

GILFORD PLANNING BOARD FACTS
Answers for Civics Class Homework

The following information is provided to answer homework questions for students in the Gilford High School Civics class. Most answers may be found in the State of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSAs). These are available in print at the Gilford Public Library and online at the following link: <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/nhtoc.htm>. Some answers may be found on the Town of Gilford Web site as noted in links cited below.

1. **Appointment and Qualifications** – See R.S.A. 673:1 and 673:5. The board is not elected and is nonpartisan.
2. **Board Composition** – See R.S.A. 673:2.II, particularly subparagraph (a); R.S.A. 673:6. Gilford’s board consists of seven regular members and typically two or three alternates. See R.S.A. 673:10 regarding quorums, and 673:11 regarding alternates.
3. **Officers** – See R.S.A. 673:8 and 673:9. Gilford’s Planning Board officers include a chair, vice-chair, and secretary.
4. **Pay and Benefits** – \$0.
5. **Meetings** – Meeting schedules for Town boards and committees are available at the following link: <http://www.gilfordnh.org/resources.php?show=9>. Meetings do not usually last longer than about two hours.
6. **Powers** – See R.S.A. 674. Also, the Planning Board generally reviews applications for site plan and subdivision plan approval, and proposes amendments to the zoning ordinance.
7. **Current Members** – See the following link for a list of people currently serving on the Planning Board: <http://www.gilfordnh.org/staff.php?show=22>.