

1 The inhabitants of the Town of Gilmanton in the County of Belknap in the state of New
2 Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the two phases of
3 the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

4 **First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):**

5 Date: Saturday January 30, 2021 (and Wednesday, February 3, 2021 as needed)

6 Time: 9:00 AM (6:00 PM on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 as needed)

7 Location: Gilmanton Elementary School – 1386 NH Rt 140, Gilmanton, NH

8 Details: School deliberative Session first, then Town deliberative session

9 **Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)**

10 Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

11 Time: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

12 Location: Academy Building – 503 Province Rd, Gilmanton NH

13 Details: Voting is upstairs in the Auditorium

14 **GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

15 We certify and attest that on or before January 25, 2021, a true and attested copy of
16 this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Gilmanton Academy
17 Town Office, the Gilmanton Corners Post Office and the Gilmanton Iron Works Post
18 Office and that an original was delivered to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

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20 MARK E. WARREN CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

21 VINNIE BAIOCCHETTI SELECTMAN

22 EVAN COLLINS SELECTMAN

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32 *Town Deliberative Session opens at 9:20 following the School Deliberative Session. Moderator Mark*
33 *Sisti begins stating that the zoning Articles are unable to amended because the last day to do so was*
34 *January 25th, states that we will not take amendments in regards to zoning Articles, with regard to*
35 *accepting or rejecting them, that will be for the body to determine during the course of the election on*
36 *March 9th, but that they are still open for discussion as necessary. The moderator calls the*
37 *Deliberative SB2 session into session at 9:20 am and ask Brian Forst to open with the pledge of*
38 *allegiance.*

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40 **Article #1 Election of Town Offices**

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42 **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

43 THREE YEARS VOTE FOR TWO:

44 *(VACANT)*

45 *(VACANT)*

46 **WRITE-IN:** _____

47 **WRITE-IN:** _____

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49 **CEMETERY TRUSTEE**

50 THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE:

51 **CANDACE L. DAIGLE**

52 **WRITE-IN:** _____

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54 **LIBRARY TRUSTEE**

55 THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE:

56 **SUZANNE CHRISTIE**

57 **WRITE-IN:** _____

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59 **SELECTMAN**

60 THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE:

61 **EVAN COLLINS**

62 **WRITE-IN:** _____

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84 *Moderator - The election is March ninth, and the voting hours will take place from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm*
85 *as usual.*

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87 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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64 **PLANNING BOARD**

65 THREE YEARS VOTE FOR TWO:

66 **JACOB DALZEL**

67 *(VACANT)*

68 **WRITE-IN:** _____

69 **WRITE-IN:** _____

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71 **ROAD AGENT**

72 THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE:

73 **PAUL H. PERKINS**

74 **WRITE-IN:** _____

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76 **TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS**

77 THREE YEARS VOTE FOR ONE:

78 **FRED A. BUCHHOLZ**

79 **NEIL R. ROBERTS**

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81 **WRITE-IN:** _____

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2021 WARRANT ARTICLES

88 **Article #2: Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 1**

89 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board**
90 **for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:** To see if the town will amend Article IV, Table 1
91 by allowing, 55+ Housing Developments for buildings having 1-4 units by Conditional Use
92 Permit (CUP), in the Village, Rural, Lt. Business, Business zoning districts or by Special
93 Exception for buildings having 5-units or greater in the Village, Rural, Lt. Business, & Business
94 Zones? Not allowed in the Conservation or Res. Lake Zones. In addition, by adding a new
95 Article XVIII "55+ Housing Development". This Article is adopted pursuant to the authority and
96 provisions of RSA 674:21 Innovative Land Use Controls. In administering this Innovative Land
97 Use Control ordinance, the Planning Board shall enjoy the authority to grant conditional use
98 permits and waivers from specific requirements of this Article if and when an applicant is able
99 to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that granting of such waiver(s) would
100 not compromise achievement of the stated purpose and intent of this Ordinance. The
101 requirements in this Section have been established for the purpose of encouraging the
102 construction of 55+ Housing Development in the Town of Gilmanton. The intent is to provide
103 for such housing by the provision of a Conditional Use Permit for buildings having 1-4 units or
104 Special Exception for buildings having 5 or greater units to allow for relief from the otherwise
105 applicable density requirements of Article III.P while complying with all applicable state and
106 federal laws with respect to such housing, and at the same time, ensuring compliance with
107 local planning standards, land use policies, good building design, and the requirements for the
108 health, safety, and general welfare of all the inhabitants of the Town. Such housing shall be
109 limited to household with at least one person age 55 or older and in no event any persons
110 under the age of 19. All sites shall provide for open space of the site's net tract area as
111 follows: 25% in the Rural Zone and 15% in the Village, Lt. Business, & Business Zones.

112 **Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes**

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114 **No discussion**

115 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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117 **Article #3: Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 2**

118 **Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board**
119 **for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows:** To see if the town will amend Article IV, Table 1
120 by allowing Solar Energy System-Roof Mounted by right in all Zones and Solar Energy
121 Systems-Ground Mounted/Pole Mounted by Conditional Use Permit in all Zones. In addition,
122 by adding a new paragraph under Article III. This renewable energy systems ordinance is
123 enacted under the provisions of RSA 674:21, II Innovative Land Use Controls and in
124 accordance with RSA 674: 17. (I)(j), and the purposes outlined in RSA 672:1- III-a as amended.
125 The purpose of this ordinance is to accommodate Solar Energy Systems and Distributed
126 Generation Resources in appropriate locations, while protecting the public's health, safety and
127 welfare.

128 **Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes**

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No discussion

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article #4: Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the town will amend Article VI.D Manufactured Housing Continued: Storage and Use of Recreational Vehicles to update the wording of the existing ordinance based on the recommendations from the Town solicitor? The wording does change the intent of paragraph VI.D.1 whereas the requirement to store a recreational vehicle can only be on one’s *primary residential* property. This would allow a non-resident to store a recreational vehicle as accessory use to a single-family or two-family dwelling or vacant lot owned by the same person as, and abutting, a lot where the primary use is a single- or two-family dwelling in the Village, Rural, Conservation, Lt. Business, & Business Zones. The intent of the remainder of the existing ordinance shall not change.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

No discussion

Article will appear on ballot as written.

Article #5: Zoning Ordinance Amendment # 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the town will amend Article IV, Table 1 by allowing Outdoor Event Venue by Conditional Use Permit in the Village, Rural, Lt. Business, & Business Zones; by Special Exception in the Conservation Zone; and not permitted in the Res. Lake Zone? In addition, by adding a new paragraph under Article III with the definition of “Outdoor Event Venue” to be “A site that accommodates the gathering of groups and/or individuals to host a **commercial** event such as a wedding, business meeting(s), or any other outdoor activity. Such events are expected to be conducted outdoors with accessory buildings or structures that are ancillary uses”.

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

No discussion

Article will appear on ballot as written.

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166 **Article #6 Construction/replacement of Crystal Lake Rd Bridge over Nelson Brook**
167 **Est tax impact \$0.509**

168 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One million, Six Hundred
169 thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) for the construction and replacement of the Crystal Lake Rd
170 Bridge over Nelson Brook with Forty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Dollars
171 (\$42,815) to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 1995,(current balance
172 \$42,815), Two-Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars
173 (\$277,185) to come from taxation, and the remaining amount of One Million, Two Hundred and
174 Eighty Thousand Dollars,(\$1,280,000) to come from the NHDOT 80/20 State Aid Bridge
175 Program. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend such
176 monies as become available from the Federal and/or State for use in connection with said
177 project and pass any votes thereto.

178 This is a non-lapsing Article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2022 or when
179 the project is complete, whichever is sooner.

180 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

181 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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183 **No discussion**

184 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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186 **Article #7: Operating Budget**

187 **Est. tax impact \$5.015**

188 Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by
189 special warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on
190 the budget posted within the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the
191 purpose set forth therein totaling **Four Million, Two Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand Six**
192 **Hundred and Fifteen Dollars** (\$4,266,615). Should this Article be defeated, the default
193 budget shall be Four Million, One Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand and Two Hundred
194 Eighty-Six Dollars (\$4,191,286) which is the amount of the same appropriations contained in
195 the operating budget authorized last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action
196 of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with
197 RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

198 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

199 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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200 **Discussion:**

201 *Moderator – seeing no interest I move onto Article eight*

202 *Town Clerk Maura Thomas, while taking minutes – before we move on, I just noticed this here*
203 *says 36 in the written, and this says a number amount of 15. This written amount doesn't*
204 *match that (the number).*

205 *Moderator – is that on yours?*

206 *Town Clerk Maura Thomas – I don't know, is it on the screen?*

207 *Moderator moves to inspect the screen, states one second to the public*

208 *Moderator – take a look at your written materials, there is a difference between the worded*
209 *Article and the numerical Article.*

210 *Town Clerk Maura Thomas – (hands written document to Moderator showing the numerical of*
211 *what is written) That's what it should say; I don't know which one they want.*

212 *Moderator – I've got to know which one you want first. I'm not going to allow that, to let it stand*
213 *as it is right now without clarification. I've got to have a number.*

214 *(inaudible comment from audience)*

215 *Moderator – Alright, if you'll take a look at Article seven, there seems to be a difference*
216 *between the worded Article, which reads the worded Article amount is 4229736 but if you look*
217 *at the parenthetical numerical number, 4266615. Those are different numbers. For the body to*
218 *be able to vote intelligently on Article seven we need a number.*

219 *(inaudible comment from audience)*

220 *Robert Carpenter – the voter's guide has it right in both the words and the numbers.*

221 *Moderator – Yeah, that's why I'm trying to clarify what it is on the actual warrant Article.*

222 *Town Clerk Maura Thomas – what's in the voter's guide?*

223 *Adam Mini – Just to be clear, I am presenting what is this, the MS27? (inaudible) this is the*
224 *document I'm displaying right now, is the one that is filed with the state.*

225 *Moderator – the one that is filed with the state is on the screen before you.*

226 *Town Clerk Maura Thomas – Adam, I don't think they can hear you on the mic.*

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227 *Adam Mini – They can, it’s hard to hear in the gym. They actually hear better online than they*
228 *do in the gym, it’s hard.*

229 *Moderator – hold on.*

230 *Brian Forst – I don’t have these numbers in front of me. This is what was on the MS that was*
231 *filed, that people signed, I wasn’t here I was out of state that day.*

232 *Moderator – Well look, let me just put it to you straight. What’s the number that you want? We*
233 *can actually do it through it an amendment and make it a clean number. That is all I’m asking.*
234 *What’s the number you want? There’s a difference of 36879 dollars.*

235 *Vinnie Baiocchetti – Mr. moderator the number should be 4266615 dollars.*

236 *Moderator – So it should reflect the numerical parenthetical number that is in the warrant*
237 *Article instead of the wording.*

238 *(inaudible comment from audience)*

239 *Vinnie Baiocchetti – Correct.*

240 *Moderator – Alright, you’ve got that folks?*

241 *Vinnie Baiocchetti – I’ll make that motion.*

242 *Moderator - Alright, just for clarification, the wording, the actual English language, should be*
243 *four million two hundred sixty-six thousand, six one five on Article seven. That is your motion?*
244 *(Vinnie Baiocchetti – yes sir.) That is a motion. Do we have a second?*

245 *Brian Forst – second*

246 *Moderator – Seconded. Any discussion on 4266615 is the worded amount that would be in*
247 *absolute identity, identical, to the numerical 4266615. Any discussion? (pause) Seeing none, I*
248 *call for a vote on the amendment. All in favor, please state aye.*

249 *Public – “aye”*

250 *Moderator – opposed, no?*

251 *(silence)*

252 *Moderator – ayes have it. There is clarification on Article seven wherein the worded amount is*
253 *identical to the numerical amount, 4266615. Thank you.*

254 **The motion for amendment passed and the Article will appear on ballot as**
255 **amended.**

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256 **Article #8: Add to previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds (ETFs)**
257 **and Capital Reserve Funds (CRFs)**
258 **Est. tax impact \$0.460**
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260 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two-Hundred and Fifty Thousand
261 Dollars (\$250,000) to be deposited in the previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust
262 Funds (ETF) and Capital Reserve (CRF) Funds identified below. This sum to come from taxation.
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264	1. Refurb/Replace Fire Truck (CRF)	\$100,000
265	2. Replace Ambulance (CRF)	\$50,000
266	3. Highway Equipment (CRF)	\$70,000
267	4. Revaluation (CRF)	\$20,000
268	5. PD vehicle repairs (ETF)	\$ 5,000
269	6. Cemetery Maintenance/Improvements (ETF)	\$ 5,000
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271	TOTAL	\$250,000

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273 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**
274 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**
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276 **No discussion**

277 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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280 **Article #9: Discontinue certain existing Expendable Trust Funds**

281 To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following Expendable Trust Funds (ETF). Said
282 funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to be remitted to the
283 Town's Treasurer and deposited in the Town's general fund.

284	• Public Safety Facility Building ETF established in 2002	\$0.97
285	• Health and Dental Costs ETF established in 2014	\$11,279.35
286	• Mandated Safety Testing ETF established in 2002	\$1,993.22
287	• Police Overtime ETF established in 2005	\$2,094.94
288	• Post-Closure Testing established in 2002	\$5,716.82

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290 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**
291 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**
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293 **No discussion**

294 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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297 **Article #10: Purchase a new One Ton Dump Truck**

298 **Est. tax impact: \$ 0.000**

299 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Nine
300 Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$97,983) for the purchase of a One Ton Dump Truck for the
301 Highway Department, and further to fund this appropriation by withdrawing Ninety-Seven
302 Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three Dollars (\$97,983) from the Highway Equipment
303 Capital Reserve Fund established in 2006,(current balance \$199,029.), and to authorize the
304 Selectmen to dispose of the 2011 Ford F-550 by trade, sale or bid. This will be a non-lapsing
305 Article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the purchase of the One Ton Dump Truck is
306 complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first.

307 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

308 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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310 **No discussion**

311 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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314 **Article #11: Establish Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) Highway Vehicles &**
315 **Equipment Repairs**

316 **Est. tax impact \$0.018**

317 To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) for the
318 purpose of repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining Highway Department Vehicles & Equipment
319 and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen** thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be deposited in
320 this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

321 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

322 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

323 **Discussion:**

324 *Moderator – I anticipate an amendment with regard to Article 11, which I will allow before I*
325 *read it into the record.*

326 *Brian Forst – The budget committee would like to propose the amendment to Article 11 to*
327 *change the dollar amount from ten thousand dollars to be deposited to fifteen thousand dollars*
328 *to be deposited. If there are any questions, I will explain further.*

329 *Moderator – do we have a second?*

330 *Vinnie Baiocchetti – I'll second.*

331 *Moderator – seconded. Is there discussion or does there need to be clarification? If not from*
332 *the floor, I'm actually going to ask Mr. Forst to clarify.*

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333 *Brian Forst – OK. In these next two warrant Articles, 11 and 12, they were pulled to establish*
334 *new non-capital reserves. The budget committee looked at both Articles, they were both*
335 *placing 10,000 dollars in the Article, there will be an amendment to adjust Article 12 downward*
336 *by five thousand dollars. The thinking here was that a rough estimates, there’s about 1.3, 1.4*
337 *million dollars’ worth of equipment that will be covered by Article 11, so there is a fairly large*
338 *exposure for the town, and in Article 12 there is, you know, 100 or 150 thousand dollars’ worth*
339 *of equipment at the transfer station. It was the feeling of the budget committee that we would*
340 *like to see the highway fund accelerated to reach it’s target and the non-cap for transfer station*
341 *equipment doesn’t need to be at quite such an accelerated pace.*

342 *Moderator – so the bottom line, just so we get to it, I mean it’s always the bottom line that*
343 *everybody is concerned with, is Article 11’s amended amount will go up by five thousand, but*
344 *keep in mind that Article 12 we anticipate a five-thousand-dollar reduction in that request. Your*
345 *tax impact for the record will be a zero tax impact if those two amendments are passed. So I*
346 *am going to call Article 11 as amended, for a vote on the floor. It should be amended so that*
347 *the bottom line amount now in Article 11 is fifteen thousand dollars rather than ten thousand*
348 *dollars. With that in mind, all in favor of that amendment, please indicate by stating “aye”.*

349 *Public – “Aye”*

350 *Moderator – opposed, no? (pause)*

351 *(silence)*

352 *Moderator – aye’s have it, Article 11 passes as amended. It will now read fifteen thousand*
353 *dollars in lieu of the ten-thousand-dollar amount on the original Article 11.*

354 **The motion for amendment passed and the Article will appear on ballot as**
355 **amended.**

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358 **Article #12: Establish Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF)Transfer Station**
359 **Vehicles & Equipment Repairs**
360 **Est. tax impact \$0.018**

361 To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) for the
362 purpose of repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining Transfer Station Department Vehicles &
363 Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five** Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be
364 deposited in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said
365 fund.

366 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

367 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

368 **Discussion:**

369 *Moderator – I now anticipate the amended motion.*

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370 *Brian Forst – Mr. Moderator, the budget committee would like to make an amendment to this*
371 *Article to read the amount being five thousand dollars to be deposited into the fund.*

372 *Moderator – do I have a second?*

373 *Vinnie Baiocchetti – I'll second that.*

374 *Moderator – it is seconded. It is open for discussion, if any. There was an explanation for this*
375 *in prior the Article. (pause) I'll call the question, all in favor of reducing the amount set forth in*
376 *Article 12 from ten thousand dollars to five thousand dollars, please indicate by stating aye.*

377 *Public – Aye.*

378 *Moderator – opposed, no. (pause)*

379 *(silence)*

380 *Moderator – ayes have it. Article 12 is amended to read five thousand dollars rather than ten*
381 *thousand dollars as the amount requested.*

382 **The motion for amendment passed and the Article will appear on ballot as**
383 **amended.**

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386 **Article #13: Refurbish Transfer Station Baler**

387 **Est. tax impact \$0.000**

388 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars
389 (\$12,000) to have the Transfer Station baler refurbished and further to fund this appropriation by
390 withdrawing Twelve Thousand Dollars from the existing Recycling Equipment Capital Reserve
391 Fund established in 2006 (current balance \$56,033).

392 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

393 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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395 **No discussion**

396 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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399 **Article #14: Old Town Hall Restoration**

400 **Est. tax impact: \$ 0.156**

401 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Seventy
402 Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) to plan, design, and construct the restoration of the Iron Works
403 Old Town Hall pursuant to the First Phase recommendations set forth in the Iron Works Old
404 Town Hall Condition Assessment and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for partial
405 funding from the State of New Hampshire's L-CHIP grant program, other grant programs and

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406 accept donations to cover 50% of the First Phase costs, the remaining 50% of the costs
407 (\$85,000) to come from taxation. If this Article 11 is voted “Yes”, it will not lapse until the First
408 Phase recommendations set forth in the Iron Works Old Town Hall Condition Assessment are
409 fully implemented or December 31, 2023, whichever occurs first.

410 This Article will be null and void in the event the Town does not receive 50% of the funding
411 through grants and donations referenced above.

412 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

413 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

414 **Discussion:**

415 *Adam Mini, monitoring ZOOM – we’ve got a question from the public which is, didn’t we vote*
416 *on this last year essentially, can you explain why this is back on the ballot from last year, so*
417 *can you explain that? Board of Selectmen?*

418 *Vinnie Baiocchetti - because of the pandemic, we chose to take (inaudible) from the Article that*
419 *we weren’t using and turned the money back in to the general fund. Now we are bringing it*
420 *again to reflect (inaudible)*

421 *Moderator – all set?*

422 *Adam Mini, monitoring ZOOM – Yep.*

423 *Moderator – any other discussion, Article 14?*

424 *(inaudible) Town Administrator (inaudible)*

425 *Evan Collins: We weren’t chosen for the LCHIP grant last year, (inaudible) and we are going to*
426 *reapply this year (inaudible).*

427 *Moderator – anything else? We’re good. I’m moving on to Article 15.*

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429 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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432 **Article #15: Modify the Elderly Tax Exemptions**

433 To see if the Town will modify the elderly tax exemption under RSA 72:38-a established by the
434 2017 Town Meeting and modified by 2020 Town Meeting by reducing the amount of the
435 exemption as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, the exemption amount shall
436 be no more than Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); for a person 75 years of age up to 80
437 years, the exemption amount shall be no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000);
438 and for a person 80 years of age or older, the exemption amount shall be no more than One
439 Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00). Further, to see if the Town will modify the
440 qualifications for the elderly tax exemption by reducing the maximum allowable net income from

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441 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for individuals and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000),
442 combined, for married couples to Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for individuals and
443 Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000), combined, for married couples. Further, to see if the Town
444 will modify the qualifications for the elderly tax exemption by reducing the maximum amount of
445 total assets that may be owned by an individual to qualify for the elderly tax exemption from
446 Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000), excluding a person's residence, to One
447 Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000).

448 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

449 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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451 **Discussion:**

452 *Kristyn Fischev (inaudible) – I have a question – why is there such a huge jump between 2019*
453 *and 2020 (inaudible) 120,000 and up to 750,000. Can you explain that?*

454 *Moderator – Well I'm not going to explain it.*

455 *Kristyn Fischev – in the chart here. Under the (inaudible)*

456 *Moderator – I am not going to explain it.*

457 *Vinnie Baiocchetti - this exemption was voted in last town meeting. Last year there were 20*
458 *granted, this year there were 30 granted, so that taxes, last year was...*

459 *Brian Forst – Can I help you? You're asking what the difference is if we look at this graph*
460 *between '19 and '20. In 2020 there was a petition warrant Article to change elderly exemptions*
461 *to these new guidelines. So that is what you're seeing in this big difference. What we are trying*
462 *do right now, what is trying to be done, is go back to the '19 guidelines, 2019. The 2020*
463 *information you're seeing there is the petition warrant Article elderly exemption that passed last*
464 *year. So that's why you're seeing these much higher numbers. It was a different exemption.*
465 *Does that make sense?*

466 *Kristyn Fischev – Okay.*

467 *Moderator – You got off the hook Vinnie (laughter)*

468 *Vinnie Baiocchetti – Yes. I had been preparing for this too. (laughter)*

469 *Moderator – We good though? Everybody good?*

470 *Vinnie Baiocchetti – That's exactly what it is.*

471 *Moderator – Okay. Any other discussion on Article 15? (pause) Okay, I'm moving to Article 16.*

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Article will appear on ballot as written.

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474 **Article #16: Energy Audit**

475 **Est. tax impact \$0.028**

476 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars
477 (\$15,000) to have a comprehensive Energy Efficiency Audit of the Municipal Buildings
478 conducted. This sum to come from taxation.

479 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

480 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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482 *Moderator – I open Article 16 up for discussion.*

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484 *Adam Mini, monitoring ZOOM – There is a (inaudible), Nate (inaudible).*

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486 *Moderator – Make it happen.*

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488 *Adam Mini, monitoring ZOOM – Nate Abbott*

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490 *Moderator – Okay, it's Nate Abbott, for the record*

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492 *Nate Abbott via ZOOM – Thank you. (The following was submitted by Nate Abbott and was*
493 *read verbatim via ZOOM)*

494 *“Mr. Moderator, Members of the Budget Committee, Honorable Selectmen, and Gilmanton*
495 *Residents: My name is Nate Abbott, and I stand before you as Vice Chairman of the*
496 *Gilmanton Energy Committee. I am here because our Chairman, Sarah Thorne, is unable to*
497 *attend.*

498 *One of the accomplishments of the committee in 2020 was the compilation of a Town Baseline*
499 *Energy Report, which is posted on the Gilmanton Town Website at gilmantonnh.org. I want to*
500 *acknowledge the hard work of the committee to collect and compile the information in this*
501 *report, and especially Vincenzo Sisti who used his considerable skills to make it accurate and*
502 *comprehensive. It shows that on average the town spent \$100,000 annually on energy of all*
503 *types and in all departments over the last three years. I rise today in support of Article 16 as*
504 *written in the warrant, in the amount of \$15,000, for the purpose of performing energy audits*
505 *on Municipal buildings.*

506 *The reason that this money is necessary to save money for the town, is that a technical*
507 *analysis must be done on each building in order to make specific recommendations that can*
508 *be acted on by the town.*

509 *The analysis includes analysis of both the energy lost through heat escaping and inefficient*
510 *fixtures and appliances, as well as the specific specifications for remediation with accurate*
511 *counts of parts, labor and materials so that a competitive bid may be submitted for the*
512 *remediation work.*

513 *Such work would be proposed at a future town meeting for review and voting by the legislative*
514 *body after a competitive bid process administered by the Energy Committee and finally by the*
515 *Selectmen.*

516 *If the scope of what is possible this year for energy audits falls short of the \$15,000 budget, the*
517 *remainder of the budget may not be expended for any other purpose. I hope that you will vote*
518 *for this Article.” Thank you for your time.*

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520 Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – Adam, can you please ask Nate Abbott to submit that to me for
521 the minutes of the meeting? It sounds like he read it.

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523 Nate Abbott, via ZOOM – I'd be happy to do that.

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525 Maura Thomas, Town Clerk – Thank you!

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527 Moderator – That's what I was going to say! (laughter) Thank you. Anything else on Article 16?
528 (pause) let's move on to Article 17.

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530 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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532 **Article #17: Petition- Support the Gilmanton Year-Round Library (by petition)**
533 **Est. tax impact \$0.086**

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535 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand, One
536 Hundred Dollars (\$47,100) for partial funding of operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-
537 Round Library for Fiscal Year 2021.

538 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

539 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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541 **No discussion**

542 Moderator – seeing none, I move onto Article 18. What a difference a decade makes.

543 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**
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545 **Article # 18: Petition- New Hampshire Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting (by**
546 **petition)**

547 By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Gilmanton to see if the town will vote to
548 urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political
549 districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of
550 New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

551 Additionally, these voters ask the town of Gilmanton to urge the NH General Court to carry out the
552 redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular
553 political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

554 Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of
555 sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the
556 town of Gilmanton to petition the NH General Court/or its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House
557 of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly
558 represent the town's interests.

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559 The record of the vote approving this Article shall be transmitted by written notice from the
560 selectmen to Gilmanton's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their
561 constituents within 30 days of the vote.

562 **Discussion:**

563 *Moderator – I lay article 18 before you for discussion.*

564 *(unknown, via ZOOM) – Hello? Can I speak to it?*

565 *Moderator – Identify?*

566 *Adam Mini, monitoring ZOOM – Lew Henry*

567 *Moderator – Okay Lew, go on.*

568 *Lew Henry, via ZOOM – Okay, thanks. (The following was submitted by Lew Henry and was*
569 *the intended text read via ZOOM.)*

570 *“Every 10 years, following the Federal Census, the NH Legislature must redraw the lines of all*
571 *NH political districts based on the new population numbers. The NH Constitution (Part 2,*
572 *Article 11) requires one Representative for each town with 3290 or more citizens, and is*
573 *supposed to be a fair, and nonpartisan process that is transparent to the general public.*

574 *Unfortunately, in 2011 a few people, working behind closed doors, redrew the political districts.*
575 *The process was not transparent and at public hearings no maps were presented for public*
576 *input. In 2011 many towns with more than 3290 citizens were not given their own,*
577 *Constitutionally required, NH Representative, Gilmanton included. Currently we have three*
578 *seats in the NH House of Representatives, two are shared with Alton and one is shared with*
579 *Alton and Barnstead, we do not have our own seat as Constitutionally required.*

580 *We are hoping that the Town of Gilmanton will petition the NH General Court (House and*
581 *Senate) for its own NH State Representative and that the process will be fair, nonpartisan, and*
582 *transparent.”*

583 *Moderator – Yeah Lew, just so that we have an accurate record of your comments, would you*
584 *be kind enough to submit just a brief synopsis to Maura in the Town Hall so she can have that*
585 *reflected in the minutes?*

586 *Lew Henry, via ZOOM – Certainly.*

587 *Moderator – Is there any other discussion with regard to article 18? Seeing none, I am moving*
588 *on to 19.*

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590 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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591 **Article # 19: Petition- New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution**
592 **(by petition)**

593 We the town of Gilmanton hereby call upon our State and Federal elected
594 representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the
595 costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we
596 support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their
597 carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis.
598 Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence,
599 aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in
600 New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US
601 economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid
602 reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

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604 We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-
605 being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon
606 which we all rely.

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608 The record of the vote approving this Article shall be transmitted by written notice to
609 Gilmanton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Gilmanton's
610 Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of
611 the instructions from their constituents, by Gilmanton's Select Board, within 30 days of
612 this vote.

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614 **No discussion**

615 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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618 **Article #20: Support the Gilmanton Youth Organization**
619 **Est. tax impact \$0.010**

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621 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand, Five Hundred
622 Dollars (\$5,500) for the purpose of supporting the Gilmanton Youth Organization (GYO), a
623 recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization that is operated for the express purpose of
624 organizing and administering high quality sports programs for the school aged children of the
625 Town of Gilmanton, as well as the continued operation, maintenance, and development of GYO
626 Park.

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628 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

629 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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631 **No discussion**

632 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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634 **Article #21: Support the American Red Cross Association of New Hampshire and Vermont**

635 **Est. tax impact \$0.004**

636 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000)
637 for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross Association of New Hampshire and
638 Vermont which provides emergency support for victims of fire, flood and other disasters as well
639 as instruction in health, safety and aquatics courses.

640 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

641 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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643 **No discussion**

644 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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647 **Article #22: Support the New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse**

648 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

649 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars
650 (\$1,000) for the purpose of supporting New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse which
651 provides 24-hour crisis support, operates a shelter, and provides counseling for
652 domestic/sexual assault victims.

653 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

654 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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657 **No discussion**

658 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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661 **Article #23: Support the Laconia Area Center of Community Action Program Belknap-**
662 **Merrimack Counties, Inc.**

663 **Est. tax impact \$0.009**

664 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)
665 for the continuation of services to the low-income residents of Gilmanton through the Laconia
666 Area Center of Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

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667 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**
668 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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670 **No discussion**

671 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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673 **Article #24: Support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center**
674 **Est. tax impact \$0.014**

675 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred
676 Dollars (\$7,500) to support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC), formerly known
677 as Genesis, which provides integrated mental and physical health care to area residents with
678 mental illness.

679 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**
680 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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682 **No discussion**

683 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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687 **Article #25: Support the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association**
688 **Est. tax impact \$0.005**

689 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred
690 Dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of supporting the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association, for the
691 purpose of maintaining trails that are open to the public in a safe condition for use by
692 snowmobilers, hikers, cross-country skiers and equestrians in the Town of Gilmanton.

693 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**
694 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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696 **No discussion**

697 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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700 **Article #26: Support the Gilmanton Iron Works Private Library**
701 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

702 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)
703 for the purpose of supporting the Gilmanton Iron Works Library Association, a recognized
704 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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705 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

706 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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708 **No discussion**

709 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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712 **Article #27: Support the Central NH Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice**

713 **Est. tax impact \$0.014**

714 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred
715 Dollars (\$7,600) for the purpose of supporting the Central NH Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)
716 & Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care, and maternal
717 child health services.

718 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

719 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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721 **No discussion**

722 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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725 **Article #28: Support the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH**

726 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

727 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars
728 (\$1,000) for the purpose of supporting the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH
729 which provides, recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers to serve as advocates for abused
730 and neglected children in the New Hampshire court system.

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732 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

733 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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735 **No discussion**

736 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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738 **Article #29: Support the Rocky Pond Association Milfoil**

739 **Est. tax impact \$0.002**

740 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)
741 for the purpose of supporting the Rocky Pond Association in controlling the presence and
742 proliferation of milfoil at Rocky Pond.

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743 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

744 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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746 **No discussion**

747 *Moderator – Article 29 is open for discussion. Seeing no interest, I move on to Article 30. That*
748 *is the first time we didn't have any discussion on rocky pond by the way. In my recollection.*

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750 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

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753 **Article #30: Support the Gilmanton July 4th Association**

754 **Est. tax impact \$0.008**

755 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred
756 Dollars (\$4,500) to support the Gilmanton 4th of July Association, a Community organization, for
757 the continuation of Gilmanton's 4th of July Parade, Fireworks and other events.

758 **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**

759 **Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

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761 **No discussion**

762 **Article will appear on ballot as written.**

763 *Moderator – I open up the meeting for any other business, comments, or concerns at this time.*
764 *(pause) Seeing no interest in moving this any further along, please join us on March 9th. voting*
765 *hours at seven AM – seven PM. It's in the corners as usual, and we expect you there. Thank*
766 *you very much.*

767 *The Deliberative Session was closed at 10:02 am. There were at least 10 online participants*
768 *via ZOOM, as reported by Adam Mini.*

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778 Respectfully Submitted,

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782 Maura Thomas

A true copy; Attest,

783 Town Clerk/Tax Collector

784 Town of Gilmanton



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Maura Thomas, Town Clerk

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