

TOWN WARRANT
TOWN OF GILMANTON
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

FIRST 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 the Gilmanton School Gymnasium in the said Gilmanton, on Saturday, the 31st day of January 2015, at 10:00 a.m. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the Warrant Articles numbered Seven (7) through Twenty Six (26).

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 10th of March, 2015; 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 Twenty Six (26), 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 10, 2015 Election.)

ARTICLE #2: “Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Gilmanton on March 13, 2012, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by law?” (By Petition)

Articles #3 - #6: (*Zoning Articles are not amendable at the First Session; Articles three through six will be on the ballot for a vote at the March 10, 2015 Election*).

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:

To amend Article III General Provisions Applicable To All Districts, Section A. Sanitary Protection by deleting the following: Any structure that is being improved by adding a bathroom where none exists, a bedroom, ~~*installing a foundation under the structure*~~, or is otherwise....

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:

To amend Article III, General Provisions Applicable To All Districts, Section F. Signs, 15 as follows: "A retail business in the Light Business District *and Village District* may place on portable "sandwich style" sign on the premise of the business, advertising"

ARTICLE #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by petition of the voters of this town to amend the Town of Gilmanton Historic District Ordinance as follows:

"Are you in favor of the petitioned Historic District ordinance amendment as follows? Amend the Official Historic District Map of the Town of Gilmanton by removing land known as Tax Map/Lot 000414-055000-000000 (f.k.a. 49-22), located at 485 Meeting House Road and 000414-056000-000000 (f.k.a. 49-23), located at 493 Meeting House Road from being designated as being part of the Gilmanton Historic District. Said parcels are located near the intersection of Meeting House Road and Governors Road."

The Planning Board does not support this amendment.

ARTICLE #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by petition of the voters of this town to amend the Town of Gilmanton Historic District Ordinance as follows:

“Are you in favor of the petitioned Historic District ordinance amendment as follows? Amend the Official Historic District Map of the Town of Gilmanton by removing land known as Tax Map/Lot 000414-060 located at 533 Meeting House Road from being designated as being part of the Gilmanton Historic District”.

The Planning Board does not support this amendment.

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 in the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein totaling Three Million Four Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$3,434,797)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Eight Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,515,283), 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.”

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: No

ARTICLE #8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-Capital reserve fund called Fire Portable Radio Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and to further see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) from general taxation to deposit into that fund.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2019 Statistical Update of all properties, said sum to be deposited into the Revaluation Assessment Updated Capital Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of contracting out ditching of roads.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #11: 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 Bridge Fund.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #12: 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.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$37,000) to purchase and equip a new police cruiser, and to further fund this appropriation by withdrawing Two Thousand Four Hundred Five Dollars (\$2,405) from the previously established Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund with the balance of Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$34,595) to come from general taxation.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #14: To see it the Town will vote to close the previously established Police Cruiser Replacement Capital Reserve Fund after any action approved in Article 13 above and to withdraw any remaining balance and deposit it into the general fund.

ARTICLE #15: To see it the Town will vote to close the previously established Document Restoration Capital Reserve Fund and to withdraw any remaining balance and deposit it into the general fund.

ARTICLE #16: 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 for salaries and associated taxes and will not be expended unless the grants are received.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #17: 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 for salaries and associated taxes and will not be expended unless the grants are received.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be deposited in the Health and Dental Cost Non Capital Reserve Fund.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #19: 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.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,800) to be deposited in the Non-Capital Reserve Computer Replacement or Repairs for Town Clerk/Tax Collector Fund.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #21: To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent, instead of the present method of filling that position by election. If approved, this article will be effective as of the date of the 2016 Town Meeting.

ARTICLE #22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$17,500) to fund cost of living increase and town associated costs of 1.5% for all Part time and Full time staff including the elected Road Agent and Town Clerk/Tax Collector. This does not include call fire fighters or elected officials except as named in this article. This will then become part of the default budget as of 2016.

Budget Committee Recommends: Yes

Selectman Recommends: Yes

ARTICLE #23: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revolving Fund under RSA 31:95-h called the Police Outside Detail Fund. This Fund shall be used for the purpose of paying the expenses of Police Outside Details and for the deposit of funds received from billings for that purpose. This shall be funded by users of Police Outside Detail services and not from taxes. Any surplus in said fund at the end of each year shall be deemed part of the General Fund accumulated surplus.

ARTICLE #24: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectman to sell the following properties in the Town of Gilmanton to be sold at public auction:

118/023 Birch Ave
118/048 Birch Ave
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120/004 25 Orange Ave
122/068 Hemlock Dr.
122/112 Wood Dr.
130/063 Cedar Dr.
115/021 NH Rt. 140
410/029 Sawtooth Rd
421/012 89 South Rd
423/052 149 Griffin Rd

ARTICLE #25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$45,975) for the operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library. (By Petition)

Budget Committee Recommends: No

Selectman Recommends: No

ARTICLE #26: To request that the Town of Gilmanton, NH, stand with communities across the country to defend democracy from the corrupting influence of big money in our political system, by calling upon our legislators to amend the United States Constitution to establish that:

1. Only individual human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and
2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulations political spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.

And that the People of Gilmanton, NH hereby instruct our state and federal representatives to enact to resolutions and legislation to advance this effort, and reduce the influence of big money and increase transparency and voter participation in our electoral system.

And that the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Gilmanton's Congressional Delegation, and to Gilmanton's State Legislators, and to the Governor of New Hampshire, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the Town Administrator's office within 30 days of the vote. (By petition)

Given under our hands and seal, this 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Brett A. Currier, Chairman

Donald J. Guarino

Stephen J. McCormack