

TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
"SECOND SESSION" ELECTION RESULTS"
MARCH 8, 2005

The polling place was readied with instructions in the booths and posting of sample ballots, instructions, and warrant were done. The 2004 Town reports were available. Inspectors of Elections were Barbara Carey, Shirley Snow, Rutha "Betty" Helfrich and Georgie Wixson. Town Clerk-Tax Collector Denise Morrissette gave Sheldon Morgan, Lori Natoli, Heidi Emery and Jennifer Mooney oaths of office as Inspectors of Elections. Morrissette gave Wayne Snow and Douglas Hill the Oaths of office as Assistant Moderators. Peter V. Millham, Moderator had been previously given the oath of office Assistant School District Moderator.

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The vote tabulator had been previously tested on Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room B at the Gilford Town Hall. Debra Eastman, Peter Millham, Wayne Snow, Denise Morrissette and Alida Millham conducted the test; they found the machine to be working accurately.

The ballots were opened at 6:40 a.m. and were counted by the following officials: Selectman; J. Kinney O'Rourke, School Board Members; Sue Allen, Paul Blandford, Kevin Hayes and Inspectors of Elections mentioned above. At 7:10 a.m. counting of the ballots was complete with there being 2,207 unused sets of 3 ballots (1 white Town ballot double sided, 1 white Town ballot single sided and 1 yellow School District ballot single sided) received from the printer. The Moderator signed a receipt for the Town Clerk for the ballots.

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The Moderator Instructed the Inspectors of Elections to be sure to give a full set of ballots to each voter. Wayne Snow distributed privacy sleeves at each table for the voters use. The Moderator cautioned everyone present on electioneering, he also advised the Inspectors not give assistance to voters with the spelling of names for write-in candidates. The Moderator announced the polls open at 8:00 a.m. The Moderator announced that the absentee ballots would be processed at 1:00 p.m. Donald Poole, the first voter in line verified the ballot boxes were empty for the Moderator.

The Moderator gave the Town Clerk-Tax Collector a receipt for 209 cast (absentee) ballots. At 1:00 p.m. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Wayne Snow, began processing the absentee ballots. Snow announced the names and addresses as Millham inserted the ballots into the ballot machine for counting. Selectman J. Kinney O'Rourke assisted the Moderator and Assistant Moderator in the processing of the absentee ballots. At 3:03 p.m. they concluded the processing of absentee ballots.

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At 6:45 p.m. Denise Morrissette, Town Clerk-Tax Collector, gave Judy Morgan the oath of office as Inspector of Elections. At 7:00 p.m. the Moderator announced the polls closed. At this time the Moderator and Assistant Moderators began emptying the ballot boxes for preparation of counting the write-in votes. Teams were set up with the following individuals to count write-in candidates on the ballot: J. Kinney O'Rourke, Dennis Doten, John Cameron Kevin Hayes, Derek Tomlinson, Heidi Emery, Jennifer Mooney, Lori Natoli, John Ayer, and Judy Morgan. At 8:35 p.m. the counting of write-ins concluded.

Total number of registered voters at the opening of the polls were 5,672; at the close of the polls 27 new registered voters were added to the list for a total of 5,599 registered voters.

Total number of ballots cast were 2,151 (including absentees).

ARTICLE 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.
The votes were tallied and the Moderator read the following results:

SELECTMAN THREE YEAR TERM

Alice Boucher	1571	<u>ELECTED</u>
Joseph F. Hoffman	408	
Write-ins:		
Dale Dormody	1	
Phil Arel	1	
Denise Morrissette	9	
Frank Marafioto	1	
Bill Ackerley	1	
William McKenney	1	
Everett McLaughlin	2	
Bill Cott III	1	
Brad Thompson	1	
Denise Morrissette	1	
Richard Hickok	1	
Gordon Berridge	1	

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TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR THREE YEAR TERM

Debra E. Eastman	292	
Laurie Greenwood	204	
Joseph F. Hoffman	223	
Write-ins:		
Denise Morrissette	1295	<u>ELECTED</u>
Evans Juris	8	
Phil Arel	2	
Ursula Boutwell	1	
Jennifer Mooney	1	
Richard Hickok	1	
Doucette	1	
Anyone Else	1	
Lee Duncan	1	
Christine Resca	1	
Sue Leach	1	
Dawn Tinsley	1	

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LIBRARY TRUSTEE THREE YEAR TERM

William H. Seed	1642	<u>ELECTED</u>
Write-ins:		
Joe Hoffman	5	
Doug Lambert	2	
Joan Stephenson	2	
Andy Upton	1	
Marcy Burleigh	1	
Diane Mitton	1	
Richard Campbell	1	

Marcoux	1
Judy Cott	1
C. Scattergood	1
William H Seed	1
Brad Bergeron	1
Dick Campbell	1
Harold Dexter	1
Steve Moulton	1
Jolene Wernig	1
Allen Voivod	1

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FIRE ENGINEER THREE YEAR TERM

Mark A. Labonte	1240	<u>ELECTED</u>
John J. McDevitt, Jr.	849	
Write-ins:		
Phil Brouillard	1	

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS THREE YEAR TERM

Write-ins:		
Greg Dickinson	32	<u>ELECTED</u>
Joe Hoffman	15	
Denise Morrissette	7	
Peter Millham	6	
Doug Lambert	6	
Peter Sawyer	6	
William Connelly	4	
Sue Leach	4	
William Roderick	4	
Laurie Greenwood	3	
Evans Juris	3	
Paul Simoneau	3	
Karen Craver	2	
Bill Johnson	2	
William Slattery	2	
Rene J Gilbert	2	
Diana Goodhue	2	
Bill Seed	2	
Joe Wernig	2	
Geoff Ruggles	2	
Constance Alves	2	
George Sawyer	2	
C. Scattergood	2	
John McDevitt	2	
Stephenson	1	
Bob Decamp	1	
Patrick Moed	1	
Paul Simoneau	1	
Marcy Burleigh	1	

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John Martin	1
Dennis Corrigan	1
Wayne Snow	1
Lisa Young	1
Thomas Franceour	1
Rich Ellis	1
George Hurt	1
Penny Pitou	1
John Goodhue	1
Daniel Davey	1
Doug Hill	1
Priscilla Clark	1
Troy Brown	1
Richard Campbell	1
Cory Demko	1
Marcoux	1
Diane Mitton	1
Sharon Simons	1
Barry Grevatt	1
Judy Cott	1
John Kitchen	1
Steve Grant	1
Sally Paradise	1
Bill Moran	1
Ray Vigue	1
Alan Whitney	1
Don Albert	1
Sandra McGonagle	1
Phil Arel	1
Steve Grant	1
Erica Johnson	1
Jeff Bonan	1
John Beland	1
Richard B Ellis II	1
Everett Mclaughlin	1
David Dobbins	1
Deb Bergeron	1
Edward Rohr	1
Mark Labonte	1
Gary Liptak	1
Steven Hankard	1
Leo Sanfacon	1
Jennifer Mooney	1
Donald Ames	1
Rick Nelson	1
Dick Waite	1
Steve Selig	1

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Michael Graham	1
John Cameron	1
Nella Crowell	1
Frank Drever	1
Dale Dormody	1
Greg Caulfield	1
Elliot Hastings	1
Dom Decarli	1
John McGonagle	1
Merrill Fay	1
Wayne Snow	1
Shelley Proulx	1
Fred Wernig	1
Alexandra Breen	1
Robert Brent	1
Ed Merski	1
Susanne Francke	1
Lorraine Royce	1

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OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE ONE YEAR TERM

William M. Connelly 1675 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman	5
Wayne Snow	1
Jack Stephenson	1
George Hurt	1
Marcoux	1
Wayne Knipping	1
Dick Waite	1
Jennifer Nash-Boucher	1
Greg Dickinson	1
Jim Cookman	1
David Nick	1
Jack Stephenson	1
Robin Baron	1
Maeve Connelly	1
Dennis Doten	1
William Seed	1
Doug Lambert	1

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SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST THREE YEAR TERM

Diane Mitton 1710 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Joseph Hoffman	2
Sue Smith	1
Karen Thurston	1

BUDGET COMMITTEE THREE YEAR TERM

Robert Brent	1180	<u>ELECTED</u>
Phyllis M. Corrigan	1114	<u>ELECTED</u>
Susan C. Greene	1251	<u>ELECTED</u>

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman	8
Doug Lambert	6
John O'Brien	4
Greg Dickinson	3
John Beinoras	2
Merrill Fay	2
Everett McLaughlin	2
Alfred Alves	2
Paul Mederios	2
Derek Tomlinson	2
Denise Morrissette	1
Michael Cozort	1
Joe Wernig	1
Paul Buckley	1
Phil Arel	1
Steve Guyer	1
Russell M Moore	1
Barry Grevatt	1
Sanfacon	1
Patty Clow	1
Kevin S Karne	1
Peter Sawyer	1
William Johnson	1
Mark Bua	1
David Jodoin	1
Judy Cott	1
Jim Royal	1
Jack Stephenson	1
Alan Whitney	1
Dick Hickok	1
Steve Carrier	1
Denise Sleeper	1
Mary Ellen Gallant	1
George Hurt	1
Kim Baron	1
Robert Merwin	1
Steve Wainwright	1
Don Ames	1
Ann Rice	1
Sandy McGonagle	1
Bill Cott	1
Leo Sanfacon	1
Phyllis Corrigan	1

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Susan C Greene	1
Edward Rohr	1
Rick Fernholz	1
Kinney O'Rourke	1
Dave Emond	1
Phil Labonte	1
Traci Blandford	1
Jack McDevitt	1
Dom Decarli	1
Lorraine Powell	1
Evans Juris	1
John McGonagle	1
William Seed	1
Doug Hounsell	1
Joanne McNulty	1
Sandy Beinoras	1
Bill McNamara	1
Alida Millham	1

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TOWN TREASURER ONE YEAR TERM

Gregory M. Dickinson 1760 ELECTED

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman	4
John Goodhue	1
Marcoux	1
Brad Bergeron	1
Sally Paradise	1
John O'Brien	1
Nella Crowell	1

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Zoning Ordinance Amendment Questions

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.1(b) to allow the Planning Board to include agricultural soils in the calculation of buildable lot area if the Planning Board makes the finding that agricultural use of the subject land is "impractical".

Yes	815
No	1182 <u>DEFEATED</u>

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Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.1(b) to eliminate the requirement that structures shall be located only within the buildable lot area of a lot.

Yes 667
No 1353 **DEFEATED**

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Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.3, "Front Setback Area", to add a new paragraph (f) to allow front setbacks for lots in the Natural Resource Residential (NRR), Limited Residential (LR), and Single Family Residential (SFR) zones, to be measured from the nearest edge of the drivable road surface if the property boundaries are not identified by a surveyor, and, provided that when they are measured in this way, the setback line is at least eighty (80) feet from the drivable road surface in the NRR and LR zones, and sixty-five (65) feet from the drivable road surface in the SFR zone.

Yes 1153 **PASSED**
No 790

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Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.3, "Front Setback Area", by creating a new paragraph (g) to allow a reduced (twenty-five (25) foot) setback along a lot's road frontage where access to or from the lot along that frontage is prohibited by governmental authority. This provision would apply only to lots in non-residential zones. The proposal includes an amendment of paragraph (b) to reference the provisions of the new paragraph (g).

Yes 1027 **PASSED**
No 894

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Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.2.1(a) to eliminate the reference to Section 5.3.1, "Building Heights" (this is a housekeeping change).

Yes 1268 **PASSED**
No 651

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Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.3.1, "Building Heights", to allow increasing the maximum building height in the Industrial (I) and Professional Commercial (PC) zones from thirty-five (35) feet to forty-eight (48) feet, plus other minor housekeeping changes.

Yes 954
No 1028 **DEFEATED**

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Article 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.2.5(b), "Permitted Uses", to allow a Medical Center use in the Business Park District to be located in one or more buildings provided the buildings' aggregate floor area is 10,000 square feet or more (currently each building with a Medical Center use must have 10,000 square feet floor area).

Yes 1356 PASSED
No 614

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Article 9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 11.4.6(c)(9) to eliminate the requirement that Multiple Family Developments be connected to a public sewer system.

Yes 592
No 1396 DEFEATED

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Article 10: Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the Budget Committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,850,000 for the construction, furnishings, equipment and landscaping of a new public library, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the issuance of \$2,350,000 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, with \$500,000 to be raised by private donations. 3/5 majority vote required. **(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Not recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Yes 652
No 1449 DEFEATED

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Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and AFSCME, Local 534, regarding DPW employees, which calls for the following costs in each of the respective years:

2005 \$44583-
2006 \$48100-
2007 \$52045-

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and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44583 which represents the additional costs payable in 2005 attributable to the agreement. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Yes 1231 PASSED
No 762

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Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hold one special meeting if Article 11 is defeated. This would allow a meeting to be held for the purpose of considering the Collective Bargaining Agreement only, without having to petition the court for permission to hold a special meeting.

Yes 1342 PASSED
No 589

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Article 13: Shall the Town of Gilford 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 with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$9,786,924? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$9,765,023, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of The Town of Gilford 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. **Note:** This warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant article. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Recommended by the Budget Committee)**

Yes 1309 PASSED
No 680

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Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Laconia Airport Authority. The Selectmen are authorized and directed to transfer such moneys to the Laconia Airport Authority for the purpose of being a local public contribution to major capital improvements at the airport, under the following conditions:

1. The receipt from an agency of the federal government of detailed plans for such improvement and assurances that the improvements will be undertaken, and
2. A finding by the Board of Selectmen that such plans are in compliance with state and local land- use and environmental requirements and are in the best interests of the Town of Gilford.

It is anticipated that similar annual airport improvement appropriations will be proposed for three more years. Appropriations to this fund shall be deemed one-time expenditures for the purpose of subsequent years' default budgets under the provisions of RSA 40:13, IX (b). This appropriation shall be non-lapsing.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Not recommended by the Budget Committee)

Yes 1215 PASSED
No 835

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Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the Land Use Change Tax revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:7 in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.

Yes 1502 PASSED
No 418

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Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the practice of mailing an annual list of assessments to taxpayers, and rather to continue to make a list available at the Town Hall, Library, on the Town's web site, or sent by mail upon request. This effort is an attempt to save approximately \$3600 of printing and mailing costs.

Yes 1073 PASSED
No 1024

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to change the polling hours in all elections from the current hours of 8:00am – 7:00pm to hours beginning at 7:00am and closing no earlier than 7:00pm. **(submitted by petition)**

Yes **1173** **PASSED**
No 897

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Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small triangular tract of land on the northwesterly side of Longridge Drive that was acquired by the Town by Tax Collector’s deed dated September 8, 1981, recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds in Book 814, Page 213, to Bryan F. Johnson, which parcel of land has been shown and is shown as part of the property owned by said Bryan F. Johnson and his predecessors as Tax Map No. 227-225.000 on terms acceptable to the Selectmen. **(submitted by petition)**

Yes 1173 **PASSED**
No 688

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Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small triangular tract of land near the end of Doris Drive that was acquired by the Town by Tax Collector’s deed dated September 8, 1981, recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds in Book 814, Page 213, to Bryan F. Johnson and Catherine J. Johnson, Trustees of the Bryan F. Johnson Trust, which parcel has been shown and is shown as part of the property owned by said trust and its predecessors as Tax Map No. 227-225.001 on terms acceptable to the Selectmen. **(submitted by petition)**

Yes **1189** **PASSED**
No 685

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Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a small triangular tract of land at the intersection of Goodwin Road and Belknap Mountain Road to Bryan F. Johnson and Catherine J. Johnson, Trustees of the Bryan F. Johnson Trust, which parcel has been shown and is shown as part of the property owned by said trust and its predecessors as Tax Map No. 227-225.001 on terms acceptable to the Selectmen. **(submitted by petition)**

Yes **1193** **PASSED**
No 679

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Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to amend the ordinance regulating parking at the Glendale Facility to change the dates of enforcement from April 1 – October 12, to April 1 – October 31.

Yes **1559** **PASSED**
No 407

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Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend the ordinance regulating placement and control of refuse containers at the Glendale Docks as follows:

Article I. Empowers the Selectmen to *control* the proper disposal of trash generated at specified locations at the Glendale Docks

Article II, Section 1. changes the wording from “Allowed” to *The following shall be permitted to use the refuse containers at the Glendale Docks:*

Article II, Section 2. changes the wording from “Not Allowed” to *The following shall be prohibited from using the refuse containers at the Glendale Docks:*

Article III. Change paragraph “A” to *Section 1* and change “dump sticker” to *taxpayer decal*. Also, to change paragraph “B” to *Section 2*.

Article V. Change enforcement dates from “the last Friday in April to the third Monday in October” to *April 1 to October 31*. Also to change the fine from “up to \$100” to *\$100 for the first violation and \$250 for each subsequent violation*.

Yes 1667
No 304

PASSED

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Denise A. Morrissette
Town Clerk – Tax Collector