

GILMANTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

DELIBERATIVE SESSION: MAY 13, 2014, 6:00 P.M., ACADEMY BUILDING

VOTING SESSION: JUNE 10, 2014, 7:00 A.M – 7:00 P.M.,
ACADEMY BUILDING

EXPLANATION OF RATIFIED ARTICLE #19

The selectmen encourage all Gilmanton voters to attend the Special Town Meeting
Deliberative Session on May 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. and to vote on June 10, 2014.

The purpose of the special town meeting is to see whether the voters will ratify the vote taken in March to lease/purchase a fire truck. The meeting is necessary to correct certain procedural defects with the original warrant article. Specifically, because the town is using capital reserve funds to pay for a portion of the fire truck, the lease purchase agreement does not contain the usual “escape clause.” The lease purchase is therefore considered debt because the town is unconditionally obligated to make payments. Because the town is financing over \$100,000, certain statutory procedures were required to be followed – a separately noticed public hearing was required to be held, and the article was required to be the first article on the warrant after the zoning amendments. Neither of these requirements were met. This vote is therefore necessary to correct those defects.

A yes vote will ratify the original vote, and the town will be able to purchase the fire truck via the lease/purchase agreement should the grant money not be available. A no vote will result in the town being unable to purchase the truck this year should the grant money not be available.