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# *ANNUAL REPORT*



TOWN OF  
GILSUM  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

1979



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**ANNUAL REPORTS**  
**OF THE**  
**Town Officers**

**OF**

**GILSUM, N. H.**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING**

**DECEMBER 31, 1979**



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**TOWN OFFICERS**

SELECTMEN

Anthony T. Molesky	'80
Robert D. Coppo	'81
Ralph D. Merchant, Jr.	'82

TOWN CLERK

Christine Gilman

TOWN TREASURER

Marilyn Coppo

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Betty Pratt

ROAD AGENT

Donald W. Ballou

POLICE

Edward Perra, Chief  
Richard Fisk, Officer

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Donald W. Ballou-Mildred McHoul  
Mary Wright

AUDITOR

William Hasbrouck

CIVIL DEFENSE

George Navish

MODERATOR

Ernest Peter

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LISTS

Gladys A. Blackstock  
Ruth Finch-Ethel Molesky

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Robert Pratt '80 - Nancy Keating '82  
George Navish '82 - Marion Hall '81  
Clarence Blackstock '81 - Ralph Finch '81

PLANNING BOARD

James McHoul '81 - James Blackstock '81  
Harriet Commass '81 - Robert Coppo  
Meyer Loebelsson '82 - Robert Pratt '82  
James Dick

Alternates:

John Mohla - Michael Rechisky

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Judith Peter '80 - John Mohla '81  
Robert Dinsmoor '79

RECREATION COMMISSION

Peter Hanrahan - Arthur Carter  
Susan Rohloff - Robert Blouin  
Connie Bassingthwaite

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John C. Calhoun - Robert Pratt  
Betty Pratt - Carroll King  
Harriet Commass

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF GILSUM  
1979 WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilsum in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at The Town Hall in said Gilsum on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at one-thirty of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

The business meeting will be called to order at 8:00 P.M. to act upon the following subjects:

1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for the use of setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if the estimated entitlements are reduced, or take any other action thereon.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AMOUNT</u>
Sanitary Landfill	\$1,000.00
Police Department	1,000.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Town Highway Maintenance	1,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Library, operating expense	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be placed in the Fire Truck Trust Fund.
3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with a bond company in the amount of \$80,000, for the sole purpose of re-building and refurbishing the Town Hall building. (2/3 majority vote required for passage)

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for the purpose of finishing the downstairs portion of the Sumner Hall Library Building.

5. To receive the report of the Budget Committee, to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expense; and act in any matter relating thereto.

6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen borrow money in anticipation of Taxes.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to take charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue permits, without charge, for supervised activities held on the Town Grounds, said permits to include the erection of temporary structures.

9. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to sell any land and all pieces of real estate, either by auction or private sale, acquired by tax deed, said property to be advertised for sale for three weeks prior to sale.

10. To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

The following articles will be voted on during the voting hours of 1:30 until 6:30 P.M. by special ballot:

A-1 Question: Should the game of Bingo or Beano be allowed to be played in the Town of Gilsum?

Given under our hands and seal, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty.

Anthony T. Molesky  
Robert D. Coppo  
Ralph D. Merchant, Jr.

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

Anthony T. Molesky  
Robert D. Coppo  
Ralph D. Merchant, Jr.

Selectmen of Gilsum



BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM
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Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the  
 Ensuing Year - January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1980

Purposes of Appropriation

	Appropriations 1979	Selectmen's Budget 1980	Not Recommended
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</u>			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	
Town officers' expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Election and Registration expenses	250.00	600.00	
Expenses town hall and other buildings	6,000.00	8,000.00	\$ 7,200.00
Reappraisal of property	400.00	2,500.00	
Restoration Town Hall			80,000.00
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:</u>			
Police department	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fire department, inc. forest fires	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Blister rust and care of trees	100.00	100.00	
Planning and Zoning	500.00	500.00	
Insurance	7,000.00	7,500.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00	100.00	
<u>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u>			
Health Dept.-Hospital & Ambulance	840.00	800.00	
Vital Statistics	25.00	25.00	
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	3,500.00	3,500.00	
<u>HIGHWAYS &amp; BRIDGES:</u>			
Town road aid	386.32	380.68	
Town Maintenance	20,000.00	25,000.00	
Street Lighting	3,800.00	4,200.00	
General expenses of highway department	1,000.00	1,200.00	
<u>LIBRARIES:</u>			
Library	2,335.00	2,335.00	
<u>PUBLIC WELFARE:</u>			
Town poor	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Old age assistance	1,700.00	1,700.00	
Aid to permanently and totally disabled	2,400.00	2,000.00	
<u>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:</u>			
Memorial Day-Old Home Day	200.00	275.00	
<u>RECREATION:</u>			
Parks & Playground, inc. band concerts	1,650.00	1,600.00	
<u>PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES:</u>			
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00	
<u>UNCLASSIFIED:</u>			
Damages and Legal expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Advertising and Regional Associations	103.00	97.00	
<u>DEBT SERVICE:</u>			
Principal-long term notes & bonds	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Interest-long term notes & bonds	250.00	200.00	
Interest on temporary loans	4,000.00	4,500.00	
PAYMENT TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	500.00	500.00	
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$70,539.68</b>	<b>\$82,112.00</b>	<b>\$87,200.00</b>

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues 1979	Actual Revenues 1979	Estimated Revenues 1980
<u>FROM LOCAL TAXES:</u>			
Resident Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,170.00	\$ 3,000.00
Yield Taxes	2,000.00	3,855.00	3,000.00
Resident Tax Penalties		97.00	
<u>FROM STATE:</u>			
Meals and Rooms Tax	3,000.00	4,544.98	4,000.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	1,000.00	3,480.04	3,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	500.00	1,080.26	1,000.00
Highway Subsidy	8,813.05	8,676.46	9,780.97
Town Road Aid		1,357.81	
Class V Highway Maintenance	525.81	525.81	2,046.74
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance		855.66	
Business Profits		14,788.47	14,000.00
<u>FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES:</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	10,000.00	13,000.50	10,000.00
Dog Licenses	200.00	211.50	200.00
Business Licensed, Permits and Filing Fees		12.00	
Rent of Town Property	100.00	57.00	100.00
<u>RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:</u>			
Revenue Sharing Fund	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>6,379.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$32,138.86	\$62,091.49	\$56,127.71

### REPORT OF REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1979	\$2,877.10
Amount Received from Federal Government	6,379.00
Withdrawals	7,500.00
Sanitary Landfill	\$1,000.00
Police Department	1,000.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Town Highway Maintenance	1,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Library, Operating Expenses	1,000.00
Bank Interest	212.45
Balance December 31, 1979	\$1,968.55

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
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Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 22,150.00
Furniture and Equipment	6,500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	45,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	8,000.00
Police Department	
Equipment	6,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	13,200.00
Equipment	30,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	30,500.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,500.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds:	
Land, Frog Pond	200.00
Whitten Lot	300.00
State Road, Highway #10 North	1,200.00
30A Starkey Lot	1,500.00
Kenney Lot	200.00
Stewart and Cannon Lot	500.00
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TOTAL	\$170,250.00

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY
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Land, Improved and Unimproved	\$1,521,971.00
Buildings	2,857,450.00
Factories	20,500.00
Utilities	154,300.00
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TOTAL	\$4,554,221.00

FINANCIAL REPORT  
TOWN OF GILSUM IN CHESHIRE COUNTY  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Robert D. Coppo  
Anthony T. Molesky  
Ralph D. Merchant, Jr.  
Selectmen

February 11, 1980

Marilyn L. Coppo,  
Treasurer

**ASSETS**

Cash in hands of Treasurer		\$ 36,892.51
<u>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:</u>		
Town Hall	\$ 1,589.29	
Fire Truck	<u>1,817.50</u>	
		3,406.79
<u>UNREDEEMED TAXES</u>		
Levy of 1977	10,741.67	
Levy of 1976	7,881.69	
Previous Years	<u>21,027.15</u>	
		39,650.51
<u>UNCOLLECTED TAXES:</u>		
Levy of 1979, Including Resident Taxes		<u>62,888.18</u>
Total Assets		142,837.39

**LIABILITIES**

<u>ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN</u>		
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	1,968.55	
School District(s) Tax(es) Payable	81,855.34	
Reappraisal Fund	391.46	
Snow Plow Fund	<u>326.65</u>	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS OWED BY THE TOWN		\$ 84,541.00

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:	\$ 4,406.79
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	87,947.79
CURRENT SURPLUS	<u>54,889.60</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$142,837.39

RECEIPTS
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CURRENT REVENUE:

Property Taxes - 1979	\$132,779.39	
Resident Taxes - 1979	2,040.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes - 1979	12.50	
Yield Taxes - 1979	<u>3,855.00</u>	
TOTAL CURRENT YEAR'S TAXES COLLECTED AND REMITTED		\$138,686.89

Property Taxes and Yield Taxes - Previous Years		44,098.02
Resident Taxes		1,130.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		2,510.25
Penalties: Resident Taxes		97.00
Tax sales redeemed		12,426.85
Tax Sale		16,521.16

FROM STATE

Meals and Rooms Tax	4,544.98
Interest and Dividends Tax	3,480.04
Savings Bank Tax	1,080.26
Highway Subsidy	8,676.46
Town Road Aid	1,357.81
Reimb. a/c Old Age Assistance	855.66
Reimb. a/c Business Profits Tax	14,788.47
Capital Stock Tax	10.25

FROM LOCAL SOURCES, EXCEPT TAXES:

Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	13,000.50
Dog Licenses	211.50
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	12.00
Rent of Town Property	57.00
Income From Departments	48.20
Income From Electric Department Tel & Tel Public Service	51.50

RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation		
Notes	\$150,000.00	
Insurance adjustments	483.00	
Sale of town property	80.00	
	<u>                    </u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE:		\$150,563.00

GRANTS FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:

Revenue Sharing		7,500.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1979		<u>6,738.44</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$428,441.24

PAYMENTS

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,942.75	
Town officers' expenses	3,333.77	
Election and Registration expenses	165.58	
Town Hall & Other Buildings Expenses	4,793.67	
Reappraisal of property	173.81	
Other General Governmental Expenses	<u>5,479.31</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENSES		\$ 16,888.89

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police department	1,240.86	
Fire Department, inc. forest fires	1,618.99	
Blister rust and care of trees	120.00	
Planning and Zoning	488.65	
Damages by dogs	175.00	
Insurance	7,109.50	
Conservation Commission	<u>100.00</u>	
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY EXPENSES		10,853.00

HEALTH:

Health Dept. , including Hospital Hospitals and Ambulance	821.00	
Vital Statistics	12.00	
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	<u>3,461.74</u>	
TOTAL HEALTH EXPENSES		4,294.74

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:

Town road aid	\$ 1,218.32
Town Maintenance	24,452.86
Street Lighting	3,861.89
General expenses and highway department	<u>1,144.78</u>

TOTAL HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES EXPENSES \$ 30,677.85

LIBRARY 2,335.00

PUBLIC WELFARE:

Town poor	546.31
Old age assistance	1,631.77
Aid to permanently and totally disabled	<u>1,272.50</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE EXPENSES 3,450.58

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:

Memorial Day - Old Home Day 254.67

RECREATION:

Parks & Playground, inc. bank concerts 1,462.32

PUBLIC SERVICES ENTERPRISES:

Cemeteries 500.00

UNCLASSIFIED:

Damages and Legal expenses	211.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	103.00
Taxes bought by town	16,945.51
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	<u>48.00</u>

TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES 17,307.51

DEBT SERVICE:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	100,000.00
Principal-long term notes and bonds	2,000.00
Interest-long term notes and bonds	190.01
Interest on temporary loans	<u>4,526.03</u>

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS 106,716.04

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Payments to capital reserve funds 500.00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:

Payment to State a-c Dog License Fees	\$ 21.00
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond and Debt Retirement Taxes	535.16
Taxes paid to County	12,805.00
Payments to School Districts	<u>182,946.97</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS	\$196,308.13
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES	391,548.73
Cash on hand December 31, 1979	36,892.51
GRAND TOTAL	428,441.24

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of December 31, 1979

LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING:

Library Building	<u>\$ 4,500.00</u>
TOTAL LONG TERM NOTES OUTSTANDING	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS	\$ 4,500.00

RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt 12/31/79	\$ 6,500.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year	2,000.00
Outstanding Long Term Debt - 12/31/79	4,500.00

STATE TAX COMMISSION	
TAX RATES FOR 1979	
Municipal	.46
County	.28
School	<u>3.56</u>
Combined Rate	\$4.30



TREASURER'S REPORT  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1979  
MARILYN COPPO, TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1979 \$ 6,733.44

RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Sale	\$ 16,521.16
Property Taxes, Current Year	132,779.39
Resident Tax	3,170.00
Penalties on Resident Tax	97.00
Property Taxes, Previous Year	44,098.02
Interest on Property Taxes	2,510.25
Tax Sale Redeemed	12,426.85
Yield Tax	3,855.00
National Bank Stock	<u>12.50</u>
	\$215,470.17

RECEIVED FROM STATE

Savings Bank Tax	1,080.26
Reimbursement TRA	1,357.81
Business Profit Tax	14,788.47
Interest and Dividends Tax	3,480.04
Room and Meal Tax	4,544.98
Aid to Disabled	855.66
Highway Subsidy	<u>8,676.46</u>
	\$ 34,783.68

RECEIVED FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Transferred from Revenue Sharing Account 7,500.00

RECEIVED FROM LOCAL SOURCES

New England Telephone	38.25
Clark Insurance Agency	483.00
Gilsum Planning Board	48.20
Registration of Motor Vehicles	13,000.50
Cheshire National Bank, Stock Tax	10.25
Rent of Town Property	57.00
Loan in Anticipation of Taxes	150,000.00
Permits	12.00
Sale of Town Property	80.00
Dog Licenses	211.50
Public Service	<u>13.25</u>
	\$163,953.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>428,441.24</u>

PAYMENTS

Paid on Selectmen's Orders	\$391,548.73
Cash on Hand December 31, 1979	<u>36,892.51</u>

TOTAL PAYMENTS \$428,441.24

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1979
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Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$190,840.00	
Resident Taxes	<u>3,360.00</u>	
Total Warrants		194,200.00
Yield Taxes		3,855.00
Added Taxes		
Property Taxes	522.00	
Resident Taxes	<u>60.00</u>	
		<u>582.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$198,637.00

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Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	132,879.39	
Resident Taxes	2,040.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>3,855.00</u>	
		138,774.39
Abatements Made During Year		
Property Taxes	1,192.00	
Resident Taxes	<u>80.00</u>	
		1,272.00
Uncollected Taxes		
Property Taxes	57,290.61	
Resident Taxes	<u>1,300.00</u>	
		<u>58,590.61</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$198,637.00

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1978
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-DR-

Uncollected Taxes-As of January 1, 1979		
Property Taxes	\$61,708.18	
Resident Taxes	<u>1,180.00</u>	
		62,888.18
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		1,096.17
Interest Collected on Delinquent Resident Taxes		<u>75.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 64,059.35

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Remittances to Treasurer during Fiscal Year Ended Dec. 31, 1979		
Property Taxes	44,098.02	
Resident Taxes	1,130.00	
Interest Collected	1,096.17	
Penalties	<u>75.00</u>	
		46,399.19
Abatements		1,089.00
Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1979 (Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	16,521.16	
Residents Taxes	<u>50.00</u>	
		<u>16,571.16</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 64,059.35

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1979
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-----Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:---

	1978	1977	1976	PREVIOUS Years
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes of 1/1/79		\$10,741.67	\$7,881.69	\$21,027.15
Taxes Sold To Town	\$16,521.16			
Interest Col- lected After Sale	8.13	284.25	229.05	2,124.71
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$16,529.19</b>	<b>\$11,025.92</b>	<b>\$8,110.74</b>	<b>\$23,151.86</b>
		-CR-		
Remitted to Treas. During Year	\$ 3,862.96	\$ 2,989.82	\$1,667.41	\$ 1,396.52
Interest & Costs	8.03	284.25	229.05	204.77
Abatements	210.31	792.65	204.77	
Unredeemed Taxes 12/31/79	12,439.86	6,959.20	6,009.51	21,755.34
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$16,529.19</b>	<b>\$11,025.92</b>	<b>\$8,110.74</b>	<b>\$23,151.86</b>

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN
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TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Total Amount Available	3,000.00	
Robert D. Coppo, Selectman		\$ 500.00
Anthony T. Molesky, Selectman		500.00
Ralph Merchant, Jr., Selectman		500.00
Betty Pratt, Town Clerk		129.00
Betty Pratt, Tax Collector		500.00
Marilyn Coppo, Treasurer		200.00
Christine Gilman, Town Clerk - Salary and Registration Reimbursement		674.00
Judith A. Sanders, Secretary		244.25
Total Amount Spent		<u>\$3,247.25</u>

Overdraft 247.25

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Total Amount Available	\$2,500.00	
Postmaster, Gilsum		\$ 178.50
N.H. Assoc. of Assessing Officials - Dues for 1979 & 1980		40.00
Evelyn Hubal, Register		87.70
New England Telephone		368.43
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc. - Supplies		255.30
Allan Kendall's Office Specialists		30.26
Ralph Merchant, Jr. - Expense Payment		97.37
Anthony Molesky - Expense Payment		93.83
Keene Industrial Paper		54.95
State of N.H., Motor Vehicle - Registration on Town Vehicles		11.00
Granite State Letter Service, Inc. - Town Reports		541.35
Barrett Typewriter Shop		169.50
Wheeler & Clark - Dog Tags		39.63
Susan Blake - Maps		36.00
Braham Publishing Co. - Books		29.40
Homestead Press & Bookshop		172.05
N.H. Municipal Assoc. - Dues		200.00
Equity Publishing Corp.		14.00
Christine Gilman - Expense Payment		168.60
A-Copy Inc. - Copying Machine		653.40
Robert D. Coppo - Expense Payment		20.00
Ethel Molesky - Postage for Selectmen		10.00
William Hasbrouck - Auditor		40.00
Connecticut Valley Office Machines - Supplies for copy machine		22.50
Total Amount Spent		<u>\$3,333.77</u>
Overdraft	\$ 833.77	

ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSES

Total Amount Available	\$ 250.00	
Keene Publishing Corp.		\$ 15.43
Inez Rohloff		15.95
Nancy Keating		15.95
Gladys Blackstock		33.35
Ruth Finch		33.35
Ethel Molesky		27.55
Granite State Letter Service - Ballots		<u>24.00</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$ 165.58
Unexpended Balance	\$ 84.42	

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Total Amount Available	\$6,000.00	
Speedway Petroleum Co.		\$1,874.65
Terry Bunker - Lawn Care		194.00
Public Service Co.		946.51
Hasbrouck Associates		112.70
Karen Washburn - Library Custodian		19.69
Allen C. Garrapy - Repair 2 Chimneys		300.00
Sherwin-Williams		109.90
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange - Seed		4.55
Duraclean Cleaning Specialists - Carpets in Library Building		148.50
Michael Ballou - Painting		168.75
Dake Woodworks - Repair Cemetery Shed		220.00
Winifred Gannon - Library Custodian		218.00
Arthur Whitcomb - Septic Tank for Fire Station		241.00
Joyce Handy - Town Hall Custodian		43.50
Monadnock Septic Tank		25.00
Charlestown Ready-Mix Inc.		<u>166.92</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$4,793.67
Unexpended Balance	\$1,206.33	

APPRAISAL

Total Amount Available	\$ 400.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 173.81
Unexpended Balance	\$ 226.19	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Total Amount Available	\$2,000.00	
Edward Perra, Chief - Salary and Equip.	\$ 668.00	
Richard Fisk, Salary	450.00	
Clifford Bunker, Salary	25.00	
Cheshire County Peace Officers Assoc. - Dues	32.00	
Radio Shack	65.86	
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Total Amount Spent		\$1,240.86
Unexpended Balance	\$ 759.14	

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Total Amount Available	\$1,500.00	
Phil's Auto Repair	\$ 77.41	
George Navish	42.32	
Hasbrouck Associates	32.56	
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc.	75.91	
Arthur Whitcomb, Inc.	21.96	
R and R Communications Inc. - Radio Repair	30.00	
Bill's Service - Repair to '47 Chevy	49.00	
Keene Industrial Paper	42.83	
Southwestern N.H. District Fire Mut. Aid System	29.00	
David G. Adams Fire Equipment - Boots, Coats, Helmets and Hose		<hr/>
		1,218.00
Total Amount Spent		\$1,618.99
Overdraft	\$ 118.99	

CARE OF TREES

Total Amount Available	\$ 300.00	
Keene Tree Service Inc.		\$ 120.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 180.00	

HIGHWAY SUBSIDY

Total Paid to State		\$4,674.31
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LIBRARY

Total Amount Available	\$2,335.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$2,335.00

TOWN DUMP

Total Amount Available	\$3,500.00	
Harley Maguire - Tractor & Truck		\$ 622.00
Ralph Finch - Dump Custodian		885.74
Cravey Pest Control - 1 year contract		144.00
George Gilman - Heavy Equipment Work		1,510.00
Arthur Grover - Dump Custodian		<u>300.00</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$3,461.74
Unexpended Balance	\$ 38.26	

TOWN ROAD AID (TRA)

Total Amount Available	\$ 386.32	
Treasurer, State of N.H.		\$ 386.32
Donald Ballou - Salary		460.00
Robert Rohloff - Salary		<u>372.00</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$1,218.32
Overdraft	\$ 832.00	
Due from State	\$ 832.00	

STREET LIGHTING

Total Amount Available	\$3,800.00	
Public Service		\$3,861.89
Overdraft	\$ 61.89	

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Total Amount Available	\$1,000.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 546.31
Unexpended Balance	\$ 453.69	

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Total Amount Available	\$1,700.00	
Town's Share Paid to State		\$1,631.77
Unexpended Balance	\$ 68.23	



AID TO PERMANENTLY & TOTALLY DISABLED

Total Amount Available	\$2,400.00	
Town's Share Paid to State		\$1,272.50
Unexpended Balance	\$1,127.50	

MEMORIAL DAY

Total Amount Available	\$ 200.00	
Marilyn Coppo - Flowers for Town Tub Gilsum Veteran's Assoc.		\$ 10.15 <u>244.52</u>
Total Amount Spent		254.67
Overdraft	\$ 54.67	

RECREATION

Total Amount Available	\$1,650.00	
Public Service Co.		\$ 44.74
Keene Publishing Corp. - Ad		18.48
James Furlong - Director's Assistant		559.30
Karen Belaire - Director		795.00
Peter Hanrahan - Supplies		26.82
Constance Bassingthwaite - Christmas Tree Lights		<u>17.98</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$1,462.32
Unexpended Balance	\$ 187.68	

CEMETERIES

Total Amount Available	\$ 500.00	
Total Paid to Trustees of Trust Fund		\$ 500.00

DAMAGES AND LEGAL EXPENSES

Total Amount Available	\$1,000.00	
LEGAL EXPENSES:		
John Reynolds		\$ 75.00
Monadnock Regional Humane Society Boarding Dogs		136.00
DAMAGES BY DOGS:		
Michael J. Rechisky		95.00
Richard Leavitt		<u>80.00</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$ 386.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 614.00	

ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

Total Amount Available	\$ 103.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 103.00

BOND AND DEBT

Principal Paid on Long Term Notes		\$2,000.00
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INTEREST ON LONG TERM NOTES

Total Amount Available	\$ 250.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 190.01
Unexpended Balance	\$ 59.99	

INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Total Amount Available	\$4,000.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$4,526.03
Overdraft	\$ 526.03	

CAPITAL RESERVE

Total Amount Available	\$ 500.00	
Paid to Trustee of Trust Fund		\$ 500.00

HIGHWAY - GENERAL EXPENSE

Total Amount Available	\$1,000.00	
S & J Auto Parts		\$ 31.96
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.-Plowblades		162.52
Ross's Express, Inc. - Shipping Charges on Plowblades		7.55
Granite State Malco Sales - Fuel Anti-freeze		42.09
Sanel Auto Parts - Oil		100.21
Southern Parts Corp. - Blades		500.37
Bibeau's Keene Hardware Co.		13.33
Keat's Inc.		120.32
Merrimack Farmer's Exchange		27.23
Cheshire Oil Co. - Recaps		139.20
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Total Amount Spent		\$1,144.78
Overdraft	\$ 144.78	

PLANNING AND ZONING

Total Amount Available	\$ 625.00	
Granite State Letter Service, Inc. - Zoning ordinances		\$ 138.65
Southwestern N.H. Regional Planning Commission - Dues		<u>350.00</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$ 488.65
Unexpended Balance	\$ 136.35	

INSURANCE

Total Amount Available	\$7,000.00	
Clark Insurance Agency		\$7,006.00
Peerless Insurance Agency - Coverage on Volunteer Fire Department		<u>103.50</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$7,109.50
Overdraft	\$ 109.50	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Total Available	\$ 100.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 100.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - HOSPITAL - AMBULANCE

Total Amount Available	\$ 840.00	
Monadnock Family & Mental Health Ser.		\$ 290.00
North Cheshire County Home Health Ser.		<u>531.00</u>
Total Amount Spent		\$ 821.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 19.00	

VITAL STATISTICS

Total Amount Available	\$ 25.00	
Total Amount Spent		\$ 12.00
Unexpended Balance	\$ 13.00	

COUNTY TAX

County Tax Paid	\$13,361.16
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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Paid to School District	\$182,946.97
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REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

DONALD BALLOU  
ROAD AGENT

Total Amount Available	\$20,000.00
Donald W. Ballou - Labor	\$ 7,395.75
Donald W. Ballou - Truck	1,025.00
Thomas Ballou - Labor	3,199.50
William P. Johnson, Jr. - Labor	114.50
James Keating, Jr. - Labor	1,983.50
Dale S. Johnson - Labor	10.50
Michael Ballou - Labor	139.50
Robert Rohloff - Labor	3,940.50
Daniel Pike - Labor	769.50
International Salt Co.	1,780.23
Speedway Petroleum Co.	406.81
Arthur Whitcomb Inc. - Chloride	281.20
Harley Maguire - Heavy Equipment	227.00
Bill's Service - Backhoe Work & Repairs	148.45
Anthony Molesky - Repair on Unimog	185.00
Elm City Oil	1,328.44
Carl B. Thomas Construction Corp. - Work on Howard Bridge	537.75
Richard Woodbury	105.00
Frank Whitcomb Construction Corp. - Cold Patch	688.02
Gilsum Garage - Repair Work	69.78
Northeastern Culvert Corp.	23.18
Hydraulic Jack Service - Repair on Town Truck	53.00
Marlow Lumber Co. - Planks	40.75
Total Amount Spent	<u>\$24,452.86</u>
Overdraft	\$ 4,452.86

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT  
1979

For 1979, library circulation rose to 5,605, an increase over last year, even though only 202 patrons were registered. Library cards were issued to 57 children, and to 145 adults and young adults. The circulation figure includes 2,076 non-fiction volumes and 843 magazines. Fiction circulated was 2,623, records 19, sets of color slides 23, and jig-saw puzzles 21.

This past year, with the New Hampshire State library's restricted budget, we received only two visits from the Bookmobile, with a total of 1,683 books borrowed. The Keene Public Library gave us welcome loans of 166 volumes. Over the many years that they've been so helpful to us, we've been inclined to take the Keene Library for granted, but since their closing for alterations a few months ago, we've come to realize how much we depend on them for additional materials. We won't take them for granted in the future.

We've had a sort of mini-bookmobile of our own this year, thanks to our faithful assistant, Lois Wright. She has been taking books regularly to several of our senior residents who are not able to come to the library. The State Library, too, has supplied talking books to one of our residents, who, because of limited vision, has difficulty seeing to read print. Library Service, to the Handicapped, as it is called, is provided by the State Library for the blind and physically handicapped, so that they can obtain free of charge, library materials especially designed for the handicapped. If you, or anyone you know can make use of this service, please inquire at the library for information. We'll be glad to assist you.

Our annual book sale was held at Rock Swap time with moderate success. This sale has a double advantage for us. Not only do we turn discarded books into money, but we gain room on our shelves for books we do want.

The Mine Maps and Gilsum postcards continue to be offered for purchase at the Gilsum Village Store, thanks to the proprietors, Linda and Duane Wakefield. This is very helpful to people who come into town to visit the mines at times when the library is not open.

At present, the library has a collection of material compiled in past years by earlier Gilsum residents on the activities and news of Gilsum. This material has been made available to the newly-formed Gilsum Historical So-

ciety for using in their research. Sylvanus Hayward's History of Gilsum records the history only up to 1879. It would be great if the Historical Society could gather enough material for continuing the history from that date forward.

The Library Trustees and staff are striving to make the library more responsive and useful to all of our residents. Remember, the library is yours. Become acquainted with it. Why not make your watchword this year, "Meet me at the Library!"

Marion Hall  
Librarian

GILSUM PUBLIC LIBRARY
1979

Memorial A/C

Balance on Hand 1/1/79	\$465.09	
Interest 1979	24.62	
Sale of Oak cabinet	<u>135.00</u>	
		\$624.71
Expenditures 1979		
2 Crockett Books	\$ 18.00	
Indian King Framery	<u>38.25</u>	
		\$ 56.25
Balance on Hand December 31, 1979		<u>\$568.46</u>
Transferred from regular a/c		141.43
		<u>\$709.89</u>

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Gilsum Public Library grew and prospered during 1979. A number of generous gifts were received. It would be impossible to mention them all here but we do wish to give a special thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Blackstock who donated the funds that enabled us to purchase a new flag. We have received a number of additions to our book collection which are already treasures. The trustees are most grateful for such thoughtful and generous donations.

It was with a great deal of regret that the trustees accepted the resignation during 1979 of Nancy Keating as Assistant Librarian. Nancy Keating gave more to the library than we could ever have expected--we thank her and we miss her.

We are most grateful that an old friend and fellow trustee, Lois Wright, agreed to take over the job of Assistant Librarian.

The library received a special gift in 1979--a painting of Polley Bridge (ca. 1900) by Pauline Smith which was donated by Eleanor Towns. This is a most welcome addition to a collection of mementos of Gilsum's history which the library is pleased to house and display.

The Gilsum Public Library maintained its New Hampshire accreditation during 1979. As always, Marion Hall has done her job and far more. A library is only as good as its librarian--Gilsum is indeed very fortunate.

Library hours are: Monday afternoon, 3:00 to 5:00; Tuesday afternoon, 2:00 to 4:00; Wednesday afternoon 3:00 to 5:00 and Wednesday evening 7:00 to 9:00; Thursday evening 6:00 to 8:00 and Saturday morning from 10:00 to 12:00. The library is available for small public meetings during hours other than the above. To avoid conflicts, all meetings must be scheduled through the librarian.

Harriet Commos	1980	Lois Hastings	1981
Merrylin Johnson	1980	Kathleen Lynch	1981
Lois Wright	1980	Betty Pratt	1981
	Ruth Maine	1982	
	Judith Peter	1982	
	Frieda Rustek	1982	

<p>GILSUM PUBLIC LIBRARY Financial Statement 1979</p>
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GENERAL FUND

Checking a/c bal. 1/1/79	\$	350.91	
General Savings a/c bal.		<u>764.36</u>	\$ 1,115.27

Receipts 1979

Town Appropriation		\$2,335.00	
Book Sales		26.15	
Map Sales		116.55	
Fines		59.00	
Photo copies		26.10	
Misc.		8.00	
Dartmouth Publications		20.00	
Gifts		25.00	
Bicentennial plates, mugs & tiles		15.00	
Postcards		<u>15.35</u>	
			\$ 2,646.15
			<u>\$ 3,761.42</u>

Expenditures 1979

Books		\$ 529.56	
Periodicals		203.99	
Librarian's Fees			
Marion Hall	\$750.00		
N. Keating	281.25		
L. Wright	<u>468.75</u>		
		1,500.00	
Book Binding		23.65	
Supplies		84.49	
Recreation Committee		10.35	
Copy Paper		23.60	
Misc. Box rent, postage		47.16	
New Flag		23.17	
Dartmouth Publications		43.75	
Bicentennial mugs, tiles & plates		<u>15.00</u>	
			\$ 2,504.72
Checking a/c bal.			192.34
Bal. of Gen. Savings a/c (without interest)			<u>1,064.36</u>
			\$ 3,761.42

General Savings a/c as of 12/31/79		\$1,064.36	
Interest 1979		<u>54.54</u>	
		\$1,118.90	

Transferred to Memorial Fund from check book		\$192.34	
		<u>-141.43</u>	
			50.91



# VITAL STATISTICS

## MARRIAGES

<u>DATE</u> 1979	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Apr. 28	Gilsum	Nelson J. Judkins, Sr. Waneta B. Judkins	Gilsum Gilsum
May 5	Gilsum	Edward J. Fortunato Karen L. Johnson	Swanzey Gilsum
June 30	Gilsum	Kevin E. Carter Jean M. Morse	Gilsum Gilsum
July 10	Gilsum	N. Frank Miller Linda C. Rinker	Gilsum Gilsum
Sept. 8	Keene	Joseph T. Forest Jill A. Jackson	Keene Gilsum
Sept. 15	Swanzey	Lionel Watson Fisk Lisa Ellen Jackson	N. Swanzey Gilsum
Oct. 5	Gilsum	Jeffrey T. Emmond	Gilsum
Oct. 2		Amy J. Johnson	Gilsum
Oct. 20	Keene	David A. Frazier Nancy J. Eisner	Gilsum Keene

## BIRTHS

<u>DATE</u> 1979	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u> <u>MAIDEN NAME OF</u> <u>MOTHER</u>
Apr. 21	Keene	Donn Andrew Avery	Terry Carlyle Avery Penny Loo Libby
May 1	Keene	Kevin Edward LaRoche	Timothy Fay LaRoche Donise Faith Ballou
May 24	Keene	Owen Richard Castor	Donald Richard Castor Susan Jean Rohloff
July 1	Keene	Colleen Stephanie Hanrahan	Peter Michael Hanrahan Mary Ellen Liimatainen
July 11	Keene	Derek James McCord	Bryan Walter McCord Shirley Ann Frint
July 24	Keene	Trevor Michael Smith	Dean Bruce Smith Machelle Lynn Navish
Aug. 12	Peterborough	Brady Mather Lynch	Edward Thomas Lynch Kathleen Ann Duffy
Aug. 25	Keene	Nancy Ellen Ballou	Michael Bruce Ballou Jane Marie Mooney
Sept. 27	Keene	Tyson Metcalf Nichols	Nathan Bruce Nichols Margaret Mann Newell

## DEATHS

<u>DATE</u> 1979	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE AT DEATH</u>
Apr. 19	Keene	Willard B. Hill	71
May 11	Gilsum	Helen Sarah Turetsky	69
June 3	Keene	Carl J. Nauceder	68
Aug. 17	Keene	Clifton Leon Davis	65
Oct. 18	Keene	Phyllis R. Norton	78
Nov. 9	Keene	Jesse Giles	70
Dec. 21	Gilsum	Charles H. Towns	86

## CORRECTION

Correction of Vital Statistics from 1976 Town Report.

Eugene H. Finch - reported as age 78 at age of death should read 87 years.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

1979

Two subdivisions were approved this year. One lot was subdivided into three lots and the other into two. All lots created through subdivision are over 5 acres.

The five amendments approved at the 1979 Town Meeting were incorporated into the Gilsum Zoning Ordinance. Updated copies of the Ordinance are available from the Selectmen or Town Clerk.

The Board continued to work on a Master Plan with the assistance of the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. In an effort to obtain opinions as to the future development of Gilsum, a special public meeting was held in June, and a questionnaire was distributed by the Boys Club to a sampling of Town residents. Those responding indicated strong preferences for:

Differential zoning according to use of land (i.e. residences, farms, business, etc.)

Limitation of number of mobile homes.

Continuation of the regulation permitting only one-family or two-family houses.

General satisfaction with Town services.

Encouragement of small business or industry.

Two thirds of those responding were of the opinion that additional recreational facilities (Particularly a swimming area) are needed. Accordingly, a joint meeting was held with members of the Recreation Commission to share the concerns and suggestions expressed on the questionnaire.

The Board expects to complete the Master Plan in 1980. Further suggestions from Town residents are always welcome, and all Planning Board meetings are open to everyone.

Harriet H. Comross, Chairman

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS -- GILSUM, N.H. -- FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1979

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
	Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End of Year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Common Trust						
1918	Myron W. Adams-Cemetery		100.00	8.02	8.02	
1938	Mamie Badger-Cemetery		100.00	8.02	8.02	
1974	Temple Baker-Cemetery		100.00	8.02	8.02	
1963	Charles Blodgett-Cemetery		100.00	8.02	8.02	
1963	Fred Britton-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1931	Robert Guthbert-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1927	Eben W. Jones-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1970	Earl J. Karr-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1916	Otis Kingsbury-Cemetery		100.00	7.89	7.89	
1976	Fred May Fund-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1975	McHoul Fund-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1948	Viola E. Minor-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1914	Charles H. Rawson-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1962	Homer S. Tillson-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1970	J. Homer Tillson-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1932	K.D. Webster-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1977	Whipple Fund-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1927	Emma D. Woods-Cemetery		100.00	8.01	8.01	
1976	C. & J. Blackstock-Cemetery		200.00	16.03	16.03	
1938	Josephine H. Carter-Cemetery		200.00	16.04	16.04	
1939	Ann Dart-Cemetery		200.00	16.02	16.02	
1977	Geer Fund-Cemetery		200.00	16.02	16.02	
1956	Bertha V. Lund-Cemetery		200.00	16.03	16.03	
1956	Milton I. Stearns-Cemetery		200.00	16.02	16.02	
1950	Herbert F. Moore-Cemetery		300.00	24.03	24.03	
1976	Pickering Fund-Cemetery		300.00	24.03	24.03	
1900	Daniel Bill-Cemetery		400.00	32.05	32.05	
1956	Charles L. Hubbard-Cemetery		500.00	40.08	40.08	
1940	Emma I. Downing-Cemetery		2,820.27	225.99	225.99	
1938	Emma I. Downing-Cemetery		500.00	40.06	40.06	
1938	Emma I. Downing-Cemetery		479.06	38.40	38.40	
1938	Emma Downing-Cemetery		1,319.56	100.93	100.93	
1938	Emma I. Downing-Cemetery		2,486.31	199.07	199.07	
1916	Otis Kingsbury-School		200.00	15.09	15.09	
1921	Lansing W. Wilder-School		500.00	40.08	40.08	

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS (CONTINUED)

		PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
		Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End of Year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1798	Ministers Fund-School			300.00		24.04	
1936	Emma I. Downing-Cemetery	\$ 2,600.00		2,600.00		87.10	
	Public Service			22.40		1.26	
	Co. of NH Stock			50.00		2.79	
1906	Webster Fund-Cemetery			50.00		2.79	
1975	Acdon Fund-Cemetery			50.00		2.73	
1976	Ruth Finch Fund-Cemetery			50.00		4.19	
1923	Helen L. Iaham-Cemetery			50.00		8.20	
1977	Seuss Fund-Cemetery			75.00		13.98	
1932	Sarah Webster-Cemetery			150.00			
1946	Fannie R. Smith-Cemetery			250.00			
1977	Eichorn Fund-Cemetery		\$ 100.00	100.00			
1979	F. Summer Hall-Cemetery			100.00			
1979	Nichols Fund-Cemetery			100.00			

TOTALS -- All Trust Funds

\$16,402.60 \$ 200.00 \$16,602.60 \$1,169.94 \$1,169.94

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

		PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
		Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	Income during Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1975	Old Home Day Fund-Old Home Day	\$ 87.63	\$	\$ 87.63	\$ 4.97	\$ 5.15	\$ 9.94
1966	Fire Truck Fund-Fire Truck	1,254.96	1,000.00	2,254.96	62.54	113.51	176.05
1970	Town Hall Fund-Town Hall	1,506.91		1,506.91	82.38	88.67	171.05
1969	Trustees General Fund-Cemetery	1,413.76	1,500.00	2,913.76	77.28	152.00	229.28
TOTALS		\$20,665.86	\$2,700.00	\$23,365.86	\$226.99	\$1,529.27	\$586.32

REPORT OF THE GILSUM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As we begin this new year with all our New Years resolutions, let's put our Society interests right up at the top of the list. We got off to a good start in September when we formed our society because of the great desire of the founding members.

Our Executive Board of officers met and have some really interesting things in the making that should interest us all. Marjorie Walen Smith, noted writer of articles about old homes, will be one of our speakers this year and will be showing slides and pictures of interesting houses in Cheshire County, including Gilsum. We will let you know the date of this event as soon as we can get a commitment.

Here are several of the projects that we have been working on in 1979 - Lois Wright and Dorothy Marcotte have been researching the cemeteries, taking pictures of them for our Society records. We have one more cemetery to do - the Vessel Rock. How about joining us?

Aaron Fisk, Lois Wright and Frieda Rustak are documenting photographic slides taken by Aaron, who is a photo buff, and has many beautiful pictures of our Gilsum. Any volunteers? Call 352-8542

We are now officially incorporated as of January 1980, and are registered with the Secretary of the State of New Hampshire at Concord, N.H. Now we will be able to acquire and accept historical things such as, photographs, books, town records, glass, historical artifacts etc. that can be donated or loaned to us. We are also trying to find a place that we can keep these things at, and use as a meeting place.

We also need to have a membership drive. As members, what do you think would help others to become interested in joining us? Why not try to find just one friend that could join you when you come to your historical society meetings.

If you need any questions answered, just call me or one of these members listed below. We will be glad to help you.

L. Wright - Trustee	352-1490	D. Marcotte, Secretary
F. Rustek, Treas.	352-8542	
N. Nichols, Pres.	357-0561	
R. Fisk, V. Pres.	352-7669	
D. Marcotte, Sec.	357-0691	

MINUTES OF THE 1979 TOWN MEETING

The annual Town Meeting of Gilsum, held in the Town Hall, on Tuesday evening, March 13, 1979 commenced at 8:05 P.M., with Mr. Ernest Peter as Town Moderator.

The list of Town Officers newly elected was read, and the officers chosen who were present were sworn in by Mr. Peter. They were as follows:

Selectman	Ralph Merchant, Jr. (not present, sworn in 3/14/79 by Town Clerk)
Town Clerk	Christine Gilman
Town Treasurer	Marilyn Coppo
Road Agent	Donald Ballou (not present)
Police Chief	Edward Perra
Trustees of Trust Funds	Donald Ballou Mildred McHoul
Budget Committee	Nancy Keating George Navish
Library Trustees	Ruth Maine Judith Peter Freida Rustek

The following articles were voted on during voting hours by special ballot:

- A-1 Should the game of Beano or Bingo be allowed to be played in the Town of Gilsum?  
Adopted
- B-1 5 Questions about amending the existing zoning regulations:  
Adopted
- B-1 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Minimum land area for building is increased from 25,000 sq. ft. to one acre.  
Adopted
- B-2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: "Permanent Foundation" is defined in terms of foundation materials, construction methods and depth below grade level.  
Adopted
- B-3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Requires that mobile homes be placed on a permanent foundation as defined in Amendment No. 2  
Adopted

B-4 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Changes the number of mobile homes allowed from one for every four dwellings to one for every six permanent dwellings of other types.

Adopted

B-5 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Requires a written permit from the Selectmen or Building Inspector for construction of all driveway entrances.

Adopted.

Articles acted upon during Town Meeting:

1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund, established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, for the use of setoffs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and to authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced, or take any other action thereon.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	<u>ESTIMATED AMOUNT</u>
Sanitary Landfill	\$ 1,000.00
Police Department	1,000.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Town Highway Maintenance	1,000.00
Street Lighting	1,000.00
Library, Operating Expense	1,000.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,000.00</u>

Article No. 1 moved to the floor, and seconded. It was approved unanimously as read.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be placed in the Fire Truck Trust Fund.

Article No. 2 moved to the floor, seconded, and approved unanimously as read.

There was a break at 8:35, and we reconvened at 8:50.

3. To receive the report of the Budget Committee, in any matter relating thereto.

Mrs. Nancy Keating, member of the Budget Committee, read the 1979 recommendations, and Mr. Ernest Peter read appropriations for the previous fiscal year:

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GILSUM

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the  
 Ensuing Year January 1, 1979 to December 31, 1979

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION

	Appropriations Previous Fis. Yr.	Recom- mended 1979
<u>General Government:</u>		
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Town officers' expenses	3,000.00	2,500.00
Election & Registration expenses	250.00	250.00
Expenses town hall & other buildings	4,000.00	6,000.00
Reappraisal of property	400.00	400.00
<u>Protection of Persons &amp; Property:</u>		
Police Department	2,087.45	2,000.00
Fire Department, inc. forest fires	1,500.00	1,500.00
Blister rust and care of trees	100.00	300.00
Planning and Zoning	500.00	625.00
Insurance	5,000.00	5,000.00
Conservation Commission	100.00	100.00
<u>Health Department:</u>		
Health Dept.-Hospital-Ambulance	1,000.00	840.00
Vital Statistics	25.00	25.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,500.00	3,500.00
<u>Highways &amp; Bridges:</u>		
Town road aid	341.12	386.32
Town Maintenance	18,500.00	20,000.00
Street Lighting	3,100.00	3,800.00
General expenses of Highway Dept.	750.00	1,000.00
<u>Libraries:</u>		
	2,130.00	2,335.00
<u>Public Welfare:</u>		
Town Poor	1,000.00	1,000.00
Old age assistance	1,700.00	1,700.00
Aid to permanently & totally disabled	2,400.00	2,400.00
<u>Patriotic Purposes:</u>		
Memorial Day - Old Home Day	200.00	200.00
<u>Recreation:</u>		
	1,500.00	1,650.00
<u>Public Services Enterprises:</u>		
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00
<u>Unclassified:</u>		
Damages and Legal expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	169.00	103.00
<u>Debt Service:</u>		
Principal-long term notes & bonds	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest-long term notes & bonds	300.00	250.00
Interest on temporary loans	3,200.00	4,000.00
<u>Payment To Capital Reserve Fund:</u>		
Fire truck	500.00	500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$63,252.57	\$68,864.32



Selectman Robert Coppo asked to have the insurance recommendation for 1979 increased from \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00; an additional \$2,000.00 for errors and omissions insurance. The Selectman reported that about two weeks ago some townspeople asked for an audit of the Town books, and a few errors were found.

It was made clear that this \$2,000.00 figure was an estimated one, and would cover all Town Officials except Police Officers.

Ralph Finch: "I make a motion to appropriate \$70,864.32 for the budget." (Which includes the additional \$2,000.00.)

It was voted on by a show of hands, and there being 56 people present, the vote showed:

50 yeas  
0 Nays  
6 people did not  
vote.

The article was so ammended and the total budget was passed.

4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

The motion was brought to the floor & seconded, voted on by a show of hands which was; 54 yeas, & 2 nays. The article was passed.

5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses.

The article was moved to the floor, seconded, and approved unanimously with no discussion.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to take charge of the observance of Memorial Day.

This article was moved to the floor, seconded, and approved unanimously with no discussion.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to issue permits, without charge, for supervised activities held on the Town Grounds, said permits to include the erection of temporary structures.

This article was moved to the floor, seconded, and

passed unanimously.

8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any land and all pieces of real estate, either by auction or private sale, acquired by tax deed, said property to be advertised for sale for three weeks prior to the sale.

This article was moved to the floor, seconded, and passed unanimously.

9. To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

- a. A motion was made to report action taken on Town warrant:

We resolve to include in next year's Town Report all action taken on articles at this year's Town Meeting.  
(Selectmen shall do this)

Approved unanimously

- b. A motion was made that a committee be developed to collect figures on costs of restoration of the present Town Hall.  
Motion Carried

Volunteers for this committee included:

Edward Lynch  
Peter Palmer  
Michael Rechisky  
Ralph Finch  
Richard Tuttle

Also mentioned were Dale Johnson and Roger Clark who had shown a willingness to be on this committee, but were not present at this meeting.

This list is to be brought to the next Town Meeting.

- c. It was proposed that Property assessments be put back into the Town Report. Selectman Tony Molesky answered, saying that we are due for reevaluation this year, and as soon as this is done, they will be published, hopefully next year.

There being no more business to come before this meeting, it was dissolved at 10:08 PM.

TO: THE RESIDENTS OF GILSUM

FROM: GILSUM FIRE DEPARTMENT

With the ever increasing number of wood stoves being installed in homes due to the price of home heating oil, your Fire Department is getting very concerned about your safety.

We know that some of these wood burning units are being installed in an unsafe manner and some are being connected to old chimneys that are very unsafe.

We expect that in the near future there will be a new State law pertaining to this. But, as of right now, there is no law saying that anyone can come into your home and tell you that your stove is not installed in a safe manner or that your chimney is not safe; even though it would be for your own protection.

In the meantime, I suggest very strongly that each home have at least two smoke & fire detectors installed. These detectors could very well save your life or the lives of your family.

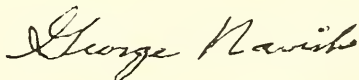
As of February 1, 1980, through your Fire Department, you can purchase a Sunbeam smoke & fire detector for the minimal cost of only \$8.75 which is a very small price for possibly your life or the lives of your loved ones.

I will be more than glad to take orders for these detectors and, if after you receive them, you are unsure of locating them in your home or unable to install them yourself, you may contact me or any member of your Fire Department to help you.

DO NOT HESITATE....GET YOUR ORDERS IN NOW!

FIRES DO NOT PLAY FAVORITES ....THEY CAN STRIKE ANYONE'S HOME!

Thinking of your safety,



George Navish, FIRE CHIEF

MARLOW AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD  
SUMMARY OF CALLS

1979

TOWN	NO. OF CALLS	EMERGENCY	TRANSFER	RESPONDED DID NOT TRANSPORT
Marlow	25	18	7	0
Gilsum	14	8	5	1
Stoddard	20	14	3	3
East Alstead	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	68	47	17	4
1978 Runs	96	64	26	6
1977 Runs	86	56	23	7

1977 does not include East Alstead

The Gilsum Fire Department Rescue Squad is pleased to announce the addition of two experienced EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians). Ann Thompson, Banks Road comes from New York and Jim Young, Alstead Hill, from Vermont. Midge Dinsmoor and Judy Britton make up the foursome.







