cannot change "To not see"...there is no money amount involved, therefore this article will appear on the ballot as written, by petition..."

Moderator Bean called Article #38, to appear on the ballot, as written.

ARTICLE #39: Submitted by Petition: To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission in accordance with RSA 673 for the proper recognition, promotion, enhancement, encouragement, use, management, and protection of agriculture and agricultural resources, tangible or intangible, that are valued for their economic, aesthetic, cultural, historic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts. The word "agriculture" shall include the entirety of RSA 21:34-a, which is a definition of farm, agriculture, and farming. Such Commission shall consist of not less than 3, nor more than 7 members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Paula Gilman **moved** Article #39 as written and read; **seconded** by Dick De seve.

Discussion: Paula Gilman addressed the body, "...This Agricultural Commission would be strictly an advisory board for conducting advising in cultivating agricultural land...advising agricultural usefulness, conduct inventory of historic farms and farm buildings...provide networking for farmers...somewhere for farmers to go...provide access to grant and land protection programs...take donations...could go to Town for funding; but that is not going to

happen...we are not asking for funding...this is not a funded Commission...if we should at some point need to have funds to do paperwork and so on...but as far as I'm concerned, it will be done with donations and grants etc..." George Roberts stated, "...concerned creating another Commission, another Board, you say is not regulatory, but the whole town should know that almost the entire town is an agricultural district...stands in opposition..." Mr. Robert's concerns are over another regulatory group when we already have a Conservation Commission and a Planning Board. He felt that all the things wished to be accomplished by Ms. Gilman can be done through other venues already in place.

The Moderator stated, "...just as the article before, which is a petitioned article, there are no changes that the body can make...this article will appear on the ballot, as written, by petition..."

Moderator Bean called Article #39, to appear on the ballot, as written.

Peter Baldwin addressed the body to give kudos to Stan Bean for standing in as our Moderator Pro Tem for a job well done. Mr. Bean received a huge round of applause.

The Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



***Debra A. Cornett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector***

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