



Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Second Session Election Results
March 8, 2016

The polls were readied with instructions in the booths and posting of sample ballots, instructions, and warrants. The 2015 Town Reports were available. Town Election Officials present throughout the day were: Sandra McGonagle, Moderator; Lawrence Routhier, Asst. Moderator; Denise M. Gonyer, Town Clerk; Kim Zyla, School District Clerk; Jennifer Mooney, Deputy Town Clerk – Tax Collector; Danielle Lafond, Asst. Town Clerk – Tax Collector; Richard Grenier and Dale Channing Eddy Selectmen; Barbara Carey, Donna Mooney, Claire Stinson, and Diane Tinkham, Inspectors of Elections; Mary Villaume, Irene Lachance and Miriam A. York, Supervisor's of the Checklist; Anthony Bean Burpee, Police Chief and James Leach, Lieutenant.

The vote tabulator machine had been tested on Tuesday March 1, 2016 at 2:00 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. McGonagle and Jenn Mooney, Deputy Town Clerk – Tax Collector 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 (three white town ballots, and one yellow school ballot) to each voter. Moderator McGonagle had registered voters Meg Jenkins and Cory Nazer 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. 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 136 cast (absentee) ballots and 2,010 uncast (official) ballots. Absentee Ballots were processed at 9:00 a.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. The voting boxes were emptied and the write in ballots were separated and counted. Hand counting was completed and the official election results were announced by the Moderator at 7:50 p.m.

The total number of registered voters at the opening of the polls was 6001; at the close of the polls 9 newly registered voters were added to the list for a total of 6,010 total registered voters. The numbers of ballots cast were 1430 (including absentee ballots). The results ended with a 23% 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 **1,109 – ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

HARRY H BEAN – 12	LARRY ROUTHIER – 1
FICTITIOUS CHARACTER – 5	SANDY MCGONAGLE – 1
DAVID HORVATH – 4	ALICE BOUCHER – 1
JARRET CARDER – 2	DEREK TOMLINSON – 1
JOHN GOODHUE – 2	RANDY RENICK – 1
NORMAN SILBER – 2	LISA BUCKLEY – 1
SEAN MURPHY – 2	RANDY REMICK – 1
DOUG LAMBERT – 2	DAVID DOBBINS – 1
SCOTT DAVIS – 1	KAREN THURSTON – 1
PHYLLIS CORRIGAN – 1	BRAD OBER – 1
BRIAN O’CONNOR – 1	KEVIN LEANDRO – 1
JOHN MCGONAGLE – 1	NORM SOUCY – 1
MARGO WEEKS – 1	JERRY GAGNON – 1
ROGER WEEKS, JR. – 1	

MODERATOR TWO-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

SANDRA T. MCGONAGLE **1,306 – ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

RUSS DUMAIS – 1
FICTITIOUS CHARACTER – 1

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST SIX-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

IRENE LACHANCE **1,207 – ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

DONNA MOONEY – 1
CONROD HANF – 1

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOUR-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

MIRIAM A. YORK 1,225 – ELECTED

WRITE-INS:
NONE

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

WILLIAM CHRIS RAY, JR. 1,149 – ELECTED

WRITE-INS:
DAVID FARLEY – 1
DOUGLAS LAMBERT – 1
KENNETH ANDERSON – 1
TED BOY – 1

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

MICHAEL MARSHALL 1,029 – ELECTED

ALEXIS R. JACKSON 1,058 – ELECTED

WRITE-INS:
MARIE MILLER – 2
ROGER SAWYER – 1
DAVID FARLEY – 1
GARY LAMBERT – 1
CORRINE DEMKO – 1
ABBY MAXWELL – 1
WILLIAM COTT – 1
KEVIN LEANDOR – 1
BETTY TIDD – 1

CEMETERY TRUSTEE THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

WILLIAM DAY 1,187 – ELECTED

WRITE-INS:
JOHN GOODHUE – 2
DEE CHITTY – 1
ANDREW ROWSON – 1
SHELDON MORGAN -1

FIRE ENGINEER THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

JACK LYMAN **1,212 – ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

DENNIS THOMPSON – 4

KEVIN LEANDRO – 1

STEVE GRANT – 1

BUDGET COMMITTEE THREE-YEAR TERM

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE:

TIM SULLIVAN **899 – ELECTED**

S. PETER KARAGIANIS **1,043 – ELECTED**

SEAN MURPHY **970 – ELECTED**

WRITE-INS:

DAVID HORVATH, SR. – 3

FICTITIOUS CHARACTERS- 3

MARK VILLAUME – 2

DAVID FARLEY – 2

JEFF CROWELL – 2

NORMAN SILBER – 2

PETER MORRISSETTE – 2

CHRISTINE BLOUIN – 1

DOUG LAMBERT – 1

BOB HENDERSON – 1

GARY LAMBERT – 1

WILLIAM KNIGHTLY – 1

RAY KORBER – 1

PETER MILLHAM – 1

LESLIE SURYANI – 1

NORM BOUCHER – 1

FRANK COOK – 1

DANA FARLEY – 1

PATRICK MCKENNA – 1

JOHN ROCLISS – 1

ALLAN WHITNEY – 1

DANA ZUCKER – 1

KEVIN HAYES – 1

RICK NELSON – 1

ANDRE GODBOUT – 1

HARRY BEAN – 1

GRETCHEN GANDINI – 1

SKIP MURPHY – 1

WILLIAM COTT – 1

TOM HARRINGTON – 1

JIM BABCOCK – 1

the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$12,053,164? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,015,382, 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 10 to 0)

YES – 1,057

NO – 252

PASSED

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 Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, on behalf of certain Police Department employees, which calls for increases in the wage and benefit package of \$2,351 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 two thousand, three hundred fifty-one dollars, (\$2,351), 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 \$2,413 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 10 to 0)

YES – 1,124

NO – 210

PASSED

ARTICLE 11: 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? (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 – 1,136

NO – 214

PASSED

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), to be added to the Fire Water Supply Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008 for town-wide fire suppression purposes? (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 – 1,142

NO – 195

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? (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 6 to 1)

YES – 1,015

NO – 329

PASSED

ARTICLE 14: 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? (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 6 to 1)

YES – 1,030

NO – 303

PASSED

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a three year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$150,000 for a front-end loader; and furthermore, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars, (\$60,000), as the first year's payments for that purpose, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:7-e? (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 0)

YES – 1,022

NO – 316

PASSED

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$250,000 for a mechanized sweeper; and furthermore, vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars, (\$65,000), as the first year's payments for that purpose, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:7-e? (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 0)

YES – 945

NO – 420

PASSED

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000), to purchase a heavy duty pick-up truck with plow and accessories? (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 0)

YES - 1039

NO – 334

PASSED

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars, (\$3,000.00), for the purpose of supporting services provided to 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 their families leading to stronger family connections, improved school performance and better citizenship. From June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015 thirty-eight, (38), Gilford residents received 241 hours of free and reduced service valued at over \$10,500 from Child and Family Services. These services protected children from abuse and neglect, strengthened families, prevented out of home placements, provided adolescents substance abuse prevention and treatment services and offered school year and summer enrichment programs for children.

[Submitted By Citizens Petition] (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 9 to 1)

YES – 943

NO – 427

PASSED

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars, (\$9,000), 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, home weatherization, security deposits for housing, emergency housing assistance and maintains a food pantry accessible every day during business hours. In 2015 residents of Gilford received more than \$365,939 in services through the programs of Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., and the Laconia Area Center.

[Submitted By Citizens Petition] (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 8 to 1)

YES – 885

NO – 453

PASSED

ARTICLE 25: 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? This past year residents of Gilford received over 3,500 home visits from Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice and approximately forty-two thousand dollars in uncompensated care. Town funds are used chiefly to support hospice care, pediatric care to children at medical or social risk, wellness clinics, bereavement support groups and immunization services. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (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 9 to 1)

YES – 939

NO – 408

PASSED

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, six hundred and thirty dollars, (\$2,630), in support of New Beginnings Without Violence & Abuse, the center for free and confidential intervention, support and advocacy for those whose lives have been affected by domestic, sexual and stalking violence? Services include access to 24 hour 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 service. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (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 9 to 1)

YES – 875

NO – 470

PASSED

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars, (\$21,000), 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, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their 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 3,843 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2015, 189 of whom were Gilford residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 41 Gilford residents in Fiscal Year 2015. We provided \$7,144 in charitable care to Gilford residents. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (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 8 to 2)

YES – 786

NO – 553

PASSED

ARTICLE 28 Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars, (\$750.00), for the purpose of supporting 5th Annual Candlelight Stroll. Over the last four years, the Stroll has brought hundreds of residents, area locals, and visitors together to enjoy a variety of old fashioned community festivities in Gilford Village. The funds will be used to assist the extensive all-volunteer efforts and supplement donations toward the costs of horse drawn wagon and supplies. [Submitted By Citizens Petition] (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 2)

YES – 720

NO – 623

PASSED

ARTICLE 29 Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to study the reclassification of Wood Road from a Class V, Town maintained highway to a Class VI, unmaintained highway subject to gates and bars? (Majority Vote Required)

YES – 859

NO – 390

PASSED

ARTICLE 30 Shall the Town vote to disband the Town of Gilford Budget Committee, in accordance with RSA 32:14, Section V? [*Submitted By Citizens Petition*] (Majority Vote Required)

YES - 377

NO – 941

FAILED

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Gonyer, CMC, NHCTC-TC
Town Clerk – Tax Collector

Certified copies to:

- Board of Selectmen
- Department of Revenue Administration
- Town Treasurer