



Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Second Session Election Results
March 13, 2013

The polls were readied with instructions in the booths and posting of sample ballots, instructions, and warrants. The 2012 Town Reports were available. Election officials present were: Sandra McGonagle, Moderator; Denise M. Gonyer, Town Clerk, Jennifer Mooney, Deputy Town Clerk; Kevin Hayes and John O'Brien, Selectmen; Barbara Carey, Claire Stinson, Evelyn Bray, Diane Tinkham and Donna Mooney, Inspectors of Elections; Connie Moses, Irene Lachance and Mary Villaume, Supervisor's of the Checklist.

The vote tabulator machine had been tested on Tuesday March 5, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room B at the Gilford Town Hall. Ballots were counted at the same time and put into sets of 25 for Election Day. Moderator McGonagle, Gonyer and Mooney conducted the testing and counted the ballots. The testing of the machine confirmed with the hand tally and was found to 100% accurate.

The Inspectors of Elections were instructed to give a full set of ballots (two white town ballots and one yellow school ballot) to each voter. Moderator McGonagle had 2 registered voters (Frank and Cecily Quimby) verify that the ballot box was empty and the elections results tape and counter both read zero. Moderator McGonagle read the Warrant. The polls were declared open at 7:00 a.m.

The Moderator gave Gonyer a receipt for 38 cast (absentee) ballots and 3,045 uncast (official) ballots. At 1:00 p.m. Moderator McGonagle and Deputy Mooney began processing absentee ballots. Deputy Mooney announced the names and addresses ballots were opened and processed.

At 7:00 p.m. the Moderator announced the polls closed. When the booths were emptied McGonagle and Gonyer began running the results of the tally machine. Mooney and John O'Brien counted the write-in votes.

The total number of registered voters at the opening of the polls was 5,665; at the close of the polls 5 newly registered voters were added to the list for a total of 5,670 total registered voters. The numbers of ballots cast were 790 (including absentee ballots). The results ended with a 14% voter turnout.

The Moderator read the results as follows:

ARTICLE 1: To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year; to wit:

SELECTMAN THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

GUS BENAVIDES

610 - ELECTED

WRITE-INS:

Alan Drew	1
Kevin Leandro	2
Alida Millham	1
Dennis Corrigan	1
Evan Juris	1
Sandra McGonagle	2
Norm Soucy	1
Joe Hoffman	1
Anyone Else	1
Merrill Fay	1
Skip Murphy	1
Pat Labonte	1
Larry Routhier	1
USDA Select Unmarbled	1
Brian DeNutte	1
Anne Rice	2
Sheldon Morgan	2
Randy Remick	1
Everett McLaughlin	2
Doug Dade	1
Kevin Hayes	1

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

PETER "RICK" MOSES **631 - ELECTED**

WRITE-IN:

Bull Rusher	1
Gordon Berridge III	1
Doug Lambert	1
George Hurt	2

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO:

JENNIFER ANN MCLEAN **589 - ELECTED**

MIKE MARSHALL **504 - ELECTED**

WRITE-IN:

Bill Seed	1
Barbara Morgenstern	1

BUDGET COMMITTEE THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE:

DONALD H. PANGBURN	400
JEFFREY BEANE	482 - ELECTED
ROBERT J. HENDERSON, JR.	409 - ELECTED
DAVID ROBERT HORVATH	431 - ELECTED

WRITE-IN:

Steve Grant	1
Joe Wernig	2
Ray Korber	1
Scott Davis	1
Dale Dormody	3
Allan Demko	1
George Feris	1
Alida Millham	1
Martin Barrett	1
Doug Lambert	1
Skip Murphy	1
Fred Butler	1

FIRE ENGINEER THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

JOHN "JACK" T. LYMAN	427 ELECTED
PHILIP "PAT" LABONTE	332 ELECTED

WRITE-IN _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEE THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

WRITE-IN:

Geoff Ruggles	31 ELECTED
Sue Greene	1
Judy Cott	7
Dee Cilley	1
David Emond	3
Russ Dumais	1
Barbara Aichinger	2
Alley Boucher	1

William Firth	1
Armand Godbout	1
Nancy Stephenson	1
John McGonagle	1
Phil Labonte	1
Don Frost	1
Chuck Coons	1
Greg Ruffles	1
Joann Pike	1
Karen Craver	1
Donna Mooney	1
Dee Chitty	5
Richard Andrews	2
Francis Smith	1
Roger Bruns	1
Jack Lyman	1
Bill Connelly	1
Darlene Vachon	1
Steve Grant	1
James Hunter	1
Bill McKenney	1
Mary Routhier	1
George Hurt	1
Norman Godbout	3
Steven Morgenstern	1

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend corner lot setback requirements by adding to Section 5.1.3, Front Setback Area, a new Subparagraph h. to allow residential corner lots to have side and rear setbacks apply to the abutting yard under certain circumstances; and adding a new Subparagraph i. to allow side and rear setbacks to apply to the area of an interior lot that is adjacent to a new subdivision road. (An official copy of the entire proposal is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office and on display at the meeting place on the date of the Town Meetings and may be viewed at www.gilfordnh.org.) (Majority Vote Required)

YES (476)

NO (206)

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 2 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article 3, Definitions, by changing the definition of “Buffer” in various ways including clarifying what uses may be located within a buffer, and by changing the definition of “Screen or Screening” to revise what plantings are required for screening purposes and the dimensions of those plantings. (An official copy of the entire proposal is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office and on display at the meeting place on the date of the Town Meetings and may be viewed at www.gilfordnh.org.) (Majority Vote Required)

YES (450)

NO (234)

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 3 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 6.5, Screening, by changing the title to “Screened Buffer”, by no longer requiring buffers for commercial and industrial uses in commercial and industrial zones adjacent to residential uses but only along residential zone boundaries, and making other related changes. (An official copy of the entire proposal is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office and on display at the meeting place on the date of the Town Meetings and may be viewed at www.gilfordnh.org.) (Majority Vote Required)

YES (375)

NO (312)

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 4 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 5.1.6, Lot Coverage, and Table 2, Dimensional Regulations, to make the maximum impervious lot coverage allowed in the Resort Commercial (RC) and Professional Commercial (PC) Zones the same as what is allowed in the Commercial (C) and Industrial (I) Zones (75%). (An official copy of the entire proposal is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office and on display at the meeting place on the date of the Town Meetings and may be viewed at www.gilfordnh.org.) (Majority Vote Required)

YES (444)

NO (219)

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 5 as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Section 22.5, Duration of Permit, by establishing a time limit to submit final plans for signing after they have been approved by the Planning Board, establishing a time limit to record subdivision plans after they have been approved, and reorganizing

the section and assigning subsection lettering to other established requirements in the section. (An official copy of the entire proposal is on file at the Town Clerk's Office and on display at the meeting place on the date of the Town Meetings and may be viewed at www.gilfordnh.org.) (Majority Vote Required)

YES (507)

NO (177)

ARTICLE 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of an Amendment to the Gilford Zoning Ordinance submitted by Citizen Petition as follows:

Create a new Section 5.2.1(g) limiting and regulating the cutting of trees and prohibiting the use of herbicides and pesticides along all water bodies within the town. (An official copy of the entire proposal is on file at the Town Clerk's Office and on display at the meeting place on the date of the Town Meetings and may be viewed at www.gilfordnh.org.) (The Planning Board does not recommend the adoption of this amendment.) (Majority Vote Required)

YES (312)

NO (412)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty eight thousand dollars (\$158,000), gross budget, for improvements to the public safety (Police & DPW) radio systems; and to authorize the borrowing of not more than one hundred fifty eight thousand dollars (\$158,000) in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the interest rate thereon; and furthermore, to raise and appropriate an additional sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose. (This is a special warrant article.) (3/5 Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10 to 0)

YES (599)

NO (151)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to 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 \$11,090,436? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,113,316, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Board of Selectmen 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. (This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11 to 1)

YES (662)

NO (86)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the two year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME), Local 534 on behalf of certain Public Works Department employees, which calls for a wage and benefit package that requires no appropriation (\$0) for the estimated costs necessary to fund the new collective bargaining agreement in the current fiscal year over the costs attributable to wages and benefits that would have been due under the current agreement at the current staffing level? The estimated cost to fund the wages and benefits in the second year of the agreement is an increase of eleven thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars (\$11,355) over the costs attributable to the wages and benefits that would have been paid under the current agreement at the current staffing levels. (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 12 to 0)

YES (633)

NO (155)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to be added to the Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2007? This sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 12 to 0)

YES (644)

NO (107)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Glendale Boat and Launch Ramp Facilities Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008? (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 12 to 0)

YES (622)

NO (145)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Water Supply Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008 for town-wide fire suppression purposes? (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

YES (655)

NO (111)

ARTICLE 14:: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$130,000) to purchase a Department of Public Works Dump Truck with plow and accessories; and to partially fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1990; whereby the balance of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) shall be raised from taxation? (This is a

special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 4)

YES (522)

NO (239)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Sewer Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2007? This amount to come from sewer user fees and shall not be raised from taxation. (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11 to 1)

YES (624)

NO (142)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) to be added to the Lakes Business Park Capital Reserve Fund previously established, pursuant to the terms of the Inter-Municipal Agreement which was approved under Article 18 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting? (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

YES (548)

NO (248)

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Recreation Facilities Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008? (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 2)

YES (508)

NO (248)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1989? (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11 to 0)

YES (605)

NO (159)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to amend the allocation formula for the Ambulance Services Revolving Fund as previously established in 2010, by increasing the amount of ambulance services revenues to be deposited into the fund from forty percent (40%) to sixty percent (60%) as of January 1, 2013? (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 10 to 1)

YES (370)

NO (387)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to support a share of the services provided to Gilford residents to access counseling and family support services, without regard to income, from Child and Family Services? Child and Family Services provides accessible and affordable programs to children, youth, and families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance, decreased risky behaviors among youth, and better citizenship. From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, 57 Gilford residents receive 453 units of service, 19 days of residential care and 2 weeks of overnight summer camping services valued at over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) from Child and Family Services. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a tie vote of 5 to 5)

YES (432)

NO (334)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) in support of Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services? These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, schools, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,330 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2012, 186 of whom were Gilford residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 54 Gilford residents in Fiscal Year 2012. We provided fifteen thousand three hundred twenty-four dollars (\$15,324) in charitable care to Gilford residents. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a tie vote of 5 to 5)

YES (417)

NO (324)

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand two hundred thirty-six dollars (\$8,236) to support the operation of the Laconia Area Center of Community Action Program? The Laconia Area Center staff provides low income, elderly and disabled residents of Gilford assistance with basic needs such as fuel assistance, electric assistance, Meals-on-Wheels, home weatherization, security deposits for housing and maintains a food pantry accessible every day during business hours. In 2012 residents of Gilford received more than six hundred forty-seven thousand five hundred fifty-five dollars (\$647,555) in services through the programs of Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., and the Laconia Area Center. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5 to 4)

YES (425)

NO (311)

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in support of New Beginnings? New Beginnings is the center for intervention, support and

advocacy for those whose lives have been affected by domestic, sexual and stalking violence, and these services include access to crisis line, staff and advocates by individuals, schools, police, hospitals and others, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a tie vote of 5 to 5)

YES (418)

NO (315)

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to support the operations of Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, (formerly known as Community Health & Hospice), a local agency that provides visiting nurse services, hospice care, homemaker services for the elderly, and pediatric care to residents of the Town of Gilford, NH? In 2012 residents of Gilford received 4,485 home visits from Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice. Town funds are used chiefly to support hospice care, pediatric care to children at medical or social risk, homemaker services for the elderly to allow them to avoid institutionalization, wellness clinics, caregiver and bereavement support groups, wellness clinics, caregiver & bereavement support groups and immunization services. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (This is a special warrant article.) (Majority Vote Required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a tie vote of 5 to 5)

YES (461)

NO (274)

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the New Library Capital Reserve Fund created in 2000? Said funds, in the amount of one dollar sixty-eight cents (\$1.68) as of December 31, 2011, with accumulated interest at the time of withdrawal, will be transferred to the Town's General Fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)

YES (656)

NO (71)

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town vote to change from an elected Town Clerk-Tax Collector to having the Tax Collector appointed by the Board of Selectmen for 3 year terms, upon the expiration of the current 3 year term of office in 2014? (Majority Vote Required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)

YES (98)

NO (638)

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Gonyer
Town Clerk-Tax Collector