



Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Second Session Election Results
March 11, 2014

The polls were readied with instructions in the booths and posting of sample ballots, instructions, and warrants. The 2013 Town Reports were available. Town Election Officials present throughout the day were: Sandra McGonagle, Moderator; Sheldon Morgan, Asst. Moderator; Denise M. Gonyer, Town Clerk, Jennifer Mooney, Deputy Town Clerk; Kevin Hayes, John O'Brien, Gus Benavides, Selectmen; Barbara Carey, Donna Mooney, Catherine Edgar and Diane Tinkham, Inspectors of Elections; Connie Moses, Irene Lachance and Mary Villaume, Supervisor's of the Checklist; James Leach, Acting Police Chief and Kris Kelley, Lieutenant.

The vote tabulator machine had been tested on Tuesday March 4, 2014 at 2:00-5:30 p.m. in Conference Room B at the Gilford Town Hall and testing continued on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 2:00 – 2:45 pm in TC-TC Department; ballots were counted at the same time and put into sets of 25 for Election Day. McGonagle and Gonyer conducted the testing and counted the ballots. The testing of the machine confirmed with the hand tally and was found to be 100% accurate.

The Inspectors of Elections were instructed to give a full set of ballots (one white state "special election" ballot, two gold town ballots and one yellow school ballot) to each voter. Moderator McGonagle had 2 registered voters (John Ayer of 25 October Lane and Marybeth Godbout of 594 Belknap Mountain Rd.) verify that the ballot boxes were empty and the elections results tape and counter both read zero. Moderator McGonagle declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m., J. Kevin Hayes asked to waive the reading of the warrants and it was seconded by Sheldon Morgan; a voice vote was in the affirmative. The Moderator took a moment to thank the election officials and workers, explained the voting process and reminded the voters of the ID law in effect. She also reminded everyone that there would be no electioneering allowed or campaigning within the polling area. McGonagle led the Pledge of Alliance.

The Moderator gave Gonyer a receipt for 54 cast (absentee) ballots and 3,046 uncast (official) ballots. At 1:00 p.m. O'Brien, Benavides, Morgan, McGonagle and Mooney began processing absentee ballots and completed the process at 3:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. the Moderator announced the polls closed and allowed the voters in the voting booths to finish voting. When the booths were emptied McGonagle and Gonyer began running the results of the tally machine. Hayes, O'Brien, Benavides, Mooney, Morgan, Sandy Beland, Danielle Lafond and McGonagle separated ballots and hand counted write in votes. Hand counting was completed and the results were announced at 8:40 p.m.

The total number of registered voters at the opening of the polls was 5,750; at the close of the polls 15 newly registered voters were added to the list for a total of 5,765 total registered voters. The numbers of ballots cast were 954 (including absentee ballots). The results ended with a 16% 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:

RICHARD A. GRENIER **775 - ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

Kevin Hayes	10
Marie Aldrich	1
Sheldon Morgan	1
Stephen Hayes	1
Pat Labonte	1
Joe Hoffman	1
Denise M Gonyer	1
Allen Voivod	1
Gerardo Fernandez	1
Ray Korber	1
Jerry Slagle	1

TOWN CLERK – TAX COLLECTOR THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

DENISE MORRISSETTE GONYER **842 - ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

NO NAME/COMMENT	2
MARIE ALDRICH	1
ALICE BOUCHER	1
KEVIN HAYES	1

MODERATOR TWO-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

SANDRA T. MCGONAGLE **853 - ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

NANCY A. MORELY	1
SUSAN FERNANDEZ	1
JOE DAE	1

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

KAREN M. SAUNDERS 755 - ELECTED

WRITE-IN:

ETHAN SIMONEAU 2

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST SIX-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

NO CANDIDATE FILED

WRITE-INS:

MARY KIM LAVERY	176 – ELECTED
DONNA MOONEY	4
DIANE TINKHAM	3
JUDY COTT	3
CONNIE MOSES	3
PAUL BUCKLEY	2
DENNIS CORRIGAN	2
NORMAN SILBER	2
SUSAN FERNANDEZ	2
MARY FLAHERTY	1
HEIDI LEANDRO	1
JIM GLOVER	1
RICK NELSON	1
WILLIAM ANDERSON	1
TIM SAUNDERS	1
ROD DYER	1
PATSY MOORE	1
MARY LOWRY	1
JOE HOFFMAN	1
WILLIAM FIRTH	1
DEE CHITTY	1
ALIDA MILHAM	1
CHRISTOPHER MACIVER	1
GIGI LAMBERT	1
ROBIN BONAN	1
NORM SOUCY	1
DOMINIC JUDE	1
CHAD ANDERSON	1
DAVID EMOND	1
JENNIFER MOONEY	1

KAREN CRAVER	1
STEVE GRANT	1
WILLIAM COTT	1
JOANNE MCNULTY	1
CAROLYN SMITH	1
MARY KIM LEANDRO	1
JERRY SLAGLE	1

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND THREE-YEAR TERM
 VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

DONALD J. CLARKE	735 - ELECTED
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WRITE-INS:

MARY KIM LAVERY	1
CASEY NICKERSON	1
HEIDI LEANDRO	1

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

KATE HAMEL	758 - ELECTED
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WRITE-INS:

NANCY A. MORELY	1
JANE AVERY	1

CEMETERY TRUSTEE THREE-YEAR TERM
 VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

DORIS "DEE" L. CHITTY	767 - ELECTED
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WRITE-INS:

TYLER MURPHY	2
GORDON BERRIDGE III	1
JUDY COTT	1

FIRE ENGINEER THREE-YEAR TERM
 VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

DONALD A. SPEAR	723 - ELECTED
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WRITE-INS:

PAT LABONTE	5
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JACK MCDEVITT	3
KEVIN LEANDRO	1
BILL COTT	1

BUDGET COMMITTEE THREE-YEAR TERM
 VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE:

KEVIN ROY	578 – ELECTED
J. SCOTT DAVIS	373
SUSAN C. GREENE	528 – ELECTED
KEVIN LEANDRO	389 – ELECTED
SKIP MURPHY	361

WRITE-INS:

SHELDON MORGAN	2
JIM BABCOCK	1
BILL JOHNSON	1
DANA FARLEY	1
NORM SOUCY	1
RAY KORBER	1
DALE DORMODY	1

RESULTS OF ARTICLES 2 – 31:

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)

YES – 545

NO – 320

PASSED

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)

YES – 411

NO – 433

DEFEATED

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)

YES – 436

NO – 378

PASSED

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)

YES – 539

NO – 284

PASSED

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)

YES – 438

NO – 381

PASSED

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)

YES – 405

NO – 385

PASSED

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)

YES – 537

NO – 283

PASSED

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)

YES – 570

NO – 296

PASSED

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)

YES – 522

NO – 341

PASSED

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)

YES – 562

NO – 314

PASSED

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)

YES – 754

NO – 124

PASSED

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)

YES – 766

NO – 137

PASSED

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)

YES – 795

NO – 102

PASSED

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)

YES – 759

NO – 131

PASSED

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

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)

YES – 732

NO – 156

PASSED

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)

YES – 701

NO – 184

PASSED

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)

YES – 728

NO – 146

PASSED

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)

YES – 591

NO – 247

PASSED

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)

YES – 550

NO – 327

PASSED

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)

YES -551

NO – 329

PASSED

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)

YES – 533

NO – 353

PASSED

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)

YES – 520

NO – 361

PASSED

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)

YES – 605

NO – 277

PASSED

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?

YES – 635

NO – 238

PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Gonyer
Town Clerk-Tax Collector