

RECOUNT OF TOWN MEETING
BALLOT ARTICLE #2
MARCH 28, 2012
6:30 P.M.

On March 19, 2012 a request for a recount of Article #2 on the Town Ballot was presented to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and was in compliance with **RSA 40:4-c I. Recount** requirements. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector per RSA 40:4-c set a date of Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the Board of Recount to conduct said recount in accordance with **RSA 40:4-c II.**

Present for the recount of Town Ballot **Article #2: “Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 known as (SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Gilmanton on the second Tuesday of March (BY PETITION)”.**

The Board of Recount: Moderator, Mark Sisti; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Debra Cornett; Selectmen: Rachel Frechette Hatch and Brett Currier.

Community members present: Judy Wilson and Cindy Houghton.

Moderator Sisti called recount to order at 6:35 p.m.

Town Clerk, Debra Cornett, opened the sealed ballots and removed the ballots from the box. The photocopied ballots that had been hand counted on election night and banded to keep them separate were removed first. The remaining regular ballots that were read by the Accuvote machine were removed next.

The regular ballots were first sorted by the Board of Recount into “yes”, “no”, “blank” and “over vote” piles by each member and then consolidated and placed into staggering groups of 10. The band was removed from the **photocopied ballots** and sorted in the same manner and these ballots were counted first with the following result: **Yes – 46; No – 26; Blank – 5.**

The regular ballots were counted next with the following result: **Yes – 474; No – 303; Blank – 36; Over voted – 2.**

The totals were as follows: **Yes – 520; No – 329**

Total “Yes”: **520** + Total “No”: **329** = **849**. Calculation for the 3/5ths majority: Total number of votes cast: **849 x .60 = 509.4** (**510** “yes” votes were needed for passage) **Moderator Sisti declared that Article #2 passed by the required 3/5 majority.**

The total number of voters of on Election Day was 892. The number of ballots cast: $520 + 329 = 849$ + 41 blank ballots on Article #2 + 2 over voted ballots (yes and no were both filled in) = 892. The number of voters and ballots match.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A. Cornett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

A true copy, attest.