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FROM: Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator
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SUBJECT: Gilford Old Home Day Cancellation

It is with a deep sense of sadness that due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Gilford Board of Selectmen reluctantly voted to cancel the 2020 Old Home Day celebration, including parade and fireworks that had been scheduled for Saturday, August 29,.

This decision was made at a meeting held on June 24, based upon the recommendation of the Old Home Day Committee. Some of the reasons for the Committee's recommendations were:

- The impracticality of requiring all attendees and participants to social distance;
- A limited number of vendors willing to participate;
- An insufficient number of volunteers (many of whom are elderly);
- A lack of donations;
- An inability to provide a sufficient number of sanitary facilities;
- Concern about the health of students going to school soon after;
- An overall sense that proceeding with the planned events could adversely affect the health of thousands of community members.

It is hoped that Old Home Day 2021 will be better than ever. Stay safe everyone!