



Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Deliberative Session "First Session" Minutes
February 3, 2015

Moderator Sandy McGonagle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. McGonagle started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. McGonagle also went over the Fire/Safety Evacuation rules. Approximately 40 people in attendance (This number included Department Heads, various Committee members, Media and registered voters) McGonagle introduced the Board of Selectmen: Gus Benavides, Richard Grenier, John O'Brien and Town Administrator, Scott Dunn. McGonagle also introduced Phyllis Corrigan, Budget Chairperson and Jennifer Mooney, Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector. McGonagle also introduced Budget Committee members. Town Administrator, Scott Dunn introduced Department Heads in attendance. McGonagle introduced Mary Villaume and Irene LaChance, Supervisor's of the Checklist. McGonagle explained to use the honor system with people who are non-voter's in attendance (4 total).

Moderator Sandy McGonagle outlined the purpose, rules and decorum of the meeting. McGonagle further stated a voting area was set up in the rear of the auditorium if an Article needed to be amended by ballot. 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 we reached the end; at which time the ballot would be set for the March 10, 2015 election. She explained RSA: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 the Moderator and there would be no disorder or personal attacks permitted. The Moderator stated that if anyone had any questions on how to do anything they should 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 Deputy 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 2 minutes for the follow up comments. Bruce Thurston 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:

One Selectman for a three year term:

Phyllis Corrigan

Dale Channing Eddy

One Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term:

Thomas Space

Two Library Trustees for three year term:

Diane Tinkham

John "Jack" Lacombe

One Cemetery Trustee for a three year term:

Susan S. Leach

One Fire Engineer for a three year term:

William R. Akerley

Three Budget Committee Members for three year term:

Sean Murphy

Norman "Norm" Silber

Joy Hall

Harry H. Bean

J. Scott Davis

Leslie Suranyi, Jr.

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:

Amend Section 5.1.1, Lot Size and Buildable Area, to reduce the amount of filling and excavating allowed on lots with steep slopes to reduce the risk of erosion, flooding and other hazards, by reducing the required minimum buildable area per lot; eliminating areas within required 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 provision 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 for same; making other related changes; and adding a definition of “New Lot” to Article 3.

(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)

NO AMENDMENTS ARE ALLOWED

Explanation: John Ayer explained that this Article that was proposed with Amendment from last year with improvements made which has excluded the Historic District part. John Ayer had handouts for this article available on the table.

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:

Delete the existing Section 4.7.6(i), Special Events, Outdoor, in its entirety and replace it with a new Section 4.7.6(i), Special Events, Outdoor, requiring Board of Selectmen review of such events occurring on Town-owned property; and requiring Planning Board site plan review for such events occurring on private property.

(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)

NO AMENDMENTS ARE ALLOWED

Explanation: John Ayer explains that this Article is in regards to the Special events outdoor requiring a Site Plan for such things through the Planning Board. John Ayer had available the handouts on these Articles.

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 8.4.8.4, Brightness and Dimmer Control, to regulate the brightness and dimming of electronic changeable copy signs; create a new Section 8.4.8.5, Malfunctions, to require provision of an accessible switch to allow law enforcement and emergency services personnel to shut off malfunctioning electronic changeable copy signs; and to make 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).

NO AMENDMENTS ARE ALLOWED

Explanation: John Ayer explained that this Article is as it is written. John Ayer had handouts available on the table.

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

The Moderator read the **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 Sections 8.10.3, 8.10.4, and 8.11 regarding maintenance of signs, abandonment of signs, and non-conforming signs, in various ways to require removal of sign structures where said structures have no sign face for an extended period of time, or where said signs are found to be not maintained.

(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)

NO AMENDMENTS ARE ALLOWED

Explanation: John Ayer explained this Article is as it is written.

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

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

ARTICLE 6: 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 \$11,898,837? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$11,554,933, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.) (Majority Vote Required)
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 11 to 0)

MOTION BY: KEVIN LEANDRO

SECOND BY: JOHN O'BRIEN

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

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

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to approve the cost items included in the three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME), Local 534, on behalf of certain Public Works Department employees, which calls for no increase in the wage and benefit package 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? If approved, the estimated cost to fund the wages and benefits in the second year of the agreement is an increase of \$7,502 over the costs attributable to the wages and benefits that would have been paid under the current agreement at the current staffing levels and the estimated cost to fund the wages and benefits in the third year of the agreement is an increase of \$7,838 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 11 to 0)

MOTION BY: Gus Benavides

SECOND BY: John O'Brien

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

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

ARTICLE 8: 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? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: Phyllis Corrigan

SECOND BY: Richard Grenier

With no 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 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? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: Richard Grenier

SECOND BY: Gus Benavides

With no 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 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? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: Gus Benavides

SECOND BY: Phyllis Corrigan

With no 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 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? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: John O'Brien

SECOND BY: Richard Grenier

With no 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 one hundred ninety-three thousand dollars, (\$193,000), to purchase a Department of Public Works dump truck with plow and accessories? If approved, 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, 2016, whichever is sooner. (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 BY: Phyllis Corrigan

SECOND BY: Kevin Leandro

With no discussion the Moderator moved to place the **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 twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000), to be added to the Sand Pile Cover Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: Phyllis Corrigan

SECOND BY: Kevin Roy

With no 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 fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000), to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1990? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: John O'Brien

SECOND BY: Gus Benavides

With no 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 ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), to be added to the Sewer Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2007? If approved, this sum will come from sewer user fees whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: Phyllis Corrigan

SECOND BY: Richard Grenier

With no 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 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? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: Gus Benavides

SECOND BY: Dale C. Eddy

With no 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 fifteen thousand dollars, (\$15,000), to be added to the Recreation Facilities Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation.

(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 1)

MOTION BY: Phyllis Corrigan

SECOND BY: John O'Brien

With no 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 GIS Capital Reserve Fund as previously established in 2014? If approved, this sum will come from the surplus fund balance whereby no amount shall be raised from taxation. (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 BY: Dale C. Eddy

SECOND BY: John Morgenstern

DISCUSSION: Kevin Leandro-98 Gunstock Hill Rd. Mr. Leandro asked to explain what exactly GIS means. John Ayer explained that GIS stands for Geographic Information System. It's a type of map that we are able to access and use.

Bruce Thurston -11 Jameson Ave. Mr. Thurston asked where the surplus funds come from. Scott Dunn explained; that it comes from unspent revenues.

Mark Horvath-28 Timber Lane. Mr. Horvath asked if the GIS could be spelled out for the voters and Scott Dunn explained that Article explains what it's for.

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

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars, (\$3,000) 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, 2013 through June 30, 2014, forty-three Gilford residents received 99 hours of free and reduced service valued at over \$9,000 from Child and Family 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 6 to 3)

MOTION BY: Meg Jenkins

SECOND BY: Phyllis Corrigan

Explanation/Question: Meg Jenkins, 32 River Road, explained that she supports this Article and feels that we need this pass it helps our residents. We use more then we spend on this Article.

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

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

ARTICLE 20: 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 2014 residents of Gilford received more than \$351,208 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 2 to 0)
(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 6 to 3)

MOTION BY: Dale C. Eddy

SECOND BY: Phyllis Corrigan

Spoke in favor of: Judy Scothorne, 2393 Lakeshore Rd #14. She is the head of this agency and went on to explain what they provide for services.

Gus Benavides, Selectman. Stated that they do not take a stand on this article they leave it up to the voters.

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 thousand, two hundred and sixty dollars, (\$2,260), 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 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 tie vote of 6 to 6)

MOTION BY: Kevin Roy

SECOND BY: Phyllis Corrigan

With no 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-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 3,642 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2014, 167 of whom were Gilford residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 46 Gilford residents in Fiscal Year 2014. We provided \$23,453 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 6 to 4)

MOTION BY: Phyllis Corrigan

SECOND BY: Karen Thurston

DISCUSSION: Deb Pendergast, 51 Marjorie's Walk. Spoke in favor of the Article, she stated she works with this agency and would like to see the Town's continued support of this Article.

With no further discussion the Moderator moved to place the **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 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 2014 residents of Gilford received 4,634 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*] (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 3)

MOTION BY: Kevin Roy

SECOND BY: Dale C. Eddy

DISCUSSION: Meg Jenkins, 32 River Rd. Spoke in favor of the Article and stated that is an important service to the voter's for family support, caregivers and for bereavement assistance as well.

Dale C. Eddy, 201 Chestnut Dr. Spoke in favor of the Article, his father had recently been diagnosed with cancer (has since passed away) but said that the Hospice care was so helpful for his family and so caring in the difficult time.

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 revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of providing public, educational and governmental cable television access? If approved, twenty-five percent (25%) of the revenues received from cable television franchise fees and one hundred percent (100%) of all other

revenues for public, educational and governmental cable television access received from grants, gifts, legacies and other devises will be deposited into the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. Furthermore, the Treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund to be paid out only upon order of the Board of Selectmen, whereby no further approval by the Town Meeting will be required to expend, provided that such funds may only be used for the purposes set forth herein. (Majority Vote Required)

MOTION BY: John O'Brien

SECOND BY: Gus Benavides

With no 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 repeal the Tree Regulation Ordinance pertaining to the cutting and trimming of trees within the Gilford Village Historic District that was made effective as of April 1, 1974? It is believed that the correct procedures were not followed at the time this Ordinance was adopted and that this Ordinance is not legally valid. The Historic District and Heritage Commission recommends the repeal of this Ordinance. (Majority Vote Required)

MOTION BY: Dale C. Eddy

SECOND BY: John Ayer

With no 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 insure the safety and serenity of the people of Gilford by prohibiting the issuance of personal fireworks permits; thereby prohibiting all personal fireworks throughout the Town of Gilford pursuant to RSA 160-C:6 except for licensed professional displays; and furthermore, to repeal the Ordinance to Permit Permissible Fireworks as adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 10, 2014; effective immediately? [*Submitted By Citizens Petition*] (Majority Vote Required) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2 to 1)

MOTION BY: Phyllis Corrigan

SECOND BY: John O'Brien

DISCUSSION: John O'Brien, 1 Briarcliff Rd. Spoke in favor of this Article, he feels that the Article needed to change (even if they are legal) due to safety concerns and

alcohol being involved. Fire that can be caused by fireworks is a concern of his. Also in his opinion safe and sane fireworks don't exist. His understanding is that the Fire Chief's are not happy with this as well for fire concerns.

Kevin Leandro, 98 Gunstock Hill Rd., He is not in support of this Article he feels accidents happen but he believes it would not be a huge issue. He feels the current rules in place are appropriate.

Pamela Hayes, 7 Given Dr. Spoke against this article. She had an incident last summer with a neighbor who had a rather large firework display and woke up the next morning (glad it had rained) found debris all over their yard. (Neighbor was picking up the mess but was concerned for her house).

Gus Benavides, Selectman. Spoke in general that as a Selectman he puts his personal feelings aside and decides what is best for the citizens of Gilford. He feels that the Police Department is stressed already and this would add burden to their already busy department.

John O'Brien, 1 Briarcliff Rd, spoke a second time on this Article and further stating that he feels that sparklers are hazardous.

Kevin Leandro, 98 Gunstock Hill Rd., spoke a second time on this Article and commented that welders also get hot.

At 8:15 p.m., the Moderator called for vote to adjourn the meeting and it was motioned by Dale C. Eddy and seconded by Kevin Leandro.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Mooney
Deputy Town Clerk – Tax Collector