

1 **TOWN OF GILMANTON**

2 **BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPER SATURDAY FOR THE TOWN BUDGET**

3 **SATURDAY, JANARUY 7, 2017**

4 Members Present: Brian Forst, Chairman, Stan Bean, Vice Chairman, Anne Kirby, Steven
5 Bedard, Joanne Melle, Michael Jean, Selectmen Representative, Richard Bakos, Sawyer Lake
6 Representative, Mark Sawyer and Adam Mini, School Board representative.

7 Members of the public were Town Administrator Paul Perkins, Heidi Duval, Brenda Paquette,
8 Alice Bean, Road Agent Paul Perkins, Selectman Steven McWhinnie and Police Chief Matthew
9 Currier came in after lunch.

10 Chairman Forst called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

11 *The recording clerk would like to note that the meeting minutes will contain all motions and a*
12 *brief description summary of the conversations in between the motions.*

13 Executive Office

14 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$175,724.00. The motion was seconded**
15 **by Mark Sawyer for the purpose of discussion.**

16 Discussion followed with regard to the fact that there have been significant increases in this
17 portion of the budget especially in the areas of computers and computer maintenance and
18 contracts. Discussion concentrated on the large increase in cost of purchasing computers and
19 computer maintenance and contracts. Town Administrator Paul stated that computers are
20 replaced every 2-3 years. Mr. Bakos stated that there was a proposed warrant article to establish
21 a computer technology upgrades capital reserve fund in the amount of \$20,000.00. Mr. Bakos
22 would like to see a master plan for the computer technology in the town before such a capital
23 reserve fund would be established. Chairman Forst stated that there is a non-capital reserve fund
24 for office equipment with a balance of \$5,300.00 and asked why these funds are not being used?
25 Brenda Paquette stated that this non-capital reserve fund is for emergency use only.

26 **Anne Kirby made the motion to amend the original motion to decrease the executive office**
27 **equipment line item to \$1,500.00 from the original \$2,000.00 figure. The motion was**
28 **seconded by Richard Bakos and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

29 Mr. Bakos asked what the selectmen were going to do with the budgeted \$60,000.00 for the town
30 administrator, who is leaving in March? Selectman Jean stated that the selectmen would be
31 discussing this at this coming Monday evening's meeting.

32 **Stan Bean made the motion to adopt \$174,124.00 in the executive office portion of the**
33 **budget. The motion was seconded by Richard Bakos and unanimously voted in the**
34 **affirmative.**

35 Chairman Forst stated that, since Mr. Perkins was present at this meeting, the committee would
36 discuss the highway department budget next.

37 Highway Department

38 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$423,089.00 under highway department.**
39 **Michael Jean seconded the motion for the purposes of discussion.**

40 Anne Kirby asked if the diesel fuel price is a locked in price? The answer was yes. Mr. Perkins
41 stated that \$3,154.00 will be encumbered as it was not used for mowing.

42 **Adam Mini made the motion to reduce the telephone line item by \$400.00 making this line**
43 **funded at \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Joanne Melle and voted unanimously in**
44 **the affirmative.**

45 **Stan Bean made the motion to adopt the highway department budget of \$422,689.00. The**
46 **motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

47 Highway and Streets

48 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$346,763.00. The motion was seconded**
49 **by Mark Sawyer for the purposes of discussion.**

50 A question arose regarding the sand line. Mr. Perkins stated that \$22,000.00 will be encumbered.

51 **Stan Bean made the motion to adopt the sum of \$346,763.00 for highway and streets. The**
52 **motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

53 Street Lighting

54 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$4,500.00. The motion was seconded by
55 Mark Sawyer.

56 It was noted that the increase is for the cost of electricity.

57 **Chairman Forst called Mr. Bean's motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to adopt the**
58 **amount of \$4,500.00 for street lighting.**

59 Road Betterment

60 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$271,995.00. The motion was seconded**
61 **by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

62 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the adopted amount of \$1,045,947.00 in the total**
63 **highway administration portion of the budget. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer**
64 **and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

65 Elections & Registrations

66 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$9,391.00. the motion was seconded by**
67 **Michael Jean and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

68 Financial Administration

69 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$108,214.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**
70 **motion for the purpose of discussion.**

71 The topic of computers was raised again.

72 **Richard Bakos made the motion to NOT discuss computers any more today. The motion**
73 **was seconded by Adam Mini. Chairman Forst did not move this motion forward as it was**
74 **frivolous.**

75 **Adam Mini made the motion to reduce the office supplies line item by \$1,000.00, leaving a**
76 **funding of \$3,000.00. The motion was seconded by Joanne Melle and voted unanimously**
77 **voted on in the affirmative.**

78 **Stan Bean made the motion to adopt the amount of \$107,214.00 to fund the financial**
79 **administration portion of the budget. The motion was seconded by Anne Kirby and**
80 **unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

81 Town Clerk Tax Collector

82 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$174,042.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**
83 **motion. Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve**
84 **the amount of \$174,042.00.**

85 Members of the Budget Committee took a break from 10:35 – 10:50 and resumed at 10:52 a.m.

86 Assessing

87 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$112,977.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**
88 **motion for the purpose of discussion.**

89 **Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the Professional Tax Mapping line item by**
90 **\$1,200.00 for the line to read \$2,900.00. The motion was seconded by Michael Jean and**
91 **unanimously approved.**

92 **Stan Bean made the motion to approve a total of \$111,777.00 for the bottom budget line in**
93 **Assessing. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the**
94 **affirmative.**

95 Legal & Judicial

96 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$35,000.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**
97 **motion for the purpose of discussion.**

98 Town Administrator Paul Branscombe stated that this portion of the budget is always an
99 unknown from year to year.

100 Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the amount of
101 \$35,000.00.

102 Planning Board

103 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$37,852.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**

104 **For the purpose of discussion.**

105 **Richard Bakos made the motion to decrease the legal line item by \$999.00. The motion was**
106 **seconded by Stan Bean.**

107 After brief discussion, Mr. Bakos withdrew his motion.

108 **Mr. Bakos made a motion to delete the \$1,000 line item for legal. The motion was seconded**
109 **by Stan Bean and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

110 **Stan Bean made the motion to approve the Planning Board portion of the budget in the**
111 **amount of \$36,852.00. The motion was seconded by Anne Kirby. The motion passed by a**
112 **majority vote. Michael Jean was opposed.**

113 Zoning Board of Adjustment

114 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$13,083.00 for the ZBA budget. Mark**
115 **Sawyer seconded the motion. Hearing no discussion, Chairman Forst called the motion to a**
116 **vote. The vote was unanimous to approve the amount of \$13,083.00.**

117 Historic District Commission

118 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$4,705.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**
119 **motion. Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The vote was unanimous to approve**
120 **the amount of \$4,705.00.**

121 Government Buildings

122 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$82,700.00. The motion was seconded**
123 **by Mark Sawyer.**

124 Discussion followed with regard to the need to have the Academy building completed painted
125 and the cost comparison to paint the entire building at once or paint two sides per year.

126 Discussion also followed with regard to the Old Town Hall and the fact that the building needs
127 much work. A question also followed with regard to whether or not the town needs the building
128 and/or could it be sold. It was the consensus of the committee that the board of selectmen will
129 need to address the needs and ownership of the Old Town Hall.

130 **Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The votes was unanimous to approve the**
131 **amount of \$82,700.00.**

132 Cemetery General Expenses

133 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$10,480.00. The motion was seconded**
134 **by Michael Jean and voted unanimously in the affirmative to approve the amount of**
135 **\$10,480.00.**

136 Insurance

137 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$88,871.00. The motion was seconded**
138 **by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to adopt the amount of**
139 **\$88,871.00 for Insurance.**

140 Fire Department

141 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$637,416.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**
142 **motion for the purpose of discussion.**

143 **Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the office supplies line item by \$4,000.00, making**
144 **that line item funded at \$1,350.00. Stan Bean seconded the motion and it was approved.**

145 **Steve Bedard made the motion to reduce the lease/rental copier line item by \$200.00,**
146 **making that line item funded at \$1,700.00. The motion was seconded by Stan Bean and was**
147 **approved.**

148 **Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the custodial & housekeeping line item by \$300.00,**
149 **making that line item funded at \$3,200.00. Stan Bean seconded the motion and it was**
150 **approved.**

151 **Brian Forst made the motion to reduce the part time wages by \$5,000.00, making that line**
152 **item funded at \$24,000.00. Stan Bean seconded the motion and it was approved.**

153 **Stan Bean made the motion to approve the reduced bottom line of the fire department to**
154 **\$631,516.00, a reduction total in the amount of \$5,900.00. The motion was seconded by**
155 **Anne Kirby and the motion passed by a majority vote. Mark Sawyer voted in opposition to**
156 **the motion.**

157 Building Inspection Department

158 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$33,508.00. The motion was seconded**
159 **by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to adopt the amount of**
160 **\$33,508.00 to fund the building inspection department.**

161 Emergency Management

162 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded by**
163 **Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to adopt the amount of**
164 **\$2,500.00 to fund emergency management.**

165 Hazardous Waste Collection.

166 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$3,276.00. The motion was seconded by**
167 **Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to adopt the amount of**
168 **\$3,276.00 to fund hazardous waste day.**

Transfer Station

Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$277,902.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer for the purpose of discussion.

Joanne Melle asked what the new compactor quote was. Paul Branscombe stated that the selectmen were still attempting to get quotes. Stan Bean asked there was an allotted \$5,000.00 to repair old compactor? Michael Jean stated that the old one would be repaired so that it could be a back-up when the new one is installed.

Brief discussion followed with Selectman Steven McWhinnie regarding the selectmen's plans to have the glass hauled away, whole, because the glass could no longer be crushed fine enough to re-sell for use given the new Department of Transportation laws.

Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the glass crusher repair and maintenance line item by \$1,000.00, funding this line item by \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Stan Bean.

Anne Kirby withdrew her motion and made a new motion to not fund the glass crusher repair and maintenance line item and have this line item funded at zero dollars. The motion was seconded by Stan Bean and voted in the affirmative with one member, Michael Jean, opposed.

Brian Forst made the motion to reduce the diesel fuel line item by \$500.00, making this line funded at \$2,500.00. Stan Bean seconded the motion and it was approved by a majority vote with Michael Jean being the only one that opposed the reduction.

Michael Jean made the motion to increase the recycle glass expense to \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer. After being unclear of the voice vote, Chairman Forst asked for a hand vote. The vote was only two in the affirmative. The motion failed.

Steve Bedard made the motion to fund the recycle glass expense line item by \$1.00. The motion was seconded by Richard Bakos and the funding was approved by a majority vote with Michael Jean voting in opposition to the motion.

Stan Bean made the motion to adopt the amount of \$275,401.00 to fund the transfer station portion of the budget. The motion was seconded by Anne Kirby and voted in the affirmative.

Animal Control

Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously approved in the affirmative to adopt the amount of \$500.00 to fund animal control in town.

Outside Agencies

Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$30,882.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer for the purpose of discussion.

204 It was noted that Adam Mini recused himself as he is affiliated with the Gilmanton Youth
205 Organization, one of the line items in this portion of the budget.

206 Anne Kirby stated that the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association line item should be moved out of
207 this portion of the budget as it is not affiliated with health and human services. All members
208 agreed.

209 Mr. Bakos advocated for the funding of the Gilmanton Youth Organization and recommended
210 increasing their funding by another \$1,000.00. Stan Bean stated that the organization had already
211 asked for an additional \$1,000.00 this budget year.

212 **Michael Jean made the motion to fund the Gilmanton Youth Organization at \$4,000.00.**
213 **The motion was seconded by Richard Bakos. Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote.**
214 **The vote was in majority to fund this line item at \$4,000.00. It was noted that Adam Mini**
215 **abstained and Stan Bean voted in opposition to the motion.**

216 **On a motion made by Anne Kirby, seconded by Joanne Melle, the committee voted to**
217 **approve the total amount of \$31,882.00 in the outside agencies' portion of the budget.**

218 Police Department

219 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$566,224.00. Mark Sawyer seconded the**
220 **motion for the purpose of discussion.**

221 There was extensive discussion regarding the department's request versus the selectmen
222 recommendation, noting that the difference was with the Police Chief's salary. The department is
223 asking for the chief's position to go to Step 13 and the selectmen are recommending a one step
224 increase at step 8. The department's request allows for a 35% increase versus a \$3.00 selectmen
225 request.

226 **Richard Bakos made the motion to approve the department's request in the amount of**
227 **\$573,432.00 which represents the department's request in the budget. The motion was**
228 **seconded by Adam Mini.**

229 Mr. Bakos justified his motion by indicating that this department was finally stable and that he
230 did not want to see another police chief turnaround like the town has seen during the last several
231 years.

232 Anne Kirby stated that this was tremendous leap in this position's salary and that she was not
233 comfortable with this huge increase. Chairman Forst reminded the committee that the Budget

234 Committee does not set salaries; the selectmen do and that by approving the amount that the
235 department is requesting would not guarantee that the selectmen would award this wage increase.

236 Chairman Forst stated that increasing the selectmen's recommendation and earmark the increase
237 in the salary line item would not ensure that the salary would be funded at the amount that she
238 made the motion for in this portion of the budget.

239 **Mr. Bakos asked for a vote on his motion to fund the department's request. Chairman**
240 **Forst called the motion to a hand vote. The hand vote was 3 in the affirmative and 4 in the**
241 **negative. The motion failed.**

242 **Anne Kirby made the motion to move the total amount of \$569,828.00, representing an**
243 **increase of \$3,604.00. The motion was seconded by Joanne Melle.**

244 Ms. Kirby stated that this amount was one half between what the Selectmen had recommended
245 and what the department had requested.

246 **Chairman Forst called Ms. Kirby's motion to a vote. The committee approved the amount**
247 **of \$569,828.00 by a majority vote. Michael Jean voted in opposition.**

248 General Assistance Services

249 **Richard Bakos made the motion to decrease the general assistance payments by \$15,000.00.**
250 **The motion was seconded by Anne Kirby. Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The**
251 **vote was unanimous to fund general assistance services at \$9,809.00.**

252 It was noted by the budget committee that the town has a non-capital reserve fund to fund
253 general assistance and noted that this fund has a healthy balance. They also commended the
254 general assistance director for her ability to utilize funds throughout the Belknap County area
255 and not just utilize funds from the town.

256 Parks & Recreation

257 Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$14,815.00 The motion was seconded by
258 Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.

259 Library

260 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$14,000.00. The motion was seconded**
261 **by Mark Sawyer**

262 **Anne Kirby made the motion to reduce the library supplies line item by \$200.00, making**
263 **this line item funded at \$4,800.00. The motion was seconded by Joanne Melle.**

264 **Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The motion to fund the library at \$13,800.00**
265 **failed by a 5 negative vote to a 2 affirmative vote.**

266 **Chairman Forst asked for a vote on Mr. Bean's original motion to fund the library in the**
267 **amount of \$14,000.00. The bottom line of \$14,000.00 was approved by a majority vote.**

268 Patriotic Purposes

269 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$4,650.00. The motion was seconded by**
270 **Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

271 Steven Bedard stated that he know of someone that would be willing to donate the flags for the
272 light posts.

273 Conservation and Development

274 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$3,963.00. The motion was seconded by**
275 **Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

276 Principal Debt Service

277 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$115,468.00. The motion was seconded**
278 **by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative.**

279 It was noted that the total debt service is in the amount of \$124,854.00, inclusive of the interest
280 debt service in the amount of \$4,529.00.

281 Chairman Forst stated that the new bottom line in the budget committee's amendment of the
282 town budget is \$3,614,691.00. The budget committee reduced the town budget by \$23,895.00
283 from the original proposed number brought forward by the board of selectmen.

284 **PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES**

285 **Article 5**

286 Chairman Forst stated that the proposed operating budget, not including the warrant articles that
287 the budget committee will be bringing forward is in the amount of \$3,614,691.00, which
288 represents an estimated tax impact of \$4.83 per thousand.

289 Chairman Forst asked if the budget committee would support this figure. It was supported by a
290 majority of the committee. It was noted that Richard Bakos and Michael Jean did not support this
291 amount.

292 **Article 6**

293 *"To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,500.00 to purchase and equip a*
294 *new forestry truck vehicle and fire pump skid unit and further to fund this appropriation by*
295 *withdrawing \$48,750.00 from the previously established fire department forestry vehicle*
296 *replacement capital reserve fund."*

297 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
298 **seconded by Michael Jean and unanimously voted in the affirmative to support this**
299 **warrant article.**

300 It was noted that there is no current year tax impact on this warrant article.

301 **Article 7**

302 *“To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to be deposited in the self-*
303 *contained breathing apparatus capital reserve fund established in 2011.”*

304 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
305 **seconded by Michael Jean and unanimously voted in the affirmative to support this**
306 **warrant article.**

307 It was noted that the estimated tax impact on this warrant article \$0.04 per thousand.

308 **Article 8**

309 *“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to be deposited in the*
310 *fire radio capital reserve fund established in 2015.”*

311 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
312 **seconded by Mark Sawyer and unanimously voted in the affirmative to support this**
313 **warrant article.**

314 It was noted that the estimated tax impact on this warrant article is \$0.02 per thousand.

315 **Article 9**

316 *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,000.00 for the purchase of 2*
317 *power cots for the fire rescue ambulance.”*

318 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
319 **seconded by Michael Jean and unanimously voted in the affirmative to support this**
320 **warrant article.**

321 It was noted that the estimated tax impact on this warrant article is \$0.08 per thousand.

322 **Article 10**

323 *“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,500.00 to purchase and*
324 *equip a new police cruiser.”*

325 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
326 **seconded by Michael Jean and unanimously voted in the affirmative to support this**
327 **warrant article..**

328 It was noted that the estimated tax impact this warrant article is \$0.09 per thousand.

329 **Article 11**

330 *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 to be deposited in*
331 *“the highway equipment capital reserve fund established in 2006.” Tax impact is \$0.13 per*
332 *thousand.*

333 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
334 **seconded by Michael Jean and unanimously voted in the affirmative to support this**
335 **warrant article.**

336 It was noted that the estimated tax impact on this warrant article is \$0.13 per thousand.

337 **Article 12**

338 *“To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1*
339 *for the purpose of purchasing computer technology upgrades and to raise and appropriate the*
340 *sum of \$20,000.00 to be deposited in this fund and appoint the board of selectmen as agents to*
341 *expend (majority vote required)”*

342 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
343 **seconded by Michael Jean.**

344 Mr. Bakos stated that he was not in favor of establishing this capital reserve fund until the town
345 establishes a computer replacement master plan.

346 **Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. Only two committee members voted in favor of**
347 **supporting this warrant article. It was the majority of the committee to not support**
348 **funding this warrant article.**

349 **Article 14**

350 *“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be deposited in*
351 *the bridge capital reserve fund established in 1995.” Tax impact is \$0.11 per thousand.*

352 **Stan Bean made the motion to support the funding of this warrant article. The motion was**
353 **seconded by Michael Jean and unanimously voted in the affirmative to support this**
354 **warrant article.**

355 **Article 15**

356 *“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,210.00 to remove, repair*
357 *and replace the playground at Crystal Lake Park in order to conform to safety and liability*
358 *standards.”*

359 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$26,210.00 for this warrant article. The**
360 **motion was seconded by Michael Jean for the purpose of discussion.**

361 Steve Bedard would like the selectmen to look at alternatives.

Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The motion passed by a majority vote and not a unanimous vote to support this warrant article.

Article 16

“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,422.00 to install a playground outside the academy building.”

Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$5,422.00. The motion was seconded by Steve Bedard for the purpose of discussion.

Chairman Forst called the motion to a vote. The motion passed by a majority vote to support this warrant article.

Article 17

“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,000.00 for the statistical update of all properties to be deposited into the revaluation assessment update capital reserve fund.”

Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$24,000.00. The motion was seconded by Anne Kirby. The motion passed by a unanimous vote to support this warrant article.

Article 18

“To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to fund milfoil treatment for the lakes of Gilmanton.”

Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mark Sawyer. The motion passed by a majority vote with Rich Bakos voting in opposition to support this warrant article.

Article 19

Not a money amount for the budget committee to recommend

Article 20

Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax under the provisions of RSA 72:39-b in the town based on assessed values, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows. For a person 65 – 75 years of age, \$80,000.00; for a person 75 – 80 years of age or older, \$100,000.00; for a person 80 years old or older \$120,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a NH resident for at least 3 years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. The taxpayer must have a net income of less than \$27,000.00 or, if married, a combined income of less than

393 *\$40,000.00 and own net assets no in excess of \$120,000.00 excluding the value of the person's*
394 *residence.” (By Petition)*

395 No action needed by the Budget Committee

396 **Article 21**

397 *“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Eight Thousand Five*
398 *Hundred (\$48,500.00) for partial funding of operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-Round*
399 *Library for 2017.”*

400 **Stan Bean made the motion to move the amount of \$48,500.00. The motion was seconded**
401 **by Mark Sawyer. The motion was voted for approval by a majority vote with Rich Bakos**
402 **voting in opposition to support this warrant article.**

403 **Adjournment**

404 **The Budget Committee adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.**

405 Respectfully submitted,

406 Rachel Hatch, Recording Clerk