



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GILMANTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 8, 2016**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Debra A. Caruth
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEARS MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>RICHARD W. GELATT <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOANNE P. MELLE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>STEPHEN P. BEDARD <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>DEBORAH F. CHASE <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>TOWN MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT TWO YEARS MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>MARK L. SISTI <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECTMAN</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT ONE YEAR MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>BRETT A. CURRIER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>MARSHALL E. BISHOP <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p> <p>TOWN TREASURER</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT ONE YEAR MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>GLEN A. WARING <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>
<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>LEONARD "J.R." STOCKWELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>SELECTMAN</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>STEPHEN P. MCWHINNIE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DONALD J. GUARINO <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>ROBERT M. BURDETT <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/> (Write-in)</p>

ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #2

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:" Amend Article III, N Floodplain Management Ordinance to reflect the current FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) naming convention and date from "Flood Hazard Boundary Maps-09/29/79" to "Flood Insurance Study for Belknap County, NH-12/01/2008."

YES
NO

Recommended by the Planning Board: yes

Article #3 (By Petition)

"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as petitioned to the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:"

YES
NO

(A) Amend Article III, General Provisions Applicable to all Districts, by adding a new section, R. Bio-solids: To protect the health and welfare of residents, and prevent pollution of surface and ground water resources, the stockpiling or land spreading of municipal sewage sludge, Bio-solids Class A and Class B, as defined by New Hampshire statutes and regulations, is not allowed in the Town of Gilmanton.

(B) To amend Article IV, Table I by adding Bio-solids (sludge): Not Permitted in all Districts.

Recommended by the Planning Board: no

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #4 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a two-year agreement with the Gilmanton Year-Round Library Association and to fund that library in the amount of \$95,000 (\$47,500 per year) and to raise and appropriate \$47,500 for the first year's funding. *3/5 majority vote required.*

YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: yes

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #5

"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 five hundred seventy six thousand seven hundred two dollars (\$3,576,702)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be three million five hundred thirty six thousand five hundred sixty nine dollars (\$3,536,569) 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."

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes****Article #6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate fifty thousand five hundred eighty nine dollars (\$50,589) to purchase and equip a new Fire Department Command vehicle and further to fund this appropriation by withdrawing thirty seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) from the previously established Fire Command vehicle Capital Reserve Fund with the balance of thirteen thousand five hundred eighty nine dollars (\$13,589) to come from general taxation.

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes****Article #7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to purchase a new Fire Department Lucas Device for the Ambulance.

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes****Article #8**

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.

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes****Article #9**

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.

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes****Article #10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty nine thousand nine hundred dollars (\$39,900) to purchase and equip a new Police cruiser.

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes****Article #11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to purchase and equip a six wheel dump truck and further to fund this appropriation by withdrawing one hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) from the previously established Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes****Article #12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand one hundred and twenty dollars (\$19,120) to purchase a new Compactor for the Transfer Station and further to fund this appropriation by withdrawing nineteen thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$19,120) from the previously established Recycling Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

YES NO Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: **yes**Recommended by the Budget Committee: **yes**

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #13

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.

YES
NO

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

Article #14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to purchase a generator for the Academy Building.

YES
NO

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

Article #15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for municipal document restoration? This appropriation will only be valid if the default budget is adopted. If the operating budget passes, this article will be void.

YES
NO

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

Article #16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand two hundred dollars (\$6,200) to be placed in a "Capital Outlay, Maintenance" account for the purpose of controlling and preventing the continuous and ongoing erosion to the Crystal Lake Park Beach.

YES
NO

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

Article #17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred eighty dollars (\$18,980) to fund cost of living increases 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 employees' base salary.

YES
NO

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

Article #18

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

YES
NO

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

Article # 19:

Est. tax impact \$0.00 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) for a Bridge Engineering Study for the replacement of the Stage Road Bridge over Nighthawk Hollow Brook (NHDOT Bridge # 122/041) and the Stage Road Bridge over Brook (Beauty Hill Road) (NHDOT Bridge # 106/041), being Town-owned and maintained bridges with critical deficiencies and limited loading capacity with one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) to come from the previously established Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The Town will be reimbursed 80% (up to \$100,000) of the actual engineering costs by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) through the NHDOT State Aid Bridge Program. This is a non-lapsing appropriation up to 12/31/2020 per RSA 32:7, VI (Majority vote required).

YES
NO

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

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WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article #20

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the following existing Non-Capital Reserve Funds: This would allow the Selectmen to expend funds from these accounts when the need arises. YES
NO

- Court Cases established in 2000
- Hydrants established in 2002
- Tools and Equipment established in 2002
- Welfare established in 2001
- Mandated Safety Testing established in 2002
- Paramedic Interceptor established in 2002
- Public Safety Facility Building established in 2002
- Police Department Overtime established in 2005
- Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance established in 2005

Article #21 (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to fund the Gilmanton Year Round Library for 2016. This article shall be null and void if Article #4 passes. YES
NO

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

Article #22 (By Petition)

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB2), as adopted by the Town of Gilmanton on March 12, 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 state law? YES
NO

3/5 majority vote required.

Article #23 (By Petition)

Shall we adopt an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed pursuant to RSA 31:39-a prohibiting individuals from serving as members of the Gilmanton Board of Selectmen or Budget Committee while a member of their immediate family or household member is a department head employed by the Town of Gilmanton. YES
NO

31:39-a Conflict of Interest Ordinances – The legislative body of a town or city may adopt an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed. Any such ordinance may include provisions requiring disclosure of financial interests for specified officers and employees, establishing incompatibility of office requirements stricter than those specified by state law or establishing conditions under which prohibited conflicts of interest shall require removal from office. Any such ordinance shall include provisions to exempt affected officers and employees who are in office or employed at the time the ordinance is adopted for a period not to exceed one year from the date of adoption. The superior court shall have jurisdiction over any removal proceedings instituted under an ordinance adopted under this section.

Article #24 (By Petition)

Shall we adopt an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed pursuant to RSA 31:39-a Prohibiting individuals from serving as members of the Gilmanton Board of Selectmen or Budget Committee while employed by the Town of Gilmanton or the Gilmanton School District. YES
NO

31:39-a Conflict of Interest Ordinances – The legislative body of a town or city may adopt an ordinance defining and regulating conflicts of interest for local officers and employees, whether elected or appointed. Any such ordinance may include provisions requiring disclosure of financial interests for specified officers and employees, establishing incompatibility of office requirements stricter than those specified by state law or establishing conditions under which prohibited conflicts of interest shall require removal from office. Any such ordinance shall include provisions to exempt affected officers and employees who are in office or employed at the time the ordinance is adopted for a period not to exceed one year from the date of adoption. The superior court shall have jurisdiction over any removal proceedings instituted under an ordinance adopted under this section.

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