

2021 WARRANT ARTICLES

Article #1- Election Officials

Zoning Articles #2-5 possible

Article #6 Construction/replacement of Crystal Lake Rd Bridge over Nelson Brook

Est tax impact \$0.509

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

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #7: Operating Budget

Est. tax impact \$2.012

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted within the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purpose set forth therein totaling Four Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand and Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$4,229,736). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, One Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand and Two Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$4,191,286) which is the amount of the same appropriations contained in the operating budget authorized last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #8: Add to previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds (ETFs) and Capital Reserve Funds (CRFs)

Est. tax impact \$0.460

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) to be deposited in the previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) and Capital Reserve (CRF) Funds identified below. This sum to come from taxation.

1. Refurb/Replace Fire Truck (CRF)	\$100,000
2. Replace Ambulance (CRF)	\$50,000
3. Highway Equipment (CRF)	\$70,000
4. Revaluation (CRF)	\$20,000
5. PD vehicle repairs (ETF)	\$ 5,000
6. Cemetery Maintenance/Improvements (ETF)	\$ 5,000

TOTAL \$250,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #9: Discontinue certain existing Expendable Trust Funds

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

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #10: Purchase a new One Ton Dump Truck

Est. tax impact: \$ 0.000

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #11: Old Town Hall Restoration

Est. tax impact: \$ 0.156

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$170,000) to plan, design, and construct the restoration of the Iron Works Old Town Hall pursuant to the First Phase recommendations set forth in the Iron Works Old Town Hall Condition Assessment and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for partial funding from the State of New Hampshire's L-CHIP grant program, other grant programs and accept donations to cover 50% of the First Phase costs, the remaining 50% of the costs (\$85,000) to come from taxation. If this Article 11 is voted "Yes", it will not lapse until the First Phase recommendations set forth in the Iron Works Old Town Hall Condition Assessment are fully implemented or December 31, 2023, whichever occurs first.

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #12: Modify the Elderly Tax Exemptions

To see if the Town will modify the elderly tax exemption under RSA 72:38-a established by the 2017 Town Meeting and modified by 2020 Town Meeting by reducing the amount of the exemption as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, the exemption amount shall be no more than Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, the exemption amount shall be no more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,00); and for a person 80 years of age or older, the exemption amount shall be no more than One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00). Further, to see if the Town will modify the qualifications for the elderly tax exemption by reducing the maximum allowable net income from Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for individuals and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000), combined, for married couples to Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for individuals and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000), combined, for married couples. Further, to see if the Town will modify the qualifications for the elderly tax exemption by reducing the maximum amount of total assets that may be owned by an individual to qualify for the elderly tax exemption from Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000), excluding a person's residence, to One Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #13: Energy Audit

Est. tax impact \$0.028

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #14: Academy Building Landscaping and Town Office Sign Repair

Est. tax impact \$0.025

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars (\$13,600) for the purpose of completing landscaping in front of the Academy Building on Province Road, including, but not limited to: (1) remove existing wall stones, (2) fill the hole where the sugar maple was removed, (3) re-locate and re-install the existing Town Office road sign with new granite posts, (4) install a farmer's retaining wall using the existing stones on-site, (5) back fill with planting mix and mulch, and (5) plant shrubs and perennials. This sum to come from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #15: Petition- Support the Gilmanton Year-Round Library (by petition)

Est. tax impact \$0.086

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #16: Support the Gilmanton Youth Organization

Est. tax impact \$0.010

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #17: Support the American Red Cross Association of New Hampshire and Vermont

Est. tax impact \$0.004

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #18: Support the New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse

Est. tax impact \$0.002

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #19: Support the Laconia Area Center of Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

Est. tax impact \$0.009

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #20: Support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Est. tax impact \$0.014

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #21: Support the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association

Est. tax impact \$0.005

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #22: Support the Gilmanton Iron Works Private Library

Est. tax impact \$0.002

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #23: Support the Central NH Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice

Est. tax impact \$0.014

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #24: Support the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of NH

Est. tax impact \$0.002

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #25: Support the Rocky Pond Association Milfoil

Est. tax impact \$0.002

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #26: Support the Gilmanton July 4th Association

Est. tax impact \$0.008

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #27: Establish Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) Highway Vehicles & Equipment Repairs

Est. tax impact \$0.018

To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) for the purpose of repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining Highway Department Vehicles & Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #28: Establish Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) Transfer Station Vehicles & Equipment Repairs

Est. tax impact \$0.018

To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) for the purpose of repairing, refurbishing, and maintaining Transfer Station Department Vehicles & Equipment and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be deposited in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...

Article #29: Refurbish Transfer Station Baler

Est. tax impact \$0.000

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: ...