



**ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GILMANTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2021**

BALLOT 1 OF 4

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INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN TWO

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(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

SELECTMAN

VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

EVAN COLLINS ☐

(Write-in) ☐

ROAD AGENT

VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

PAUL H. PERKINS ☐

(Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

CANDACE L. DAIGLE ☐

(Write-in) ☐

PLANNING BOARD

VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN TWO

JACOB DALZELL ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

**TRUSTEE OF
TRUST FUNDS**

VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN TWO

FRED A. BUCHHOLZ ☐

NEIL R. ROBERTS ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

VOTE FOR NOT
THREE YEARS MORE THAN ONE

SUZANNE CHRISTIE ☐

(Write-in) ☐

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 IV, Table 1 by allowing, 55+ Housing Developments for buildings having 1-4 units by Conditional Use Permit (CUP), in the Village, Rural, Lt. Business, Business zoning districts or by Special Exception for buildings having 5-units or greater in the Village, Rural, Lt. Business, & Business Zones? Not allowed in the Conservation or Res. Lake Zones. In addition, by adding a new Article XVIII "55+ Housing Development". This article is adopted pursuant to the authority and provisions of RSA 674:21 Innovative Land Use Controls. In administering this Innovative Land Use Control ordinance, the Planning Board shall enjoy the authority to grant conditional use permits and waivers from specific requirements of this Article if and when an applicant is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that granting of such waiver(s) would not compromise achievement of the stated purpose and intent of this Ordinance. The requirements in this Section have been established for the purpose of encouraging the construction of 55+ Housing Development in the Town of Gilmanton. The intent is to provide for such housing by the provision of a Conditional Use Permit for buildings having 1-4 units or Special Exception for buildings having 5 or greater units to allow for relief from the otherwise applicable density requirements of Article III.P while complying with all applicable state and federal laws with respect to such housing, and at the same time, ensuring compliance with local planning standards, land use policies, good building design, and the requirements for the health, safety, and general welfare of all the inhabitants of the Town. Such housing shall be limited to household with at least one person age 55 or older and in no event any persons under the age of 19. All sites shall provide for open space of the site's net tract area as follows: 25% in the Rural Zone and 15% in the Village, Lt. Business, & Business Zones.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 3: Zoning Ordinance Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the town will amend Article IV, Table 1 by allowing Solar Energy System-Roof Mounted by right in all Zones and Solar Energy Systems-Ground Mounted/Pole Mounted by Conditional Use Permit in all Zones. In addition, by adding a new paragraph under Article III. This renewable energy systems ordinance is enacted under the provisions of RSA 674:21, II Innovative Land Use Controls and in accordance with RSA 674:17.(l)(j), and the purposes outlined in RSA 672:1- III-a as amended. The purpose of this ordinance is to accommodate Solar Energy Systems and Distributed Generation Resources in appropriate locations, while protecting the public's health, safety and welfare.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Article 4: Zoning Ordinance Amendment #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the town will amend Article VI.D Manufactured Housing Continued: Storage and Use of Recreational Vehicles to update the wording of the existing ordinance based on the recommendations from the Town solicitor? The wording does change the intent of paragraph VI.D.1 whereas the requirement to store a recreational vehicle can only be on one's primary residential property. This would allow a non-resident to store a recreational vehicle as accessory use to a single-family or two-family dwelling or vacant lot owned by the same person as, and abutting, a lot where the primary use is a single- or two-family dwelling in the Village, Rural, Conservation, Lt. Business, & Business Zones. The intent of the remainder of the existing ordinance shall not change.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Article 5: Zoning Ordinance Amendment #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the town will amend Article IV, Table 1 by allowing Outdoor Event Venue by Conditional Use Permit in the Village, Rural, Lt. Business, & Business Zones; by Special Exception in the Conservation Zone; and not permitted in the Res. Lake Zone? In addition, by adding a new paragraph under Article III with the definition of "Outdoor Event Venue" to be "A site that accommodates the gathering of groups and/or individuals to host a commercial event such as a wedding, business meeting(s), or any other outdoor activity. Such events are expected to be conducted outdoors with accessory buildings or structures that are ancillary uses".

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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: Yes

Article 7: Operating Budget

Est. tax impact \$5.015

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 Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$4,266,615). 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

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ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

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.

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| 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

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

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.

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| • 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 |

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 10: Purchase Highway One Ton Dump Truck

Est. tax impact \$0.00

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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 11: Establish Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) Highway Vehicles & Equipment Repairs

Est. tax impact \$0.028

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 Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be deposited in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 12: Establish Non-Capital Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) Transfer Station Vehicles & Equipment Repairs

Est. tax impact \$0.009

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be deposited in this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

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ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 13: 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).

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 14: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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: Yes

Article 15: By Petition: Amend Elderly Exemption

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 (\$100,000); 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).

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 16: Energy Efficiency 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 17: By Petition: Support the Gilmanton Year-Round Library

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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

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Article 18: By Petition: New Hampshire Resolution for Fair Nonpartisan Redistricting

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the town of Gilmanton to see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the town of Gilmanton to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Gilmanton to petition the NH General Court/or its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests.

YES ☐

NO ☐

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to Gilmanton's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

Article 19: By Petition: New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution

We the town of Gilmanton hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

YES ☐

NO ☐

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Gilmanton's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Gilmanton's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Gilmanton's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

Article 20: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 21: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 22: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 23: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 24: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 25: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 26: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 27: 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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 28: Support the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Hampshire

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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

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Article 29: 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.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

Article 30: 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.

YES ☐
NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes

SAMPLE

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT