

**Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Deliberative Session “First Session” Minutes
February 6, 2014**

Moderator Sandy McGonagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She started by leading the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 41 people were in attendance (This number includes Department Managers, various Committee members, Media and registered voters). McGonagle introduced the Board of Selectmen: Kevin Hayes, John O'Brien, Gus Benavides and Town Administrator, Scott Dunn. Dunn introduced the Department Managers in attendance and thanked them for their hard work. McGonagle continued introductions with the Board of Fire Engineers, Budget Committee members, Chairperson, Phyllis Corrigan; Town Clerk – Tax Collector, Denise Gonyer; Supervisor's of the Checklist, Selectman's Secretary, Sandy Bailey and the two Gentlemen from the School District responsible for lighting and speakers in the Auditorium during the meeting. Selectman O'Brien acknowledged that this meeting would be Selectman Hayes last meeting as a Selectman after completing two three year terms for a total of six years as a Selectman for the town. O'Brien outlined the many commissions and boards that Hayes served as a Selectman's representative and thanked him for handling the union negotiations on behalf of the Board. Hayes acknowledged the recognition and stated that he will miss the job a lot. He wished more people would get involved with town government. The Moderator thanked Selectman Hayes.

Moderator McGonagle outlined the purpose, rules and decorum of the meeting. She pointed out the area where the emergency exits were located and in the event of an emergency/evacuation she asked everyone to meet at the bus loop in front of Gilford Middle School next door. She further stated a voting area was set up in the rear of the auditorium if an Amendment to an Article requires such action; which would be based on five signatures requesting a ballot vote. McGonagle further explained that there could be no changes to zoning articles. She explained that each Article could be explained, discussed and debated and when there was no further discussion she would move to place the Article on the official ballot and then move to the next Article until she reached the end; at which time the ballot would be set for the March 11th election. She explained RSA 40:13 where no one shall eliminate the subject matter in the Article but that they could still change the dollar amount to zero. She stated that all remarks are to be to the Moderator and that there would be no disorder or personal attacks permitted. The Moderator said that if anyone had any questions on how to do anything they should feel free to ask the Moderator during the meeting. She said that each Article would be moved, seconded, explained and asked the audience to give their name and address when they speak for the Town Clerk to enter into the minutes of the meeting. Each person would be given 5 minutes to speak the first time and the speaker will be given 2 minutes for follow up comments; Chan Eddy would be the official time keeper. The Moderator explained how to move the Article that any amendments must be submitted in writing and must be stated in the positive. She explained how to appeal and to overrule the Moderator and that she would be using the Moderator's Handbook to run the meeting.

The Moderator read **Article 1** with the list of candidates running for the necessary Town Officers for the following year:

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

SELECTMAN THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
RICHARD A. GRENIER

TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
DENISE MORRISSETTE GONYER

MODERATOR TWO-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
SANDRA T. MCGONAGLE

TREASURER THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
KAREN M. SAUNDERS

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST SIX-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
NO FILING

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
DONALD J. CLARKE

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
KATE HAMEL

CEMETERY TRUSTEE THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
DORIS "DEE" L. CHITTY

FIRE ENGINEER THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:
DONALD A. SPEAR

BUDGET COMMITTEE THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE:
KEVIN ROY
J. SCOTT DAVIS
SUSAN C. GREENE
KEVIN LEANDRO
DAVID MURPHY

MOTION: by Selectman Hayes to place Article 1 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: by Selectman O'Brien.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 1 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 2** as follows:

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

Create a new Section 15.5, Wetland Buffer, requiring a twenty-five (25) foot wetland buffer along wetlands that are one (1) acre or larger, within which buildings, structures, parking spaces, driveways, excavating, filling, use of phosphorous-containing fertilizers, storage or use of hazardous materials, and storage of hazardous waste are prohibited; and providing exceptions to allow the otherwise prohibited uses, buildings, and activities through issuance of a conditional use permit and providing standards therefore. Amend Article 3, Definitions, by creating a new definition for Wetland Buffer. (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)

MOTION: John Ayer of 25 October Lane, to place Article 2 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Explanation: John Ayer explained that this Article was intended to protect wetlands and habitat with a minimal buffer. It would establish standards and definitions. A handout was available at the meeting.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 2 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 3** as follows:

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

Amend Section 5.1.1, Lot Size and Buildable Area, by reducing the required minimum buildable area per lot in all zones; eliminating areas within front, side, and rear setbacks from comprising buildable area; establishing a maximum area in residential zones that may be excavated or filled to create buildable area if the area so excavated or filled is a slope over fifteen percent (15%); requiring Planning Board approval for excavation or filling of slopes over fifteen percent (15%) but not greater than twenty-five percent (25%); creating a new subparagraph (e) to provide regulations allowing excavating or filling to create more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of buildable area through issuance of a conditional use permit and providing standards therefore; and making other related changes. Amend Section 5.2.2, Historic District, eliminating the requirement that a lot in the Historic District contain a minimum of two (2) buildable acres. (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)

MOTION: John Ayer of 25 October Lane, to place Article 3 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Explanation: John Ayer explained that this Article applies to new lot and subdivision(s) to make them buildable and would include the septic area. A handout was available at the meeting.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 3 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 4** as follows:

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

Create a new Section 6.22, Excavation and Filling, establishing requirements for excavating and filling land in residential zones by allowing excavation or filling of up to fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of land with a slope over fifteen percent (15%) but not greater than twenty-five percent (25%) under certain conditions; allowing excavation or filling of more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of land with a slope over fifteen percent (15%) but not greater than twenty-five percent (25%) with approval of a conditional use permit and providing standards therefore; 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)

MOTION: John Ayer of 25 October Lane, to place Article 4 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Explanation: John Ayer explained this Article had the same intentions as Article 3 except pertained to existing lots and intends to reduce erosion and other related hazards. Mark Woglom of 11 Aspen Circle spoke in opposition to the Article. He has concerns with the average person and the Code Enforcement Officer not knowing the percentage of slope and would need a survey to tell the 15%. Mark gave his perspective of the idea of 15% slope and said conditional use permit would be required; a majority of lots would be subject to this ordinance. 15,000 square feet (1/3 acre) would be difficult to cut high and low side to create flat area to create 120'X120' and 85' from front to back. A handout was available at the meeting.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 4 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 5** as follows:

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

Amend the definition of Street in Article 3, Definitions, by inserting the phrase “a street on a subdivision plan approved by the Planning Board” to be included in the definition of Street. (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)

MOTION: John Ayer of 25 October Lane, to place Article 5 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Explanation: John Ayer explained that this Article was being brought forward for clarification to recent issues with roads being approved in a subdivision. The Planning Board realized the definition of a “street” needed to be clarified. A handout was available at the meeting.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 5 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 6** as follows:

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

Amend Section 5.1.2, Minimum Lot Dimension, by allowing lots with less than minimum frontage to have reduced frontage or access along a street rather than a public road or publicly maintained 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)

MOTION: John Ayer of 25 October Lane, to place Article 6 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Explanation: John Ayer Board explained that the Board of Selectman had a recent conflict with some lots with less than standard road frontage. The Amendment needed to be amended, defined and phrasing changed. A handout was available at the meeting.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 6 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 7** as follows:

ARTICLE 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 6 to the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board as follows:

Amend Section 4.3, Commercial Uses, Section 4.4, Industrial Uses, and Section 4.6, Accessory Uses, in various ways by designating certain uses in the commercial zone as permitted or permitted by special exception, which uses are currently not permitted or are permitted by special exception. (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)

MOTION: John Ayer of 25 October Lane, to place Article 7 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Explanation: John Ayer explained that this Article would affect 8 uses. A handout was available at the meeting.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 7 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 8** as follows:

ARTICLE 8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 7 to the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Gilford Planning Board as follows:

Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Gilford by changing the zoning of approximately thirty-five (35) acres of land along the north side of Lake Shore Road, from 1458 Lake Shore Road to Lily Pond Road, from Industrial (I) to Commercial (C). (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)

MOTION: John Ayer of 25 October Lane, to place Article 8 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Explanation: John Ayer explained that during the Wal-Mart site plan review it was discovered part of the property is in Industrial (I) zone and was not in a Commercial (C) zone. This Article would expand Lakeshore Rd. to Lily Pond Rd and state right of way and would be no change to the use; it would make the 35 acres consistent. Kevin Leandro 98 Gunstock Hill Road spoke in support of the Article. A handout was available at the meeting.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 8 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 9** as follows:

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million two hundred thirteen thousand dollars, (\$1,213,000), gross budget, for improvements to the Police Station; and to authorize the issuance of not more than one million two hundred thirteen thousand dollars, (\$1,213,000), of bonds or

notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon? (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 12 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 9 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

Discussion: The Moderator asked for a voice vote from the body on who would like to see the police station power point presentation. The voice vote failed and the power point was not shown. The Moderator pointed out that there were handouts available at the meeting and a copy of the power point was on the town's website. Chris Kelley from the Police Department was available to answer any questions. Kelley told the membership that this was the third attempt to get what is needed and to keep it reasonable for the taxpayers. He said the proposed project addresses space needs and current layout issues; tours of the facility are welcome. Dale Channing Eddy asked if the training/meeting room would be available to the public. Kelley said that it would be as well as emergency operations center and training room as well. Dale Channing Eddy asked if the current foundation/drainage issues have been corrected and Kelley responded that yes they have been corrected now. Tim Sullivan 56 Bedford Ave asked if the furnishings and other materials were included in the cost. Kelley replied, "Yes." Leandro asked about the language regarding the rates/bonds and Hayes replied that it would be a 20 year bond. Selectman Hayes urged everyone to contact Leach or Kelley at the PD and take the tour. Hayes further stated that this project is long overdue and that this is the year to do it and the Board of Selectman supports it. Scott Dunn said there is a grant awarded in the amount of \$169,424.00 for the generator, EOC and Dispatch Center.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 9 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 10** as follows:

ARTICLE 10: 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 \$11,282,896? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$10,845,564, 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 7 to 3)

Phyllis Corrigan received budget 10/3/13 final on 01/09/14. Suggestions were incorporated by Board of Selectmen. A lot of input from budget committee and subcommittee. She Thanked Scott Dunn, Department Managers, Employees and the Citizens of Gilford.

MOTION: Phyllis Corrigan moved to place Article 10 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

Explanation: Phyllis explained that the Board of Selectman and the Budget Committee worked jointly and had a lot of input from the subcommittees for recommendations in the budget before the membership. She thanked the Budget Committee, the Board of Selectman, Department Managers, employees and the citizens of Gilford for their input and support.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 10 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 11** as follows:

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the 2 year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, on behalf of certain Police Department employees, which calls for increases in the wage and benefit package of \$3,297 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; and furthermore, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand, two hundred ninety-seven dollars, (\$3,297), for the current fiscal year? The estimated cost to fund the wages and benefits in the second year of the agreement is an increase of \$7,331 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)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 11 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

Discussion: Selectman Hayes said that he was the Board of Selectmen's representative in the negotiations with the Police Dept. union reps and things were cordial and both parties were looking for ways to help the Town and the Department; Hayes urged the passage of the Article. David Horvath, 28 Timber Lane current staffing levels vs. adding a position and he wanted to know how that would reflect in the budget. Dunn responded by saying that it would level out with the transition of high paying positions leaving and new positions being filled.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 11 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 12** as follows:

ARTICLE 12: 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 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 11 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 12 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

Explanation: Stephen Carrier explained that the funds would be used to replace apparatus scheduled for 2017.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 12 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 13** as follows:

ARTICLE 13: 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 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 11 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman O'Brien move to place Article 13 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 13 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 14** as follows:

ARTICLE 14: 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 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 11 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman Benavides move to place Article 14 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 14 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 15** as follows:

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty-six thousand five hundred dollars, (\$266,500), to purchase a Department of Public Works dump truck with plow and accessories and a heavy duty pick-up truck with plow and accessories? This sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchases are completed or by December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner. (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)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 15 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 15 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 16** as follows:

ARTICLE 16: 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 0)

MOTION: Selectman O'Brien move to place Article 16 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 16 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 17** as follows:

ARTICLE 17: 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 Trust Fund previously established, pursuant to

the terms of the Inter-Municipal Agreement which was approved under Article 18 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting? 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 11 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman Benavides move to place Article 17 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 17 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 18** as follows:

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), to be added to the Recreation Facilities Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008? 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 11 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 18 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 18 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 19** as follows:

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000), for the rehabilitation of Fire Engine E2? This sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the rehabilitation is completed or by December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner. (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)

MOTION: Selectman O'Brien move to place Article 19 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

Discussion: Dale Channing Eddy asked what type of work was required. Chief Carrier gave a list of details of minor deficiencies found by DPW mechanics which include and not limited to paint body, cab issues, exhaust, suction pipe, air tanks, rust rear frame, battery tray, springs, shocks and passengers rear door to name a few items. Carrier further explained that this is the busiest truck and they are hoping to get four (4) more years out of it.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 19 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 20** as follows:

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Ambulance Replacement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006? Said funds, in the amount of fifty-nine thousand eighty dollars and twenty cents, (\$59,080.20), as of December 31, 2012, plus the 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)

MOTION: Selectman Benavides move to place Article 20 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 20 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 21** as follows:

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty thousand dollars, (\$220,000), to purchase and equip a new ambulance? The sum of \$59,000 will come from the surplus fund balance and the remaining funds of \$161,000 will come from the Ambulance Services Revolving Fund as previously established in 2010, whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchasing and equipping of a new ambulance is completed or by December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner. (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 10 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 21 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 21 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 22** as follows:

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000), 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 11 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman O'Brien move to place Article 22 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 22 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 23** as follows:

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000), for improvements to the Fire Station? This sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the improvements are completed or by December 31, 2015, whichever is sooner. (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)

MOTION: Selectman Benavides move to place Article 23 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 23 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 24** as follows:

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing a Public Works Sand Pile Cover; and raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000), to be placed in this fund; and furthermore, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? 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 10 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 24 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 24 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 25** as follows:

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of acquiring geographic information system (GIS) equipment and software; and raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars, (\$12,000), to be placed in this fund; and furthermore, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? 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 11 to 0)

MOTION: Selectman O'Brien move to place Article 25 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 25 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 26** as follows:

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars, (\$3,000), 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, 2012 through June 30, 2013, thirty-five Gilford residents received services 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 vote of 7 to 5)

MOTION: Phyllis Corrigan move to place Article 26 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Discussion: Selectman Hayes made a general statement on the Board of Selectmen view on outside agency request (Articles 26-30) stating that the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 against only because they have to vote on the Article and cannot abstain from voting on these. It is not because they don't want to endorse them. He further stated that it is not a personal view of any of the Board members and everyone has a right to vote their conscience; these Articles always pass in Gilford. The Board would all abstain on voting if they could and it is not a reflection of the Board's opinion.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 26 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 27** as follows:

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand, two hundred thirty-six dollars, (\$8,236), (level funding request) 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 2013 residents of Gilford received more than \$554,200 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 6 to 5)

MOTION: Selectman Benavides move to place Article 27 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Phyllis Corrigan

Discussion: Judith Scothorne, 2393 Lakeshore Road #14 stated that it is not tax dollars and that there are other resources.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 27 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 28** as follows:

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, two hundred dollars, (\$2,200), in support of New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse, the center for intervention, support and advocacy for those whose lives have been affected by domestic, sexual and stalking violence? Services include access to crisis line, emergency shelter, information and referral, staff and advocates for individuals, schools, police, courts, hospitals and others, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You don't have to be in crisis to call a crisis center. There are no fees for 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 vote of 7 to 5)

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 28 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 28 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 29** as follows:

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen thousand two hundred dollars, (\$16,200), 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, 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 designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center serving Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,274 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2013, 171 of whom were Gilford residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 36 Gilford residents in Fiscal Year 2013. We provided \$13,986 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 vote of 7 to 5)

MOTION: Phyllis Corrigan move to place Article 29 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Hayes

Discussion: Kelley White, 30 Belknap Mountain Rd., stated that this agency was founded by Pete Harris 50 years ago. She further stated that NH-Mental Health Crisis and Emergency services are needed at this time; she welcomed any questions and stated that handouts were available.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 29 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 30** as follows:

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-three thousand five hundred dollars, (\$23,500), to support the operations of Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice, a local agency that provides visiting nurse services, hospice care, and pediatric care to residents of the Town of Gilford, NH? In 2013 residents of Gilford received 4,917 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, wellness clinics, caregiver and 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)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 4)

MOTION: Selectman O'Brien move to place Article 30 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman Benavides

Discussion: Meg Jenkins, 30 River Rd. spoke in support of the Article and made reference to her personal experiences. Kelley White commented that she was pleased to see the Budget Committee's positive vote. White spoke in support of the Article and her personal experiences including pasty history.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 30 on the official ballot.

The Moderator read **Article 31** as follows:

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease agreement with an additional automatic five year extension with the Thompson-Ames Historical Society to provide a museum and historical artifact storage facilities at the Rowe House located at 88 Belknap Mountain Road, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the best interests of the Town?

MOTION: Selectman Hayes move to place Article 31 on the official ballot as presented.

SECONDED: Selectman O'Brien

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place Article 31 on the official ballot.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY: Selectman Hayes a motion to adjourn.

SECOND BY: Selectman O'Brien

Moderator McGonagle reminded the audience that the Articles as amended would be placed on the official town ballot and that voting would take place at the Youth Center at the Gilford Community Church for the State General Election for Executive Councilor as well as for the local town and school elections being held on March 11th and called for the vote.

At 8:26 p.m. the Moderator called for vote to adjourn and it was in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Gonyer, CMC
Town Clerk – Tax Collector

Note 2-11-14:

A correction to change David Murphy's name to his nickname of Skip Murphy was requested to be placed on the ballot in the office of Budget Committee. Mr. Murphy requested his name be change to the name he is known as. According to the Secretary of State's Office the request for the change was allowable because the official ballot had not been printed.