

1ST ANNUAL DELIBERATIVE SESSION
GILMANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

6:00 PM- GILAMNTON SCHOOL ALL PURPOSE ROOM

To the inhabitants of the School District of the Town of Gilmanton in the County of Belknap, State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on District affairs:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative):

You are hereby notified to meet at the Gilmanton School Multi Purpose Room in said District on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 10:00 O'clock in the morning. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles number II, III, IV,V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII. Warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended. This meeting was postponed and moved by Moderator Sisti to February 11, 2013 due to inclement weather.

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Voting):

Voting on warrant articles I through XIII will be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with town meeting voted to be held on **Tuesday, the 12th day of March, 2013, at the Town Election polls, Gilmanton Academy, 503 Province Rd, Gilmanton, New Hampshire. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Moderator Sisti called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members of the Gilmanton School Board present were Michael Hatch, Renee Kordas, Frank Weeks, Ella Jo Regan and Malcolm MacLeod.

Also present were SAU #79 Superintendents of Schools John Fauci, Business Administrator- Donna Clairmont, Principal- Carol Locke, Director of Student Services- Emily Reese, School District Moderator- Mark Sisti and School District Clerk- Kristyn Fischev.

The Moderator Sisti opened the session with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Moderator Sisti explained the rules and procedures for this SB2 deliberative district meeting.

Renee Kordas introduced the School District Attorney Maureen Pomeroy here tonight to assist in any SB2 Questions concerning this meeting. Renee also welcomed the public and explained what was in the informational packet handout.

Moderator Sisti proceeded with session.

ARTICLE I. **Election of Officers (March 12th only)**

- Election of the School District Moderator.
- Election of the School District Clerk
- Election of the School District Treasurer
- Election of one member of the School Board (two year term)
- Election of two members of the School Board (three year term)

ARTICLE II. **District Officers' Salaries**

That the salaries of District Officers be set for the coming year as follows:

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| • Moderator | \$75.00 |
| • District Clerk | \$500.00 |
| • Chairperson of School Board | \$950.00 |
| • School Board Members (4) each | \$825.00 |
| • District Treasurer | \$1,200.00 |

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Michael Hatch made the motion to adopt Article II. The Motion was seconded by Renee Kordas.

Article II. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE III. **Gilmanton School Leach Field Pump Station Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars (\$15,783) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund entitled, "Gilmanton School Septic System Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Fund" as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Michael Hatch made the motion to adopt Article III. The motion was seconded by Frank Gianni.

Discussion followed: None

Article III. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE IV. Special Education Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be placed in the Expendable Trust Fund entitled “Special Education Expendable Trust Fund” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Not Recommended: Budget Committee

Ella Jo Regan made the motion to adopt Article IV. The motion was seconded by Renee Kordas.

Discussion followed: Ella Jo Regan addressed the issue stating that right now the fund had a total of \$180,000 in it but that a single placement of one special education student can cost \$225,000 not including other services. I believe it is a wise move to place this amount in fund to maintain the target goal. Joanne Gianni stood up to speak to issue: I respectfully disagree and would like to amend this article to \$0.00. As stated earlier this fund already has \$180,000 and has never been touched and has increased with interest and probably has close to \$200,000 in it by end of year. I motion to amend this article to \$0.00. Moderator Sisti asked for a second, it was then seconded by Doug Islieb. Moderator Sisti asked if there was further discussion. Tom Scribner would like to know why the Budget Committee did not recommend this article? Brian Forst for Budget Committee stated he might not have accurate numbers but when we look at these funds just like town funds. We heard from school district that \$200,000 was target of this fund. We scrutinized each fund and felt that with the interest this fund was incurring the \$200,000 was going to take place soon. Is it a necessity to put \$20,000 in now or would it be nice? Given then information we had, we felt we could not recommend. Moderator Sisti stated that the motion was to amend article IV to \$0.00 if there was no further discussion? Emily Reese stated that when this fund was established in the amount of \$200,000 it was a reasonable cost for student placement. But now costs have risen and might not be adequate. Any other discussion? None, we will take a vote.

Card vote to see all in favor to amend the school district special education expendable trust fund to the sum of \$0.00. Overwhelming vote against amending Article IV. So Article IV will appear on the ballot as stated.

Moderator Sisti announced that counsel here wanted to let you know that you as a voter can freeze a vote once taken so it does not get changed once individuals have left the meeting prior to it finishing. No motion for reconsideration will be at all valid if this option is exercised. This can be exercised as a motion to freeze after each Article is adopted.

Article IV. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE V. Roof Replacement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$21,319) to be placed in the “Roof Replacement Expendable Trust Fund” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Frank Weeks made the motion to adopt Article V. The motion was seconded by Ella Jo Regan.

Discussion followed: None

Article V. was adopted as written and will appear on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE VI. **Fuel Storage Tank Capital Reserve**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to be placed in the “Fuel Storage Capital Reserve Fund” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Malcolm MacLeod made a motion to adopt Article VI. The motion was seconded by Michael Hatch.

Discussion followed: None

Article VI. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE VII. **Water Storage Tanks Capital Reserve**

To see if the District will vote to raise the and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars (\$1,902) to be placed in the “Water Storage Tanks Capital Reserve Fund” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Michael Hatch made a motion to adopt Article VII. The Motion was seconded by Malcolm MacLeod.

Article VII. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE VIII. **Paving Capital Reserve**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$11,490) to be placed in the “Paving Capital Reserve Fund” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Not Recommended: Budget Committee

Renee Kordas made the motion to adopt Article VIII. The motion was seconded by Frank Weeks.

Discussion followed: Joanne Gianni asked how much was in this account? As there was already funding and why the Budget Committee recommended against it? Brian Forst stated that there was \$20,432 in the account. In the capital improvement plan the fund as a target goal of \$30,000 for 2018. So Budget Committee felt it was

a fund that could go without funding this year. There is approximately 4-5 years to reach the target amount. And the \$11,490 requested this year would hit that target amount. The Capital Improvement Plan clearly spells that out. The Capital Improvement Plan is how we as a Budget Committee make our recommendations and we look at the account balances and determine if they are on target. Obviously this one would reach target with funding and we did not feel it was a necessity this year. Joanne Gianni made a motion to amend Article VIII. to \$0.00. Motion was seconded by Joe Hempel. Moderator Sisti asked for discussion on Amendment? David Sykie explained he knows we have money for the pavement. But there are unforeseen as anyone knows in site work. We can pave this place but we have some drainage issues that go right along with this. That money does not include any work that would have to been done after we get the parking lot started. We have some serious lifting issues on the front that heave up quite a bit so we know we need drainage there. We have a section outback by loading dock & generator area. This would probably take a pretty good chunk of that money and then some to get proper drainage in there. If we are going to repave and make use of the money then we should fix it, not just put a band aid over it. John Fauci said he would like to add that in 2015 and correct him if he is wrong Mr.Sykie, but we have a tank replacement that in 2015 is mandated by the state. A double lined tank with doubled lined pipes where there will be significant digging & moving of tanks and after they are replaced there will need to be some paving that goes along with that. Mr.Sykie, yes in 2015 we will be out of compliance with that single lined tank which is almost 25 years old. So if we are going to have to replace this tank due to state mandate we may as well do it right. Any further discussion? Tom Scribner stated that he hoped the School would look to the Town and use crushed glass mixed with gravel that would be excellent for this and a great way to use up the material we have and cost efficient. Nate Abbott, "I'm a little perplexed?" As we discuss Article VIII. and Paving Capital Reserve, so is that in the Capital Reserve Plan an estimate for paving? Does the estimate include the site work that was referenced by Mr.Sykie? Brian Forst said in answer to your question Nate, I'm sitting here a little perplexed because when we discussed this with the school board & committee none of the 2 things just mentioned were mentioned to us. This is a Paving Capital Reserve Fund and if there is rebuilding to be done before it is paved I would feel that is another expense and not part of the Paved Capital Reserve Fund. Our recommendation was based on the information given to us. That is why myself and my committee here will stand behind our recommendation. We are not privy to the other information. Nate Abbott ok, to the School Board what does the tank contain? John Fauci oil. Nate so this is part of boiler to heat the school? John Fauci, right. Nate Abbott so is that expense planned in the Boiler Replacement Fund? Which is the next Article and I don't want to approach the subject if it's too early. Sounds like these 2 are linked. John Fauci so when we dig up the tanks because this project is going to take place quicker then we anticipated. Unless we patch it? So when we replace the tanks in 2015 we will have to obviously do the paving over the tanks we dig up which are located outside the building here. Nate, and the repaving project was also set for 2015? John Fauci paving target was for 2018. Nate 2018, ok thanks and I guess the last thing I would say is, that as it was said at the town meeting and should be said here, we are really amending the ability of the town to vote on a topic. It's a bit different than it used to be at town meeting. Something to think about and to vote No here takes away the opportunity for people to decide. Any further discussion asked by Moderator Sisti? Card vote was taken. Amendment to change amount from \$0.00 to \$11,490 was defeated and reverts back to original language.

Article VIII. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE IX. **Boiler Replacement Expendable Trust**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-three Dollars (\$8,473) to be placed in the “Boiler Replacement Expendable Trust Fund” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Michael Hatch made the motion to adopt Article IX. The motion was seconded by Renee Kordas.

Discussion followed: None

Article IX. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE X. **Tractor Replacement Expendable Trust**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$2,736) to be placed in the “Tractor Replacement Expendable Trust Fund” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Michael Hatch made a motion to adopt Article X. The motion was seconded by Malcolm MacLeod.

Discussion followed: None

Article X. was adopted as written and will appear on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE XI. **Asbestos Tile Replacement Expendable Trust**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$7,143) to be placed in the “Asbestos Tile Replacement Expendable Trust” as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Ella Jo Regan made a motion to adopt Article XI. The motion was seconded by Frank Weeks.

Discussion followed: Zannah Richards we would just like to know how much is in the funds and the targeted year for collection? We missed a few before but from this point on maybe have an answer so we know what our goal is? Moderator Sisti you asked and we do! Laughter! Renee Kordas if you look on the 2nd to last page of pamphlet it does give the Capital Reserve Fund Balance but like you said it does not give a date so we will work on that. Brian F, currently this fund has \$7,329 in it. This is an expendable trust so if the school finds an area they are working in needs asbestos remediation this fund allows them to do that, and as we all know this kind of thing can be very expensive. So maybe someone from the School District can tell me a target because it is not

on the Capital Improvement. I take that back it is on the Capital Improvement in 2017 they are aiming at approximately \$50,000. So I guess there is a target, and needs this kind of funding to reach it in 5 years and maybe more. That is why we recommended it. Donna Clairmont, hi I'm your business administrator and as we pointed out in your packet there is information, with no disrespect to the Budget Committee. What he does not have because he received a print out that showed as of December 31, 2012 what the amounts were in those accounts. But at your last year's School District meeting you approved an additional amount to be placed in those accounts and that is what is showing on that sheet. So for instance in your asbestos tile replacement you currently have \$14,359 in that account. Any further discussion?

Article XI. was adopted and will appear as written on the ballot March 12, 2013.

ARTICLE XII. High School Tuition Expendable Trust

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars (\$32,902) to be placed in the "High School Tuition Expendable Trust" as previously established.

Recommended: School Board

Not Recommended: Budget Committee

Malcolm MacLeod made a motion to adopt Article XII. The motion was seconded by Renee Kordas.

Discussion followed: Joe Hempel from Gilmanton IW, from what I understand due to our area agreement we really don't need this \$32,000. It's there and if we had extra students, excuse me sir do we have extra students this year? John Fauci, could you ask your question again? Mr.Hempel, yes is the student body down this year or up? Mr.Fauci we are budgeted for less students this year than for last. Mr.Hempel ok then why do you need the \$32,902? Mr. Fauci that is for students who we do not know are coming into the area. Mr. Hempel yes but according to our agreement we can pay for that next year. Why did we put money in this last year? Was it used? Moderator Sisti please address your question to me, Mr.Fauci will hear it and answer it, ok? Thank You. Mr.Hempel if we put \$32,000 in last year where is that money? Donna Clairmont currently that money is sitting in a Capital Reserve Account that the Trustees of the Trust Fund Manage. Mr. Hempel so why don't we use last year's money this year and vote this to zero? Donna Clairmont currently the need has not arisen for the current year. What we are saying in the unforeseen future if some students move into the district once our budgets have been set and what the community needs to be mindful of is that not only are we sent a bill too but Gilford is sent a bill too. So when they're setting their budget at the same time we are way in October and those numbers could change dramatically even before March of this year. If they do we do not have an opportunity after tonight to amend our budget to take care of any additional students that may move into our district between now and voting. Mr. Hempel, so if we vote this in then we would have \$64,000 in the account, is that right? Mr.Fauci, that is correct. Mr.Hempel made the motion to amend the Article to zero. Doug Isleib seconded the motion. Malcolm MacLeod stated that at the last District Gilford School Meeting they talked about future high school enrollment and right now they have about 35. But our K-2nd grade classes right now are closer to 50 and 60. So it's not an issue right now but in the 5-6 years we are probably going to see 30-50% increase in tuition. So I'd rather see the \$32,000 deposit now so it will make a protection against those increases when those classes peak and start high school. Janet Breton, you cannot tax people now for children that are going to be in high school in 8 years. I personally take offense to that, and tax me for what is real! Yes, I might take a hit in the future but

you can't tax me now and sit on my money until my kid gets to high school. I'm already having a hard time getting my kid to high school in Gilford and getting myself back. So don't tax me now and keep this at zero. What I really wish the School Board would do is, gosh I hate to spend money on attorneys, but gosh darn, hire an Attorney to look into the Gilford Agreement because we go around and say we have to prepay them and guesstimate it. That is not what I remember and I have been here a long time and remember reading the contract that said "You estimate, you pay!" And when we figure out the real number at graduation date and we know how many kids went through the system then we make the adjustment and pay again in the next calendar year. We keep saying we have to guesstimate and that is not how you budget and I'm sure that is not how it was set up! So rather than putting money away and taxing me right now for something that might or might not happen. I'm not in favor of that. I'm in favor of getting a real number paying it back a year if we have too. That was the area agreement and let Gilford wait for their money. That's what we agreed to and wish you would stop guess estimating and adding funds. Joanne Gianni, 3 things, 1st look to the budget committee, 2nd the area agreement states that if we owe them money we would settle it the next year, if they owed us money we would settle the next year. That's very clear. That's all been decided. Then on the pamphlet handed out tonight it showed Gilford Tuition same page as Capital Reserve Fund Balances. It shows it has been pretty steady over the last 4 years. I don't think we need to set aside this money and tax ourselves on a maybe or something that might happen. Donna Clairmont would like to go back to Ms. Breton's comment. I would like to clarify we don't just guess estimate in terms of the tuition rate. We do follow the Area Agreement and I know this first hand because I work very closely with the business administrator of Gilford School District. Per Area Agreement we look at our October 1st enrollments and say ok 8th grade numbers. For instance let's use some arbitrary numbers such as 48 students in 8th grade will become your 9th grade students in the ensuing year. Then we use that and what they currently have for 9th, 10th and 11th grade to determine exactly what our enrollments should look like. That's a snapshot in time because that is October 1st and things change as you all see what we experience on an annual basis here in terms of children moving in and out of the district. But we definitely follow, and I want to reassure the voters here that we follow the Area Agreement and how we calculate in terms setting the estimated rate for the ensuing year. Then when the bill is actually done we do that based on what our actual enrollments are at that time. And only pay for the students that are actual there at that time. Nate Abbott, I'm seeing in the Capital Reserve Fund a balance \$32,902 and this is in the fund from last year correct and there are no amounts Capital Reserve Funds that are not being presented tonight correct? Donna, correct. Janet Breton, to follow up on what you said that makes perfect sense that you in October establish what the eighth grade population is going to be for the following year, they are not there yet. So in October you and Gilford set numbers based on how many kids go. It does not take into account how many kids go to private school, home schooled or what have you, B lapse their senior year which is a common thing and do it online. So it does not take into account all the drop-offs. So when you pay your bill is it July? So when you pay for those kids, do you pay in October? Donna no, actually our fiscal year runs July 1st thru June 30th. So we actually get our first bill generally around November and typically pay that in December for the current year. Janet, so that is the year you are in and you know where you are at? Donna, right. Janet so that October real rough estimate when do you pay that bill? We are talking 2 different things and I hope not to confuse you. When we are establishing our budget the only figures we use are the students that are currently attending Gilmanton School and the students that are currently attending Gilford HS. When Gilford is putting together their budget they are using our figures in terms of population and if they stay in the district this is what total population would look like. So they take their budget and divide out the high school in terms of the formula per the Area Agreement by student to come up with a tuition rate. We don't get billed until we actually start the new school year. Janet Breton- So in October you come up with this budget and we vote on it in March and you make your first payment in September.

Donna, No, we make our first payment in December. Janet, so 2 months after October? Donna yes and so the budget we are working on right now we won't pay any tuition until December 2013. Janet, so the end of this year is when you're going to pay? Donna, half. Janet when is the adjustment put through? Donna, at the end of the fiscal year. Janet, so you don't even have to pay until December and adjustments could be made before next payment? Donna and they are. Janet, so I don't know how we don't know what the number is going to be when we are budgeting 15 months out? Brian Forst speaking as a taxpayer, Ist off you got my dander up a little sorry. Could you give me an account number for this Capital Reserve Fund? I don't have it on this sheet as of December 31, 2012. So I don't have an account and you're sitting there telling people there is \$32,902 in an account and I don't have it! Donna you are absolutely correct Brian and I mean you no offense. Brian, alright then. Donna, as of December 31st that amount of \$32,902 had not been sent over to the Trustees of the Trust Fund. That was done in January and that is why we have two different numbers. Because, in January there was money that were sent to the Trustees to place in Capital Reserves. Brian, respectfully the taxpayers of this town voted last March to put \$32,902 in a Capital Reserve Fund. And you put it in in January and I understand the fiscal year, I know the answer that is coming. Ok, so now you're asking to put another \$32,902 which will be applied to the tax bill and applied to the account next January? I got to tell you and I'm not in that chair over there anymore and I really want you to understand that and hope the people in this room understand that. I am not standing here as the chairman of your budget committee, I'm standing as a taxpayer and asking how you think this is sensible? It's \$64,000. Donna I understand what you're saying Brian and have the greatest respect and as a taxpayer you should be concerned. I also want to point out to you that School System & the Town have worked very closely in the last 2 years because we have experienced cash flow problems. In order to not burden the taxpayers by having tax anticipation notes we have worked out a schedule with the town. Because they are the ones that collect the taxes and pay over to the School System based on their cash flow request. So in order to try to elevate that necessity to actual borrow money we work this out. In doing this we do not accumulate any extra funds and we only get certain payments from the state quarterly that follow through. So this is when the money was available to us if you will in the Capital Reserve Funds. Tom Scribner what would happen if we did not have the money to put in there that we voted for? For a trust fund not a budget meeting. Any further discussion? Moderator Sisti we are talking about amending this article to zero. Kristyn Fischev, We keep going back to the fund which has \$32,000 and the fund was established but we are missing the point in that we have an agreement which covers this line. Why are we dealing with all these numbers when we already have extra money and in the Gilford area agreement it states that if we are overage in the amount of students we will owe them the following year and if under then they will owe us. Would someone like to comment please? No Answer. No further discussion.

Vote by card count. 43 yes 18 no. Amended language will appear as zero for dollar amount.

Article XII. was amended and adopted and will appear on ballot March 12, 2013

ARTICLE XIII.

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriation voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling the sum of **Nine Million Six Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$9,689,792)?** Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Nine Million Five Hundred Thirty-**

Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$9,536,472), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Gilmanton School District, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended: School Board

Recommended: Budget Committee

Renee Kordas made a motion to adopt Article XIII. The motion was seconded by Ella Jo Regan.

Discussion followed: Renee Kordas made a motion to amend budget to \$9,689,792. That's \$7,000 more than what is written on your article. Moderator asked for a second, seconded by Ella Jo. Renee explains why we did this because the budget committee recommended to decrease our budget by \$20,700. We are looking to put \$7,000 back in for field trips. As you recall a couple years ago field trips were taken out of budget. Last year they were recommended by body to put back into budget. When we went through budget committee session a few weeks ago they cut that in half, we wanted \$14,000 and so we are asking for \$7,000. That is reason for the amendment. Dodie Smithers would that \$7,000 be guaranteed for field trips and will the school board say it will be designated only for field trips? Renee, absolutely. Dodie, because it is your discretion in the end right? Renee yes. Phil Ray of Stage Rd, can we be apprised of the superintendent's new contract? I read an article that said he got an increase of \$50,000 and I would like to know the details. Will you please tell us? Renee so last year the contract was adjusted to 2 days a week which therefore adjusted his salary. I know there was a lot of question as to why his salary was not cut in half; there was significant savings in his total package of compensation that warranted the salary he is currently at. Did that answer your question? He did not get a \$50,000 raise. He got a decreased. Phil, a decrease his hours and days were reduced to two, what happen to his salary? What was his salary then and what is it now? What is the change in the benefits? What is the bottom line? Renee, I'm getting his salary number but the savings was also in his retirement package, vacation time and sick days. Donna, his salary was \$87,217 and is now \$60,500 along with that there was an additional amount that had to do with retirement so actual there was \$40,000 savings in what you paid in fiscal year 11/12 and what you are currently paying. No further discussion.

Card Count Vote: Yeas have it overwhelming to adopt article XIII.

Article XIII was adopted and amended to new amount of \$9,689,792 and will appear as amended on the ballot March 12, 2013.

Moderator Sisti stated that is the end of SB2 session hope this has been some help. Does Mr.Scribner, have a comment? Hold on please. Mr.Scribner, yes I would like to discuss operating budget a little more. We had talked about when an amendment was made and article passed we could talk about it a little bit more, can we? Moderator Sisti, I think that would be out of order now, but if you want to reconsider I suppose we can. You can talk all you want because this is your meeting, it's not my meeting. Mr.Scribner, when we look at the operation budget of Plant we see under rubbish removal an expenditure of \$5,595 and their budgeting \$9,500? If we go back a year their actuals were \$6121.00 and even further back up to \$9,245. So we had a good year and so my question what is happening with this article? Moderator Sisti you want that particular budget item explained? Mr.Sykie, this school has been working diligently trying to recycle everything possible and the staff has done wonderfully with these kids. Back then there was not as much recycling with Waste Management so to elevate that we have been working with the Town Transfer Station to come pick up our recycles and it all goes back to the town. That money is for when we have an extra project in summer and need a dumpster. That money has to

be there to have the project happen. Moderator, any further discussion? Joanne Gianni, is there only one amendment allowed to the operating budget? Moderator, no one has closed this particular warrant article. No one has made a motion to close that article. This meeting is open until it's closed. Joanne ok then I would like to make a motion. Moderator what is your motion? Joann I would like to make a motion to amend operating budget from \$9,689,792 to \$9,592,972. Seconded by Doug Islieb. Joanne this number of \$96,820 that is currently in budget represents a new Teacher and Aide salary based on increase in population. I think we are in the "what if" category way too much. Moderator Sisti, so we have a new number \$9,592,972. Kathy Austin my son is on kindergarten right now and I see there is a trend for larger classes and I ask that we support the that number and not the amendment so the school has enough teachers to help our children learn. Renee Kordas, I would like to explain what the \$96,000 is intended for. Unlike the rest of the country everyone is moving to Gilmanton with children. Which we love the children and people coming into our community but brings a cost with it and numbers into our classrooms. Our K-2 grades are extremely high in number right now. When we go into next year the numbers are going to shift and we are going to need an additional teacher & Parra to accommodate the additional classroom we will have to have in one of those grades. We are skyrocketing with our numbers and every board meeting Carol comes to tell us that our numbers are increasing. Our building is at capacity and beyond capacity right now. We are having to make adjustments in the middle school classrooms to accommodate for next year if the numbers continue to trend as they have been for the past few years. That is why we are asking for this money so we don't have 50 kids to a class in the younger grades where there is no education for the kids and the teachers are strapped. Now if the numbers don't go that high then that money is absolutely returned to the town to offset the taxes. Moderator, any further discussion? Frank Gianni Gilmanton IW, as Brian I want to talk as a taxpayer and not as Vice Chair of Budget Committee. We are talking big bucks and that is a lot of money to put aside. I think if you have an additional need of a teacher and aide, you could find that money. For the last 2 years there has been over \$500,000 in the Fund Balance. That is money the taxpayers have laid out and we have paid for and if it goes back to the taxpayer then there is debate on how that is done. First year it was left over ok I can see that it was unforeseen, but two years in a row there is something wrong! I look at as when I was working for a living, which was a while ago and I made budgets and if I pulled stuff like that I would be looking for a job faster than you could blink. Something is wrong somewhere and I suggest we pass this amendment and find the money if you need it. There is money there. Moderator any comments? Emily Reese student services, as we stated some of the money left over was from special education. So when a child moves out of district there was a significant savings from that child so it was not that we had extra money but that we lost children that cost a great deal of money. Moderator, any comment? John Fauci also significant savings was in the tuition to Gilford, and I'm not sure we explained it well. Our tuition bill has a lot to do with what happens in Gilford and last year Gilford had a huge fund balance makes ours look small. That affects our tuition and is less because they pay less to operate their budget. We don't have any say over that but does affect our numbers and we are ecstatic when we get them. We have monies that we budgeted for that we don't have to pay. No fault of our own and we are happy to give that money back and happy that it is there to offset your tax rate. Other things happen that we don't have control over such as teachers have separation money that they get in their retirement. We have to budget for that but if they rescind their retirement that leaves that money there to be returned to offset the tax dollars. It is not something we do deliberately and put that burden on the taxpayers if we knew that money was not going to be expended and just return it back. That's our history and we try to conserve money and if left over we try to give it back. We had significant savings when we put in a facilities manager that we did not anticipate the savings that he has been able to save for us. Like when we needed duct work cleaning and budgeted \$6,000 and he was able to do the work and save us that we will gladly give that back to the taxpayers. I have personally explained tis many times and don't understand when we are criticized for money we saved and have given back. There have been many

times that students are not living in town and tell us they are and I have personally gone over to their house and found out and when that happens that is a \$17,000 unanticipated savings that we turn back at the end of the year. Moderator Sisti, further comments? Renee Kordas, John just took a lot of my thunder because I was going to say a lot of that but I know it is really hard as a taxpayer to understand why we refund money back to the town. As Emily stated the majority of the money turned back has to do with special education costs. We have to budget for student's placement in out of district placements at an extreme cost. When they leave our district we no longer pay for them and we no longer pay that bill and that money goes back to the district. The majority of that is because of that and has been returned back to the taxpayer with significant savings. When we budget \$5000 for work and it does not take that much, we don't go spend that money someplace else. It goes right back to the town. Moderator any further comments? Doug Isleib Gilmanton IW, by law you are required to return that back to the Town isn't that correct? Renee, Yes and we do! Moderator, we are voting on right now the amended amount of \$9,592,792.

*Card Vote all in favor for amended amount, amendment was defeated.
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Motion to adjourn at 7:15pm, motion seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristyn A. Fischev
District School Clerk*