

MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING

MARCH 9, 2004 – MARCH 13, 2004

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Gilmanton in the County of Belknap in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby to meet at the Gilmanton Academy in said Gilmanton on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March 2004, next at 7:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article #1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1, proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board, for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? To adopt an Interim Growth Management Ordinance in accordance with RSA 674:23 in order to place a moratorium on any new residential subdivision and/or residential site plan applications until after March 8, 2005 to give the town a period of time in which to amend its master plan, to develop a capital improvements plan and a growth management ordinance in order to address unusual circumstances of growth. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this amendment.)

ARTICLE #2 ADOPTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE – YES: 734 NO: 321

Article #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2, proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board, for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? To amend Article III.C. to regulate junkyards in a manner consistent with state law; to amend Article IV, Table 1 to permit licensed junkyards in the Business District and to permit licensed junkyards in the Rural and Light Business Districts by Special Exception; and to amend Article XVI by adding the definition of “Junkyard” as defined in RSA 236:112. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this amendment.)

ARTICLE #3 ADOPTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE – YES: 745 NO: 300

Article #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3, proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board, for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? To amend Article III by adding Section M. regulating Treated Soils; to amend Article IV, Table 1, to permit Treated Soils by Special Exception in the Business and Light Business Districts for commercial applications; and to amend Article XVI by adding the definition of “Treated Soils”. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this amendment.)

ARTICLE #4 ADOPTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE – YES: 665 NO: 343

Article #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4, proposed by the Gilmanton Planning Board, for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? To amend Article XVI to update the existing definition of “Wetlands” to be consistent with the *Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England* and the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual*. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this amendment.)

ARTICLE #5 ADOPTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE – YES: 761 NO: 267

Article #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5, submitted by petition, for the town Zoning Ordinance as follows? To amend Article VII regulating Non-Conforming Uses, Lots and Structures to allow the expansion, relocation or total rebuild of any existing non-conforming structure on a non-conforming lot by Special Exception rather than by Variance under certain conditions. (The Planning Board does not recommend adoption of this amendment.) (BY PETITION)

ARTICLE #6 DEFEATED – YES: 382 NO: 611

Article #7: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2) to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town of Gilmanton on the second Tuesday of March? (By Petition)

ARTICLE #7 DEFEATED BY THE REQUIRED 3/5ths MAJORITY.

YES: 458 NO: 552 (606 Votes in the affirmative needed to pass)

The following articles will be acted upon at the Gilmanton School on Saturday, March 13, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.

Moderator, George B. Roberts, Jr., called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. He asked and directed, WWII veteran, Maurice Munsey to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was recognized in remembrance of those who have passed away. Results of the ballot election were read. The newly elected town officers were asked to step forward and be sworn in. Alice M. Bean, Ella Jo Regan, Mark L. Sisti, Harold O. McArdle, Robert L. Potter, Sr. & Frank C. Bosiak, Sr. were present and given the oath of office. The Moderator then asked the newly elected School Officials to step forward to be sworn in. Zannah N. Richards, Cynthia G. Hatch, Cindy R. Houghton and Mark L. Sisti gave their oath for the school offices. Moderator George Roberts, announced that the Boy Scout Troop would be providing food service in the cafeteria and that at the Moderator’s request, we try to get as far through the basic budget before noontime as possible and then take a break. He further stated that Article #15 would be a ballot vote requiring a 2/3rd majority and regardless of where we were in the warrant, we would address Article #15 so all would be able to break for lunch.

Article #8: Shall we adopt an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00). To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, had in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources, of **not** less than Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$13,400.00) if single and Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$20,400.00) if married and own assets not in excess of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) excluding the value of the actual residence and up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance?

Stephen Goddard **moved** Article #8, **seconded** by Wendy Parent.

AMENDMENT A: Stephen Goddard **moved** to strike the word “**not**” in the text to read, “of less than Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars...”; **seconded** by Tom Scribner.

Mr. Abbott asked the Moderator to speak in order to explain Article #8 and #9; but before he does that he would like to recognize the years of service of Moderator, George Roberts.

Selectman, Nate Abbott took a moment to recognize the 37 years of dedicated service as Town and School Moderator, George B. Roberts, Jr., has given to the Town of Gilmanton; also acknowledged was Phylis Buchanan for her six years of service as a Selectperson. George and Phylis were each presented with flowers from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Selectman Abbott thanked the Moderator for his latitude, then addressed the issue of Articles 8 and 9. He explained that both articles are in direct relation to the upcoming re-evaluation and would give an exemption from assessed value for those qualified under the Disabled Exemption.

AMENDMENT A ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #8 ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #9: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax under the provisions of RSA 72:39-b in the Town of Gilmanton based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00): for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00): for a person 80

years of age or older One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) or, if married a combined income of less than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00), and own net assets not in excess of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) excluding the value of the person's residence.

Mary Goddard **moved** Article #9; **seconded** by Wendy Parent.

ARTICLE #9 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #10: Shall we modify, under the provisions of RSA 72:35, for an optional tax credit on the taxes due on residential property, for service-connected total disability? The optional tax credit is One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) rather than One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00).

Brett Currier **moved** Article #10; **seconded** by Kevin Brungot.

ARTICLE #10 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #11: Shall we modify the provisions of RSA 72:28, for an optional veterans tax credit and an expanded qualifying war service for veterans seeking the tax credit? The optional veterans' tax credit is Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) rather than the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) now offered.

Wendy Parent **moved** Article #11; **seconded** by Israel Willard.

AMENDMENT A: Wendy Parent **moved** to increase the amount to \$500 and the article to read, "The optional veterans' tax credit is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) rather than the One Hundred..."; **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

AMENDMENT A ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #11 ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #12 : To see what sum of money the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Town Government and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town for the 2004 fiscal year, as stated below, exclusive of all other warrant articles.

	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND
Selectmen	\$704,272.00	\$722,548.00
Police Dept.	303,808.00	310,722.00
Fire Dept.	263,464.00	267,448.00
Highway Dept.	691,244.00	707,181.00
Solid Waste Dept.	189,938.00	192,277.00
Building/Code Enf.	27,794.00	27,794.00

Stan Bean **moved** total of \$2,180,520 as recommended by the Budget Committee; **seconded** by Stephen Goddard.

AMENDMENT A: Michael Teunessen **moved** to amend the bottom line to \$2,765,067; **seconded** by Wendy Parent.

AMENDMENT A WITHDRAWN BY MICHAEL TEUNESSEN.

AMENDMENT B: Brett Currier **moved** to amend the Selectmen budget an increase of \$100,000, for a total of \$822,548 for the purchase of a Six Wheel Dump Truck for the Highway Department; **seconded** by Kevin Christiansen.

Mr. Currier refers to Article 14, 15, 17 and 19 and their correlation to the Fire Trucks having recommended funding and the need for the Highway Department to purchase a six-wheel dump truck. Mr. Currier would like to move the \$100,000 from Capital Reserve Fire Engine Replacement and place it in the Selectmen operating budget to fund a six-wheel dump truck. (Which article 19 refers to an estimated cost of \$96,000 to purchase the truck).

Steve Goddard speaks against amendment and recommends staying to the operating budget, keeping the capital reserve items separate and dealing with the Capital items when we come to them.

AMENDMENT B WITHDRAWN BY BRETT CURRIER AND WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUE IN ARTICLE #19.

AMENDMENT C: Nate Abbott **moved** increasing the original motion by \$47,450 for a total operating budget of \$2,227,970; **seconded** by Israel Willard.

Discussion on the amendment of Mr. Abbott explanation of why budget committee felt the reduction important for health benefits to employees and why the Selectmen felt it was important for the employees not to absorb the full amount in one year.

AMENDMENT C DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT D: Thomas O’Flaherty **moved** to amend \$6,452 to the total budget bringing the total motioned budget to \$2,234,422 to increase the police department salary line; **seconded** by Joe Hempel.

AMENDMENT D DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT E: Garret Graaskamp **moved** to amend \$28,470 to the Budget Committees recommendation bringing the total to \$2,208,990, and be placed in a Non-Capital Reserve Fund which can be used only for paying the health insurance; **seconded** by Sara Thorne.

Town Council, Walter Mitchell, states, “...this amendment cannot be done as a non-capital reserve fund item as no warrant article for this issue was established during the budget process...”

AMENDMENT E WITHDRAWN BY GARRET GRAASKAMP.

AMENDMENT F: Thomas Howe **moved** to increasing the budget committee’s recommendation by \$28,470 into the operating budget with the intention that staff will pay 20% of health benefits with the Town paying the remaining 80%; **seconded** by Nancy Porosky.

AMENDMENT F DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #12 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Dollars (\$336,000.00) to replace the River Street Bridge and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the amount of Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Bridge Fund Capital Reserve Account, with the balance of 80% of the appropriation to come from reimbursement from the State Bridge Aid Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen \$336,000.00; Recommended by the Budget Committee \$336,000.00).

Cheryl Stafford **moved** Article 13 as read; **seconded** by Stan Bean.

AMENDMENT A: Richard Deseve **moved** to amend to reduce the amount by \$50,000 for a total of \$286,000; **seconded** by Wendy Parent.

AMENDMENT A WITHDRAWN BY RICHARD DESEVE.

ARTICLE # 13 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Stephen and Mary Goddard request that their abstention from the vote be recorded, so noted.

Article #14: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of a Fire attack tanker to replace 9 Engine 3. \$150,000.00 from the Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Account and the balance of \$180,000.00 to be raised by taxes. (Recommended by Selectmen \$330,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$0.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$0.00 amount; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

ARTICLE #14 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$330,000.00) for the lease purchase of a new fire attack tanker to replace 9E3, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the Fire Engine Refurbishment/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance to be raised by taxes. Five annual payments of Forty-one Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$41,500.00) will commence in June 2005, with a One Dollar (\$1.00) buy out at end of lease. (Recommended by Selectmen \$330,000; Recommended by Budget Committee \$330,000). (2/3 majority required for approval).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 15 as read; **seconded** by Paul J. Hempel.

AMENDMENT A: Paul J. Hempel **moved** to amend the amount from “\$41,500 equal payments” to “\$41,828 equal payments”; **seconded** by Wendy Parent.

AMENDMENT A ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT B: Jeanne Tebetts **moved** to amend changing the wording from “June 2005” to “June 2006”; **seconded** by Paul J. Hempel.

AMENDMENT B ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

The Moderator called for the ballot vote at 12:30 p.m., with the poll to be open for one hour. He encouraged all to use this time to also have lunch and reconvene, promptly, at 1:30.

Moderator Roberts gave the oath of office to Library Trustee, Rebecca Ronstadt, who joined the meeting after the initial swearing of oath of office was given.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and the Town Clerk instructed to tally the ballot machine with the following result: **BALLOT TALLY: YES - 150 NO - 41**

191 Total ballots cast. (127 yes needed to pass the required 2/3rd majority).

ARTICLE #15 ADOPTED AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE REQUIRED 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE.

Article #16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Dollars (\$234,000.00) for the Highway Department to purchase a new grader, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw One Hundred Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$195,634.00), plus accumulated interest, from the Grader Capital Reserve Account with the balance to be raised by taxes. (Recommended by the Selectmen \$234,000.00; Recommended by the Budget Committee \$234,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$234,000 as read; **seconded** by Frank Bosiak.

ARTICLE #16 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

MODERATOR MOVES BODY TO ADDRESS AND VOTE ON ARTICLES 25 & 26 BEFORE ADDRESSING ART 17 & 18 DUE TO THE ISSUE OF THE SALT/SAND SHED.

Article #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$211,500.00) to be deposited in the following Capital Reserve Accounts.

	<u>BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMEND</u>	<u>BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND</u>
Capital Reserve Highway Sanders	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 00.00
Capital Reserve Replace Forestry 1	4,000.00	4,000.00
Capital Reserve Bridges	5,000.00	5,000.00
Capital Reserve Fire Engine Replacement	100,000.00	100,000.00
Capital Reserve Highway Salt & Sand Sheds	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
	\$211,500.00	\$159,000.00

(Recommended by Selectmen \$211,500.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$159,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$159,000 as recommended by the budget committee; **seconded** by Wendy Parent.

AMENDMENT A: Brett Currier **moved** to amend the article to reduce the line for Capital Reserve Fire Engine Replacement from \$100,000 to \$4,000 bringing the total of the budget committee recommendation to \$63,000; **seconded** by Thomas O’Flaherty.

AMENDMENT A ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #17 ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the construction of a salt/sand shed in **Gilmanton Corners**. (Recommended by Selectmen \$100,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$ 0.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$0.00 as recommended by the budget committee; **seconded** by Mike Teunessen.

AMENDMENT A: Nate Abbott **moved** to amend to increase Article 18 to \$100,000; **seconded** by Richard Deseve.

AMENDMENT A DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT B: Nate Abbott **moved** to amend to change the words, “Gilmanton Corners” to “within two miles of the present site.”; **seconded** by David Russell.

AMENDMENT B WITHDRAWN BY NATE ABBOTT.

Moderator, George Roberts, appoints Stan Bean as Deputy Moderator so that he may step down to offer an amendment.

AMENDMENT C: George Roberts **moved** to amend the wording from “for the construction of a salt/sand shed in Gilmanton Corners” to “for construction of a salt/sand shed in Gilmanton not more than two (2) miles from the Corners and excluding the current site”.; **seconded** by Susan Hale-Deseve.

AMENDMENT C ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT D: Heidi Herzberger **moved** to amend Amendment C to change “two (2) miles” to “four (4) miles”.; **seconded** by Stephen Goddard.

AMENDMENT D VOICE VOTE TOO CLOSE TO CALL – ASKED FOR HAND COUNT.

RESULTS OF HAND COUNT – YES: 119 NO: 19

AMENDMENT D ADOPTED BY HAND COUNT.

AMENDMENT E: David Russell **moved** to amend Amendment A from \$100,000 to \$50,000; **seconded** by Thomas Scribner.

AMENDMENT E DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #18 ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS C & D BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to establish a new Dump Truck Capital Reserve Account for the Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend such funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen \$75,000.00; Recommended by the Budget Committee \$00.00). Estimated cost of truck is Ninety Six Thousand Dollars (\$96,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** the budget committee's recommendation of \$0.00; **seconded** by Israel Willard.

AMENDMENT A: Brett Currier **moved** to amend the article to read the full \$96,000 to purchase a new Highway Truck; **seconded** by Thomas O'Flaherty.

AMENDMENT A ADOPTED BY VOICE.

AMENDMENT B: Brian Forst **moved** to amend to strike the words, "and to authorize the Selectmen as agents to expend such funds." , authorizing the Selectmen to expend the funds and to just establish the Capital Reserve for a new dump truck so that it may only be spent on a new dump truck.

Mr. Bean explained that if it were set up with the wording being presented by the amendment, then the new dump truck would not be able to be purchased until the following year.

AMENDMENT B WITHDRAWN BY BRIAN FORST.

AMENDMENT C: Wendy Parent **moved** to amend the amount in Amendment A be reduced to \$75,000; **seconded** by Stephen Goddard.

AMENDMENT C DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #19 ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$67,000.00) for the purchase of a backhoe for the Highway Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw funds from the Tractor/Loader Capital Reserve Account in the amount of Forty Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars (\$40,104.00) plus interest. Balance to be raised by taxation.
(Recommended by Selectmen \$67,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$67,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$67,000 as recommended; **seconded** by Wendy Parent

ARTICLE #20 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of preliminary engineering and design of the Police/Fire Safety Building. (Recommended by Selectmen \$50,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$50,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$50,000 as recommended; **seconded** by Michael Teunessen.

ARTICLE #21 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$26,250.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new Police Cruiser. This total includes the cost of equipping and installing all necessary equipment .
(Recommended by Selectmen \$26,250.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$26,250.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$26,250 as recommended; **seconded** Kelley Teunessen.

AMENDMENT A: Anne Maltzie **moved** to amend the wording adding after the word “equipment” to be “on a replacement vehicle.”; **seconded** by David Clairmont.

AMENDMENT A WITHDRAWN BY ANNE MALTZIE.

AMENDMENT B: Anne Maltzie **moved** to amend the wording from “of purchasing a new Police Cruiser” to “of purchasing a new replacement Police Cruiser”; seconded by Sharon Chadbourne.

AMENDMENT B DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #22 ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #23: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for paving at the Recycling Facility. (Recommended by Selectmen \$18,500.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$00.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$0.00 as recommended by Budget Committee; **seconded** by Frank Bosiak.

ARTICLE #23 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) for the purpose of re-shingling the roof at the Old Town Hall and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw funds from the Capital Reserve Town Hall Roof Account in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$15,340.00) plus interest. (Recommended by Selectmen \$18,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$18,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article #24 as read; **seconded** by George Twigg.

ARTICLE #24 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLES 25 & 26 ADDRESSED BEFORE ARTICLE #17

Article #25: To see if the town will vote to expand the purpose for which the 1999 Town Meeting retained the parcel identified as Tax Map 43-25-00, on Allen Mills Rd, from being held for recreational purposes, to being held for recreational purposes and **municipal facilities**. The Selectmen will consult and coordinate with the Gilmanton Youth Organization Advisory Board before choosing a location for a new salt/sand shed. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Mark Sawyer **moved** Article 25; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

AMENDMENT A: Steve Snow **moved** to amend to remove the words “municipal facilities” and add the wording, “for the express purpose of deciding the location of the salt/sand shed, subject to final approval of the GYO.”; **seconded** by Brett Currier.

AMENDMENT A ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #25 ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #26: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the purpose of preliminary engineering design and analysis, economic impacts and environmental engineering pertaining to a salt and sand shed in the Corners to be located within two miles of it's present location. (Recommended by the Selectmen \$15,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$15,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 26 as read; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

ARTICLE #26 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to be deposited in the existing Non-Capital Reserve Account for Court Cases and to name the Selectmen as agent to expend those funds. (Recommended by the Selectmen \$15,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$15,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 27 as read; **seconded** by Paul Hempel.

ARTICLE #27 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) to be deposited in the following Non-Capital Reserve Accounts.

Non-Capital Reserve Fire Dept. Mandated Safety Testing	\$2,000.00
Non-Capital Reserve Paramedic Intercept	1,000.00
Non-Capital Reserve Post Closure Expense	10,000.00

(Recommended by Selectmen \$13,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$13,000.00)

Stan Bean **moved** Article 28 as read; **seconded** by George Twigg.

ARTICLE #28 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Master Plan Update, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) plus interest, from the Master Plan Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance to be raised by taxes. (Recommended by Selectmen \$10,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$10,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 28 as read; **seconded** by Paul Hempel.

ARTICLE #29 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be deposited in the existing Non-Capital Reserve Account for Welfare/General Assistance and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend those funds. (Recommended by Selectmen \$10,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$10,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 30 as read; **seconded** by Betty Ann Abbott.

ARTICLE #30 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) for the annual salary increase for the elected position of Road Agent for the Town of Gilmanton. If this article is passed this amount will be added to the operating budget of the Highway Department. (Recommended by Selectmen \$8,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$8,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 31 as read; **seconded** by Paul J. Hempel III.

AMENDMENT A: Bryan McSharry **moved** to amend the amount from \$8,000 to \$4,000; **seconded** by Thomas O'Flaherty.

AMENDMENT A VOICE VOTE TOO CLOSE TO CALL BODY ASKS FOR HAND A COUNT.

RESULT OF HAND COUNT: YES - 34 NO - 64

AMENDMENT A DEFEATED BY HAND COUNT.

AMENDMENT B: Stephen Goddard **moved** to amend the amount from \$8,000 to \$2,000; **seconded** by Theodore Maltzie.

AMENDMENT B DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

AMENDMENT C: Harold McArdle **moved** to amend the amount from \$8,000 to \$3,000; **seconded** by Thomas O'Flaherty.

AMENDMENT C DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #31 DEFEATED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy One Thousand Dollars (\$71,000.00) and to accept grants of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) from the Federal Fire Act Grant, with the balance to be raised by taxes. Funding will allow the upgrading of the tanks purchased in 2002 to meet NFPA standards. (Recommended by Selectmen \$6,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$6,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$6,000; **seconded** by Michael Teunessen.

AMENDMENT A: Stan Bean **moved** to amend Article 32 from \$6,000 to \$71,000; **seconded** by Sharon Chadbourne.

AMENDMENT A WITHDRAWN.

Paul J. Hempel III pointed out that the \$71,000 was an error and the amount in the article should have been \$60,000.

AMENDMENT B: Stan Bean **moved** to amend Article 32 to \$60,000; **seconded** by Betty Ann Abbott.

AMENDMENT B ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #32 ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #33: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be deposited into the Document Restoration Non-Capital Reserve account and name the Selectmen as agents to expend these funds as needed. This article is to fund the restoration of historic documents that are in the vault in the basement of the Academy Building. These documents are overseen by the Town Clerk of the Town. (Recommended by Selectmen \$5,000.00; Recommended by the Budget Committee \$5,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 33 as read; **seconded** by Michael Teunessen.

ARTICLE #33 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$4,600.00) for the purchase of ten (10) Rescue/extrication protective coats. Purchase of this equipment will allow department employees the ability to have duty specific gear, i.e. Structural Fire gear for fire operations and Rescue/medical wear for ambulance and emergency rescue calls. This protective clothing protects employees from the threat of blood born pathogens. The use of EMS gear will extend the life of our Fire Turnout gear. (Recommended by Selectmen \$4,600.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,600.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 33 as read; **seconded** by George Twigg.

ARTICLE #34 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the purchase of two (2) AD-953 Vital Sign Monitors. These monitors will assist in the monitoring of a patient's vital signs while enroute to care facilities. One (1) unit each will be placed in our ambulances. Monitors will read; Blood pressure, oxygen saturation and body temperature. (Recommended by Selectmen \$4,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 35 as read; **seconded** by Paul J. Hempel III.

ARTICLE #35 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for Highway Safety Grants as listed below. These Grants are for salaries for the following details and will be reimbursed at 100% from the State. These funds will not be expended unless the grants are received.

Speed Detail	1,500.00
DWI Detail	1,500.00

(Recommended by Selectmen \$3,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$3,000.00)

Stan Bean **moved** Article 36 as read; **seconded** by George Twigg.

ARTICLE #36 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$2,525.00) for the annual salary increase for the elected position of Town Clerk / Tax Collector for the Town of Gilmanton. If this article is passed this amount will be added to the operating budget of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,525.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,525.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article #37 as read; **seconded** by Brett Currier.

ARTICLE #37 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #38: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (2,500.00) to be deposited in the Non-Capital Reserve Fire Dept. Tools/Equipment accounts established for that purpose and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend those funds. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,500.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,500.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 38 as read; **seconded** by Vincent Baiocchetti.

ARTICLE #38 ADOPTED AS READ BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be deposited in the Non-Capital Reserve Office Equipment Account and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend those funds. Recommended by Selectmen \$2,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,000.00).

Stan Bean **moved** Article 38 as read; **seconded** by Richard Deseve.

ARTICLE #39 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #40: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to fund the Lakes Region Public Access Fee. This allows taped meetings of the Town Boards to be aired on cable television for the residents of Gilmanton. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,216.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$00.00).

Stan Bean **moved** \$0.00 as recommended by the Budget Committee; **seconded** by David Russell.

ARTICLE #40 ADOPTED AS MOVED BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #41: To hear the reports of any Committees chosen and pass any votes relative thereto.

George Roberts **moved** Article 41; **seconded** by Debra Cornett.

The Chair, George B. Roberts, Jr., takes the opportunity to ask Mark Sisti to step forward. After explaining that Mr. Sisti does not officially become the new Moderator until after the close of Town Meeting, Mr. Roberts, graciously, deputizes Mr. Sisti as Assistant Deputy Moderator and asks him to close Town Meeting. After establishing that there was no further business, Mr. Sisti, officially, closed the Meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A. Cornett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector