

**TOWN OF GILMANTON
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 18, 2006**

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 notified to meet at the Gilmanton Academy in said Gilmanton on Tuesday, the Fourteenth day of March 2006, 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. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Action will be taken on the remaining articles at the Business Meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at the Gilmanton School, NH Route 140.

Moderator, Mark L. Sisti called the Annual Gilmanton Town Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tommy Nagel led the Color Guard in the presentation of the flags and introduced veteran Daniel Webster to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator then asked the body for a Moment of Silence to remember those who had passed in the previous year.

Mark then explained the Rules of Order: The article would be read, then moved and seconded. Amendments would be made one at a time, moved and seconded. Discussion would ensue and any amendment would be voted on (up or down); if the amendment is voted down, we would revert back to the original article.

Results of Article #1 "To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing..." were read. All new officers were asked to step forward to take the Oath of Office. Present were: Stanley O. Bean, Jr., Frederick A. Buchholz, Jr., Candace L. Daigle, Donald J. Guarino, Elizabeth H. Hughes, Russell Knowles III, Harold O. McArdle, Paul H. Perkins, Robert E. Richards and Mark A. Sawyer.

On March 16, 2006, Town clerk, Debra Cornett, gave the Oath to Phyllis E. Buchanan and Rachel M. Frechette Hatch. On March 17, 2006, Adrienne G. Dugal received the Oath from Rachel M. Hatch. Before the Town Meeting began on March 18, 2006, Town Clerk, Debra Cornett, gave the Oath of Office to Town and School Moderator, Mark L. Sisti. On Monday, March 20th Town Clerk, Debra Cornett, gave the Oath of Office to Melba C. LaRoche.

The Moderator stated the Article #2 would be read, after a motion and second were made, discussion of the Article would ensue followed by a period of one-hour for balloting to be opened as required by law. A 2/3rd's Super Majority is required for passage.

ARTICLE #2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) for the purpose of building a New Safety Building Complex on land owned by the Town located on NH Route 140 west in Gilmanton Corners. Such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et. Seq., as amended: to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. This will be a 20-year bond. This article must be voted on by paper ballot and a two-thirds majority is required. Polls must remain open for at least one hour. (Recommended by Selectmen \$1,300,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$1,300,000.00)

Brett Currier **moved** Article #2; **seconded** by Thomas O’Flaherty.

Discussion ensued. Stan Bean, Chairman of the Budget Committee discussed the tax impact to the body. He stated, “...the recommended budget without the Safety Building would add .22 cents per thousand...with the Safety Building it would add another .30 cents which would be a total of .52 cents per thousand to the Town portion of the tax bill...”

Moderator opens the Ballot Voting at 10:44 a.m. and announced that it would remain open until 11:44 a.m.

Mr. Sisti called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. The results of the ballot vote for Article #2:

YES: 106 NO: 114

ARTICLE #2 FAILS BY THE REQUIRED 2/3rds SUPER MAJORITY VOTE.

ARTICLE #3: To see if the Town will vote to change the method used to select a Road Agent from being elected to being appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Brett Currier **moved** Article #3; **seconded** by Israel Willard.

ARTICLE #3 FAILS BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #4: 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 2006 fiscal year, as stated below, exclusive of all other warrant articles.

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
Selectmen	\$ 688,165.00	688,165.00
Police Dept.	389,646.00	389,646.00
Fire Dept.	424,498.00	424,498.00
Highway Dept.	812,484.00	812,484.00
Solid Waste	223,439.00	223,439.00
Building Dept.	43,795.00	43,795.00
TOTAL	\$2,582,027.00	\$2,582,027.00

(Recommended by Selectmen \$2,582,027.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,582,027.00)

Mark Sawyer **moved** Article #4; **seconded** by Frank Bosiak.

AMENDMENT: Brett Currier **moved** to amend Article #4 to add **\$4,000** for Bullet Proof vests, increasing the Police Department line to \$393,646 and the bottom line to \$2,586,027; **seconded** by James Ellsworth.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #4 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$151,737.00) to be deposited in the following Special Capital Reserve Accounts:

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
Cap. Res. Bridges	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Cap. Res. Ambulance Fund	26,667.00	26,667.00
Cap. Res. Fire Engine Fund	72,570.00	72,570.00
Cap. Res. Hwy Salt/Sand Shed	50,000.00	50,000.00
TOTAL	\$151,737.00	\$151,737.00

(Recommended by the Selectmen \$151,737.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$151,737.00)

Frank Bosiak **moved** Article #5; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer.

ARTICLE #5 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Six Thousand Dollars (\$66,000.00) to be deposited into the following Special Non-Capital Reserve Accounts.

	SELECTMEN	BUDGET COMMITTEE
Non-Cap Res. Office Equip.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Non-Cap Res. Title/Survey Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00
Non Cap Res. Court Cases	15,000.00	15,000.00
Non Cap Res. FD Tools/Equip	10,000.00	10,000.00
Non Cap Res. Welfare/Gen Aide	10,000.00	10,000.00
Non-Cap Res. FD Mandated Testing	2,000.00	2,000.00
Non Cap Res. Doc Restoration	5,000.00	5,000.00
Non-Cap Res. PD Overtime	12,000.00	12,000.00
Non-Cap Res. FD Call Pay	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00

(Recommended by Selectmen \$66,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$66,000.00)

Michael Teunessen **moved** Article #6; **seconded** by Nancy Stearns.

AMENDMENT: Cindy Houghton **moved** to amend Article #6 to **add \$1,000** to the **Non-Cap Res. Office Equip.** to enable the purchase of video/recording equipment for the Board of Selectmen meetings bringing that line's total to \$3,000 and the bottom line to **\$67,000**; **seconded** by Michael Teunessen.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #6 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the option to purchase a 5.97-acre parcel, Tax Map 57 Lot 57-02 in the Arlington Development Subdivision on Bingham and Province Rd, to be conveyed to the Town for the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be retained for conservation purposes. (Not recommended by Selectmen; Not recommended by Budget Committee)

William Angevine **moved** Article #7; **seconded** by Paul "Joe" Hempel.

George Roberts questioned the legality of this article being placed on Warrant. Moderator Sisti agrees and asks the Selectmen for clarification as to whether this article was brought forth by petition or by the Board of Selectmen by following proper procedure according to RSA 41:4-a and 41:4-c., which was brought to the body's

attention by Israel Willard. There being an indication that proper procedure was not followed as stated by RSA 41:4-a and 41:4-c and no petition received:

ARTICLE #7 REMOVED FOR CONSIDERTION BY MODERATOR SISTI.

ARTICLE #8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) for updating of the tax maps for assessment purposes, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to withdraw that sum from the Tax Map Capital Reserve Fund. And, further, to thereafter close that reserve fund so that all remaining funds, including interest, in that account are deposited into the General Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen \$95,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$95,000.00)

Michael Teunessen **moved** Article #8; **seconded** by Ella Jo Regan.

ARTICLE #8 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$63,444.00) from the undesignated fund balance and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to withdraw that sum for the purpose of building a new Archival Vault underground behind the Academy Building, with access from the basement, for the storage of Town records. This article is for a one-time cost and will save the Town Four Thousand (\$4,000.00) if done this year. **If this article is passed ARTICLE #10 will be withdrawn.** (Recommended by Selectmen \$63,444.00; Recommended by the Budget Committee \$63,444.00)

Frank Bosiak **moved** Article #9; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer.

ARTICLE #9 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #10: To see if the Town will establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Fireproof Archival Vault” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be deposited into such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. Total cost of the vault and installation is Sixty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$67,444.00). This would be built underground with access from the basement of the Academy Building near the rear parking lot. If this were built and completed in 2006 the Town would save Four

Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) (Recommended by Selectmen \$4,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,000.00)

ARTICLE #10 WITHDRAWN DUE TO PASSAGE OF ARTICLE #9.

ARTICLE #11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Highway Equipment” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$57,833.00) to be deposited in such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$57,833.00; Recommended by Budget Selectmen \$57,833.00)

AMENDMENT: Moderator Sisti **moved** to allow Stan Bean to amend language in Article #11 to: **insert a period after the word “account”** in the sentence “...to be deposited in such **account.**” And to strike the language, “and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.” *The reason being that this language was not in the original language presented at the Public Hearings;* **seconded** by Frank Bosiak.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #11 now reads: “To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Highway Equipment” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Seven thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$57,833.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$57,833.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$57,833.00)”

ARTICLE #11 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase and equip a Fire Command Vehicle for the Fire Department. The current vehicle is a 1995 Ford Explorer. (Recommended by Selectmen \$30,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$30,000.00)

Brett Currier **moved** Article #12; **seconded** by William Angevine.

AMENDMENT: Stan Bean **moved** to amend to insert the words after “(\$30,000.00)”, “funds to be withdrawn from the undesignated fund balance to purchase and equip...” **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #12 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser. (Recommended by Selectmen \$28,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$28,000.00)

Stan Bean **moved** Article #13; **seconded** by Ella Jo Regan.

ARTICLE #13 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Capital Reserve Account Named “Reval/Assessment Update” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be deposited into such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$24,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$24,000.00)

AMENDMENT: Stan Bean **moved** to amend language in Article #14 to: **insert a period after the word “account”** in the sentence “...to be deposited in such **account.**” And to strike the language, “and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.” *The reason being that this language was not in the original language presented at the Public Hearings;* **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #14 now reads: “To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Reval/Assessment Update” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00) to be deposited in such account.

(Recommended by selectmen \$24,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$24,000.00)”

ARTICLE #14 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) for the purchase of protective clothing for members of the Fire Department. (Recommended by Selectmen \$20,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$20,000.00)

Mark Sawyer **moved** Article #15; **seconded** by Nancy Stearns.

ARTICLE #15 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars (\$11,238.00) for the purchase of a replacement Sander, for the Highway Department, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Board of Selectmen to withdraw that sum from the Capital Reserve Highway Sander Account, having a balance of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$10,794.00) plus interest. And, further, thereafter close that reserve fund so that all remaining funds, including interest, in that account are deposited into the General Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen \$11,238.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$11,238.00)

Paul Levesque **moved** Article #16; **seconded** by Frank Bosiak

ARTICLE #16 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purchase of nozzles and appliances for the fire apparatus. (Recommended by Selectmen \$10,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$10,000.00)

Mark Sawyer **moved** Article #17; **seconded** by Ella Jo Regan.

ARTICLE #17 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Recycling Equipment” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$5,867.00) to be deposited into such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agent to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$5,867.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$5,867.00)

AMENDMENT: Stan Bean **moved** to amend language in Article #18 to **insert a period after the word “account”** in the sentence “...to be deposited in such **account.**” And to strike the language, “and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.” *The reason being that this language was not in the original language presented at the Public Hearings;* **seconded** by Michael Teunessen.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #18 now reads: “To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Recycling Equipment” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$5,867.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$5,867.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$5,867.00)”

ARTICLE #18 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Replace Forestry 1” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$4,167.00) to be deposited into such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$4,167.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,167.00)

AMENDMENT: Stan Bean **moved** to amend language in Article #19 to **insert a period after the word “account”** in the sentence “...to be deposited in such **account.**” And to strike the language, “and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.” *The reason*

being that this language was not in the original language presented at the Public Hearings; **seconded** by Frank Bosiak.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

Article #19 now reads: “To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Replace Forestry 1” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$4,167.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$4,167.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,167.00)”

ARTICLE #19 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

Before Article #20 is called, Steven Latici asks the Moderator to be heard to make an amendment on the following:

AMENDMENT: Steven Latici addresses the Moderator and **moves to amend Articles 20, 21, 22, 24 & 26 to insert a period after the word “account”** in the sentence “...to be deposited in such **account.**” And to strike the language, “and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend.” *The reason being that this language was not in the original language presented at the Public Hearings. (For the sake of expediting the process.); seconded* by Frank Bosiak.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #20: To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Fire Command Vehicle” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to be deposited into such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$4,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,000.00)

Stan Bean **moved** Article #20 as amended; **seconded** by Frank Bosiak.

Article #20 now reads: “To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Fire Command Vehicle” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$4,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,000.00)”

ARTICLE #20 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #21: To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Town Roofs” and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand

Dollars (\$4,000.00) to be deposited into such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$4,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,000.00)

Frank Bosiak **moved** Article #21 as amended; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer.

Article #21 now reads: "To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named "Town Roofs" and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$4,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,000.00)"

ARTICLE #21 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #22: To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named "Paving Town Parking Lots & Driveways" and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) to be deposited in such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,750.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,750.00)

Frank Bosiak **moved** Article #22 as amended; **seconded** by Nancy Stearns.

Article #22 now reads: "To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named "Paving Town Parking Lots & Driveways" and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,750.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$2,750.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,750.00)"

ARTICLE #22 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$2,330.00) for the purchase of 5 call activation pagers for the Fire Department. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,330.00; Recommended by Budget committee \$2,330.00)

Nate Abbott **moved** Article #23; **seconded** by Ella Jo Regan.

ARTICLE #23 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new Capital Reserve Account Named "Town Septic Systems" and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be deposited into such account and to appoint the Selectmen as

agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,000.00)

Frank Bosiak **moved** Article #24 as amended; **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

Article #24 now reads: "To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named "Town Septic Systems" and to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$2,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,000.00)"

ARTICLE #24 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,100.00) for the purchase of a large capacity front load washer. This washer will allow the Fire Department to properly maintain our protective equipment to preserve its longevity within the department. (Recommended by Selectmen \$1,100.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$1,100.00)

Frank Bosiak **moved** Article #25; **seconded** by Mark Sawyer

AMENDMENT #1: James Ellsworth **moved** to amend Article #25 by adding \$3,900.00 to the amount of \$1,100.00 for a total of \$5,000 for the purchase of a large capacity front load washer; **seconded** by Jane Benson.

VOICE VOTE TOO CLOSE TO CALL; MODERATOR CALLS FOR A HAND COUNT.

RESULTS OF HAND COUNT: **YES: 58 NO: 52**

AMENDMENT #1 PASSES BY HAND COUNT.

AMENDMENT #2: Mark Teunessen **moves** to amend that \$5,000.00 be removed from the Undesignated Fund Balance; **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

Article #25 would now read: "To see if the town will vote to remove the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from the undesignated fund balance for the purchase of a large capacity front load washer. This washer will allow the fire Department to properly maintain our protective equipment to preserve its longevity within the department."

AMENDMENT #2 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #25 AS AMENDED FAILS BY VOICE VOTE.

William Angevine asks the Moderator for a hand count of Article #25. Moderator Sisti calls for a hand count of Article #25 as amended by Amendment #2.

RESULTS OF HAND COUNT: **YES: 54 NO: 57**

ARTICLE #25 AS AMENDED FAILS BY HAND COUNT.

ARTICLE #26: To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Sand/Salt Shed Cover” and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be deposited in such account and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by Selectmen \$1,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee)

Michael Teunessen **moved** Article #26 as amended; **seconded** by Stan Bean.

Article #26 now reads: “To see if the Town will vote to establish a New Capital Reserve Account Named “Sand/Salt Shed Cover” and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to be deposited in such account. (Recommended by selectmen \$1,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$1,000.00)”

ARTICLE #26 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$2,175.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new digital base radio (MC3000 digital desk set) for the Police Department. These funds will be reimbursed by a State grant that was applied for and approved by the State. This article will not impact the tax rate. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,175.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,175.00)

Cindy Houghton **moved** Article #27; **seconded** by Stan Bean.

ARTICLE #27 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for Highway Safety Grants 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	\$2,000.00
DWI Detail	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,000.00

(Recommended by Selectmen \$4,000.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$4,000.00)

Stan Bean **moved** Article #28; **seconded** by Michael Teunessen.

ARTICLE #28 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for ATV Enforcement Grant. These grants are for salaries of officers doing ATV enforcement and will be reimbursed at 100% from the State of New Hampshire. These funds will not be expended unless the grants are received. (Recommended by Selectmen \$2,500.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$2,500.00)

Nate Abbott **moved** Article #29; **seconded** by Ella Jo Regan.

ARTICLE #29 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Three Dollars (\$3,503.00) for an annual salary increase for the elected position of Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Gilmanton. (Recommended by Selectmen \$3,503.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$3,503.00)

Michael Teunessen **moved** Article #29; **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

ARTICLE #30 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) to fund a program to control and eradicate Milfoil in the lakes and ponds of Gilmanton, which can affect the recreational values of

public waters and decrease the value of waterfront property. (Recommended by Selectmen \$1,200.00; Recommended by Budget Committee \$1,200.00)

Ella Jo Regan **moved** Article #31; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

AMENDMENT: Richard Hillsgrove **moved** to amend the article to add the word “prevent” to read: “...to fund a program to **prevent**, control and eradicate Milfoil...” **seconded** by Cindy Hillsgrove.

AMENDMENT PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #31 PASSES AS AMENDED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #32: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund for general cemetery maintenance and cemetery improvements under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, the income and principal in said fund to be totally expendable at the discretion of the Cemetery Trustees for all legal cemetery purposes, and to direct that all monies remaining in the cemetery budget at the close of each fiscal year be deposited into said fund.

Ella Jo Regan **moved** Article #32; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

ARTICLE #32 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #33: To see if the Town will vote to merge Tax Map 27 Lot 49 Howard Road Conservation Land with Tax Map 27 Lot 53 (Elizabeth R. (Betty) Smithers Town Forest), there by correcting the vote of Town Meeting March 8, 2005 which incorrectly identified Tax Map 27 Lot 43.

Ella Jo Regan **moved** Article #33; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

ARTICLE #33 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #34: To see if the Town will vote to retain, for conservation purposes, Tax Map 56 Lot 29 of 17 acres, located on Loon Pond Road as recommended by the Conservation Commission. This property is one of the few deeryards in Town and has a considerable amount of wetlands. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Ella Jo Regan **moved** Article #34; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

ARTICLE #34 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #35: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a policy recognizing groundwater and surface waters as a critical, finite integrated natural resource that is becoming increasingly scarce and subject to heavy contamination. Having clean, potable water is a basic human right, not the privilege of those who can afford it. Water is essential to the public health, and for all life. Our community's wildlife and plant life depend on sufficient amounts of pure water to sustain them. In this regard, the Town should seek assistance from local and federal sources, including the conservation commission, regional planning commission, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, the U.S. Geological Survey, and private conservation groups to protect these resources.

Therefore, the Town directs the Selectmen as follows:

- 1) Identify and map the Town's water resources, including, but not limited to ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and aquifers. Identify and label groundwater resources pursuant to the provisions of RSA 485-C: 9, the New Hampshire groundwater protection statute.
- 2) With Town agencies and officials of Gilmanton and surrounding towns that share the same or connected surface and groundwater resources, protect these resources through developing ordinances that emphasize sustainable use and best management practices by placing strict limits on commercial and other large scale water withdrawals not directly related to providing potable water for residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial uses within the Town of Gilmanton.
- 3) That the Selectmen and other Town officials coordinate these conservation efforts through joint hearings on large water withdrawal applications and any other Town permits and approvals that involve shared water resources in any of the surrounding Towns.

Brian Forst **moved** Article #35; **seconded** by Ella Jo Regan.

ARTICLE #35 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #36: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to enter into a boundary line agreement with Donald J. & Sandra S. Guarino on Meeting House Road for the purpose of clarifying the corner of Meeting House Road and Stevens Road. This agreement will transfer a 0.029 acre parcel from the Town of Gilmanton to Donald J. & Sandra S. Guarino for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), to be merged with their current parcel Tax Map 49 Lot 48.

Nate Abbott **moved** Article #36; **seconded** by Ella Jo Regan

ARTICLE #36 PASSES BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #37: To see if the Town will vote to accept Edwards Drive as a Town maintained Class V Road. The contractor, J.A.K.S. Development Corp. will place funds in an escrow account to cover the cost of repairing any interim damage to the road as well as applying the final topcoat of asphalt, which is anticipated by year-end of 2006.

Ella Jo Regan **moved** Article #37; **seconded** by Nate Abbott.

ARTICLE #37 FAILED BY VOICE VOTE.

ARTICLE #38: Are you in favor of changing the Zoning Board Membership to be “elected” as per the prescribed process in RSA 673:3(I), RSA 673:3(II) and RSA 669 in place of the current method of membership being “appointed”? (Submitted by Petition)

Brett Currier **moved** Article #38; **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

VOICE VOTE TOO CLOSE TO CALL; MODERATOR CALLS FOR HAND COUNT.

RESULTS OF HAND COUNT: **YES: 43 NO: 55**

ARTICLE #38 FAILED BY HAND COUNT.

ARTICLE #39: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for a gratuitous donation to the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association and to name the Gilmanton Snowmobile Association as agents

to expend those funds. (Submitted by Petition). If passed these funds will need to be added to the total budget for the Town. (Recommended by Selectmen \$00.00 Recommended by Budget Committee \$00.00)

Brett Currier **moved** Article #39; **seconded** by Cindy Houghton.

VOICE VOTE TOO CLOSE TO CALL. MODERATOR CALLS FOR HAND COUNT.

RESULTS OF HAND COUNT: **YES: 48 NO: 30**

ARTICLE #39 PASSES BY HAND COUNT.

ARTICLE #40: To hear the reports of any Committees chosen and pass any votes relative thereto.

Debra Cornett **moved** Article #40; **seconded** Heather Kelley

Brian Forst asks for the body to recognize Nate Abbott's six years of service on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Abbott received a standing ovation from all. Thank you for your dedicated service, Nate.

Brenda McBride recognized the Board of Selectmen and commended them for a job well done.

Moderator Sisti took a moment to thank the Community for their concern and support he and his family received upon the loss of his Father, February 7,2006.

There being no more discussion, Mr. Sisti adjourned the Meeting at 5:41p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra A. Cornett
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

A true copy, attest