



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

Danielle Latond
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTMAN</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>DALE CHANNING EDDY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">CEMETERY TRUSTEE</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>RAE MELLO ANDREWS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">MODERATOR</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT TWO YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>SANDRA T. MCGONAGLE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>ALEXANDRA T. BREED <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">FIRE ENGINEER</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>WILLIAM R. AKERLEY <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT SIX YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE</p> <p>MARY E. VILLAUME <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN TWO</p> <p>PETER B. ELLIS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>DIANE MCKONE TINKHAM <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS</p> <p align="center">VOTE FOR NOT THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN THREE</p> <p>AMBER LATORRE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHRISTOPHER BANKS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JOSHUA RITSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PETER SAWYER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Danielle Lafond

TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2.1: 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 of the 2-acre 700 Cherry Valley Road property (Tax Map and Lot number 254-072-000) from Limited Residential (LR) to Resort Commercial (RC), which property is located across from the Gunstock Ski Area entrance and adjacent to the former Arlberg Inn which is already zoned Resort Commercial? The petitioner states "rezoning of this parcel will enable redevelopment of the former Arlberg Inn property". (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 2.2: 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?

Create Workforce Housing regulations by amending Article 3, Definitions, to include a definition for Workforce Housing; amending Sections 4.2.10 and 4.7.2(j) to change the use description to read "Senior Housing/Workforce Housing"; and amending Section 11.4.7, Senior Housing, to add in regulations for Workforce Housing by changing the title of the section to read "Senior Housing and Workforce Housing", allowing Workforce Housing to be developed under similar conditions as Senior Housing, changing the unit mix allowed for both Senior Housing and Workforce Housing from allowing only one (1) and two (2) bedroom units to also allowing three (3) bedroom units, creating additional minimum parking requirements specifically for Workforce Housing, and making 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.)

YES

NO

ARTICLE 2.3: 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 Section 22.7.1 to correct a reference to state statutes changing the reference from RSA 676:16 to RSA 676:15 so the section correctly refers to injunctive relief provisions in the RSAs. (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 2.4: 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 paragraph b. of Section 23.5, Duration of Permit, to change the time period within which a variance must be utilized from one (1) year to two (2) years from the date of approval so the time frame coincides with NH RSA 674:33 I-a,(a); and amend Section 23.6, Penalties, by adding the following sentence, "The penalties set forth herein shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to any other rights and remedies available to the Town at law or equity." (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: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred fifty thousand dollars, (\$650,000), for construction of a new Town Beach Bathhouse; and to authorize the issuance of not more than six hundred fifty thousand dollars, (\$650,000), 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, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto? (3/5 vote required)

YES

NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

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 \$19,681,211? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$17,956,716 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 (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-two thousand dollars, (\$172,000), to purchase a light duty 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, 2025, whichever is sooner.

YES

NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, (\$150,000), to purchase a used DPW excavator with 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, 2025, whichever is sooner.

YES

NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 7: 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 (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars, (\$150,000), to be added to the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2018, which has a balance of \$30,986.95 on 12/31/23? 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 (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, (\$50,000), to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2018, which has a balance of \$63,182 on 12/31/23? 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 (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 10: 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 surplus fund balance and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES

NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, (\$175,000), 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 (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars, (\$35,000), 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 (3-0)

Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2024**

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Danielle Lafond

TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 13: 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. A portion of these funds is intended to be used to convert some more Village Field lights to LED.

YES

NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, (\$20,000), 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 Glendale Permit revenues that were deposited into the general fund and no amount to be raised from new taxation.

YES

NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, (\$125,000), 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 (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 16: 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? 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 (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 17: 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 (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 18: 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 (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

ARTICLE 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars, (\$21,000), (a level funded request), to Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) for the delivery of high-level access to mental health care? In addition to comprehensive mental health services, residents have access to the LRMHC Mobile Crisis Response Team that will report to a mental health emergency wherever the individual is located whether that be at home, work, school or elsewhere in the community. 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 3,622 children, families, adults and elders in fiscal year 2023; 179 were Gilford residents. LRMHC provided \$11,777 in charitable care to Gilford residents. (Submitted by petition)

YES

NO

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), to Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association for the purpose of supporting hospice care, nursing, therapy and aid care to homebound residents who are at medical or social risk, and immunization services? (Submitted by petition)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty four thousand dollars, (\$24,000), to support the operations of Granite VNA, (formerly 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 4,372 home visits from Granite VNA. 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)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, (\$10,000), for the continuation of services to low-income residents of Gilford through the Laconia Resource Center of the Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc.? The Town of Gilford has supported the Laconia Area Center for many years. The services that the area center provides include fuel and electric assistance, a food pantry, and weatherization assistance. Last year the Town of Gilford residents received a total of \$498,072.80 worth of services from the Community Action Program. (Submitted by petition)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)
Recommended by the Budget Committee (9-0)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to rescind the cemetery plot sales allocation formula as enacted under Article 19 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting, and in place thereof, vote to allocate twenty-five percent (25%) of the fees from the sale of cemetery plots to be deposited into the Cemetery Trust Fund for perpetual care per RSA 289:9, with the balance of seventy-five percent (75%) to be deposited into the general fund of the Town to offset annual maintenance expenses pursuant to RSA 289:2-a.

YES
NO

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to adopt the proposed Gilford Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan; and furthermore, authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the Plan as specified therein pursuant to RSA 53-E:7. (An official copy of the entire proposed plan 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 25: Shall the Town vote to adopt and modify the following elderly tax exemptions as authorized by RSA 72:39-a and 72:39-b; by increasing the income limits for eligibility and exemption amounts as follows:

- Single income limit from \$25,000 to \$35,000
- Married income limit from \$35,000 to \$45,000
- Single asset limit from \$90,000 to \$100,000
- Married asset limit from \$90,000 to \$110,000
- Age 65-74 exemption amount (if eligible) from \$45,000 to \$55,000
- Age 75-79 exemption amount (if eligible) from \$60,000 to \$70,000
- Age 80+ exemption amount (if eligible) from \$75,000 to \$85,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 26: Shall the Town vote to increase the optional veteran's tax credit for service-connected total disability from \$2,000 to \$4,000, said amount to be subtracted each year from the property tax on the principal place of abode of the disabled person or the surviving spouse pursuant to RSA 72:35.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

YES
NO

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey to The Home Possible Project, Inc., a 9 (+/-) acre parcel of land situated at Alvah Wilson Road and more particularly referenced at Tax Map 227, Lot 13; for the sum of one dollar, (\$1.00), under such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen may deem to be in the best interest of the Town; provided that this conveyance shall be for the exclusive purpose of housing for developmentally disabled adults with a reversion clause in the event that such housing is not constructed on the site within a reasonable timeframe as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0)

YES
NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT