

781 voters



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION GILMANTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2023

BALLOT 1 OF 3

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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.

Grid of ballot sections: BOARD OF SELECTMAN, TOWN CLERK TAX COLLECTOR, MODERATOR, TRUSTEE OF CEMETERIES, TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS, TRUSTEE OF THE LIBRARY, BUDGET COMMITTEE, PLANNING BOARD, SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST. Includes handwritten vote counts and names.

ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 02 Zoning Ordinance Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Gilmanton as follows: to amend article VII. Non-Conforming Uses, Lots & Structures to allow an existing non-conforming structure to be replaced in the same footprint without a variance or special exception and to allow a waiver from encroachment, well setback, or slope requirements on a septic system design on a non-conforming lot?

Handwritten: 538 + 14 = 552 YES, 191 + 1 = 192 NO

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

Article 03 Zoning Ordinance Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Gilmanton as follows: to amend Article XVI. Definitions to remove the definition of "warehouse"; to create the definition of "Commercial Storage Facility" to be a building or series of buildings which are leased or rented; to create the definition of "Warehouse or Wholesale Marketing" to be storage for the sole purpose of distribution; and to amend the definition of Storage Building- Noncommercial to remove the requirement that it be used by the owner of the lot?

Handwritten: 506 + 10 = 516 YES, 215 + 4 = 219 NO

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

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ZONING WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 04 Zoning Ordinance Amendment #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Gilmanton as follows: to amend Article IV, Table 1. Table of Uses to add "Commercial Storage Facility" to be by special exception in the Village Zone, by conditional use permit in the Rural & Residential Lake Zones, permitted in the Business & Light Business Zones, not permitted in the Conservation Zone; to add "Storage Building Non-commercial" to be permitted in the Village, Rural, Conservation, Light Business & Business Zones and by conditional use permit in the Residential Lake Zone; and to amend the use of Warehouse Existing Building and New Construction to be allowed by conditional use permit in the Rural & Light Business Zones where currently is not permitted or permitted by special exception?

448 + 11 = 459

YES

NO

Recommended by the Planning Board: Yes

253 + 4 = 257

WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 05 Ambulance & Equipment Lease/Purchase

To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease-purchase agreement to acquire and outfit a replacement for Ambulance #2 for the total purchase price of Four Hundred Nineteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$419,766). Further, to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$200,922) for the initial down payment with One Hundred and Forty-Six Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$146,250) to come from the previously established EMS Revolving Account and Fifty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Two 00/100 Dollars (\$54,672) from the previously established Repair, Replace EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund.

513 + 11 = 524

YES

NO

If authorized, the annual lease payment in the amount of Fifty-Four Thousand and Fifty-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$54,054.00) will be raised and appropriated through the Town's operating budget starting in fiscal year 2025 through fiscal year 2028. (3/5th Ballot Vote Required)

27 + 4 = 221

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

315 passed

Article 06 2023 Operating Budget

Est tax impact \$ 5.715

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 Five Million, Ninety-Two Thousand, Five Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$5,092,570.00). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Four Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Four Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars (\$4,894,138) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the 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.

415 + 8 = 423

YES

NO

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

316 + 7 = 323

Article 07 Deposit of funds to ETF and CRF funds

Est. tax impact \$0.295

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One-Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) to be deposited in the previously established Non-Capital Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) and Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) identified below. This sum to come from taxation.

Highway Equipment	(CRF)	\$ 70,000.00
Highway Vehicle Equip/Repair	(ETF)	\$ 10,000.00
Recycling & Transfer Facility Improvemnt	(CRF)	\$ 30,000.00
Recycling Equipment	(CRF)	\$ 50,000.00
Transfer Station Vehicle & Equip Rep	(ETF)	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL		\$165,000.00

535 + 11 = 546

YES

NO

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

199 + 5 = 204

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Article 08 Revaluation Capital Reserve

Est. tax impact \$0.072

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be put into the previously established Revaluation Capital Reserve account and further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account previously established in 2001.

YES
NO

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

$458 + 0 = 464$
 $268 + 7 = 275$

Article 09 Capital Reserve Academy Mechanical Upgrades

Est. tax impact \$0.045

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be deposited in the Academy Mechanical Upgrades Capital Reserve Fund established in 2018.

YES
NO

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

$505 + 9 = 514$
 $224 + 4 = 228$

Article 10 Establish an Accrued Liability Expendable Trust Fund

Est. Tax impact \$0.088

To see if the town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of funding Accrued Benefit Liability, including the payout of wages, vacation, health insurance, or other benefits related to the separation or retirement of the Town employees, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in this fund and, further, to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend money from this fund.

YES
NO

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

$433 + 9 = 442$
 $291 + 4 = 295$

Article 11 Purchase Police Cruiser

Est. tax impact \$0.088

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000) to purchase, equip and prepare for service a new Police Department cruiser and to partially fund this appropriation by withdrawing Twenty-Thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Police Outside Detail Revolving Fund established in 2015 and modified in 2018, the remaining sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$49,000.00) to come from taxation. 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.

YES
NO

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

$483 + 7 = 490$
 $255 + 6 = 261$

Article 12 Re-Adopt all Veterans' Tax Credit

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit in the amount of \$500.00? If re-adopted, the following individuals will be eligible for the Veteran's Tax Credit: (a) every resident of this state who is a veteran, as defined by RSA 21:50, and who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict listed in RSA 72:28, V and continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, (b) every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident; and (c) the surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death. This tax credit shall replace and shall not be in addition to the standard veteran's tax credit and shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28, III.

YES
NO

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

$648 + 11 = 659$
 $81 + 2 = 83$

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WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 13 Re-Adopt all Veterans' Tax Credit under RSA 72:28b

Shall the Town vote to re-adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, the All Veterans' Tax Credit? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident of the state who is a veteran as defined in RSA 21:50, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and (2) continues to serve or was honorably discharged or an officer who continues to serve or was honorably separated from services and (3) 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. This tax credit shall be subtracted in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, III. This article shall be contingent on the passage of Article 12. If the Town Meeting votes "no" on Article 12, this Article shall be null and void.

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

643 + 11 = 654

YES
NO

87 + 2 = 89

Article 14 Conservation-Establish a Town Forest

To see if the Town will vote to establish a town forest under RSA 31:110, on the following parcel of land: Map 410, lot 43, totaling 189.036 acres, located within the Rural Zone and to authorize the conservation commission to manage said town forest pursuant to RSA 31:112, II.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes
Conservation Commission Recommended: Yes

610 + 10 = 620

YES
NO

132 + 3 = 135

Article 15 Discontinue Brick School Lane AKA Brick School House Rd.

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue completely the Class VI highway known as Brick School Lane (AKA Brick School-House Road). Brick School Lane commences at Stage Road and terminates at the boundary of property owned by the First Baptist Society and Religious Association (Tax Map 424, Lot 008), traversing approximately 695 feet.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: Yes

580 + 8 = 588

YES
NO

136 + 5 = 141

Article 16 By PETITION Amend the Elderly Tax Exemption

Est. tax impact: The tax impact is dependent on the number of individuals who qualify.

To see if the town will maintain the elderly exemption from property taxes under RSA 72:39-b established by the 2017 Town Meeting and modified by 2020 and 2021 Town Meetings in the Town of Gilmanton based on the assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000); for a person 80 years of age and older, One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000).

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three years; own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married at least five consecutive years. In addition, to see if the town will modify the elderly tax exemption by increasing the maximum allowable net income from Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) for the individual and Forty Thousand (\$40,000), combined, for married couples to Thirty Thousand dollars (\$30,000) for individuals and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000), combined, for married couples, and own net assets not in excess of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) excluding the value of the person's residence.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: No
Recommended by the Budget Committee: No

378 + 6 = 384

YES
NO

355 + 7 = 362

Article 17 By PETITION Amend Historic District Map to Remove Parcel

TITLE LXIV Planning and Zoning- Chapter 675- Enactment and Adoption procedure
No Tax Impact

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment as proposed by the petition of the voters of this town to amend town of Gilmanton Historic District Ordinance as follows.

Amend the official Historic District Map of the Town of Gilmanton by removing land known as Tax Map/Lot 000419, Parcel ID: 419-025-000-000 located on Meeting House Rd. from being designated as part of the Gilmanton Historic District. Said parcel is located near 215 Meeting House Rd.

Recommended by the Planning Board: YES

542 + 10 = 552

YES
NO

170 + 3 = 173

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Article 18 By PETITION Change Elected Road Agent to Appointed Public Works Director

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 231:62, to change the position of elected Road Agent to a position appointed by the Board of Selectmen, and to change the title of Road Agent to "Public Works Director," (PWD) said position to have all duties of a Road Agent under RSA 231:62 and any one or more of the following additional duties pursuant to RSA 231:63: the care and maintenance collection of waste, refuse and garbage; care of public dumps; care of public parks and cemeteries; public beaches; public forests; public playgrounds; shade and ornamental trees. If approved, this article shall be effective as of the date of the 2024 Town Meeting.

374 + 3 = 377
YES
NO
357 + 5 = 362

Article 19 By PETITION Support Shell Camp Pond Management Group

Est. tax impact \$0.013
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) for the purpose of supporting the Shellcamp Lake Management Group in controlling the presence and proliferation of milfoil at Shellcamp Pond.

279 + 3 = 282
YES
NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: No
Recommended by the Budget Committee: No

468 + 5 = 473

Article 20 By PETITION Support Gilmanon Year-Round Library

Est. tax impact \$0.084
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 Gilmanon Year-Round Library for Fiscal Year 2023.

450 + 5 = 455
YES
NO

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

309 + 3 = 312

Article 21 Support Gilmanon 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 (\$5,500.00) for the purpose of supporting the Gilmanon 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 Gilmanon, as well as the continued operation, maintenance, and development of GYO Park.)

659 + 7 = 666
YES
NO
98 + 1 = 99

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

Article 22 Support 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.

574 + 6 = 580
YES
NO

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

182 + 2 = 184

Article 23 Support 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 Gilmanon through the Laconia Area Center of Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.

571 + 5 = 576
YES
NO

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

179 + 3 = 182

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WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 24 Support the Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Est. tax impact \$0.013

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

$548 + 6 = 554$

$201 + 2 = 203$

Article 25 Support the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association

Est. tax impact \$0.007

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) 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

$529 + 8 = 537$

221

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, a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

YES
NO

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

$491 + 7 = 498$

$253 + 1 = 254$

Article 27 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.

YES
NO

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

$582 + 6 = 588$

$163 + 2 = 165$

Article 28 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.

YES
NO

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

$575 + 6 = 581$

$168 + 2 = 170$

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

$413 + 5 = 418$

$327 + 3 = 330$

Article 30 Support the Gilmanton 4th of July Association

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) 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

$589 + 8 = 597$

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YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT