The polls were readied by the crew from the Department of Public Works, with instructions in the booths and posting of sample ballots, instructions, and warrants. The 2017 Town Reports were available. Town Election Officials present throughout the day were: Sandra McGonagle, Moderator; Lawrence Routhier, Asst. Moderator; Richard Grenier and Chan Eddy, Selectmen; Denise M. Gonyer, Town Clerk; Kim Zyla, School District Clerk; Jennifer Mooney, Deputy Town Clerk – Tax Collector; Danielle Lafond and Sandra Beland Town Clerk – Tax Collector Assistants; Donna Mooney, Claire Stinson, Barbara Carey and Maureen Nix, Inspectors of Elections; Mary Villaume and Miriam A. York, Supervisors of the Checklist; Anthony Bean Burpee, Police Chief and James Leach, Lieutenant, Scott Dunn; Town Administrator.

Two vote tabulator machines had started testing on Tuesday March 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room B at the Gilford Town Hall and continued on Wednesday March 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Ballots were counted at the same time and put into sets of 25 for Election Day. Sandra McGonagle, Town Clerk-Tax Collector Denise Gonyer and Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector Jennifer Mooney conducted the testing and counted the ballots. The testing of the machine confirmed with the hand tally and was found to be 100% accurate.

The Inspectors of Elections were instructed to give a full set of ballots (three white town ballots, and one yellow school ballot) to each voter. Larry Routhier was sworn in by Moderator McGonagle as Assistant Moderator. Dennis Green verified that the two ballot boxes were empty prior to the start of the day. John Ayer verified that the third ballot box was empty and the elections result tape and counter both read zero. Moderator McGonagle signed a receipt for 2,311 ballots. Moderator McGonagle declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m., with the ringing of the Arthur Tilton Bells. The Moderator took a moment to thank the election officials and workers, explained the voting process. She also reminded everyone that there would be no electioneering allowed or campaigning within the polling area. McGonagle led the Pledge of Alliance. A continental breakfast, as well as dinner was provided by Bill and Sally Bickford. Absentee Ballots were processed at 9:00 a.m.

At 7:00 p.m. the Moderator announced the polls closed and allowed the voters in the voting booths to finish voting. When the booths were emptied McGonagle and Gonyer began running the results of the tally machines. The voting boxes were emptied and the write in ballots were separated and counted. Hand counting was completed and the official election results were announced by the Moderator at 8:35 p.m.

The total number of registered voters at the opening of the polls was 6,336; at the close of the polls 18 newly registered voters were added to the list for a total of 6,354 total registered voters. The numbers of ballots cast were 1114 (including 97 absentee ballots). The results ended with a 17% voter turnout.
The Moderator read the results as follows:

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year; to wit:

**SELECTMAN** THREE-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

**DALE CHANNING “CHAN” EDDY** 858 Elected  
WRITE IN:  
MARGO WEEKS 1  
JIM MCSHANE 1  
DOMINIC DECARLI 1  
MICHAEL DOWE JR 1  
SANDY MCLAUGHLIN 1  
NORMAN SILBER 1  
FICTICIOUS CHARACTER 2  
BENTLEY 1  
KEVIN HAYES 2  
WELDON BOSWORTH 1  
HARRY BEAN 1  
DOUG LAMBERT 1  
KEVIN LEE 1  
LARRY ROUTHIER 1

**MODERATOR** TWO-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

**SANDRA T. MCGONAGLE** 996 Elected  
WRITE IN:  
JUDY ANDERSON 1  
RODNEY (ROD) DYER 2  
GLEN ALDRICH 1

**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST** SIX YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

**MARY E. VILLAUME** 939 Elected  
WRITE IN: 0

**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUND** THREE-YEAR TERM  
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

**ELIZABETH A CASTRO** 931 Elected  
WRITE IN: 0
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN TWO:

JOHN P. (JACK) LACOMBE 814 Elected
DIANE TIMKHAM 858 Elected
WRITE IN: 0

CEMETERY TRUSTEE THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

SUSAN S. LEACH 935 Elected
WRITE IN:
JACOB BAER 1
JUDITH COTT 1
SHELDON MORGAN 1
GEORGE HURT 1

FIRE ENGINEER THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE:

WILLIAM R. ACKERLEY 952 Elected
WRITE IN:
PHILLIP LABONTE 3

BUDGET COMMITTEE THREE-YEAR TERM
VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN THREE:

JACK KELLEY 341
NORMAN J. SILBER 325
KRISTIN SNOW 703 Elected
JOSEPH D. WERNIG 703 Elected
HARRY H. BEAN 371
THOMAS CHASE 595 Elected
WRITE IN:
GLENN ALDRICH 3
CORBETT 1
SNOW 1
WERNIG 1
CHASE 1
JEANIN ONOS 1
LESLIE SYRANY 1
KRISTEN SNOW 1
HARRY BEAN 1
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 Section 6.5, Screened Buffer, by deleting the existing provisions of Section 6.5 and replacing them with revised Screened Buffer provisions including a purpose statement, clarification of when a buffer containing a screen is and is not required in each zone, clarification of when the Planning Board may waive screen requirements, and a statement regarding conflicting regulations. (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** - 665  
**NO** - 289

ARTICLE 3: 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?

Amend the requirements for Boat Storage by deleting the existing Section 4.4.7, Boat Storage; creating a new Section 4.4.7, Boat Storage – Inside, as a permitted use in the Resort Commercial (RC), Commercial (C), and Industrial (I) zones and not permitted in all other zones; creating a new Section 4.4.8, Boat Storage – Outside, as a permitted use in the C and I zones, as a special exception in the RC zone, and not permitted in all other zones; amending Section 4.7.4(g), Boat Storage, by deleting the existing wording and replacing it with new wording establishing separate requirements for inside and outside boat storage uses which include screening of outside boat storage in the RC zone when adjacent to abutting single-family and two-family residential uses. (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** - 664  
**NO** - 303

ARTICLE 4: 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 extensively Article 8, Signs, in various ways, primarily to comply with a U.S. Supreme Court decision (see Reed v. Town of Gilbert) which in general terms stated that regulation of signs based on a sign’s content is prohibited. The changes include
deleting and amending several sign types that are regulated based on the sign content, creating a new provision for a Development Sign for projects meeting Applicability requirements for a Master Signage Plan, creating a provision allowing only one sign in a Master Signage Plan to be made larger if another sign is made smaller by the same area, amending Tables 8.12 and 8.13 as needed to accommodate the proposed changes, renumbering sections due to deletions and additions, 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.)

**ARTICLE 5:** 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 $13,037,801? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $12,648,499, 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.

(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)

**YES-730**  **NO-238**

**ARTICLE 6:** 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 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 would also result in no increase in the costs attributable to the wages and benefits that would have been paid under the current agreement at the current staffing levels.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 1)

**YES-873**  **NO-142**

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a five year lease purchase agreement in the amount of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, ($275,000), for a fire boat, 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 sixty-five thousand dollars, ($65,000), to be used to purchase accessories and the first year’s payment for that purpose?

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 1)

**YES-800**  **NO-219**
ARTICLE 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, ($200,000), to purchase a heavy-duty dump truck with plow and accessories? This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.  
(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)  

YES-920  NO-105

ARTICLE 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, ($50,000), to purchase a used excavator; and authorize the withdrawal of fifty thousand dollars, ($50,000), from the existing Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 11 at the 1991 Annual Town Meeting? No amount to be raised from taxation.  
(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)  

YES-923  NO-97

ARTICLE 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million one hundred thousand dollars, ($1,100,000), for replacement of the Old Lakeshore Road Bridge and authorize the withdrawal of two hundred twenty thousand dollars, ($220,000), from the existing Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund? The remaining balance of eight hundred eighty thousand dollars, ($880,000), will come from a State Bridge Aid Program grant. No amount is to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the bridge project is completed or by December 31, 2020, whichever comes first.  
(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)  

YES-926  NO-98

ARTICLE 11: Shall the Town vote to establish a Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of constructing and reconstructing sidewalks; and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, ($50,000), to be placed in this fund; and furthermore, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)  
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 3)  

YES-694  NO-336

ARTICLE 12: Shall the Town vote to change the purpose of the existing Geographic Information System (GIS) Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 25 at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund; and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend?  
(2/3 vote required)  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)  

YES-686  NO-309
ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, ($10,000), to be added to the Technology Capital Reserve Fund? This sum to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. This article will be null and void in the event that Article 12 is defeated.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 1)

YES-828  NO-165

ARTICLE 14: 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 fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 3)

YES-845  NO-156

ARTICLE 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars, ($20,000), 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 fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(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)

YES-932  NO-88

ARTICLE 16: 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 fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 3)

YES-862  NO-143

ARTICLE 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars, ($30,000), to purchase and equip a 4x4 pick-up truck for the Parks & Recreation Department? This sum to come from the Recreation Revolving Fund and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 1)

YES-843  NO-172
ARTICLE 18: 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 fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation.
(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)

YES-902          NO-136

ARTICLE 19: 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 fund balance and no amount shall be raised from taxation.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 9 to 0)

YES-922          NO-115

ARTICLE 20: 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?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

YES-686          NO-322

ARTICLE 21: 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.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7 to 2)

YES-863          NO-155

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand, three hundred five dollars, ($9,305), for the annual fee to continue as a member of the New Hampshire Municipal Association?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 2)

YES-632          NO-386
ARTICLE 23: Shall the Town vote to establish a Police Dog and Training Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of purchasing a new police dog and training when necessary; and to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand nine hundred dollars, ($2,900), to be placed in this fund; and furthermore, to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend? It would appear that between donations and grant money the Town of Gilford will finally (2018) get a much-needed new dog and training for the Police Department to replace Ike, who passed away in February 2017. We feel the responsibility for providing a police dog and training lies within the Town instead of repeated solicitations from individuals, businesses and grants. The extensive time needed to conduct a campaign to raise funds greatly delays the acquisition of a much-needed new dog following a dog’s demise or retirement. It is no secret that New Hampshire is at the top of the list for opioid use. The assistance a dog can provide in drug related instances and also in search and rescue operations is critical. To quote Lieutenant James Leach of the Gilford Police Department, “It is a tremendous asset to have a dog and we need all the tools we can have.”

(Submitted by petition)
(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)

YES 945
NO 100

ARTICLE 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars ($9,000) 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, home weatherization, security deposits for housing, emergency housing assistance and maintains a food pantry accessible every day during business hours. In 2017 residents of Gilford received more than $397,768 in services through the programs of Community Action Program, Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc., and the Laconia Area Center.

(Submitted by petition)
(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)
(Not recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8 to 2)

YES 704
NO 341

ARTICLE 25: 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 3,888 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, bereavement support groups and immunization services.

(Submitted by petition)
ARTICLE 26: 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 3,883 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2017, 193 of whom were Gilford residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided emergency services to 48 Gilford residents in Fiscal Year 2017. We provided $45,943.81 in charitable care to Gilford residents. (Submitted by petition)

YES-735
NO-307

ARTICLE 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand, six hundred and thirty dollars, ($2,630), 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 and trafficking violence? Services include access to crisis line, emergency shelter, information and referral, staff and advocates’ services 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-643
NO-385

ARTICLE 28: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Police Facility Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 18 at the 2007 Annual Town Meeting? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town’s general fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)

YES-867
NO-129

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Public Works Sand Pile Cover Capital Reserve Fund as established by Article 24 at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town’s general fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)

YES-821
NO-169
ARTICLE 30: Shall the Town vote to repeal the Ordinance Establishing a Town Dump and Providing for the Use Thereof as adopted on Article 29 at the 1972 Annual Town Meeting; and furthermore, authorize the Board of Selectmen to adopt bylaws governing the use of the Gilford Solid Waste Center, to include (1) the establishment of reasonable fees and (2) rules for the separation and collection of refuse; pursuant to the provisions of RSA 149-M:17?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)

YES-811
NO-190

ARTICLE 31: Shall the Town vote to establish the Peverly Town Forest at Map/Lot 232-002 off Durrell Mountain Road, consisting of approximately 104± acres; said parcel having been acquired pursuant to a vote on Article 13 at the 1985 Annual Town Meeting; and to authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the property; and furthermore, to authorize the proceeds from said forest to be placed in the Special Forest Maintenance Fund as established by vote on Article 56 of the 1981 Annual Town Meeting; in accordance with the provisions of RSA 31:110-113.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)

YES-911
NO-95

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town vote to designate Terrace Hill Road Extension, a 50± foot wide by 200± long foot highway accepted as a Town road by vote on Article 17 of the 1941 Annual Town Meeting, as a “Highway to Summer Cottages” pursuant to RSA 231:79 and RSA 231:81, I, (b)?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3 to 0)

YES-780
NO-193

ARTICLE 33: Shall the Town urge the next President and Congress to fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the “We The People” agenda to (1) ban Super PACs and overturn Citizens United; (2) expose secret donors and require full transparency; (3) ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors; (4) establish small-donor, citizen-funded elections; (5) end gerrymandering and modernize voter registration; and (6) close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws? And furthermore, to urge the New Hampshire State Legislature to support concrete legislation to enact the “We The People” agenda. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Selectmen to the New Hampshire congressional delegation and to Gilford, New Hampshire’s state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.
(Submitted by petition)

YES-549
NO-421
ARTICLE 34: Shall the Town be prohibited from membership in the New Hampshire Municipal Association and the expenditure of any monies for such purpose, but this shall not prohibit the expenditure of Town monies solely for registration fees for educational seminars sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association?  
(Submitted by petition)

YES-374  NO-554

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Town vote to adopt an additional veteran’s property tax credit which extends the current veteran’s property tax credit of $500 to all honorably discharged veterans in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, to be effective as of April 1, 2018?  
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2 to 1)

YES-833  NO-169

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Gonyer, CMC, NHCTC-TC
Town Clerk – Tax Collector

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- Board of Selectmen
- Department of Revenue Administration
- Town Treasurer