



503 Province Rd  
Gilmanton NH 03237

## **VOTER'S GUIDE**

### **EXPLANATION OF TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES YEAR 2022**

To help voters have a clearer understanding of each topic, we have prepared the ensuing Voter's Guide for your consideration. This document is meant to explain the intent of each article and provide some background information on the topic; it is not intended to influence your position or otherwise seek to have you vote in a particular way.

If you have any questions that can be answered before the March 08<sup>th</sup> elections you can submit your questions by email to the Town Administrator at [hcarpenter@gilmantonnh.org](mailto:hcarpenter@gilmantonnh.org) .

The money articles have an overall estimated Tax impact per \$1,000 of property valuation. Please remember, this is just an estimate based on a current snapshot in time using information and revenue projections that are available today. We have provided this information here to give voters an idea of what the individual articles will cost if approved by voters. Tax impact information listed in this Guide will also be listed on the ballot.

**See the main page at [www.gilmantonnh.org](http://www.gilmantonnh.org)**

## **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS?**

**First**, you must be registered to vote.

How do I register to vote?

1. You may apply to your Town Clerk's office. You will be required to fill out a standard voter registration form.
2. You may also register with your community's Supervisors of the Checklist. By law, the supervisors are required to meet on the Saturday, 10 days prior to each election (Saturday, February 26, 2022) Check the local newspaper or call your clerk's office for the date and time of such meeting.
3. Qualified individuals may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day at all elections.

No matter when or where you register to vote, you will be required to fill out a standard voter registration form, and you will be asked to show proof of identity, age, citizenship, and domicile. These qualifications may be established by signing affidavit(s). Proof of identification is needed.

Further questions may be answered at [SOS.NH.GOV](https://sos.nh.gov) or by contacting your local Town Clerk.

**Second**, the Deliberative Session of Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 05th, 2022. All the warrant articles will be open for discussion (except zoning ordinance changes).

**Third**, at the Voting Session of Town Meeting on March 08th, 2022, voters can come to the polls anytime between 7am and 7 pm to vote on the articles as amended from the Deliberative Session. Voters cannot make any changes to the articles at the Voting Session. Voters only have the option to vote "YES" to be in favor of an article or "NO" to be opposed to an article. Proof of identification is needed on voting day.

The voters are tallied by computer and reported the same day as the polls are open. Most articles require a simple majority for passage. Some articles, such as bond articles and changing the purpose of a capital reserve fund, require a supermajority for passage, i.e., a 3/5ths majority or 60%.

## **HOW DO I VOLUNTEER FOR THE TOWN?**

The Town relies upon volunteers to serve on the various boards, committees, and commissions as members and alternate members. Some of these positions are elected, however some are appointed by the Board of Selectmen or members of the sitting board.

- Send in your ideas and letters of interest

## **CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE**

### **Why are we proposing to place money into capital reserved funds?**

Capital reserved funds are, in essence, savings accounts for a particular purpose. Capital reserve funds and their purposes are established by the Town Meeting, and the purpose can only be changed by the Town Meeting by a 3/5ths majority. Capital reserve funds are generally used for big ticket items. Without capital reserve funds, vehicles equipment, new facilities or renovation of existing facilities would need to be funded through raising the money all at once, leases, or the sale of municipal bonds. Borrowing money for these purposes can add additional costs in the form of interest payments over the period of the lease or bond until those instruments are paid off.

Both capital reserve funds and borrowing money spread the cost of what is being purchased over multiple years. This minimizes spikes in the tax rate. Capital reserve funds make those payments in advance of the purchase while borrowing spreads out the cost in the future. Appropriations to capital reserve funds are invested and earn interest. The trustees of the trust funds invest and manage these funds.

### **What is the unreserved fund balance?**

The unreserved fund balance also known as the unassigned fund balance, is composed of two sources. The first is the surplus funds or unused funds in the Town budget for each year. Unexpended funds from the budget are transferred to the unreserved fund balance. The second source is additional revenues above what was anticipated for any particular year. These funds are also transferred to the unreserved fund balance. The NH Department of Revenue Administration, along with guidance from the Government Finance Officers Association, recommends the unreserved fund balance should be between 5% as a minimum and a maximum of 17% of general fund operating revenues.

**The unreserved fund balance can be thought of as equity.**

## **BUDGET PROCESS DESCRIPTION**

Operating budgets are typically submitted by Department Heads to the Board of Selectmen in the fall. Department Heads submit a budget worksheet and any supporting documentation necessary to explain/justify their budget request line-by-line. Department Heads also submit their capital requirements which will be the basis for individual or special warrant articles.

Submitted Department budgets are integrated into one master operating town budget worksheet. The Board of Selectmen reviews the individual department budget worksheets, the master operating town budget worksheet, and capital requirements and meets with Department Heads starting in August, meeting with the Budget Committee in early November. The Board adjusts and submits a recommended operating town budget to the Budget Committee, along with individual and special warrant articles. The Board of Selectmen also calculates the default budget which, if the operating budget fails, becomes the adopted budget unless the Board of Selectmen decides to hold one special meeting to address a revised operating budget. The default budget is the same as last year's voted budget with certain adjustments made per RSA 40:13, IX (b).

During November and December, the Budget Committee reviews the proposed budgets as requested by the Department Heads and as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. The Budget Committee then holds a public hearing in early January (this year's Budget Committee hearing was held on January 05th, 2022). This is an informational session for voters to learn more about the budget and ask questions. At "Super Saturday" Session (this occurred on January 08th, 2022), the Budget Committee votes to recommend a budget to the voters, taking into consideration the public input gathered at the public hearing.

The First Session of Town Meeting (also known as Deliberative Session) is the next step in the process and is being held between the first Saturday in February and the second Saturday in February (February 05<sup>th</sup> this year). Voters in attendance have the power to amend the budget and certain warrant articles, including the amounts of the proposed appropriations (within certain limits), but cannot change the default budget, proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, and certain other articles. The changes made at the Deliberative Session will be included on the official ballot to be voted on at the Second Session of Town Meeting (also known as Voting Session), which is held the second Tuesday in March. Voters cannot amend the articles at the Voting Session; voters can only vote "yes" or "no" on each ballot question.

The Town has a calendar year budget which begins each year on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Voters in March are voting on a budget which began in January.

## ARTICLES FOR VOTING

### Article #1: Election of Officials

To elect those running for office.

## ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

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

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: to see if the town will amend Article III.F Signs to remove any wording which regulates on the basis of content to allow for all signs be treated equally, by adding definitions for a permanent sign intending to be in place longer than 90 days and a temporary sign to be not permanently attached, adding exempt signs to be governmental, traffic control devices, street numbers, and warning signs, expanding what may constitute a flashing or moving sign, to increase the size of signs not in the business & light business zones to 25 sq.ft. from 9 sq.ft. and to allow two permanent signs per lot versus one in the business and light business zones.

**Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes**

**Explanatory Note: The intent is to amend the current sign ordinance to come into compliance with developments in constitutional law by removing zoning distinctions based on the content of signs. The intent is also to add definitions pertaining to permanent signs and temporary signs, adding provisions for exempt signs, increase the size allowance for signs outside the business & light business zones, and increase the permissible number of signs within the business and light business zone per lot.**

## WARRANT ARTICLE

### Article # 03: Operating Budget **Est tax impact \$5.105**

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, Six Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Forty-Two Dollars (\$4,673,342). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$4,323,355) which is the same as 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: Yes**

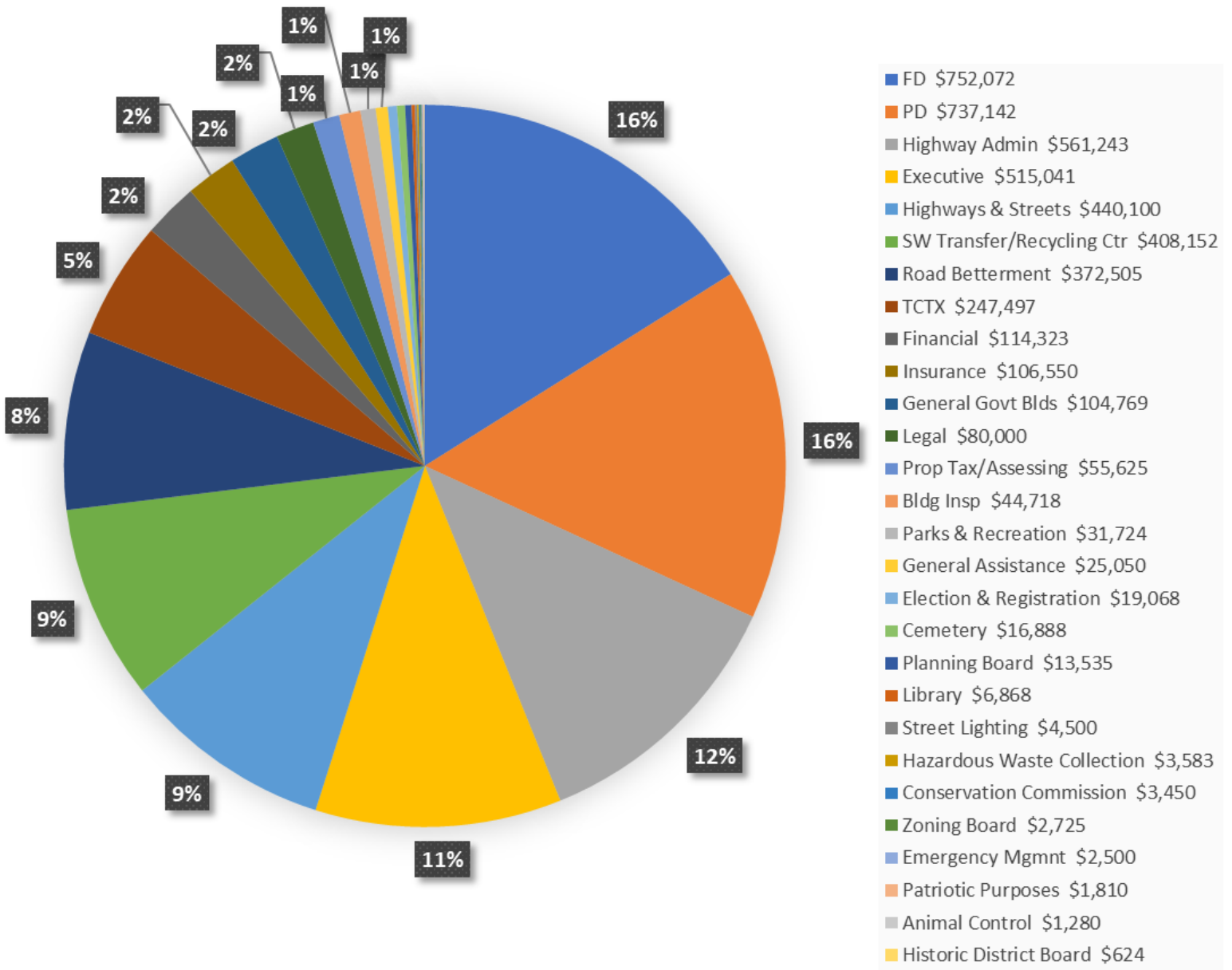
**Explanatory Note: Please refer to Budget worksheets. This article is the budget for the Town. This article has an impact on property tax of \$5.105 per \$1,000 of valuation. The 2022 proposed Operating Budget is 9.09% higher than the 2021 Operating Budget, which was approved at \$4,266,613.**

**Most of the increase in the proposed 2022 Operating Budget in this year's operating budget request is to keep up with the cost of inflation due to increase in materials, rates, wages, and the need for increased staff due to expansion in workload.**

**The official inflation rate for 2021 is 7% per the Consumer Price Index.**

**The 2022 Operating Budget warrant article does not include appropriations included in any other warrant articles.**

## 2022 RECOMMENDED BUDGET – DEPARTMENT PIE CHART



**Article #04: Fire Truck Replacement**

**Est tax impact \$0.00**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$850,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Fire Truck with \$555,000.00 coming from the unassigned fund balance, and \$295,000.00 coming from the Refurbish/Replace Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This is a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the purchase of the Fire Truck is complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever comes first.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**(Majority vote required)**

**Explanatory Note: This article is for the replacement of the 2004 HME Fire Truck. The funding of this article comes from the unassigned fund balance and capital reserve fund. Consequently, the monies for this replacement are from already collected revenues and no future tax revenues would be associated with this replacement.**

The unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the government's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other words, the unassigned fund balance is everything that was not spent from the total tax dollars collected after subtracting non-spendable, restricted, committed, and assigned funds. The Town's policy for the level of unassigned fund balance that must be held in reserve is between 10 -15%. The proposed article would not result in the Town exceeding the existing policy related to the level of the unassigned fund balance.

**Article #05: Fire Department Salary/ Wages**

**Est. tax impact \$0.207**

To see if the Town will authorize the creation of two, full time firefighter positions to allow for 24-hour operational coverage. Further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute at-will employment contracts for that purpose, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One-Hundred and fourteen thousand, five hundred dollars (\$114,500.00) to pay the salary and benefits for said positions.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**(Majority vote required)**

**Explanatory Note: This article is being placed as a warrant article to ask the voters if they want to see a change in the operational function of the Fire department from the current 12-hour shift to a 24-hour shift coverage. This article funds the salary and benefits for two additional full-time employees for six-months. The funds for the salaries and benefits of those positions would be placed in the following year's (2023) operating budget to cover the annual salary and benefits of both positions.**

**Article # 06: Add to existing ETFs Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds and CRFs Capital Reserve Funds**

**Est. tax impact \$0.244**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One-Hundred and Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) to be deposited in the previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) and Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) are identified below.

Highway Equipment (CRF)	\$ 70,000.00
Highway Vehicle Equip/Repair (ETF)	\$ 10,000.00
Revaluation (CRF)	\$ 20,000.00
Non CR Welfare Fund (ETF)	\$ 25,000.00
Transfer Station Vehicle & Equip Rep(ETF)	\$ 5,000.00
Cemetery Maintenance/Improvements (ETF)	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 135,000.00

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**Required. (Majority vote required.)**

**Explanatory Note:** This article is for continued contributions into previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) and Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) in anticipation of future purchases and expenses.

Information related to capital projects can be found in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Town's CIP contains all the individual capital projects, equipment purchases, and major studies for the Town, as well as construction and completion schedules and financing plans. The plan provides a working blueprint for maintaining, replacing, or updating the Town's property, equipment, and infrastructure.

**Article # 07: Town Driveways**

**Est. tax impact \$0.145**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to be deposited in the previously established Town Driveways Capital Reserve Fund (CRF).

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**Required. (Majority vote required.)**

**Explanatory Note:** The purpose of this article is to fund the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of creating, repairing, and maintenance of Town driveways. Over the next two years, the Town anticipates using funds in the Town Driveways Capital Reserve Fund to repair and maintain the driveway at the Public Safety Building.



**Article # 08: Establish Non-Capital Reserve Fund Infrastructure Repairs & Updates**

**Est. tax impact \$0.181**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Non-Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing, paving, and updating roadways, drainage systems, and other infrastructure and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) 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: Yes**  
**Required. (Majority vote required)**

**Explanatory Note: The purpose of the establishment of this account is for the planning and funding of future infrastructure projects not covered within the operating budget. If approved, the Board of Selectmen would be authorized to expend monies appropriated by the Town Meeting into this account without further Town Meeting Approval.**

**Article # 09: Purchase Police Cruiser**

**Est. tax impact \$0.092**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$51,000) to purchase, equip and prepare for service a new Police Department cruiser. This is a non-lapsing warrant article per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the purchase of the Police Cruiser is complete or until December 31, 2024, whichever comes first.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**  
**Required. (Majority vote required)**

**Explanatory Note: This article is to fund the purchase of a cruiser for the Police Department and to stay on track with the current schedule for cruiser replacements set forth in the Capital Improvement Plan.**

**Article # 10: Purchase Security System for the Public Safety Building**

**Est. tax impact \$0.043**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) to purchase a new security system for the Public Safety Building.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes**  
**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**  
**(Majority vote required)**

**Explanatory Note: This article is to fund the purchase of a new security system which will replace the outdated set-up currently on the property and will include other upgrades, including, but not limited to, alarm system, video cameras interior and exterior to the Public Safety Building.**

**Article # 11: Energy Upgrades to Town Facilities**

**Est. tax impact \$0.072**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the purpose of completing energy efficiency upgrades to various town buildings as identified in the energy audit completed in 2021.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**(Majority vote required)**

**Explanatory Note: This article is to fund energy efficiency measures allowing for energy savings, improved comfort in municipal buildings, and potential tax dollar savings. The improvements include converting to LED light fixtures in buildings that lack them, installation and upgrading of weatherstripping for doors and windows, insulating hot water pipes and attic space, and a more efficient heater. These improvements will take place in the Gilmanton Iron Works Fire Station, Public Safety Building, DPW Building, Transfer Station, and Historical Society Museum in the Old Town Hall.**

**Article # 12: Deeded Property Clean Up**

**Est. tax impact \$0.013**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the cleanup and repair of properties taken by Town tax deed for the purpose of readying such properties for sale.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**(Majority vote required)**

**Explanatory Note: This article is to fund the remediation and clean-up of properties taken by Tax deed by the Town. Remediation and clean-up may include a level one environmental assessment (which is a study that does research to determine whether the property has a history which may suggest potential environmental impacts), removal of dilapidated structures, trash, vehicles, and other material that could pose a potential safety hazard.**

### **Article # 13: Sale of Town Properties**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the following properties in the Town of Gilmanton to be sold at public auction:

Map/Lot	Description	Acreage
118-027-001	Land Only Aspen Ave	0.48
119-045	Land Only Iris Ave	0.14
119-053	Land Only Locust Ave	0.14
122-122	Land Only Dock Rd	0.26
130-042	Land Only Winter St	0.491
130-051	Land Only Intervale Rd	0.339
131-083	Land Only Valley Shore Dr	0.36
132-096	Land Only Buck Ln	0.17
133-018	Land Only Moccasin Path	0.14
412-024	Land Only NH Rte 106	10.1
414-085	Land & Building 805 Province Rd	3.1
420-136	Land & Building 326 Allens Mill Rd	6.0

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**Explanatory Note: This article is to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell properties taken previously by tax deed through public auction for which the Town does not intend to put to public use. If sold to a private, non-tax-exempt entity, the property would be put on the tax rolls of the Town and become part of the tax base.**

### **Article # 14: Land Use Change Tax**

To see if the Town will vote to deposit 50% of all revenues collected for each parcel removed from current use pursuant to RSA chapter 79-A (the Land Use Change tax provision of the Current Use Assessment statute) to be deposited into the Town's Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III (Conservation Commission Statute), as is authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II for the purpose of evaluating, acquiring and/or managing conservation land, conservation easements or trail easements. This article only changes the amount of monies to be deposited in this fund which was revised and approved in 2007. (Currently this amount is \$2,500 plus 10% of any amount thereafter of the total annual revenues collected.)

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**Explanatory Note: This article is to increase the percentage of land use change tax revenues collected that are given to the Town's Conservation Fund, which would give a potential increase in funds to allow the Conservation Commission to evaluate, acquire, and/or manage conservation land, conservation easements, or trail easements. This increase in percentage to the Conservation Fund decreases the amount of revenue that the Town can recapture when land is taken out of current use.**

**Article # 15: Conservation Commission Membership- Amendment**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the membership of the Gilmanton Conservation Commission from 6 to 7 members as provided in RSA 36-A:3.

**Recommended by the Conservation Commission: Yes**

**Explanatory Note: This article is to add a member on the Conservation Commission to allow for an odd number membership in alignment with most other Boards, Committees, and Commissions in the Town.**

**Article# 16: Adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit**

Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28, and will be available effective April 1, 2022.

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

**Explanatory Note: This article is to allow the opportunity to resident veterans who have yet to apply or have been previously disqualified for the Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) due to not serving in a qualifying war or conflict to apply for a \$500.00 tax credit.**

**OUTSIDE AGENCIES**

**Explanatory Note - Articles 17 through 28: The Town has placed donations to non-municipal entities in separate warrant articles rather than as part of the operating budget.**

**Article # 17: Support the Gilmanton Year-Round Library (by petition)**

**Est. tax impact \$0.085**

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 2022.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**Article # 18: 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: Yes**

**Article # 19: 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-hr 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: Yes**

**Article # 20: Support the Community Action Program**

**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: Yes**

**Article # 21: 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: Yes**

**Article # 22: 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: Yes**

**Article # 23: 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, a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

**Article #24: Support Granite VNA formerly Central NH Visiting Nurses 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 Granite VNA 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: Yes**

**Article # 25: 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: Yes**

**Article # 26: 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: Yes**

**Article # 27: Support the Gilmanton July 4th Association**

**Est. tax impact \$0.009**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) 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: Yes**

**Article # 28: Support the Mid-State Health Center**

**Est. tax impact \$0.0001**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$270) for the purpose of supporting the Mid State Health Center which is a non-profit agency that provides medical, dental, behavioral health, and substance use disorder treatment.

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

**Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes**

## HOW IS THE PROPERTY TAX RATE SET?

The property tax rate is set every year usually in October but sometimes as late as November by DRA. The tax rate has four components: Town; Local School; State Education; and County.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Town	5.58	5.61	5.58	5.83	4.82	4.23	5.51	4.10	4.97	5.74	6.05	4.71	4.38
Local School	15.09	14.64	14.22	15.95	16.57	16.15	16.73	14.82	12.36	13.93	13.68	13.48	12.71
State Education	1.81	1.82	1.85	2.18	2.20	2.33	2.34	2.67	2.43	2.39	2.42	2.38	2.49
County	1.02	1.13	1.14	1.38	1.21	1.21	1.36	1.34	1.39	1.36	1.36	1.38	1.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.50</b>	<b>23.20</b>	<b>22.79</b>	<b>25.34</b>	<b>24.80</b>	<b>23.91</b>	<b>25.94</b>	<b>22.93</b>	<b>21.15</b>	<b>23.42</b>	<b>23.51</b>	<b>21.95</b>	<b>20.98</b>
Village District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.28	0.20	0.13
Sawyer Lake District	2.36	1.78	1.79	2.22	2.00	1.90	2.04	1.97	1.81	2.02	2.18	1.84	2.18
Equalized Ratio	N/A	91%	99%	92.60%	94.40%	97.00%	103.90%	102%	111.30%	106.10%	105.30%	100.30%	96.10%

**This rate is assessed for every \$1,000.00 of property valuation. In other words, if you own property such as a house valued at \$200,000.00 the rate is calculated as 200 x \$23.20 = a tax bill for \$4,640.00**

When the voters approved the budgets, those appropriations are factored into determining the annual tax levy.

The total of all appropriations for the Town, school and County represents the amount of revenue needed to pay for the appropriations for the respective budgets. This is the total amount of anticipated spending for the year for the town, school, and County. This amount is offset by other anticipated revenues from various sources other than property taxes as well as credits.

