



**TOWN OF GILMANTON
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

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January 13, 2024- DRAFT NOTES

**8:30:00 a.m.- CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Forst
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Chairman Brian Forst, Member Anne Kirby, Member Betty Ann Abbott, Member Ron Leclerc, Member Alec Bass, and Selectmen's Rep- Mark Warren
Arrived at 9:00 a.m.-Vice-Chair Joshua Mann

Absent w/ Notice: Selectmen's Rep- Vincent Baiocchetti, School Board Rep.- Grace Sisti

Others Present: Town Administrator- Heather Carpenter, Fire Chief- Joe Hempel, Police Chief Matthew Currier, Town Clerk/ Tax Collector- Elise Smith (left before around 10:00 a.m.)

Disclaimer: *The information included in this document is not verbatim discussions but general highlights, clarification, and information regarding the proposal of the 2024 operating budget. For full budget request details, please review the operating budget worksheets provided as attachments.*

POLICE DEPT 4210

Chairman Forst- Move page 19, account 4210, Police Department, in the amount of \$963,705. (00:54):

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4210 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$963,705. (08:29):

Points of discussion:

- **Part-time**
- **Gas**
- **Vacancies and Retirement**

RECOMMENDATION: The Budget Committee's recommendation for line 4210 will stand at \$963,705. (6-0)

Warrant Article 08- Police Cruiser

Discussion: If it was reduced by \$5,000 at Deliberative to say the article stands at \$70,000 instead of \$75,000, the Budget Committee needs to recommend that article. (09:45)

- **DELIBERATIVE SESSION ACTION:** The committee recommends this article, but the intention is to reduce it by \$5,000.00 at the deliberative.
- **TAX IMPACT ADJ:** Adjusted tax impact would be \$0.124

FIRE DEPT 4220

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4220 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$1,098,602. (15:06):

Points of discussion:

- Overtime and Scheduling staff for shift
- Loss of personnel
- Calls this year vs last year
- Public Safety Building use for equipment and call personnel response
- Dispatch

RECOMMENDATION: The Budget Committee's recommendation for line 4220 will stand at \$1,098,602.

(41:26): (7-0)

Warrant Articles 10, 11,12, &13- Article moved for discussion Chairman Forst/ Member Kirby.

Article 10- Purchase Forestry Vehicle-\$115,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: The Budget Committee's recommendation for warrant article #10-Purchase of Forestry Vehicle will stand at \$115,000. (7-0) (48:37):

Article 11- Add to existing Capital Reserve- Replace Ambulance A1- \$50,000.00

Discussion to reduce to \$25,000.00: (55:49):

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Leclerc to amend the amount for article 11 to \$25,000.00 versus the recommended amount of \$50,000.00 (7-1-J Mann) (59:15):

➤ **TAX IMPACT ADJ:** Adjusted tax impact would be \$0.044

Article 12- Add to existing SCBA Replacement Fund- \$10,000.00- Article moved for discussion Chairman Forst/ Member Kirby (01:00:01):

RECOMMENDATION: Article 12 will be recommended by the Budget Committee in the amount of \$10,000. (7-0) (01:01:44)

Article 13- Add to existing fire radio replacement Fund. Article moved for discussion Chairman Forst/ Member Kirby (01:01:44):

RECOMMENDATION: The Budget Committee will recommend Article 13 in the amount of \$10,000. (7-0)

TC/TX- 4151

TA Carpenter presenting in leu of the Clerk

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4151 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$258,939. (01:04:45):

- Point of discussion: The restoration and scanning project, the overall need and limitation of staff affecting the project.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4151, line 390, amended to \$13,000.00 instead of 15,000.00)7-1 NO- M. Warren) (01:18:37)

➤ **ADJ: 2,000.00**

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4151 will stand at 256,939. (6-1 NO M. Warren) (01:20:03)

RECESS- 15 MIN (01:20:34)

EXEC- 4130

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4130 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$504 383. (01:21:01)

Point of discussion:

- 54% of staff vacancies in the organization

- 100% paid insurance, the cost-benefit vs a cost-of-living adjustment in 2024, no merit has been given since 2019. Employee retention and longevity
- TA increase based on the comparative rates of pay to other town administrators in the area, bringing the position more in line but still under the average and the quality of the job being done

RECOMMENDATION: The Budget Committee's recommendation for line 4130 in the amount of \$504,383. (7-0) (01:37:31):

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY-4131

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4131 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$55,559. (01:37:31)

- Point of discussion: The contract with the current provider is up as of Jan. 01st, 2025, an RFP will be placed in 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation will stand at \$55,559 for line 4131. (7-0) (01:44:16)

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION- 4140

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4140 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$23,607. (01:44:16)

- Point of discussion: The budget is increased due to more required elections this year.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4140 will be in the amount of \$23,607. (7-0)

FINANCE- 4150

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4150 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$200,369. (01:45:09)

- Point of discussion: finance role and the new role of Facility Maintenance Coordinator

➤ **ADJ:** Amendment discussion of 5,000.00 from the bottom line, the intention to come from line 110

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 41 50 will stand in the amount of \$195,369.00. (6-1) (02:01:55)

ASSESSING- 4152

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4152 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$61,146.00. (02:01:55)

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4152 will stand in the amount of \$61,146.00 (7-0) (02:01:55)

LEGAL-4153

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4153 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$70,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4153 will stand in the amount of \$70,000.00 (7-0)

142 **PLANNING BOARD-4191**

143 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4191 is moved for discussion
144 in the amount of \$13,893.00.

- 145 • Point of Discussion: Role of a Town Planner consultant, the use and the need of the position and the
146 budget

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- 148 ➤ **ADJ:** Amendment discussion of reducing the budget by \$2,000.00, the intention to come from line 390

149 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for line 4191 will stand in the amount of
150 \$11,893.00 (7-0) (02:13:53):

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153 **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT-4192**

154 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4192 is moved for discussion
155 in the amount of \$2,550.00.

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157 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for line 4192 will stand in the amount of
158 \$2,550.00 (7-0)

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160 **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION-4193**

161 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4193 is moved for discussion
162 in the amount of \$660.00.

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164 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for line 4193 will stand in the amount of
165 \$660.00 (7-0) (02:13:53)

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167 **GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS-4194**

168 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4194 is moved for discussion
169 in the amount of \$150,965.00.

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171 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for line 4194 will stand in the amount of
172 \$150,965.00 (7-0) (02:23:46)

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174 **CEMETERY-4195**

175 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4194 is moved for discussion
176 in the amount of \$18,127.00 (02:23:46)

- 177 • Point of discussion: The large number of volunteers and the amount of work being done is impressive

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179 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for line 4195 will stand in the amount of
180 \$18,127.00 (7-0)

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182 **INSURANCE -4196**

183 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4196 is moved for discussion
184 in the amount of \$121,748.00

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186 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for line 4196 will stand in the amount of
187 \$121,748.00 (7-0). (02:27:05)

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189 **BUILDING INSPECTION- 4240**

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4240 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$47,908.00. (02:27:51)

- Point of discussion: The deputy is filling the role of building inspector currently but will be actively advertising the position shortly.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4240 will stand in the amount of \$47,908.00 (7-0)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT- 4290

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4290 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$2,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4290 will stand in the amount of \$2,000.00 (7-0) (02:29:40)

HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION- 4311

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4311 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$681,970. (02:30:17)

- Point of discussion: The structure, management, and the overall administration of the department. Line 110-Salary budget: This is a combined amount for a prorated salary for a DPW Director in the amount of \$92,328.00 & a prorated salary for the Road Agent at 38,730, for a total amount of \$131,058.00. The annual salary for the DPW Director was placed in this budget to be approved, and the funds would be there moving forward. The funds are also there to allow the Road Agent to meet the thirty-year mark. Next year, there will not be a salary line for the road agent position based on the 2023 petition warrant article.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4311 will stand in the amount of \$681,970. (7-0) (02:59:58)

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS- 4312

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4312 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$526,900.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4312 will stand in the amount of \$526,900.00. (7-0) (03:08:21)

STREET LIGHTING- 4316

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4312 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$5,500.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4312 will stand in the amount of \$5,500.00. (03:10:09)

ROAD BETTERMENT- 4319

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4319 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$276,237.00.

- Point of discussion: The difference in the recommendation between the department head and the Board of Selectmen is 100,000.00, which has been moved to a warrant article under infrastructure being

earmarked for roads. Board of Selectmen are agents to expend, so it can be used once a cost and plan are formulated. (03:10:47)

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4312 will stand in the amount of \$276,237.00. (03:13:16)

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION-4323.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4323 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$5,552.00.

- Point of discussion: This is a required increase by the Lakes Region Planning Commission

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4312 will stand in the amount of \$5,552.00. (03:14:49)

GENERAL ASSISTANCE- 4441

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4441 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$40,400.00 (03:15:20)

- Point of Discussion: There is a 15,000.00-warrant article to fund the Welfare NON-CAPITAL RESERVE/ETF NH-01-0124-0038. This will bring the fund just under its cap of \$50,000.00. Understanding the cap on this account is enough for two years of operating budget. In 2023, there was a significant need that was required to be paid, which is why the operating budget went over. If we continue to see an increase, the cap on the fund will be increased.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4441 will stand in the amount of \$40,400.00.

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES-4583

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4583 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$1,000.00. (03:20:51)

- Point of discussion: Fewer flags are required this year vs. last year when many replacements were needed.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4583 will stand in the amount of \$1,000.00.

BREAK FOR LUNCH (03:22:31)

PART 2 of Super Saturday- Separate audio, time stamps start over.

TRANSFER AND RECYCLING CENTER 4324

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4324 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$628,651.00

- Discussion of the overall DPW umbrella, the need for staff between both departments, flexibility, resiliency, and scheduling. The issue of DES compliance, clean up, and the overhaul of the facility.

Last year, 2023, the voters, through the petition warrant article, voted for the position of DPW Director due to the degrading condition of our largest infrastructure, which is roads. The need for a DPW is evident to create solid leadership and direction for the department. The importance of creating and implementing an operations plan for the DPW, which covers highways, transfer stations, and parks, is to cover all these pieces as a part of the bigger picture.

The effort by the Selectmen, Town Administrator, and staff to understand the needs and deficiencies over the past year has been extensive; the clean-up and positive direction of the transfer station and the need for the park and highway/ road system to be addressed will be for nothing if the Road Agent petition warrant article were to pass.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4324 will stand in the amount of \$628,651.00 for Transfer Recycling. (7-0) (44:55)

PARKS AND RECS- 4520

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4520 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$20,245.

- Discussion regarding the part-time budget being moved to the highway budget to be addressed under the DPW Director, allowing the part-time position to be more versatile and utilizing our resources effectively.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4520 will stand in the amount of \$20,245 for Parks and Rec. (7-0) (47:47)

LIBRARY- 4550

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4550 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$8,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4520 will stand in the amount of \$8,000.00 for the Corner Public Library (7-0) (50:34)

CONSERVATION-4611

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, budget 4611 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$2,725.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for line 4611 will stand in the amount of \$2,725.00 for the Conservation Commission (7-0)

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Mann, Article 04 for the town's proposed operating budget in the amount of \$5,782,377.00 is moved for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 04- the town's proposed operating budget will stand in the amount of \$5,782,377.00. (7-1-No M. Warren)

Reduced by the following amounts;

- TCTX- Reduced by \$2,000.00
- FINANCE- Reduced by \$5,000.00
- PLANNING BOARD- Reduced by \$2,000.00
- TOTAL: Reduction of \$9,000.00

WARRANT ARTICLE DISCUSSION: The following discussion will start with warrant article #5 and address the remaining warrant articles. Some article numbers will be changed with the addition of the petition warrant article and will be adjusted on the voter's guide and material for the deliberative session.

WA #05:

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby, warrant article #05 is moved for discussion in the amount of \$165,000.00.

WA #05 Add to existing ETFs and Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds and CRFs- Capital Reserve Funds

Total requests are as follows;

Highway Equipment -CRF:	\$70,000.00
Highway Vehicle Equip/Repair- ETF:	\$10,000.00
Recycling & Transfer Station Facility Improvement- CRF:	\$30,000.00
Recycling Equipment- CRF:	\$50,000.00
Transfer Station Vehicle & Equipment Repair- ETF:	\$5,000.00

Total: \$165,000.00

Call for an amendment to reduce the recycling equipment line in Article 5 from \$50,000 to \$15,000, reducing the total article by 35,000.00 for a total of \$130,000.00. (7-1 No- M. Warren)

- **ADJ:** The final number of the recycling equipment line is 15,000.00; the total of the warrant article is \$130,000.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 05 will stand in the amount of \$130,000.00.

WA #06: Article 6, Exterior Painting and Rot Repair Academy Building Town Offices.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 6, Exterior Painting and Rot Repair Academy Building Town Offices. See if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,000 for exterior painting and rot repair to the Academy Building; the amount to come from taxation. The article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$118,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 06 will stand in the amount of \$118,000. (7-0)

WA #07: Article 7 Add to existing Non-Capital Reserve Fund Infrastructure Repairs & Upgrades.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 7, To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to be deposited in the Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund, previously established in the 2022 town meeting. The amount to come from taxation. The article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$100,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 07 will stand in the amount of \$100,000.00. (7-0)

WA #08: Police Cruiser was done earlier while the Chief was present and was recommended by the committee; however, the intention is to reduce it by \$5,000.00 at the deliberative session.

The fund amount that is currently in the Police revolving fund is approximately \$12,000.00 as far as the finance office can tell at this point.

The estimated tax impact on the 70,000.00 would be \$0.124.

WA #09: Add to existing Welfare ETF Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 09, To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate sum of \$15,000 to be deposited in the Welfare Expendable Trust Fund, previously established 2001 town meeting. This amount to come from taxation. This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$15,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 09 will stand in the amount of \$15,000.00. (7-0)

WA 10,11, & 12 were addressed earlier in the meeting while the Fire Chief was present.

WA #14- Elected Official Pay

The purpose of this article is to limit the compensation and benefits due to elected officials during their term in office, require future changes to compensation and benefits to be done by the warrant article through Town Meeting, and ensure that official who seek to participate in the New Hampshire Retirement System or in Town Benefits such as leave, and health insurance, record number of hours worked to ensure eligibility for those benefits.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 14, "To see if the Town will vote to require that any alteration to the compensation for an elected official to be approved by the vote of Town Meeting by an individual warrant article. Further, to see if the Town will vote to allow the elected officials to participate in the Town- provided health insurance benefits for a single-person plan and in the New Hampshire Retirement System, if otherwise eligible under RSA 100-A, provided that such official meets all requirements for a full-time employee as defined in the Town of Gilmanton Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and maintains time cards reflecting such hours worked. Effective on Passage." This article is moved for discussion.

- Discussion about amending the language at deliberative to include the following change; "Town-provided health insurance benefits for a single-person plan up to a family plan."

- **ACTION ITEM:** The Budget Committee's Intention will be to amend the language at the deliberative session.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 14 will stand as written with discussion at deliberative. (7-0) (01:29:14)

WA #15: Increase the number of Cemetery trustees. This article does not need to be reviewed by the Budget Committee as there is no monetary impact.

WA #16: Add to existing Town Building Repair and Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 16, "To see if town will vote raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be deposited in the town building repair and maintenance non-capital reserve fund previously established by the town in 2010." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$20,000.00

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 16 will stand in the amount of \$20,000.00. (7-0)

WA #17: Establish a Town Forest Maintenance Fund

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 17, "To see if the Town will vote to establish a special forest maintenance fund, pursuant to RSA 31:113, and to authorize any proceeds from the management of the Town forests, up to a total balance amount of \$25,000.00, into said fund. Said monies are to be allowed to accumulate from year to year and to name the Conservation Commission as the agents to expend from such fund." This article is moved for discussion.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 14 will stand as written. (7-0) (01:49:30)

WA #18: Establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the Management/Control of Invasive Species in the Public Water Bodies

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 18, "To see if the town will establish an expendable trust fund pursuant to RSA 31-19-A for the purpose of management, control and remediation of aquatic invasive species to be known as the Public Water Body Reclamation Expendable Trust Fund, raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to put into this fund with this amount to come from taxation, further named the Board of Agents as the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Side Note: This fund will take the place of individual requests for milfoil remediation/control in the future.

- Discussion on reducing the request to 18,000.00. If we were to establish this fund with, as we know, two years' worth of funding in it based on the current request received. And they're going to come forward this year and take half of that funding for each project. It's going to leave the fund with \$9,000 to keep it going for one year and then request additional funding the following year.

Call for an amendment to reduce WA #18 from \$25,000 to \$18,000, reducing the total article by 7,000.00 for a total of \$18,000. (7-0)

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 18 will stand in the amount of \$18,000.00 (7-0)

Side Note: The petition warrant article for the appointed road agent will be added to this area for a deliberative session, which will change the number for all warrant articles under the outside agency category.

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

WA # 19: Gilmanton Year-Round Library

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 18, "To see if the Town will vote to raise the appropriate sum of \$47,100 for partial funding of operating expenses of the Gilmanton Year-Round Library for fiscal year 24." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$47,100.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 19 will stand in the amount of \$47,100.00 (7-0)

WA #20: 4TH of July Association

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 18, "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 to support the Gilmanton Fourth of July Association." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$6,500.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 20 will stand in the amount of \$6,500.00 (7-0)

WA #21: Gilmanton Youth Organization

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 21, "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,500 to support the Gilmanton Youth Organization." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$5,500.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 21 will stand in the amount of \$5,500.00. (7-0)

WA #22: Gilmanton Snowmobile Association

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 22, "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to support the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$4,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 22 will stand in the amount of \$4,000.00. (7-0)

WA #23: Gilmanton Ironworks Library

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 23. "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for purposes supporting the Gilmanton Ironworks Library." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$1,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 23 will stand in the amount of \$1,000.00. (7-0)

WA #24: New Beginnings Without Violence and Abuse.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 24. See if the town will vote to raise an appropriate sum of \$1,000 for purposes of supporting New Beginnings Without Violence and Abuse." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$1,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION: The budget committee's recommendation for Article 24 will stand in the amount of \$1,000.00. (7-0)

WA #25: Community Action Program

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 25, "To see if the town will vote to raise appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the continuation of services for low-income residents of Gilmanton through the Laconia Area Center Community Action Program, Belknap, Merrimack Counties, Incorporated." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$5,000.00.

523 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for Article 25 will stand in the amount of
524 \$5,000.00. (7-0)
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526 **WA #. 26: Lakes Region Mental Health Center**

527 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 26, "To see if the town will
528 vote to raise appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center, formerly known
529 as Genesis, which provides integrated mental, physical, and health care to area residents with mental illness."
530 This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$7,500.00.
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532 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for Article 26 will stand in the amount of
533 \$7,500.00. (7-0)
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535 **WA #27: Court Appointed Special Advocates CASA Of New Hampshire**

536 **MOTION:** On a motion by Chairman Forst and seconded by Member Kirby for Article 27, "To see if the town will
537 vote to raise appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of supporting CASA of New Hampshire, which
538 provides, recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in
539 the New Hampshire court system." This article is moved for discussion in the amount of \$1,000.00.

540 **RECOMMENDATION:** The budget committee's recommendation for Article 26 will stand in the amount of
541 \$1,000.00. (7-0)
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543 No other business

544 **Adjournment: 3:20 p.m.**