



SAMPLE BALLOT

BALLOT 1 OF 2

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 14, 2017

Denise M. Sawyer
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

ARTICLES

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

Amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Gilford by changing the zoning from Single Family Residential (SFR) to Resort Commercial (RC) of approximately 9.44 acres of land located at 60 Kimball Road on the easterly portion of Tax Map & Lot #215-020.000, as shown on a plan prepared by Steven J. Smith & Associates, Inc., entitled "Proposed Boundary Line Adjustment between Meadowbrook Farm, LLC, 52 Meadowbrook Lane, and Barry Dame, Jr., 60 Kimball Road, Gilford, Belknap County, New Hampshire", dated October 27, 2016. (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this amendment.) (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.)

YES
NO

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?

Delete Sections 4.6.12, Family Apartment, and 4.7.6 (d), Family Apartment, to comply with RSA 674:72,VIII which prohibits a municipality from requiring a familial relationship between the occupants of an accessory dwelling unit and the occupants of a principal dwelling unit. (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.)

YES
NO

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 the existing provisions of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Accessory Apartments to comply with RSA 674:71 through :73 by making the following changes:

- a. Amend Section 4.6.17, Accessory Apartment, by making Accessory Apartments a permitted use in the Island Residential (IR), Professional Commercial (PC), and Resort Commercial (RC) zones where the use is currently not permitted;
- b. Amend Section 4.7.6(p), Accessory Apartment, by deleting the requirement in Paragraph 5 that an Accessory Apartment shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of the gross floor area of the building in which it is located;
- c. Amend Section 4.7.6(p) by adding a new Paragraph 7 requiring an adequate water system serving an Accessory Apartment;
- d. Amend Section 4.7.6(p) by renumbering the paragraphs after Paragraph 7;
- e. Amend Section 4.7.6(p) by deleting the restriction in the renumbered Paragraph 11 (currently Paragraph 10) which prohibits Accessory Apartments within Cluster Development and Senior Housing developments;
- f. Amend Section 4.7.6(p) by adding a new Paragraph 15 requiring an interior door between the principal dwelling unit and the Accessory Apartment;
- g. Amend Section 4.7.6(p) by adding a new Paragraph 16 which states that Accessory Apartments are not permitted in a zone where the use is not listed as a permitted use in Section 4.6.17; and
- h. Make other related changes to bring these regulations into compliance with RSA 674:71 through :73 and to clarify existing provisions in the ordinance.

YES
NO

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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 22.6, Penalties, by clarifying the means by which monetary fines, penalties, and judgments for violating the Gilford Zoning Ordinance may be secured and enforced as provided for by State law. (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.)

YES
NO

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) for improvements to the Recycle Center; including the establishment of a solid waste transfer station; and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) 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? **YES**
NO
[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 8 to 2)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$725,000) for improvements to the two sewer pump stations on Varney Point; and to authorize the issuance of not more than seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$725,000) 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? Funds for future payments shall come from sewer user fees and no amount shall be raised from taxation. *[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 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 8: 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 \$12,414,164? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$12,145,615, which is the same as last year, except for 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.
(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)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$538,650 for a fire engine, contingent upon such an agreement having a non-appropriation clause in accordance with the provisions of RSA 33:7-e; and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the first year's payment for that purpose? This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. It is anticipated the final payment of \$200,000 in the year 2021 will come from existing money in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund upon future Town Meeting approval.
(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)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000) to purchase a medium duty dump truck with plow and accessories? This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred eighty-five thousand (\$385,000) dollars for phase 2 of the Town Hall improvement project, to include new heating and cooling fixtures, water system upgrades, hallway flooring, sidewalks and ADA compliant entry doors? This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(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)

ARTICLE 12: 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 to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Fire Water Supply Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008 for town-wide fire suppression purposes? This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 14: 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 to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 15: 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 to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

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 Trust Fund previously established pursuant to the terms of the Inter-Municipal Agreement that was approved under Article 18 of the 2001 Annual Town Meeting? YES
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) NO
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 17: 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 sum to come from sewer fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. YES
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) NO
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 0)

ARTICLE 18: 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 2016 residents of Gilford received more than \$332,507 in services through the programs of Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., and the Laconia Area Center. *[Submitted by petition]* YES
(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) NO
(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 1)

ARTICLE 19: 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 July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 seventeen, (17), Gilford residents received 140 hours of free and reduced service valued at over \$9,100 from Child and Family Services. These services protected children from abuse and neglect, strengthened families, prevented out of home placements, provided adolescent substance abuse prevention and treatment services and offered school year and summer enrichment programs for children. *[Submitted by petition]* YES
(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) NO
(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 1)

ARTICLE 20: 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 3,976 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2016, 221 of whom were Gilford residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 51 Gilford residents in Fiscal Year 2016. We provided \$35,797 in charitable care to Gilford residents. *[Submitted by petition]* YES
(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0) NO
(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 2)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town adopt the following policy: Effective July 1, 2017, any person who serves in any elected position at the State and/or Federal level shall be eligible to serve in any elected position within the Town of Gilford? *[Submitted by petition]* YES
NO

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to discontinue approximately 200 feet of the portion of the Class VI section of Lockes Hill Road situated on the northeasterly side of NH Route 11, (a/k/a Lake Shore Road), that traverses through lot 242-225 (currently owned by the Patricia P. Bagley Trust), and lot 242-226 (currently owned by the William A. McCloskey Trust)? The intent of this discontinuance is to permanently terminate the right of public travel over a long since abandoned and unused section of highway and to have the ownership of the discontinued road revert back to the owners of the 2 lots on which the discontinued section of the road is situated. *[Submitted by petition]* YES
NO

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ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to repeal the Noise Ordinance that was adopted at the 1995 Annual Town Meeting; and in place thereof, adopt the following new Noise Ordinance to be codified as Chapter 17?

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, the Town of Gilford hereby ordains to adopt this Noise Ordinance pursuant to the provisions of RSA 31:39, I, (n); as follows:

17.1 Purpose

- A. This Ordinance is intended to promote the tranquility and peaceful enjoyment of the Gilford community through the prevention of unnecessary disturbances generated by unwelcome noise that otherwise annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace and safety of residents and visitors.
- B. This Ordinance shall supersede and replace the Noise Ordinance previously adopted by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the authority of the Town Meeting vote dated March 15, 1995.

17.2 Definitions

The terms used in this Ordinance shall have the meanings set forth in the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated. In the event that more than one meaning is defined under State Law, the more strict interpretation shall apply. In the event no meaning is defined under State Law, the definition shall be as otherwise set forth in the most current edition of the Merriam-Webster Dictionary using the strictest interpretation.

17.3 General Prohibitions

It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any person to emit any unreasonable noise of such character, intensity or duration as to be detrimental to the peaceful enjoyment of persons of average sensibilities within earshot. The sources of such noise may include, but are not limited to the following: internal combustion engines or other motors, horns, alarms, radios, televisions, musical instruments, music players, public address systems and loudspeakers, defective exhaust systems, unnecessary or illegal screeching of motor vehicle tires, compressors, barking dogs, crowing roosters, machinery, whistles, bells, hand tools, and explosions.

17.4 Specific Prohibitions

During the hours beginning at 10:00pm and ending at 7:00am, it shall be a violation of this Ordinance to operate off-road construction equipment or vehicles, chain saws, lawnmowers, jack hammers, portable generators, power tools, or any other device in such a way as to disturb the peaceful enjoyment of persons of average sensibilities who are situated in close proximity on private property.

17.5 Exemptions

- A. The following locations are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance: school property; church property; medical facilities; Gunstock Recreation Area; Ellacoya State Park; Meadowbrook Pavilion; Marine Patrol at Glendale; Lake Winnepesaukee; and Laconia Airport.
- B. The following activities are exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance: the use of firearms; fireworks that are conducted in accordance with State Law or the Town of Gilford Permissible Fireworks Ordinance; snow removal operations; parades; lawful public assemblies; unamplified human voices; public safety and emergency response activities; federal, state, county, and municipal operations; public utility emergency activities; outdoor special events that have been authorized by the Board of Selectmen; farming activities as defined by RSA 21:34-a; and any activity that is deemed absolutely essential for the protection of life and property resulting from an unforeseen emergency situation.
- C. The Board of Selectmen may, for good cause, issue a temporary exemption from the provisions of this Ordinance, provided that such an exemption is issued prior to the event taking place and after a public hearing is held.

17.6 Penalties

- A. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first offense; provided that all such violators are given one warning and an opportunity to comply without a penalty being imposed.
- B. Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance after having been previously subjected to a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) penalty shall thereafter be subject to a penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation.

17.7 Enforcement

- A. This Ordinance may be enforced by any duly sworn Gilford Police Officer.
- B. Nothing herein is intended to prohibit the Town of Gilford from seeking a temporary order and/or permanent injunction from a court of competent jurisdiction to prohibit the continuation of any violation of this Ordinance.
- C. Nothing herein is intended to exempt a property owner, tenant or any other person from the provisions of this Ordinance as a result of a site plan approved by the Planning Board.

17.8 Appeals

Any person aggrieved by a citation for violating the provisions of this Ordinance may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for such relief as may be deemed necessary.

17.9 Severability

If any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected.

YES
NO

17.10 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by majority vote at Town Meeting.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT