



ABSENTEE BALLOT AND OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 2021

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Danielle Lafond

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 the Gilford Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Gilford and Section 2.5, Rezoning, of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance, by changing the zoning of land located generally on the north side of Lake Shore Road/Route 11 from Lily Pond Road eastward to the end of Airport Road, from the Industrial (I) Zone to the Commercial (C) Zone. The area encompasses approximately 12.85 acres (excluding roads) and includes Tax Map & Lot #214-034.000, #214-035.000, #214-036.000, #214.037.000, #214-038.600, #214-046.000, #214-046.001, and #214-047.000. (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 amendments to the Gilford Fire Prevention Code as proposed by the Gilford Board of Fire Engineers and recommended by the Gilford Planning Board as follows?

Amend the Fire Prevention Code for the Town of Gilford to enforce the State Fire Code and adopt additional provisions thereto for the construction and maintenance of all commercial/multifamily buildings and structures. (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: 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 \$14,743,845? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$14,189,402, 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.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 5: 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 \$50,749 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 fifty thousand seven hundred forty-nine dollars (\$50,749) 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 \$52,014 over the costs attributable to the wages and benefits that would have been paid under the current agreement at the current staffing levels.

YES

NO

(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 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars, (\$36,000), for phase 3 (out of 3) of the Police Department radio system upgrade project? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred five thousand nine hundred nineteen dollars, (\$205,919), to be used as the final lease purchase payment on Fire Engine 3; and authorize the withdrawal of two hundred five thousand nine hundred nineteen dollars, (\$205,919) from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose?

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of sixty thousand dollars, (\$60,000), for a Fire Department Command Vehicle, 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 twelve thousand six hundred dollars, (\$12,600), to be used towards making the vehicle operational and the first year's payment for that purpose?

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, (\$55,000), to purchase a DPW pick-up truck with plow and accessories? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of one hundred seventy thousand dollars, (\$170,000), for a DPW trailer mounted jet-vac cleaner, 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 thirty-four thousand dollars, (\$34,000), to be used towards making the equipment operational and as the first year's payment for that purpose?

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars, (\$85,000), to purchase and install a vehicle scale at the Solid Waste Center? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase is completed or by December 31, 2022, whichever is sooner.

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand nine hundred dollars, (\$2,900), to be added to the Police Dog and Training Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2018?

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2018? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand two hundred ninety-three dollars, (\$10,293), to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2018? This sum to come from surplus fund balance using FY2020 cable television franchise technology grants that were deposited into the general fund and no amount to be raised from taxation.

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$25,000), to be added to the Building Repair Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2007? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000), to be added to the Public Works Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 17: 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 surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000), to be added to the Recreation Facilities Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2008? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 19: 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 surplus fund balance using FY2020 Glendale Permit revenues that were deposited into the general fund and no amount to be raised from taxation.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000), to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1989? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000), to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2006? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to change the purpose of the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund to the Bridge Maintenance & Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? (2/3 vote required)

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)

ARTICLE 23: 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? This sum to come from surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 24: 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

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 11 to 0)

ARTICLE 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), (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 2020 residents of Gilford received services through the programs of Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., and the Laconia Area Center. (Submitted by petition)

YES

NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 to 1)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 to 1)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, six hundred and sixty dollars, (\$2,660), 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 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 petition)

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 to 1)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 to 1)

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars, (\$21,000), in support of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) 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. LRMHC is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center serving Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. We served 4,089 children, families, adults and elders in fiscal year 2020, 234 of whom were Gilford residents. LRMHC provided emergency services to 54 Gilford residents in fiscal year 2020. LRMHC provided \$61,054 in charitable care to Gilford residents last fiscal year. (Submitted by petition)

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 to 1)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 to 1)

ARTICLE 28: 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 4,166 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 Petition)

YES
NO

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 2 to 1)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee 10 to 1)

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission to convey to Christopher Harris, by means of a boundary adjustment, a portion of a parcel of land situated at 48 Hedgewood Circle; more particularly referenced at Tax Map 227, Lot 159; being 0.83 (+/-) acres, under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen and Conservation Commission may deem to be in the best interest of the Town; provided that the sale price shall be based on fair market appraisal to be completed by an appraiser acceptable to both the Town of Gilford and Christopher Harris; and provided further that this parcel of land shall be permanently merged with the abutting parcel owned by Christopher Harris at 42 Hedgewood Circle, more particularly referenced at Tax Map 227, Lot 158. The funds received from this sale shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering. Additionally, the voters ask the Town of Gilford to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the Town of Gilford to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Selectmen to Gilford's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. (Submitted by petition)

YES
NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT