

Annual Report of the Town



Gilford New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 2001

Winter kayaking on Lake Winnepesaukee's Timber Island
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DEDICATION



The terms “longevity” and “municipal manager” are generally considered oxymorons, or at the very least, not mentioned in the same breath. The Town of Gilford, however, was the fortunate beneficiary of the leadership of Town Administrator Dave Caron for thirteen years, until his departure in November. His tenure was longer than the combined terms of the four Town Administrators who preceded him.

Dave left his mark on all facets of Gilford town government, from the simplest of procedures to the most complex of management tools. His administrative and business skills, combined with a wry sense of humor, resulted in unprecedented successful community accomplishments. Although he never resided in Gilford, his professional efforts were always directed towards the best interests and the betterment of the town.

For his service to Gilford and his friendship this Annual Report is dedicated to David R. Caron. The Town of Londonderry’s gain is truly the Town of Gilford’s loss.

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Town Officers - 2001

OFFICERS ELECTED BY BALLOT AT TOWN MEETING

Term Commencing on Day of Town Meeting

Three-Year Terms SELECTMEN

Robert A. Walter	Term Expires 2002
Lawrence M. Routhier	Term Expires 2003
Dennis J. Doten	Term Expires 2004

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Debra Eastman	Term Expires 2002
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TREASURER

Gregory Dickinson	Annual Term 2003
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OVERSEER OF WELFARE

William Connelly	Annual Term 2003
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Two-Year Term MODERATOR

Peter Millham	Term Expires 2002
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Six-Year Terms SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Carolyn Smith	Term Expires 2002
Dorothy Kereage	Term Expires 2004
Mary Lou Grevatt	Term Expires 2006

Three-Year Terms TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

George Sawyer, Chairman	Term Expires 2004
Carolyn Smith	Term Expires 2002
Gregory Dickinson	Term Expires 2003

Three-Year Terms TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Polly Sanfacon, Chairperson	Term Expires 2004
Doris MacHaffie	Term Expires 2002
Jean Clarke	Term Expires 2003
David Buckman (appt. until 2002 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 2002
Jean Clark (appt. until 2002 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 2002

BUDGET COMMITTEE

J. Kinney O'Rourke, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
Susan Greene	Term Expires 2002
William Phillips	Term Expires 2002
Richard Hickok	Term Expires 2003
Sean Murphy	Term Expires 2004
Andrew Howe	Term Expires 2004
John Morris (appt. until 2002 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 2002
Donald Sibson (appt. until 2002 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 2002
Derek Thomlinson (appt. until 2002 Town Meeting)	Term Expires 2002
James Annis/Kent Baron School Board Members	
Dennis Doten, Selectman Member	

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Kenneth Kneur, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
William Akerley	Term Expires 2003
Philip Brouillard	Term Expires 2004

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

John Goodhue, Chairman	Term Expires 2003
Tom Drouin	Term Expires 2002
Benjamin Graves	Term Expires 2002
Douglas Hill	Term Expires 2004
Lee Duncan	Term Expires 2004
David Buckman, Alternate	Term Expires 2002
Marjory Hillman, Alternate	Term Expires 2002
Paula McDonald, Alternate	Term Expires 2004
Lisa Marie Morin, Planning Board Rep	

PLANNING BOARD

Polly Sanfacon, Chairman	Term Expires 2003
Lisa Marie Morin	Term Expires 2004
Carolyn Scattergood	Term Expires 2002
Jerry Gagnon	Term Expires 2002
Richard Vaillancourt	Term Expires 2003
Richard Waitt	Term Expires 2003
Richard Sonia	Term Expires 2004
William Johnson, Alternate	Term Expires 2003
Lisa Marie Morin, Alternate	Term Expires 2004
Robert A. Walter, Selectman	

RECREATION COMMISSION

Corrinne Demko, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
Patti Smith	Term Expires 2002
Richard Nelson	Term Expires 2003
Thom Francoeur	Term Expires 2004
Teri Joyce	Term Expires 2004

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Andrew Howe, Chairman	Term Expires 2002
Arthur Tilton	Term Expires 2002
Donald Chesebrough	Term Expires 2003
Charles Boucher	Term Expires 2003
Philip LaBonte	Term Expires 2003
Richard Weaver	Term Expires 2004
Richard Foley	Term Expires 2004
John Vorel, Alternate	Term Expires 2002
Scott Davis, Alternate	Term Expires 2003

GILFORD VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Ruth McLaughlin, Acting Chairperson	Term Expires 2002
Phil Arel	Term Expires 2002
Elaine Gagnon	Term Expires 2002
Julianne McConnell	Term Expires 2004
Dianne Mitton	Term Expires 2004
Steve Russell	Term Expires 2004
Richard Vaillancourt, Planning Board Rep.	
Lawrence Routhier, Selectman Rep	

Two-Year Terms

INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Rutha Helfrich	Term Expires 2002
Shirley Snow	Term Expires 2002
Barbara Carey	Term Expires 2002
Georgetta Wixson	Term Expires 2002

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Rod Dyer
Leo Sanfacon
John Vorel
Chuck Clark, Alternate

OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Town Administrator	Phillippe Arel
Director of Finance	Debra Shackett
Chief of Police	Evans Juris
Director of Public Works	Sheldon Morgan
Director of Planning & Land Use	John Ayer
Highway Superintendent	Richard Petell
Director of Civil Defense	Sheldon Morgan
Health Officer	David Andrade
Building Official	David Andrade

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN
AND TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Joyce Papps

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE TOWN TREASURER

Deputy Town Treasurer

Jennifer Carrier

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Library Director

Katherine Dormody

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY
THE BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Fire Chief

Michael Mooney

OFFICIAL APPOINTED BY THE
RECREATION COMMISSION

Director of Recreation

Susan King

ELECTED OFFICIALS OF
GUNSTOCK ACRES VILLAGE DISTRICT

Moderator

Craig Sikoski

Treasurer

Jan Combe

Clerk

Terry Crawshaw

Commissioners

Louis Combe, Chairman

Steven LaBonte

Robert Dalton

TOWN OF GILFORD TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY FIRE DEPARTMENT	911
POLICE DEPARTMENT	911
MEDICAL AID	911
Appraisal Department	527-4704
Building Inspector	527-4727
Conservation Commission	527-4727
Department of Planning & Land Use	527-4727
Finance Department	527-4701
Fire Station (Business Number)	527-4758
Health Officer	527-4727
Highway Department	527-4787
Historic District Commission	527-4727
Landfill/Recycling Center	293-0220
Library	524-6042
Parks and Recreation Department	527-4722
Parks and Recreation Program Announcement Line	527-4723
Planning Board Office	527-4727
Police Department (Business Number)	527-4737
Public Works Department	527-4778
Selectmen's Office	527-4700
Sewer Division	527-4778
Town Administrator	527-4700
Town Clerk-Tax Collector	527-4713
Zoning Board of Adjustment	527-4727

**Activity Reports
of
Officers, Officials,
Boards, Committees
and
Commissions**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The year 2001 will forever be defined by the shocking and tragic events of September 11. The ensuing changes to our lives have served to unite us as citizens, as human beings and to renew our perspective of what is important.

Nevertheless, it was a busy year in your town. Construction began on the Gilford Village Sewer Project, which will extend from Henderson Road, via Rte 11-B, Rte 11-A, through the village on Belknap Mountain Rd, to Ox-Bow Lane. Completion is expected in the fall of 2002. The sewer system will service both schools as well as the Town Hall complex in addition to many residential properties.

Economic development plans continued to advance this year, as an Intermunicipal Agreement was forged between the City of Laconia and the Town of Gilford to govern the development of the Lakes Business Park and the Laconia Airport Industrial Park. Phase II of the Lakes Business Park is a step closer to fruition, as the preliminary design and engineering were completed in December. Both Gilford and Laconia taxpayers will be asked this year to appropriate their shares of the project. If the bond issue is approved at Town Meeting, construction will commence this summer.

2001 was also a year of many personnel changes within Gilford's Town Government. Dave Caron, Town Administrator for 13 years, accepted a position in November as Londonderry Town Manager, Long-time Finance Director, Geoff Ruggles, returned to the field of municipal computer software. In addition, there were significant personnel changes in other departments, particularly in the Planning and Police Departments.

Through all of these transitions, our staff, volunteer and elected boards and commissions have responded to the challenge. They have rallied to make personal sacrifices, picked up the slack and continued to provide quality services to Gilford citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Walter, Chair
Lawrence M. Routhier
Dennis J. Doten

GILFORD APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT TOWN ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The Appraisal Department had a busy year in 2001. The real estate market continues to change, and many legal and administrative changes are occurring at the State level, which will have an impact upon assessing around the State.

This past fall all property assessments in Gilford were adjusted to reflect recent changes in the market place. While the volume of sales has dropped off since the fall of 2001, prices are still escalating in general, and it is expected that another adjustment will be required for this coming fall, 2002. We will keep you informed as the Selectmen decide upon the proper course to take.

As it turns out, Gilford has been ahead of the curve in terms of what the State believes should occur to assessments. As a result of the State-wide School Property Tax, many legislative changes have been in the making. The legislature had appointed an Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and an Equalization Standards Board (ESB). These boards have broad authority in determining standards and procedures to be implemented around the State. Further, the Department of Revenue Administration has been placed into an oversight role, and will be producing 'report cards' on each Town, forcing those municipalities out of sync with the standards to address them.

As an example of some of the changes, the ASB has preliminarily determined that each Town must have an assessment ratio of between 90% and 110% of market value. Every 5 years each Town will come up for 'Certification' by the Department of Revenue. The DRA will be looking at all aspects of assessing including procedures and record keeping. Gilford is slated for Certification in year 2004. At that time we will be required to meet all the standards as determined by the various Standards Boards.

Fortunately, because Gilford has been keeping their assessments on track with changing market values, we will not be forced to perform a full revaluation by an outside firm, as will occur for most municipalities. Because of the demand, the prices for revaluations have risen sharply. A full revaluation would cost approximately \$500,000 for Gilford, and, typically, these revaluations bring a host of other costly problems along with them. If we continue with our annual market updates, as we have since 1994, we will never need another full revaluation and we will remain in compliance with the standards as they are emerging.

Beyond assessment ratios, we must look to each aspect of our duties. For example, we must update our current use files, exemptions, and so forth. Accordingly, many taxpayers will be asked to assist us in putting

their files in order in accordance with State law.

We are continuing our cycled inspection process. Our department inspects 20% of all improved properties in the Town each year. We perform these inspections in order to ensure that our database of property characteristics is accurate and current. This helps ensure that our appraisal estimates are accurate.

Gilford Appraisal Office

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

The activity in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office has again increased during 2001, as the statistical reports within this publication will show. Zero percent automobile financing gave way to many more auto transfer registrations, warm summer weather precipitated the issuance of many taxpayer decals, Glendale passes, and boat registrations. The semi-annual real estate, quarterly sewer, annual water, capital cost recovery and various other tax billings continued on schedule. In most cases increased activity means increased revenue. Auto permit fees alone totaled over 1.2 million dollars.

The Supervisors of the Checklist accomplished the decade purge of the Checklist as required by state law. The process consisted of notifying voters who have not voted that they will be taken off the checklist and requiring that they reregister. Thanks to Supervisors, Carolyn Smith, Mary Lou Grevatt and Dorothy Kereage the process resulted in eliminating approximately 2,000 people from the list.

We look forward to another busy year and wish to thank the taxpayers for their kindness and support during 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

2001 ANNUAL REPORT DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE

This department saw a changing of the guard as John Bobula ended 13 years as the town's Director of Planning and Land Use and John Ayer began his tenure of service as the new director. Mr. Ayer comes to the town with 13 years of planning experience in both the public and private sectors, having worked in Massachusetts and Utah. A Durham native, Mr. Ayer is familiar with the Lakes Region and looks forward to settling in to Gilford's family-oriented community. As a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, and having earned a bachelors degree in planning and a masters degree in public administration, Mr. Ayer hopes his skills and background prove valuable in his service to the town.

In terms of the department's operations, there was an overall increase in development and building activity during 2001 reflecting a lingering strength in the local economy despite a slowing national economy. Significant development-related events occurring during 2001 include completion of the new 24,049 square foot T.J. Maxx store in the Shaw's Plaza on Lakeshore Road; a revival of new home construction in older residential subdivisions throughout the town bringing these subdivisions closer to full build-out; and the closing of Kmart on Route 11 after being in operation for many years. During the year building permits were issued for 66 new residential dwelling units (60 were issued in 2000) including both single-family homes and condominiums.

Important happenings during 2001 include the continued development of the Lakes Business Park off Gilford Avenue at the Bedford Avenue intersection. Lakes Business Park is a business and industrial park on over 159 acres being developed jointly between the Town of Gilford and the City of Laconia. Phase I in Laconia is built and Phase II - 113 acres in Gilford - is in the final design stages. Both municipalities held informative public meetings in November and December with community officials and the consulting engineering firm SEA Consultants, Inc. of Concord who is helping to plan and engineer the project, to review the preliminary street and lot layouts. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2002. Another important event in 2001 was to take the first steps to updating the Gilford master plan. In association with the Co-Seed program at Gilford Elementary School and the Gilford Planning Board, a community-wide forum called "GALA: Gilford - A Look Ahead" will be held in April, 2002. The valuable public input gathered at that time will in part be used to help guide staff and the planning board through the master plan update. The update is anticipated to be completed in 2002.

The following table illustrates the work performed during 2001 by the office staff and the boards and commissions for which the department provides staff support:

I. OFFICE STAFF

<u>1. Office Contacts</u>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Phone Calls Received	5,940	6,065	5,739	6,491	5,952
In-Person Visits	3,567	3,668	3,821	3,822	4,136
TOTAL CONTACTS:	9,507	9,733	9,560	10,313	10,088

2. Building code administration.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Building Permits	227	257	262	280	321
Plumb. / Elect. Perm.	202	190	182	209	241
Sign Permits	35	28	29	14	22
Demolition Permits	12	16	12	20	28
Misc. Permits	2	6	4	8	6
Driveway Permits	50	52	66	73	87
TOTAL PERMITS:	528	549	555	604	705

3. Declared value of all construction.

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
TOTAL VALUE	\$8,591,109	\$11,634,278	\$14,956,422	\$14,573,331	\$17,082,702

4. Inspection program

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Building Inspections	520	436	463	564	468
Electrical (Rough/Fin.)	352	301	356	396	334
Plumbing (Rough/Fin.)	275	231	266	276	255
Zoning Enforcement	199	141	101	144	165
Health Officer Responses	108	55	66	96	105
TOTAL INSPECTIONS	1,454	1164	1,252	1,476	1,327

II. PLANNING BOARD.

Membership

Term Expires

Chair	Polly Sanfacon	4/03
Co Vice-Chairs	Carolyn Scattergood	4/02
	Richard Waitt	4/03
Selectmen Rep.	Robert Walter	3/02
Regular Members	Jerry Gagnon	4/02
	Richard Vaillancourt	4/03
	Richard Sonia	4/04
Alternate Members	Lisa Marie Morin	4/04
	William Johnson	4/03

Board Action

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Site Plan Reviews	42	47	38	30	33
Subdivision Reviews	14	9	20	12	25
Master Sign Plans	3	0	0	0	1
TOTAL CASES	59	56	58	42	59

III. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Membership

Chair	Andrew Howe	4/02
Vice-Chair	Donald Cheseborough	4/03
Regular Members	Arthur Tilton	4/02
	Richard Weaver	4/04
	Richard Foley	4/04
	Scott Davis	4/03
	John Vorel	4/02
Alternate Members	Philip Labonte	4/03
	Charles Boucher	4/03

<u>Board Action</u>	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Special Exceptions (Granted/Denied)	7/0	10/0	6/0	7/0	5/0
Variances (Granted/Denied)	5/9	2/6	5/6	3/6	6/1
Appeal of Admin. Decision (Granted/Denied)	1/3	0/2	0/1	1/1	0/1
Rehearings (Granted/Denied)	2/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Equitable waiver. (Granted/Denied)	0/1	5/0	3/0	2/0	0/0
TOTAL CASES	29	25	21	20	13

IV. HISTORIC HERITAGE COMMISSION

Membership

Term Expires

Chair	Ruth McLaughlin	4/02
Selectmen Rep.	Lawrence M. Routhier	3/03
Planning Board Rep.	Richard Vaillancourt	4/03
Regular Members	Elaine Gagnon	4/02
	Julianne McConnell	4/04
	Steve Russell	4/04
	Philippe Arel	4/02
Alternate Members	Diane Mitton	4/04

In 2001, the Historic and Heritage Commission reviewed and acted on six cases (down from seven cases in 2000).

V. CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

Membership

Term Expires

Chair	John Goodhue	4/03
Planning Board	Rep. Lisa Marie Morin	4/04
Regular Members	Douglas Hill	4/04
	Lee Duncan	4/04
	Tom Drouin	4/02
	Benjamin Graves	4/02

Alternate Members	Paula MacDonald	4/04
	David Buckman	4/02
	Marjorie Hillman	4/02

In 2001, the commission processed 14 cases (down from 36 in 2000), performed numerous field inspections and participated in investigations relative to protection of wet and environmentally sensitive lands.

Special thanks go out this year to our Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Dave Andrade who served the town admirably as Interim Director of Planning and Land Use from April through August during the town's search for a new director. Mr. Andrade, along with Secretary Carol Welch and Administrative Assistant Marsha McGinley, kept the department on course even though short-handed. Finally, the entire department staff deserves special recognition for making the new director's job transition smooth and easy. It is a pleasure to work with such a capable, experienced, and personable staff.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Ayer, AICP
Director of Planning and Land Use

**GILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT 2001**

In this my fourteenth annual report as the Chief of Police for our community, I report the following.

The department was awarded two (2) Federal grants. One from the U.S. Department of Justice in the area of technology and one from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance for bullet-resistant vests.

Detective Matthew Gray returned to the position of School Resource Officer. This position, which is in its third year, has proven to be an asset to our community by forming a bond between law enforcement and our youth.

Promotions which occurred this year were Field Training Officer Dana Farley to Corporal, Detective Kevin Keenan to Detective Sergeant, Officer Kristian Kelley to Detective and Officer Dennis Rector II to Field Training Officer.

The D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Program entered its thirteenth year under the direction of Detective Sergeant Keenan and Detective Kelley.

The Department continues to provide a number of community programs in the following areas: Seatbelt Safety, Halloween Safety, Child I.D. and Bicycle Safety.

I would like to thank members of the Gilford Police Department for their dedication and service to our community and also thank the other Town Departments as well as the School District for their support.

Lastly, I would like to thank the citizens of our community for their continuous support of the Gilford Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Evans E. Juris
Chief of Police

Activity Report - December 31, 2000

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Telephone Calls Received (Dispatch)	23306	25400	22907
Outgoing Telephone Calls (Dispatch)	4952	5924	5084
Calls For Service	14657	13938	13818
Cruiser Mileage	178615	150665	168211
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	5	4
Robbery	2	1	3
Aggravated Assault	35	14	6
Burglary	25	27	20
Larceny	142	215	225
Auto Theft	8	18	22
Simple Assault	113	127	133
Arson	2	0	0
Embezzlement	1	1	0
Criminal Mischief	110	122	119
Prostitution	0	0	0
Drug Offenses	47	42	29
Gambling	0	0	0
Driving While Intoxicated	68	44	42
Intoxications	45	80	90
Parking Tickets	101	124	108
Accidents (Motor Vehicle)	313	341 *	328 *
Traffic Tickets	2217	1621	1542

*Includes (1) Fatal Accident

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

With 2001 behind us, we embark on a course of new goals and challenges while continuing to commit to those projects already started. I continue to find the position of your Public Works Director challenging and rewarding and meet new friends almost daily.

The Highway Division maintained an active part in 2001's goals and projects. Several roads were substantially rebuilt; those being Gunstock Hill Road (from Gilford Avenue to Schoolhouse Hill Road), Country Club Road and Artican Court. While these roads saw extensive work by our contractor, Pike Industries, many of our other roads saw less substantive repairs. We continued to seal much of our more rural roadways, thereby prolonging the rebuilding needs of those roads for a few more years. Road signage, ditch line maintenance, culvert flushing and repair, manhole maintenance all remain a vital and daily part of our operation. Roadside litter appears to be increasing and I ask citizens to take an active part in keeping their neighborhoods clean. We have blue bags for those who wish to assist us with this project and you can acquire some by calling our office at 527-4778 and requesting some for collection of roadside litter. By letting us know where you will be cleaning, we will pick up filled bags along the roadside and take care of them for you. Anything you can do to assist us would be greatly appreciated.

The Sewer Division has been busy and will continue to be over the next year particularly, due to the recently approved Village Sewer Line extension. This extension will run from Henderson Road up through the town office complex, into the village, past the schools, into the "H" and terminate at the upper reaches of Ox-bow Lane. During this time period, traffic will be asked to use caution within the construction zone. Homeowners that the line passes will be asked to hook into the line and abandon their sub-surface septic systems. We plan to also repair / reconstruct the road drainage in the village, as well as install a sidewalk, as the sewer line passes through the village proper. All roads that the proposed sewer impacts will have new pavement applied to them after all construction is completed. This will add approximately 125 new sewer connections to the town's existing 1,000 plus connections. This new line should help reduce pollutants that get into our water supplies, lakes and streams. We expect this new line to be up and running by late 2002.

Our recycling center continues to be a source of activity. If you haven't already, please stop by and visit with our recycling coordinator, Richie Stuart and let him explain how you can recycle and help out the environment. You will note in the following chart that this past year's

totals appear to be less than previous years. Please do your part to bring this figure back up. We had 9,528 visits this past year.

The following is a summary of this past years activity:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
	(ALL FIGURES IN TONS)		
Aluminum/tin cans recycled	5.67	6.44	5.54
Newspaper/magazines recycled	104.33	109.88	99.31
Combined glass recycled	<u>40.50</u>	<u>35.50</u>	<u>36.00</u>
Total tonnage recycled	150.50	151.82	140.85
Brush incinerated	325,000	174,000	215,000
	(figures are in cubic feet)		

As the year closed out, we were putting the final touches on some repair work at our Island Support Facility in Glendale. The one, large double security light was replaced with six (6) dock lights, similar in style to what was there many years ago. These lights will be more user friendly by not casting a harsh light into the eyes of those that use the docks in the evening. Also, the double launch ramp between docks 1 and 2 was repaired by extending the concrete ramp, dredging out of some mounded material and we reduced the angle of the ramp that caused some trailers to “bottom out”. Flowers continued to be a bright spot at this facility and I want to take this time to thank all those that keep the area looking so good; the users, all the island folks and especially Officer Robert Crossley. He spends a lot of time “policing” the grounds, picking up garbage and sweeping, on top of his regular duties. Thank you Bob!

This paragraph was in last year’s report and I think it important enough to include again this year. Going back to our highway and sewer operations for a minute I would like to take a minute to remind those that travel through our work zones that travelling slow and cautiously will ensure the safety of our employees that must work in the roadway. When you see a sign that warns of such a zone, whether town or otherwise, please be respectful of those that must work in your travel lane and pass by in a manner that ensures their safety. The following chart reflects the activity generated through the administration portion of Public Works this past year:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Public Sewer hookups	18	30	36
Driveway permits issued	47	80	95
Dig / Trench permits issued	12	17	16
Request for Action forms processed	148	159	149

In closing this report I especially wish to thank all those that have helped us through the year; the selectmen, the commissions, the departments, the agencies, the contractors, and especially the citizen. Thank you for making 2001 a great year for Public Works. With the events of September 11, we, as a community, need to pull together, stand proud and cherish our country and way of life.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon C. Morgan
Director

REPORT OF THE GILFORD FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT

The men and women of the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department would like to thank you, the residents of the Town of Gilford for the support that you give us year after year. We are especially appreciative of the cards, phone calls and words of thanks, support and encouragement that you extended after the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Requests for services from the department increased by 13% this past year. Increased requests for emergency medical services accounted for most of the overall increase.

The increase for services is taxing the staffing capability of the department at its current standing. Presently the department has 12 career personnel and 13 paid on-call personnel. The department is authorized 23-paid on-call positions, however, recruitment and retention of people for these positions is extremely difficult. Any call member of the department may be expected to perform the same job function as a career member, training is therefore of utmost importance for safety and effectiveness. An entry-level firefighter must complete a 188-hour course before he/she can be used to fight fires. Call members of the department are not required to obtain certification as an Emergency Medical Technician, but they are encouraged to complete this training which is an additional 120 hours. Then there is the regular department training that occurs 3 - 4 evenings each month to keep skills sharp and this is all in addition to responding to emergency calls as they occur.

Many activities continue on within the department, that while large numbers of people may not notice them, they do affect large numbers of people. Fire safety education in the school system and fire safety inspections are just two examples of these on going activities. The department is committed to serving the residents of Gilford in the best manner that is possible.

The department would also like to thank the other town departments for their assistance and cooperation and look forward to the coming year.

2001 ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Structure Fires	12	Medical Emergencies	419
Grass/Brush Fires	20	Motor Vehicle Accidents	58
Vehicle Fires	7	Mutual Aid to Other Towns (medical)	112
Hazardous Conditions	53	Miscellaneous Medical/Rescue Calls	109
Mutual Aid to Other Towns (fire)	22		
Miscellaneous Fire Conditions	31	Total Medical Incidents	<u>698</u>
Total Fire Incidents	<u>145</u>		

System Malfunctions	38	Service Calls	103
Malicious False Alarms	4	Miscellaneous Incidents	56
Unintentional False Alarms	60		<u>159</u>
Miscellaneous False Alarms	29		
Total Alarm Activations	<u>131</u>		

TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR 2001

1133

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Mooney
Chief of Department

Kenneth Kneuer, Chairman
Phillip Brouillard
William Akerley
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs. Open burning is a privilege, **NOT** a right. Help us to protect you and our forest resource! Build small brush piles that can be quickly burned and extinguished.

New Hampshire experienced over 940 wildland fires in 2001. Most of the fires were human caused. Due to dry conditions fires spread quickly impacting more than 20 structures. Homeowners can help protect their home by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. **Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires.** Contact your local Fire Department of the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands website at www.nhdf.com or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2001 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 26, 2001)

<u>TOTALS BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>		
	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>		
Belknap	89	18	Illegal	279
Carrroll	62	12	Unknown	201
Cheshire	147	41	Smoking	86
Coos	53	16	Children	69
Grafton	109	99	Campfires	49
Hillsborough	198	68	Rekindle of Permit	45
Merrimack	70	20	Arson	31
Rockingham	135	90	Lightning	24
Strafford	57	54	Misc.*	<u>158</u>
Sullivan	22	10		942

(Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2001	942	428
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael D. Mooney
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Here we are once again - we are pleased to submit to the people of Gilford the following information that outlines our facilities, programs, activities, and services for the past year. The task of providing recreational activities and facilities to meet the ever-changing needs in our community continues to be foremost. We are proud of our accomplishments, embarrassed by our mistakes (yes, we do make them!), and we truly hope that you have all had the chance to take part in what we have to offer, big or small.

As for our youth programs in 2001, our fall soccer program consisted of 13 teams with 143 boys and girls in grades 2 - 5 kicking that elusive soccer ball all over the fields. Fourteen teams with 147 hoopsters in grades 3 - 6 competed in our youth basketball program. In March, we once again sponsored the Eighth Annual Aaron T. Francoeur Memorial Basketball Tournament. Twelve area teams competed, with the proceeds going to scholarships for very deserving GMHS graduating seniors. With the strong interest in soccer here in Gilford, in July, we again brought the Major League Soccer Camp program to Gilford. The group of English coaches provided a unique approach to the game for the 84 children (ages 6 - 12) that benefited from the weeklong camp. Then in August, we again offered the Play Soccer Camp program. For our third year with this organization, we had 89 children (ages 4 - 12) working out for the week with the English and Irish coaches. In July, we had approximately 85 children take part in our popular Shooter's Gold Youth Basketball Camp, under the direction of Coach Paul Hogan, his assistant coaches, and players. This was our tenth season of being able to offer this hoop camp to our kids in grades 2 - 8. For the third year, we offered a girls summer basketball program, under the supervision of GMHS coaches Chuck Kenney and Terry Wilson. Approximately 25 girls in grades 6 - 12 worked on their basketball skills in this 6-week program. The after-school sports program, co-sponsored with the Gilford Elementary School, continued to be popular with a 20 - 30 fourth and fifth graders enjoying four sessions/activities throughout the school year. Offered in cooperation with Gunstock, our cross-country ski program allowed us to get 30 kids out enjoying the snow and nature. On the slopes and under the lights at Gunstock, we had 47 boys and girls take part in our downhill ski/snowboard program. In the spring, we started up an introductory golf program for both youth and adults, in cooperation with Bolduc Park and Laconia Parks and Recreation Department. During the three 3-week sessions from May to July, we were able to offer a golfing instruction opportunity to 20 children and 4 adults. During the summer, we had approximately 85 - 95 kids put their unique artistic abilities to use in our arts and crafts program at Gilford

Beach. Swim lesson instruction was given to approximately 170 kids in the course of our 6-week program. We were also fortunate to once again be able to offer an American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Program, with a total of 5 participants taking part in the 5-week class. The shortage of lifeguard staff continues to plague all aquatic facilities around the lake and the state - therefore, we will try to continue to offer this very valuable instructional program whenever possible. We must also continue to pay our staff at a comparable rate with other communities in the area if we are to be able to keep our beach open with qualified supervision. Our summer tennis lesson program had 56 children and 14 adults hitting the ball around on the courts. Head instructor Curt Chesley, with the help of Joanne Chesley, Jim Gray, Kate Bedford, and Adam Angle and assistance from other members of the GMHS tennis teams and the community, put both the kids and adults through the paces during the four-week program. In August, we had plans to offer a 2-day Scienstational Workshop involving model airplanes, bridge building, and electronics gadgets. However, due to a last minute illness for the instructor, we had to cancel the program, and 25 very disappointed children (ages 7 - 12) had to be turned away. We hope to be able to offer the program again for the 2002 summer season. In the past, we have had very successful workshops involving rocketry, electronics, space exploration, robotics, chemical magic, microscopes, and rocks and minerals.

As for other adult programs, the coed adult volleyball program, held on Tuesday evenings at the Gilford Elementary School gym, continued to be very well attended. Our men's drop-in basketball program on Sunday mornings at the GMHS gym also showed steady attendance. During June, July, and August, we again offered a coed over 30 adult softball program. Our attendance in this program grew some, in spite of busy summer schedules, with approximately 20 participants taking part. The Gilford Pairs and Spares, the senior adult group, continued to be active throughout the year, meeting regularly twice a month. Our activities in 2001 included a trip to Polly's Pancake Parlor and shopping in Sugar Hill, a boat tour of Golden Pond and lunch at Walter's Basin Restaurant, a cookout at Gilford Beach, trips to Patrick's and Pizza Hut, craft activities, potluck gatherings, a Valentine's Day party, and a catered Christmas Party, by Mike and Ellie Murphy of Mike's ala Carte. Sadly, during 2001, we lost a few of our most faithful group members, but we welcome and encourage new members to become a part of this fun, social group - so come join us!

A variety of annual special events and activities were sponsored throughout the year. At our annual Easter Celebration, approximately 130 boys and girls came to see the Easter Bunny and to be entertained with a performance by the "The Spooof Gabbling Circus." Approximately 200 frightening (and funny!) costumed children showed

up at the GMHS gym to enjoy a variety of games and activities during our annual Halloween Party. The Vacation Fun Days, co-sponsored with the Laconia Parks and Recreation Department, were well attended during the February and April school vacation weeks. Activities included ice skating at the Laconia Ice Rink, swimming at the Gunstock Inn, and a trip to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. The Bicycle Safety Rodeo in May, co-sponsored with the Police Department, saw a little over 100 children come out to get their bikes inspected and licensed and to participate in a bicycle skills test.

Gilford Beach continues to be a center of activity during the summer months, and after such a long winter, everyone truly enjoyed the beach and the nice summer weather. The 2001 season was a busy but safe one, with a steady flow of vehicles passing through the gate daily. We again had a few new faces amongst our staff of lifeguards/swim instructors, gatekeepers, and maintenance employees. Overall, they are to be commended, for they performed their duties in a mature and professional manner throughout the summer. Hiring for all of our summer positions continues to be a struggle, as we compete with all the communities in the area as well as the businesses. We hope to be able to continue the services that the taxpayers have come to expect at the beach, but it is not always an easy task. The Water Carnival at Gilford Beach was a great way to wrap up our summer beach activities - the "Survivor" theme proved to be a big hit with one and all! Jean Raso and her son Vinny returned for one more season to operate the beach concession stand. However, sadly, it will be their last summer working the stand, and we will surely miss their years of dedicated service, hard work, and commitment to the beach. Anyone interested in taking over/leasing the operation of the concession should contact the Parks and Recreation Department Office.

Once again, the ice-making process at the Arthur A. Tilton Gilford Ice Rink proved to be a challenge during the 2000 - 01 winter months. However, we persevered and had a fairly decent season overall. The rink opened officially for the season on December 29, 2000 and closed due to poor ice conditions on March 11, 2001. Revenues from the supervised skating and rentals totaled \$1,430.00. We did have many days where our ice conditions were excellent, and our attendance was outstanding for recreational skating and stick, puck, and helmet times. We also had some family/neighborhood groups who got together to rent the rink on occasion for skating parties and hockey. As always, we are hoping for plenty of stable, cold weather for the 2001/2002 skating season.

The upkeep and maintenance of all of our facilities - Gilford Beach, the Gilford Ice Rink, the Village Field, Stonewall Park, and Lincoln Park - continue to keep us busy. While often times challenging, it is truly exciting to see the heavy use that all of our facilities receive. In 2001, we completed the finishing touches on our reconstructed tennis courts and the basketball court at the Village Field. In the spring of 2002, we

hope to install two pieces of playground equipment - a slide to replace the one we lost many years ago and a spring rider to take the place of the one we lost this summer due to vandalism. While the amount of vandalism at all of our facilities still persists and is of grave concern to us, we still feel the need to carry on with repairs and replacements. The cost and loss of time by our staff and by other Town Departments in trying to correct these problems, and the potential for accident or injury as a result of these actions, should be quite alarming to all of us. We ask for your cooperation in helping to prevent this vandalism - please report immediately anything you see that could or does fall into this area of damage and destruction. We take great pride in our community and its people, and we wish to continue to keep Gilford a great place to live.

Ongoing issues that we continue to keep on the burner are an interest and need in expanding our youth/teen programs, expanding our athletic field facilities, pursuing the development of a recreation/bike path, and developing/constructing a community center. As we proceed into the future, we will continue to reevaluate these issues and to update our goals and objectives.

Special thanks and applause to our very own Gilford Community Band! They continue to amaze and entertain us with some outstanding music during their series of summer concerts at the Village Field bandstand.

The Parks and Recreation Commission meets monthly at the Town Hall, and the meetings are open to the public. We welcome your comments and suggestions regarding programs, activities, and facilities. We also offer sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents, and energies to help with our endeavors throughout the year. Also, thanks to all of the local businesses that sponsor and/or donate to many of our programs and activities. We could never accomplish what we do without all of you!

In closing, special thanks to the other Town Departments and to the schools for all their help and cooperation throughout the year. We are very pleased to have served the people of Gilford in 2001 - a year which proved to be a very traumatic and trying one for all Americans. At this time, we would like to thank you for your continued support, and we look forward with excitement to what 2002 holds in store for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue King
Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Commission:
Cory Demko, Chairman
Thom Francoeur
Patti Smith
Rick Nelson
Teri Joyce

REPORT OF THE GILFORD OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

The 82nd Annual Gilford Old Home Day celebration was held on Saturday, August 25, 2001. Once again we were fortunate enough to luck out with good weather, and we kicked off the day's festivities with the traditional Gilford Rotary Club pancake breakfast at the Community Church, and of course, the parade. The theme for this year's event was "GILFORD GOES HAWAIIAN!" While certainly different from our usual vein of past themes, everyone enjoyed this one and took off with lots of great ideas. The Parade Grand Marshal was former Director of the Gilford Public Library, Diane Mitton, and the day itself was dedicated to Joan Nelson and Stan Piper, both very active members of the Thompson-Ames Historical Society. The parade was filled with a little something for everyone - creative floats, bands, mini-bikes and motorcycles, marchers (two and four-legged!), kids on bikes, antique and classic vehicles and boats, color guards, politicians, etc. By mid-day, the entire Village area from the Library up through the Benjamin Rowe House was filled with activity. While everyone checked out all the food, craft, and game booths on the Village Field, the ever-popular 'HolyCow Duo' of Jeff Lines and Paul Warnick entertained us all with their music from the bandstand. And as always, our Master of Ceremonies Bob Pomeroy kept things rolling with his announcing of the parade results, his great humor, and off the wall commentary! The Opening Ceremony featured the singing of our National Anthem by GMHS students Jamie Landry, Kaitlyn Josten, Alise Dumais, and Alyssa Crowell. As the afternoon progressed, the crowd enjoyed a magic performance by Bob Higgins - a show filled with laughter, audience participation, and fun. Beige Acres, a traveling animal exhibit/petting farm from Sanbornton, attracted a large crowd of children as well as adults who wanted to take a moment to "talk to the animals." As always, many laughs and a lot of fun were had with the traditional games and field events, the pie-eating contest, and the egg toss. The Entertainment Tent also featured a dance performance by the Edgewater Academy of Dance. At 4:00 PM, Piche's and the Bolduc Park Association sponsored their 3rd Annual Kids' Fun Run Race. At 5:00 PM, the runners took off from the entrance to the Village Field in Piche's 24th Annual Road Race. After the race, things quieted down for a brief time at the field. By 6:30 PM, the crowd started flowing back onto Village Field for the night's activities. The RE/MAX Lakes and Mountains group once again offered hot air balloon tether rides, donating all of their proceeds to next year's Old Home celebration! At 7:00 PM, the crowd was entertained with a great musical performance by Jon Gailmor. Later in the evening, our own Gilford Community Band set the tempo for the fireworks. At 9:00 PM, the skies over the Village Field exploded with a fantastic fireworks display - to the

tune of over \$10,000! We finished off the evening with our traditional dance for all ages, featuring none other than Warren Bailey. At about 11:45 PM, we heaved a heavy sigh of relief, put out all the lights, and headed for home and sleep! And once again, with the help of members of the Gunstock Nordic Association youth and parents, the field clean up the next morning went smoother than we could have ever hoped for!

We wish to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the advertisers, Town Departments, sponsors, and friends who once again helped to make this very special annual event happen. We are so fortunate to live in a community that puts such a high value on the importance of annual traditions such as Old Home Day. Plans are already underway for the 2002 celebration, scheduled for Saturday, August 24, 2002. If you would like to be on the Committee or to volunteer in any way, please call the Parks and Recreation Department Office at 527-4722. Helpers are always needed, and ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Be sure to mark your summer calendars now for August 24th!!

Respectfully submitted,

Gilford Old Home Day Committee

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

By most any measure, 2001 was a successful year for the library. We expanded our hours of operation, hit all-time records in library usage and circulation, launched a new internet site, added 2 Internet email stations, increased the number of programs for children and adults, and continued to lay groundwork for a new facility.

Throughout the year, we benefited greatly from the efforts of our professional and dedicated staff, our community volunteers, the Friends of the Library, and our recently expanded group of library trustees. Here are the details...

We are pleased to report that circulation was up 24% to 67716 items circulated in 2001. This is over 10 items checked out for every person in Gilford! Most of our circulation consists of books, but a growing percentage is other items such as magazines, audiobooks, videos, CDs, CD-ROMs, and DVDs.

After a trial period of being open on Saturdays last August, the Library Trustees voted to expand our hours and open the library year-round on Saturdays. Also on Saturdays, the library offers coffee and fresh baked goods but you probably have to come in early to get some as the word is out.

We were able to launch our new web site at www.gilfordlibrary.org. Updated on an almost-weekly basis, it includes the latest news, events, and materials at the library. We hope to have our catalog available through the web site in the latter part of 2002.

We had lots of children attending programs last year. Over 2000 children participated in 152 programs. Lisa Dimartino stepped into the new Children's Librarian Assistant position that was added last year to assist Children's Librarian Judi Knowles. Lisa has made a great addition to our busy Children's Room and helped us expand our storytime hours and other programs for children.

We had many interesting and well-attended programs for adults this year as well. In all, 784 adults came to 38 programs. Included in these programs were some beginners craft classes for simple projects thanks to the creative talents of staff member Betty Tidd. We publish a monthly calendar that is available at the library showing all the programs of the month.

We want to especially thank our volunteers who help get the new books out on the shelves faster and help do the extra things for the library staff. Our junior volunteers were extremely helpful with our children's summer reading program giving many hours listening to book reports and helping the children play the reading game. The business

community also really pitched in by providing money and prizes for the summer reading program.

We are also grateful to the Friends of the Library for their support, both financially and in time volunteered. They spent countless hours last year organizing the annual book sale and pie and ice cream on Old Home Day, the Christmas Open House, and their first Spring fundraiser. Their efforts directly affect the services that we provide here at the library and make the library a true community-based entity.

To better represent the residents of Gilford, the Trustees of the Library increased in number from 3 to 5. They are a dedicated board ensuring the best possible service and maximum use of public resources. This year they are rewriting and revising the policies of the library and formulating long-range plans.

We continue to creatively manage our space to best utilize the current facility along with the apparent limitations. Earlier this year, a Library Building Consultant gave us a final Space Needs Report based on our community use and History. A planning committee has been formed and has begun looking at possible sites and visiting other New Hampshire town libraries. As we look to the future, we are formulating the vision of the library and how it fits in to the Town of Gilford. We welcome your input.

The Library staff work as a team to provide a place for opportunity and materials to encourage lifelong learning and community building. Come discover these opportunities, materials, and your community here at your public library.

Katherine Dormody, Director

Staff:

Judi Knowles, Children's Librarian

Anita Hewitt, Circulation Librarian

Tina Randall, Library Technician

Betty Tidd, Library Assistant

Lisa Dimartino, Children's Library Assistant

Trustees:

Polly Sanfacon, Chair

Tracey Petrozzi, Treasurer

Jean Clarke, Secretary

Dave Buckman

Doris MacHaffie

**GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS REPORT**

Category	Balance 12/31/00	Receipts	Expenses	Balance 12/31/01
Children's Fund	\$27.22	\$1806.56	\$1799.36	\$34.42
Copier	3443.28	1116.35	3839.80	719.83
Fines	1379.23	3910.01	3008.46	2280.78
Gifts	2426.32	3428.47	3870.53	1994.26
Grants	397.60	567.80	962.46	2.94
Interest	377.65	52.19	219.39	210.45
Misc.-fees	346.85	3127.06	2947.05	526.86
Remick Trust	387.00	0.00	381.99	5.01
Smith Trust	254.76	0.00	258.45	(3.69)
Totals	\$9039.91	\$14318.44	\$17587.49	\$5770.86

**GILFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY
CIRCULATION STATISTICS 2001**

Number of Adult Materials Loaned	33518
Number of Children's Materials Loaned	34198
Total Number of Materials Loaned	67716
Number of Interlibrary Loans Lent to other Libraries	697
Number of Interlibrary Loans Borrowed From other Libraries	449
Number of Persons Attending or Participating in Adult Programs	784
Number of Persons Attending or Participating in Children's Programs	2591
Number of Volunteer Hours	552 1/2
Total Number of Resident Borrowers	4617

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of the Trust Funds are responsible for the investment and disbursement of Cemetery Funds, Capital Reserve funds and various other Trust Funds.

The interest earned from the numerous Cemetery Trust Funds is applied to individual trusts for maintenance of the Pine Grove and McCoy Cemeteries. In previous years, 75% was allocated to pay for maintenance and the balance of the income remained in the Trust Funds to insure that there would be sufficient funds to maintain the cemeteries in good condition in the future. This year the cost of maintaining these cemeteries exceeded the trusts yearly income and we were forced to use prior years' earnings.

In September we visited the thirteen abandoned cemeteries which the town maintains. Generally, we found them in very good condition and made note of any problems.

Capital Reserve Funds are invested in separate Funds (by law) according to the purpose for which the Reserve Fund was established. Disbursements from Capital Reserve Funds can be made only as a result of a Town Meeting vote.

Any person wishing to receive further information may contact the Trustees through the Town Administrator's Office.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sawyer, Chairperson
Gregory Dickinson
Carolyn Smith

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

During 2001, 23 single folks and 70 families, representing another 215 persons were directly assisted by financial relief, counseling, or information and referral services. Hardship and problems this year have continued to include no health insurance, illnesses, and a number of underemployed families, many of whom have never before had to seek assistance.

Most of these folks have also been eligible to receive State-Federal Welfare Assistance in the form of checks, medicaid, debit cards and social services (524-4485). Federal Supplemental Security Income checks also help some persons with handicaps and others in low-income families (224-1938). The Julia Ladd Fund “for the worthy poor” is administered by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

There is an Energy Assistance Program at the Belknap County Community Action Center where money is also available (524-5512). It also facilitates a PSNH electricity discount program and maintains a food pantry for emergencies. The St. Vincent de Paul Society operates a food pantry along with its thrift store on 1269 Union Avenue (524-5470).

The Model Welfare Guideline, updated 1992 Edition, of the New Hampshire Municipal Association is the example for our own Gilford Welfare Guidelines earlier adopted by the Selectmen. These, used with understanding and discretion, best express our concern of “helping neighbors to help themselves.”

For any questions, or for a neighbor who might need assistance, please get in touch through the Town Office (527-4700) or at home (293-4990). Let us all continue to share our blessings through this year.

Thank you.

William M. Connelly, II, A.C.S.W.
Clinical Social Worker

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Gilford Task Force on Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention was organized in 1989 to address the issue of drugs and alcohol in our community.

The Task Force is comprised of town officials, the Gilford Police Department, Gilford Rotary Club, community leaders, educators, parents, students, representatives of area social service agencies, and members of the general public.

The mission of the Task Force is to unify community agencies and professional resources to provide community based, early prevention programs, and intervene for individuals at risk.

During 2001, the Task Force continued to work closely with parents, students, and community agencies to create awareness about the issues of drug/alcohol abuse prevention. The Task Force, in cooperation with the D.A.R.E. Program and the Gilford Parent Teachers Association held a panel discussion on the topic of "Let's Talk: Helping To Keep Our Kids Drug-Free". In cooperation with Gilford Rotary Club, the Task Force gave a donation of \$250 scholarship to a drug/alcohol counselor to attend a training seminar on the topic of counseling for drug and alcohol use and abuse.

The Task Force has also supported the efforts of T.A.T., Teens Against Tobacco, a Lakes Region group of high school students from Belmont, Laconia, and Gilford all working to "prevent initiation of tobacco use amongst youth". Teens Against Tobacco is an Upstream Tobacco Prevention Project.

The Task Force works closely with the Gilford Middle High School Student Council and Students Against Destructive Decisions to support the efforts and activities of the clubs.

The Task Force, in cooperation with the Gilford Parent Teachers Association, endorses "Safe Homes", a pledge by parents to provide a safe home free from alcohol and drugs for youth. Over 125 families in Gilford have signed the "Safe Home" pledge.

Included here is a pledge form. Please join in our efforts to maintain a drug-free community by participating in "Safe Homes". The pledge form may be returned to the Gilford Elementary School, Gilford Middle High School, or the Selectmen's Office.

If you are interested in working with the Task Force, or would like to receive mailings of the quarterly newsletter, please contact the Gilford Board of Selectmen at 527- 4700.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair

SAFE HOME PLEDGE

I PLEDGE to provide a safe home...

- I will not allow parties or gatherings in my home when I'm not there.
- I will not serve, nor will I allow youth under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
- I will not allow the use of illegal drugs in my home or on my property.
- I agree to have my name appear on a Safe Homes list for distribution and publication in area newspapers.
- I will not allow the use of tobacco products under the age of 18 in my home.

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Children's grade levels _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Return this form to:

Gilford Elementary School
Gilford Middle High School
Gilford Town Hall

_____ Please send me a list of others in our area who have signed the Safe Homes Pledge.

GILFORD LAND CONSERVATION TASK FORCE

The Land Conservation Task Force was authorized by the Gilford Town Meeting and charged by the Board of Selectmen to inventory and identify areas of the community which, by preservation, would maintain Gilford's rural character and scenic beauty, while simultaneously protecting our natural resources.

Many acres have been preserved in Gilford through the NH Land Conservation Program and the generous donations of conservation easements from local residents. In recent years, the Town has benefited from donations of conservation easements from the Gary Allen family, the Parkman Howe family, the Weeks Woods in memory of Robert Weeks, John Rogers, Arthur Tilton, the Gary Francke family, and the Muehkle family.

On behalf of the citizens of Gilford, we express our thanks to the families who have generously donated conservation easements. We encourage citizens to consider a conservation easement as a way to assure that land will be preserved for years to come.

Please contact the Task Force or the Gilford Board of Selectmen to discuss the advantages in the donation of land for conservation purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle, Chair
Douglas Hill
Arthur Tilton
David Witham
Nathan Smith

KIMBALL WILDLIFE FOREST COMMITTEE

The Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in May, 1990, with a charge to address the "remaining land" at Kimball Castle, which includes all the land of the Kimball Castle Property, excluding 20 acres surrounding the Castle. Two miles of trails have been completed on the property and were formally opened to the public in the Spring of 1992.

The trail system starts approximately 100 feet from the entrance to the parking area off Route 11. The trail is marked by blue rectangles with interpretive stations indicated by numbers. It is estimated that nearly 600 hikers a week make the trek to the top of Lockes Hill during the hiking season. Schools in the area make use of the trails for science and ecological studies, as well as the study of local history.

During the past year, with support from the Prescott Farm Audubon Center, the Committee has revised the existing trail guide and the signs at the interpretive trail stations. The Committee will prepare the signs for installation in the Spring of 2002. Hikers will enjoy a new trail guide, as well as more interactive and useful signs at each of the 16 demonstration sites on the trails.

Trail guides may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office, Gilford Public Library, or at the site. Over 1000 trail guides are distributed each year to hikers and students in our schools.

The Committee continues to be vigilant in the management of the land in the Kimball Wildlife Forest through timber harvesting and selective cutting.

Anyone interested in working with the Kimball Wildlife Forest Committee, please contact the Board of Selectmen at 527-4700.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra T. McGonagle
Arthur Tilton
William Veazey
Joan Veazey
Bob Dean
Jan Dean
George LaBonte
Sumner Dole
Joel Sonnabend
Gail Tebbetts

TOWN OF GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 13, 2001

The polling place was readied with instructions in the booth. Copies of sample ballots, instructions and a copy of the town warrant were posted. Inspector of Elections, Allan Whitney and Assistant Moderator, Wayne Snow were given the oath of office by Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Debra Eastman. The Inspectors of Elections on duty were Georgie Wixson, Shirley Snow, Rutha Helfrich and Barbara Carey. Peter Millham, Moderator was also present. The Police Officers on duty were Dana Farley and Kevin Keenan. Supervisors of the Checklist, Carolyn Smith and Mary Lou Grevatt were also present.

Town Clerk, Debra Eastman and Assistant Moderator had previously tested the vote tabulator, Wayne Snow. Peter Millham, Moderator signed a receipt for 2,478 town and school district ballots. He inspected the ballot boxes and found them to be empty. At 8 a.m. he began to read the town warrant as follows:

“To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet in the Gilford Middle High School in said Gilford, on Tuesday, the 13th of March, 2001 at eight of the clock in the forenoon (polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following articles appearing on the official town ballot; and on Wednesday, the 14th of March 2000 at 7:00 p.m. for the second session to act upon the remainder of the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance, and Zoning Map...”

The Moderator declared the polls open for voting:

There were 67 absentee ballots processed. There were 6, 383 names on the checklist. The polls were open until 7 p.m. At that time Joyce Papps, Jennifer Mooney, Robert Walter, Larry Routhier and Robert Jordan assisted with the tally of votes.

The moderator announced the following results:

Selectman

Dennis Doten 749 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Joseph Hoffman 162

Andy Howe 2

Phil Arel 1
Russell Dumais 1
Bob Walter 1

Town Treasurer

Gregory M. Dickinson 866 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 2
Norma Soucy 1
Bill Cott 1

Fire Engineer

Philip Brouillard 823 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Pat Labonte 2
Rick Andrews 1
Joe Hoffman 1
Bob Jordan 1

Overseer of Public Welfare

William M. Connelly 806 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 2
Kevin Keenan 1
Matt Gray 1
Ginny McDermott 1

Trustee of Trust Funds

George A. Sawyer 838 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 1

Library Trustee - One Year Term

Doris MacHaffie 819 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Tom Carr 1
Joe Hoffman 1

Library Trustee - Two Year Term

Jean M. Clarke 811 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Joe Hoffman 1

Library Trustee - Three Year Term

Pauline "Polly" Sanfacon 768 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Judy Cott 2
Diane Mitten 1
Joe Hoffman 1
Carol Welch 1
Esther Peters 1
George Hurt 1
Linda Bettoney 1
Shirley Snow 1
Susan Greene 1
Doris MacHaffie 1
Tracy Petrozzi 1
Judy Morgan 1

Budget Committee - 3 Year Term

Jeff Jaran 616 (Elected)

Sean Murphy 657 (Elected)

Andrew Howe 138 (Write-in Elected)

Write-ins:

John Goodhue 10
Doug Lambert 13
Charles Clark 8
Joe Hoffman 6
Alice Boucher 5
Paul Simoneau 5
Alan Kirkman 3
Albert Raub 2
Jeff Bonan 2
Wayne Snow 2
John McGonagle 2
Dennis Doten 2
John Markland 2
Mark Gangi 1
William Philips 1
Margo Weeks 1
Frank Leitch 1
Mike Tocci 1
Matt Gray 1
Thomas R Harry 1
Bob Merwin 1
James Annis 1
Chris Tierney 1
Kevin Hayes 1
Richard Campbell 1
Fred Wernig 1
Kinney O'Rourke 1

Bob Jordan 1
William Roderick 1
Russ Dumais 1
Don Minor 1
Richard Hickok 1
Ray Vigue 1
Bill Dowling 1
Pat Labonte 1
Kim Baron 1
George Hurt 1
Evans Juris 1
Steven Whalley 1
Richard Nelson 1
Thomas Tobey 1
Leo Sanfacon 1
Josephine McElroy 1
Don Ames 1
Norm Savoy 1
Judy Cott 1
Bill Cott 1
Roger Robinson 1
Dennis Thompson 1
Alan Demko 1
Nate Smith 1
Robert Jordan 1
Gordon Eastman 1
Gary Liptak 1

Budget Committee- Two Year Term

Richard Hickok 685 (Elected)

Write-ins:

Andy Howe 26
George Hurd 2
Joe Hoffman 1
Paul Simoneau 1
Phil Arel 1
Deb Robichaud 1
John McGonagle 1
Alice Boucher 1
Holly Ruggeri 1
Leo Sanfacon 1
Doug Lambert 1

Amendment # 1 Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Add a new article to the zoning ordinance entitled ‘Adult Entertainment and Business Uses’, with the purpose to regulate deleterious secondary effects of sexually oriented businesses, by providing definitions of terms used in the regulations, establishing setbacks from other users and regulating the signs which may be displayed by businesses regulated.”

Yes 754 (Passed)
No 153

Amendment #2 Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend the zoning ordinance by defining the term ‘impact fee’, adding a new article entitled ‘Impact Fees’ with a purpose to comply with a ruling of the New Hampshire Supreme Court in Simonsen v Town of Derry (November 15, 2000) to allow the planning board to continue to require a developer to pay reasonable fees for off-site improvements created by the proposed development, pursuant to RSA 674:21, V, by providing for the authority of the planning board, and making provisions for the amount, accounting of, assessment and payment, refund and of impact fees and appeals from decisions of the planning board.”

Yes 709 (Passed)
No 158

Amendment #3 Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Amend Article 9 Non Conforming Lots, Uses by allowing additions to non conforming parts of buildings, where the addition does not create new, occupiable gross floor area and the function of the addition is limited to be a connection and also by allowing conforming additions to be connected to existing buildings which are entirely in a set-back, where the connection is limited to one third of the footprint of the non conforming building.”

Yes 681 (Passed)
No 180

Amendment #4 Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows: “Amend the zoning ordinance by adding a new article entitled ‘Architectural Design Standards’, with a purpose to regulate the design and aesthetic quality of buildings in the Commercial, Resort Commercial and Professional Commercial zoning districts by establishing design standards of building scale, architectural design, roofs, windows, entrances, pedestrian connections and building materials.”

Yes 601 (Passed)
No 281

Amendment #5 Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend Article 8 Signs, to allow a sign, lawfully erected in a deeded right of way to remain, in the event that the qualifying right of way is rescinded, revoked or otherwise made ineffective provided that the sign has been in place for two years, that the loss of the qualifying right of way is due to the actions of a governmental agency acting in the interest of public safety and the Board of Selectmen find, after a public hearing, that the actions of the governmental agency were in their authority and in the interest of public safety.”

Yes 598 (Passed)
No 233

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

Town of Gilford, New Hampshire
Recessed Town Meeting
March 14, 2001

The recessed town meeting began with Moderator, Peter V. Millham in the chair at approximately 7:20 p.m. at the Gilford Middle High School auditorium. The Moderator announced that the start of the meeting had been delayed because a juvenile had telephoned in a bomb scare. The building had been searched while everyone was outside the building and they should not be concerned. The Moderator read the results of voting the previous day.

The Moderator explained the general rules by which the meeting would be conducted including amendments, identification, time limits and name-calling. He introduced the students handling the microphone and the student technicians. The Moderator reminded everyone of the upcoming School District Meeting on March 17 and the Spring School musical. The Moderator recognized the various handouts that would be used during the meeting. He once again announced the procedure of reading the article, accepting a motion and a second and recognizing the appropriate person for a presentation. He explained that the first article will be a bond issue and that there will be a paper ballot.

The Moderator read article 3 as follows:

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, securing easements and for the construction of the Village Interceptor Sewer that will qualify the Town for federal and state funds, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the terms and conditions thereof, in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, and to authorize participation in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) RSA 486:14 established for this purpose, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. (Requires 2/3 vote and written ballot, polls to remain open at least 1 hour after discussion has ended.) (Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Kinney O'Rourke, Chairman of the Budget Committee, moved article 3 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Robert Jordan seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke explained that the Budget Committee recommends passage of article 3. Town Administrator, David Caron explained the article with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation including maps and a description of the project. He explained the financing, grants, interest rates, capital cost and impact on the tax rate.

Selectman, Robert Jordan spoke in favor and explained the capital cost ordinance in detail.

Jack Stephenson questioned whether there was a charge per resident or residence. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained.

Larry Guild spoke in favor. Doug Lambert spoke in favor. George Reed inquired about soil condition and ledge and the possibility of over-run. Dave Caron explained the engineering process and the length of the sewer line. Andy Howe spoke in favor. Everett McLaughlin inquired about the proximity of his property to the sewer line. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. He declared that the time was 7:47 and that the polls would be open until 8:50 p.m. There were two separate polling stations. The voters checked in at the appropriate station, received a ballot and cast it with the Assistant Moderator, Wayne Snow.

When everyone in the room finished voting the Moderator continued with the meeting, leaving the polls open for anyone who wished to vote.

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke, asked Richard H. Campbell, Jr. to come to the podium. He presented him with a plaque for his 19 years of service to the Budget Committee.

Selectman, Robert Walters stated he would like to give all the volunteers a round of applause for the terrific amount of service given to the town. He then called out-going Selectman, Robert Jordan to the podium, presented him with a desk clock and thanked him for his two terms of service as a Selectman of the Town of Gilford. Selectman Jordan thanked the voters. Chief Evans Juris presented Selectman Jordan with a plaque and thanked him as Police Commissioner.

The Moderator started to read article 4 as follows:

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,638,156 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$ 373,256
4130		
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	166,648
4150	Financial Administration	343,430
4152	Appraisal Expenses	119,883
4153	Legal Expenses	50,000
4155	Personnel Administration	1,097,892
4191	Planning & Zoning	177,420
4194	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support)	229,645
4195	Cemeteries	3,650
4196	Insurance	68,800
4197	Lakes Region Planning Commission	7,532

Before finishing the reading of the entire article, the Moderator

requested that the voters agree that he not read the entire article. The voice vote was in the affirmative and the Moderator did not complete the article.

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 4 as written. Selectman, Robert Walter seconded the article.

Joseph Hoffman began to question the line item regarding the Appraisal expense. The Moderator requested that Mr. Hoffman wait until the article was opened for discussion.

Kinney O'Rourke explained the areas included in the article where increases occurred such as salary and benefit adjustments, technical information services and assessing services to review and adjust property assessments town wide.

The Moderator recognized Joseph Hoffman. He questioned the difference between an assessor and an appraiser. Selectman Jordan explained.

Judy Cott asked about the increase in financial administration. Kinney O'Rourke explained cost of computer equipment and software.

George Reed asked if the cemetery funds included all cemeteries. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained that the account includes trust fund bookkeeper and maintenance for cemeteries.

Joseph Hoffman stated he would like a response from the Selectmen in writing regarding the appraisal position. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 5 as follows:

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,863,922 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4210	General Operations - Police	\$1,058,750
4215	General Operations - Ambulance Service	63,200
4220	General Operations - Fire	697,894
4290.1	Civil Defense	1
4299.2	Youth Services Bureau	39,777
4414.1	New Hampshire Humane Society	4,300

Kinney O'Rourke, Chairman of the Budget Committee, moved article 5 as printed. It was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. Kinney O'Rourke explained the various appropriations contained in the article.

A gentleman questioned the Humane Society appropriation. Kinney O'Rourke explained the contract that the town has with the Humane Society regarding stray animals. Chief Juris further explained the relationship. There being no further questions, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 6 as follows:

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,836,391 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4311	DPW Administration	\$ 94,840
4312	Highway Division	676,327
4316	Street Lighting	17,000
4319	Vehicle Maintenance	151,828
4324	Solid Waste Management	368,192
4326	Sewer Department	511,150
4330	Laconia Water Works	17,054

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 6 as printed. It was seconded by Selectman, Robert Jordan. Kinney O'Rourke gave detail of the items within the article.

Joseph Hoffman asked why this appropriation is necessary if the sewer funds are collected through the billing system. It was explained that the appropriation still must be made, before it can be collected. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read Article 7 as follows:

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 95,086 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4290.9	American Red Cross	\$ 2,400
4419.1	Lakes Region Community Health & Hospice	19,000
4419.2	Lakes Region General Hospital	3,700
4419.3	Lakes Region Family Services	3,500
4419.4	Community Action Program	4,486
4419.5	New Beginnings	1,500
4441	General Assistance	60,500

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 7 as printed. Selectman, Robert Walter seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke explained that there was an increase of \$10,000 for general assistance that had been reduced the prior year.

Doug Lambert asked for an explanation of General Assistance. Geoff Ruggles, Finance Director explained that it is for a resident who applies and qualifies for assistance for living expenses, rent, fuel or food.

State Representative, Bill Johnson explained a bill currently in the legislature regarding municipal funds given to charitable organizations.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the motion carried.

The Moderator read article 8 as follows:

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$345,275 for the following Culture, Recreation & Conservation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4520.1	Parks & Recreation	\$ 140,918
4520.6	Skating Rink	7,510
4550	Library	182,720
4583	Patriotic Purposes	6,075
4130.5	Historic District Commission	500
4611	Conservation Commission	7,552

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 8 as stated. It was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. Kinney O'Rourke explained the details of the appropriations contained in the article.

Judy Cott questioned the increase in the conservation budget. John Goodhue, Chairman of the Conservation Commission explained the program. Sheldon Morgan, Director of Public Works, explained how the Americorp person would benefit the town departments.

Richard Sonia stated he would like to thank the person in charge of the sake rink for reducing the cost. There being no further questions or comments, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 9 as follows:

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 385,677 for the following Debt Service and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4711.2	Principal - Long-term Bonds	\$ 270,529
4721.2	Interest - Long-term Bonds	90,147
4723.2	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	25,000
4939.2	Laconia Airport Authority	1

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke, moved article 9 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Robert Jordan. Kinney O'Rourke explained the declining amount of debt and interest expense. There being no questions, the Moderator called for the vote. It

was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

At this point the Moderator stated that there was three minutes left to vote on Article 3 if anyone in the room had not yet had a chance.

The Moderator read article 10 as follows:

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1 for the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke, moved article 10 as read. It was seconded by Selectman, Robert Walter. Kinney O'Rourke explained the Library Capital reserve fund and the previous appropriation made. Selectman, Robert Jordan gave a history of how capital reserve funds have worked in prior years and for other projects.

At this point, the Moderator asked if there was anyone in the room who needed to vote. There being no one, he declared the voting closed on article 3. He then inquired if there was any objection to having the ballot clerks hand count the ballots in front of them while the meeting continued. There was no objection so the Moderator requested that the tallying begin.

The Moderator gave the floor to Doris MacHaffie to continue discussion on article 10. Doris moved to amend article 10 to increase it to \$75,000. Ed Merski seconded the amendment. The Moderator read the article with the proposed amendment.

Kathryn Dermody, Library Director, spoke in favor of the amendment and gave a history of the library needs.

Dick Campbell spoke in opposition to the amendment and gave a differing philosophy on how the library should be funded. Dick Hickok spoke in opposition to the amendment. Andy Howe inquired if the third floor of the library is being used. Kathryn Dermody, Library Director explained. Doug Lambert spoke in opposition to the amendment. Jack Woodward spoke in support of the amendment.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. The vote was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried. The Moderator read the article as amended. There being no further discussion on the article as amended he called for the vote on the amended article. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article as amended carried.

At this time, the Moderator received the results of voting on Article 3. He announced that there were 216 ballots cast, Yes 203, No 13. The Moderator declared that Article 3 carried.

The Moderator read article 11 as follows:

ARTICLE 11.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$626,152 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	
	Capital Improvements - Library	4,300
	Capital Improvements - Administration	28,650
	Capital Improvements - Police	87,500
	Capital Improvements - Fire	23,553
	Capital Improvements - Highway	83,000
4903	Buildings	
	Town Hall Improvements	\$ 30,000
	Administration - Library Space Study	6,850
	Recreation	6,300
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	
	Highway Reconstruction	\$ 355,999

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke, moved article 11 as written. Selectman, Larry Routhier seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke moved to amend the article to reduce from \$626,152 to \$601,152 a reduction of \$25,000. The specific item reduced is Capital Improvements-Highway from \$83,000 to \$58,000. It was seconded. There being no discussion on the amendment, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the moderator declared the amendment carried.

The Moderator read the article as amended. Kinney O'Rourke explained the accounts within the amended article. The Moderator verified with Mr. O'Rourke that the items mentioned totaled \$601,152. Richard Campbell asked for clarification that the amount reduced was Capital Improvements Highway from \$83,000 to \$58,000. It was agreed.

Doug Lambert asked for clarification of the Library space study. Library Director, Kathryn Dermody explained this is a carry over from last year. Lambert questioned the need for a study.

Library Trustee, Doris MacHaffie explained that professional help would give the Trustees the ability to speak with confidence when they come before the taxpayers to solve the Library space problems.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 12 as follows:

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$205,545 to purchase a new fire truck for the Fire Department, to be financed in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund -	\$ 150,000
To be raised by taxation -	\$ 55,545

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 12 as

read by the Moderator. Selectman, Robert Jordan seconded the motion. Kinney O'Rourke explained the piece of equipment to be replaced. George Reed asked if the truck passed inspection and what happens to the used vehicle. Fire Chief, Michael Mooney stated that the equipment had not passed the inspection for the last four years and will be sent for auction. The funds realized will come back to the town. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote and it was in the affirmative. The Moderator declared the motion carried.

The Moderator read article 13 as follows:

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$225,000 to purchase a dump truck and sweeper for the Public Works Department, to be financed in the following manner:

Withdrawal from Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund -	\$ 175,000
To be raised by taxation -	\$ 50,000

The Moderator read article 13. Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 13 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Robert Walter. Kinney O'Rourke moved to amend article 13 to add \$25,000. The amendment was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. The Moderator explained that the \$25,000 is to be added to the "to be raised by taxation" section for a total of \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. Kinney O'Rourke explained that due to an administrative error, the \$25,000 was taken from article 11 and is to be added to article 13. The Moderator called for discussion on the amendment. There being no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried. The Moderator read the article as amended.

Doug Lambert asked what was included in the purchase. Director of Public Works, Sheldon Morgan explained it is a dump truck and a vacuum sweeper. Dan Rogers spoke in opposition to the sweeper. Sheldon Morgan explained the difficulty in renting a sweeper and the advantage to the town to purchase one. George Reed questioned whether the dump truck is complete.

There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amended article. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried as amended.

The Moderator read article 14 as follows:

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and AFSCME, Local 534, regarding DPW employees, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

2001	\$37,423
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2002	\$58,430
2003	\$78,817

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,423 which represents the additional costs payable in 2001 attributable to cost and benefit increases under the agreement. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 14 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Larry Routhier seconded the motion. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained contract negotiations and notification requirements. Bruce Thurston asked which employees the union covered. Doug Lambert asked about the wage increase. Dave Caron explained the wage survey and scale adjustments. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 15 as follows:

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for the purchase of a triangular piece of land located adjacent to the former Blaisdell Avenue, said tract being previously conveyed in error by the 1968 Town Meeting, and to further authorize the Selectmen to accept ownership of that tract of land and convey the fee to said portion to the owners of Map 201, Lot 33, under such terms and conditions as shall be established by the Board of Selectmen. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

Budget Committee Chairman, Kinney O'Rourke moved article 15 as read by the Moderator. Selectman, Robert Jordan seconded article 15. Kinney O'Rourke explained this was to realign property lines. Dave Caron, Town Administrator, showed the area involved on a map and explained it is upon advice from town counsel to clear title on this small piece of property.

There was no discussion. The Moderator again read the article and called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 16 as follows:

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to support the preservation, restoration and collection management efforts of Thompson-Ames Historical Society, our town's non-profit cultural organization committed to celebrating and preserving Gilford's heritage. (By petition of Joan Nelson and others.) (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen; Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

Joan Nelson moved article 16 as read by the Moderator and it was seconded by Esther Peters.

Joan Nelson explained the work of the historical society and the grange and the number of artifacts held by both and the work that has

been done and is yet to be done. There was no further discussion. The Moderator read the article again and called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 17 as follows:

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Village Tennis Court Capital Reserve Fund, as established by the voters at the 1996 Town Meeting.

Selectman, Robert Walters moved article 17 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Robert Jordan. Town Administrator, Dave Caron explained that this capital reserve project is complete and this action will discontinue the fund.

Dick Campbell moved to amend the article to add “and to transfer the balance into the general fund” to add clarity. The amendment was seconded by Selectman, Robert Jordan. Kinney O’Rourke pointed out that this is a good example of why Dick Campbell will be missed on the budget committee. Selectman, Robert Jordan explained the amendment would close out the account. There being no further discussion on the amendment, the Moderator called for the vote on the amendment. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried.

The Moderator read article 17 as amendment. There was no discussion on the amended article. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amended article carried.

The Moderator read article 18 as follows:

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to ratify an Intermunicipal Agreement between the City of Laconia and the Town of Gilford governing economic development activities.

Selectman, Robert Jordan moved article 18. It was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. The floor was given to Economic Development Committee members, Rod Dyer and John Vorel who took the stage for a presentation. Selectman, Robert Jordan thanked the entire committee of Rod Dyer, John Vorel, Leo Sanfacon and Chuck Clark for their hard work. Rod Dyer gave the history of negotiations between the Town of Gilford and the City of Laconia in detail. He indicated that there will be another vote next year to see if the town wants to participate in Phase II. The discussion included revenue sharing, water at the airport property and the Lakes Business Park. John Vorel spoke in favor of the agreement. Peter Millham, Moderator asked about the revenue to be received with the sale of the land. The Moderator asked if the Board of Selectmen have a position on the agreement. Selectman, Robert Jordan stated that the Board is very in favor of the agreement.

Dick Campbell stated that he would feel more comfortable to amend the article to add, “which has been distributed at this meeting”. The amendment was seconded by Selectman, Robert Jordan. There was no

discussion on the amendment. The Moderator called for the vote on the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

Joe Hoffman requested the map/parcel number of the land involved in the agreement. That information was not available. George Reed questioned the location of the water line to the airport property. It was explained by using the map. Joe Hoffman requested information regarding the Town of Gilford's legal representative. Phil Arel spoke in favor of the agreement and asked about any changes that might be made after the close of town meeting. Rod Dyer stated that they have received assurances from the City. Doug Lambert spoke in favor. There was a question about the contract language and Rod Dyer explained that it was subject to the Right to Know law. Larry Guild commended the committee for their effort. Joe Hoffman spoke in opposition and again requested the map/lot number. Selectman, Robert Jordan spoke in favor of the agreement and thanked the committee. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amended article. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 19 as follows:

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Town's undivided interest in and to seven tracts of land within the Town of Gilford, described as follows:

Tracts I - V in a deed from the City of Laconia to the Town of Gilford, dated February 15, 1984 recorded in Book 864, Page 653, such tract containing 86.65 acres, more or less;

A tract as described in a Declaration of Condemnation v. M.J. Orton dated January 11, 1983 recorded in Book 837, Page 205 at the Belknap County Registry of Deeds, such tract containing 2.99 acres, more or less;

A tract as described in a Declaration of Condemnation v. M.J. Orton, E.J. Cone, et. al. dated January 11, 1983 recorded in Book 837, Page 218 at the Belknap County Registry of Deeds, such tract containing 20.99 acres, more or less;

Such conveyances to be subject to such items and conditions as shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman, Robert Jordan moved article 19 as read by the Moderator. It was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. The Moderator called for discussion. There was no discussion, and the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 20 as follows:

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100% of the first \$9,000.00, and 50% of the next \$32,000 of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (Land Use Change Tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II. The revenues collected and placed in the Conservation Fund shall not

exceed \$25,000 in any one year.

Selectman, Larry Routhier moved article 20 as read by the Moderator and it was seconded by Selectman, Robert Walter. Conservation Commission Chairman, John Goodhue explained the purpose of offsetting the loss of open space. He explained the advantage of having funds available to purchase open space when it becomes available. Dick Campbell spoke in opposition. Selectman, Larry Routhier gave the history of land use change tax collected. Doug Lambert suggested that voters carry the thought of land conservation to the School District Meeting on Saturday. The Moderator cautioned him to stick to the article on the floor. Andy Howe spoke in favor. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 21 as follows:

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$ 9,998.74 from the Rowe House Special Revenue Fund established at the 1992 Annual Meeting to reimburse the general fund for repairs and improvements made to the Rowe House, pursuant to RSA 31:95-c.

Selectman, Robert Jordan moved article 21 and it was seconded by Selectman, Larry Routhier. Finance Director, Geoff Ruggles explained the article. There was no discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

The Moderator read article 22 as follows:

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to expand the Board of Library Trustees to five members. At the 2002 annual town meeting there shall be chosen, by ballot and by major vote, 2 additional Trustees, to hold office for 2 years, and 1 year, respectively, and thereafter, at every annual meeting, trustees whose terms expire shall be so chosen to hold office for 3 years.

Selectman, Robert Walter moved article 22 and it was seconded by Selectman, Robert Jordan.

Selectman Jordan explained that the trustees would like to increase the size of the Board and this would help them to have a quorum.

Doug Lambert spoke in opposition. Library Trustee, Doris MacHaffie explained the advantages of increasing the size of the Commission. There was no further discussion. The Moderator called for the vote. It was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the article carried.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to grant an easement to Meadowbrook Farm, from Kimball Road over land owned by the town, on terms and conditions to be determined by the selectmen. This easement is for the purpose of providing a second

access to Meadowbrook Farm land and will be granted in consideration of Meadowbrook Farm relinquishing another right of access that it owns across airport land.

Selectman, Larry Routhier moved article 23 and it was seconded by Selectman, Robert Walters. Selectman, Robert Jordan moved to remove the last sentence and it was seconded by Selectman Walters. Selectman Jordan explained that the last sentence was not applicable. There was no discussion on the amendment. The Moderator called for the vote on the amendment and it was in the affirmative and the Moderator declared the amendment carried.

Selectman, Robert Jordan spoke in opposition to the article. Selectmen Robert Walters and Larry Routhier spoke in favor of the article. Jack Stephenson spoke in opposition. John Goodhue suggested a lease basis. Bruce Wright suggested a new site plan and engineering traffic study. Doug Lambert relayed concerns regarding the recycling center. Sheldon Morgan explained the limitations for the recycling center. It was requested if any approvals would be necessary. Selectman, Robert Walters explained that Meadowbrook would need Airport Authority approval and the relationship to the recycling center. Selectman, Robert Jordan stated that he did not think the Airport Authority would grant approval. Police Chief, Evans Juris agreed that there should be a traffic study and stated concerns regarding emergency response. There being no further discussion, the Moderator called for the vote on the amended article. It was in the negative and the Moderator declared the article defeated.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

**2001
Financial
Reports**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Of the Town of Gilford, NH in Belknap County
for the Fiscal Year Ended in December 31, 2001

CERTIFICATE

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

Robert A. Walter, Chairman
Lawrence M. Routhier
Dennis J. Doten
 Board of Selectmen
Gregory Dickinson
 Town Treasurer

**TOWN APPROPRIATIONS
2001**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Executive	\$ 373,756
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	166,648
Financial Administration	343,430
Revaluation of Property	119,883
Legal Expense	50,000
Personnel Administration	1,104,479
Planning & Zoning	177,420
General Government Buildings	261,985
Cemeteries	3,650
Insurance	68,800
Regional Associations	7,532

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police	1,058,750
Ambulance	63,200
Fire	695,230
Emergency Management	5,065
Other Public Safety	39,777

PUBLIC WORKS:

Highways and Streets	699,304
Street Lighting	17,000
Administration	94,840
Bridges	2,500
Vehicle Maintenance	151,828
Solid Waste Disposal	369,320
Sewer Collection and Disposal	513,041
Laconia Water Works	17,054

PUBLIC HEALTH:

Animal Control	4,300
Health Agencies & Hospitals	32,186
Welfare Administration	500
Direct Assistance	60,000

CULTURE & RECREATION:

Parks & Recreation	140,918
Skating Rink	7,510
Library	182,720
Patriotic Purposes	6,075
Other Culture & Recreation	10,000

CONSERVATION:

Conservation Commission	7,552
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Economic Development	1
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DEBT SERVICE:

Principal Payments	270,529
Interest Payments	90,147
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	25,000

CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Land & Improvements	0
Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment	663,848
Buildings	6,850
Other Capital Projects	355,999

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT:

To Capital Reserve Funds	75,000
To Other Governments	1
Sewer Extension Project	3,000,000

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**11,343,628**

**ESTIMATED REVENUES
2001**

TAXES:

Land Use Change Tax	5,000
Yield Tax	5,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Tax	117,242

LICENSE, PERMITS, & FEES:

Business Licenses & Permits	16,300
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,100,000
Building Permits	33,316

FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: 60,000

FROM STATE OF NH:

Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	177,259
Shared Revenues	38,171
Highway Block Grant	161,331
Water Pollution Grants	53,744
State & Federal Forest Land	1,660

CHARGES FOR SERVICES:

Income from Departments	328,730
Other - Capital Cost Recovery	140,000

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Sale of Municipal Property	15,000
Interest on Investments	150,000
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	18,454

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:

Sewer Department	511,150
From Capital Reserve	328,000

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:

Fund Balance	794,000
Proceeds on L/T Notes & Bonds	3,000,000

TOTAL REVENUES & CREDITS: 7,054,357

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
APRIL 1, 2001

Land

Current Use	\$ 907,154	
Conservation Assessments	0	
Residential	334,822,800	
Commercial/Industrial	27,254,200	
Total Land:		\$ 362,984,154

Buildings

Residential	\$ 404,405,300	
Manufactured Housing	9,796,500	
Commercial/Industrial	55,648,700	
Total Buildings		\$ 469,850,500

Public Utilities

Gas	\$ 225,000	
Electric	5,222,400	
Total Utilites		\$ 5,447,400

TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS: \$ 838,282,054

Blind Exemption	\$ 105,000	
Elderly Exemption	3,609,000	
Disabled Exemption	3,084	
Less Total Exemptions:		3,717,084

NET TOWN VALUATION: \$ 834,564,970

**TAX RATE COMPUTATION
2001**

Town Portion

Appropriations	11,343,628		
Less: Revenues	7,054,357		
Less: Shared Revenues	38,631		
Add: Overlay	302,640		
Add: War Service Credits	<u>68,444</u>		
Net Town Appropriation		4,621,724	
Municipal Tax Rate:			5.54

School Portion

Net Local School Budget	10,744,360		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	187,309		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>4,478,190</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		6,078,861	
Local School Tax Rate			7.29

State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	6.60		
678,513,700		4,478,190	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		<u>828,356,470</u>	
State Education Tax Rate			5.41
Excess State Education tax to be remitted to State	0		

County Portion

Due to County	1,602,470		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>9,568</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		1,592,902	
County Tax Rate			1.91

Combined Tax Rate

Total Property Taxes Assessed	16,771,677		
Less: War Service Credits	68,444		
Add: Village District Commitment	<u>62,187</u>		
Total Property Tax Commitment		16,765,420	
Combined Tax Rate			20.15

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
AND CARRYOVER APPROPRIATIONS
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001**

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
4130 EXECUTIVE EXPENSES			
Elected Officials	67,372	67,107	265
Administration	282,424	308,275	-25,851
Boards & Commissions	2,000	789	1,211
Other	21,960	20,588	1,372
Total Executive	373,756	396,760	-23,004
4140 ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS			
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	156,148	150,350	5,798
Election & Registration	10,500	8,449	2,051
Total Election, Registration, Vitals	166,648	158,799	7,849
4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION			
Audit	8,500	8,500	0
Information Systems	334,930	329,188	5,742
Total Financial Administration	343,430	337,688	5,742
4152 REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	119,883	123,550	-3,667
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	50,000	36,676	13,324
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
Retirement	334,148	132,322	201,826
Employee Insurances	770,331	860,671	-90,340
Total Personnel Administration	1,104,479	992,992	111,487
4191 PLANNING & ZONING	177,420	162,488	14,932
4194 GENERAL GOVERN. BLDGS.	261,985	253,426	8,560
4195 CARE OF CEMETERIES	3,650	3,610	40
4196 TOWN INSURANCE	68,800	68,793	7
4197 REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS	7,532	7,532	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2,677,583	2,542,314	135,269
4200 PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	1,058,750	1,027,795	30,955
Ambulance Service	63,200	59,404	3,796
Fire Department	695,230	704,247	-9,017
Emergency Management	5,065	6,457	-1,392
Other Public Safety	39,777	39,777	0
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,862,022	1,837,680	24,342
4310 HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
Administration	94,840	95,607	-767
Highway Department	699,304	636,066	63,238
Bridges	2,500	0	2,500
Street Lighting	17,000	15,476	1,524
Vehicle Maintenance	151,828	162,619	-10,791
Total Highways & Streets	965,472	909,769	55,703
4320 SANITATION			
Solid Waste	369,320	390,060	-20,740
Sewer Department	513,041	471,373	41,668
Total Sanitation	882,361	861,433	20,928
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,847,833	1,771,202	76,631

4400	HEALTH AND WELFARE			
	Animal Control	4,300	4,300	0
	Health & Welfare Services	32,186	32,186	0
	General Assistance	60,500	33,419	27,081
	TOTAL HEALTH AND WELFARE	96,986	69,905	27,081
4520	CULTURE AND RECREATION			
	Parks & Recreation	140,918	133,942	6,976
	Skating Rink	7,510	6,560	950
	Library	182,720	182,583	137
	Patriotic Puposes	6,075	6,000	75
	Other Culture & Recreation	10,000	10,000	0
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	347,223	339,085	8,138
4610	CONSERVATION	7,552	3,080	4,472
4650	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1	1,309	-1,308
4700	DEBT SERVICE			
	Principal - Long Term Bonds	256,788	250,000	6,788
	Winni River Basin	13,741	27,111	-13,370
	Interest - Long Term Bonds	90,147	85,280	4,867
	Interest - TAN's	25,000	0	25,000
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	385,676	362,391	23,285
4900	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
	Office Equipment	24,000	23,999	1
	Telephone System	4,650	11,311	-6,661
	Cruisers	56,000	55,882	118
	Radio Communications	25,000	24,997	3
	Firearms	3,500	3,413	87
	Vests	3,000	2,940	60
	Fire Truck	205,545	205,545	0
	Ambulance	16,131	15,519	612
	New Equipment	7,422	7,403	19
	Village Field Improvements	6,300	6,287	13
	Capital Equipment - Library	4,300	3,398	902
	New Highway Equipment	308,000	314,921	-6,921
	Library Feasibility Study	6,850	6,850	0
	New Highway Construction	355,999	346,627	9,372
	Cherry Valley Sewer Ext.	0	11,654	-11,654
	TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,026,697	1,040,746	-14,049
4915	CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
	Library Construction Fund	75,000	75,000	0
4939	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
	Laconia Water Works	17,054	18,483	-1,429
	Laconia Airport Authority	1	0	1
	TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS	17,055	18,483	-1,428
				0
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,343,628	8,061,194	282,434
	OTHER DISBURSEMENTS			
	Gilford School District	9,636,064		
	Belknap County Taxes	1,602,470		
	Gunstock Village Water District	87,740		
	TOTAL	11,326,274		

SUMMARY OF REVENUES
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001

TAXES:	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Property Taxes			0
Land Use Change Tax	5,000	19,109	-14,109
Yield Tax	5,000	19,881	-14,881
Excavation Tax	42	42	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	65	-65
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	117,200	188,251	-71,051
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
Business Licenses	33,316	42,130	-8,814
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,100,000	1,369,726	-269,726
Building Permits	16,300	28,695	-12,395
Other Licenses and Permits	0	6,257	-6,257
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
COPS Grant	60,000	47,808	12,192
FROM STATE OF NH:			
State Revenue Sharing	38,171	86,370	-48,199
Rooms & Meals Distribution	177,259	177,259	0
Highway Block Grant	161,331	161,331	0
Water Pollution Grant	53,744	41,702	12,043
Forest Land Reimbursement	1,660	1,660	0
Other State Grant Funds	0	0	0
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS:			
Selectmen's Office	3,000	5,413	-2,413
Town Clerk's Office	23,081	8,054	15,027
Police Department	50,000	81,351	-31,351
Fire Department	5,000	16,730	-11,730
Ambulance Service	100,000	126,375	-26,375
Parks & Recreation	15,500	20,517	-5,017
Skating Rink	1,000	1,430	-430
Planning & Land Use	5,550	7,283	-1,733
Public Works	0	1,942	-1,942
Solid Waste	85,800	107,833	-22,033
Sewer Department	511,150	438,101	73,049
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:			
Special Assessments	14,800	11,723	3,077
Sale of Town Property	15,000	30,974	-15,974
Interest on Investments	150,000	163,683	-13,683
Rents of Town Property	3,000	3,417	-417
Fines & Forfeits	14,454	14,456	-2
Insurance Dividends	15,000	25,394	-10,394
Reimbursements	1,000	4,030	-3,030
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
From Sewer Assessment Fund	140,000	140,000	0
From Capital Reserve	328,000	306,829	21,171
From Rowe House Fund	9,999	1,800	8,199
TOTAL REVENUE:	3,260,357	3,707,621	-447,264

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD
Year Ending December 31, 2001**

CREDITS	Levy of 2001	Levy of 2000	Prior years
Remitted to Treasurer			
Property Tax	\$15,810,920.38	\$ 1,049,175.72	
Current Land Use Tax	13,541.00	7,106.00	
Yield Tax	17,389.73	1,232.37	
Gunstock Acres Water	121,621.06	15,500.02	723.00
Sewer Use	246,267.30	201,374.87	87.54
Capital Cost	96,172.31	14,698.25	
Excavation Tax	41.74		
Cherry Valley Condo Bet		8,272.08	
Lockes Hill Betterment		3,451.00	
 Abatements			
Property Tax	\$ 48,624.48	\$ 15,555.80	
Gunstock Acres Water	60.00	241.00	\$ 295.00
Sewer	11,485.91	6,144.98	4,346.01
Current Land Use		662.00	
Capital Cost		422.10	10.85
Yield		277.38*	
 Interest & Costs Collected	 \$ 37,751.55	 \$ 79,129.00	 160.63
 Deeded to Town	 \$ 2,794.00		
 Uncollected Taxes as of 12-31-01			
Property Tax	\$ 950,036.30	485.00	2,309.00
Gunstock Acres	15,020.94	257.39	872.00
Sewer	85,721.17	14.59	53.42
Capital Cost	28,997.35		
Current Use	22,800.00		
Total Credits	\$17,509,245.22	\$ 1,403,999.55	\$ 8,857.45

*abated in 2000

Respectfully submitted

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
TOWN OF GILFORD
Year Ending December 31, 2001**

DEBITS	Levy of 2001	Levy of 2000	Prior years
Uncollected Taxes			
Property Tax		\$ 1,052,241.06	\$ 2,309.00
Sewer Use		12,197.89	4,486.97
Gunstock Acres Water		15,998.41	1,890.00
Yield Tax		489.63	
Capital Cost Recovery		15,120.35	10.85
TAXES COMMITTED			
Property Tax	\$16,812,255.16	\$ 12,975.46	
Current Land Use Tax	36,341.00	7,768.00	
Yield Tax	17,389.73	1,020.12	
Gunstock Acres Water	136,822.00		
Sewer Use	343,474.38	195,276.51	
Capital Cost	125,169.66		
Excavation Tax	41.74		
Cherry Valley Condo Bet		8,272.08	
Lockes Hill Betterment		3,451.00	
Overpayments			
Sewer Use		60.04	
Interest and Costs Collected	37,751.55	79,129.00	160.63
Total Debits	\$17,509,245.22	\$ 1,403,999.55	\$ 8,857.45

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary of Tax Lien Accounts
Year Ended December 31, 2001

DR	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>Prior Years</u>
Unredeemed Tax Liens 12-31-01		\$261,604.24	\$474,373.70
Liens Executed	\$300,355.78		
Overpayments			253.21
Interests and Costs Collected	2,194.37	22,394.00	86,527.29
TOTAL DEBITS	\$302,550.15	\$283,998.24	\$561,154.20
CR			
Remitted to Treasurer	\$87,060.29	\$164,316.82	\$325,310.01
Abatements		1,341.12	7,873.10
Interest and Costs Collected	2,194.37	22,394.00	86,527.29
Decded	5,929.72	4,837.26	10,125.18
Unredeemed liens 12-31-01	207,365.77	22,394.00	131,318.62
TOTAL CREDITS	\$302,550.15	\$283,998.24	\$561,154.20

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001

General Revenues Remitted:

9841	Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$1,264,440.00
1272	Dog Licenses Issued	8,294.00
308	Boat Permit Fees & Reports Collected	79,989.63
694	Copies of Records	597.10
28	Bad Check Penalties Collected	650.00
34	Town Pins	99.00
48	Pistol Permits Issued	525.00
402	Fines Collected	14,456.00
626	Commercial Beach Admissions	1,390.00
3	Commercial Marina Permits	3,000.00
2	Voter Checklists	40.00
12	Postage Reimbursements	482.01
117	Glendale Guest Pass	2,925.00
	Miscellaneous Fees	261.10

Town Clerk Fees Remitted:

1848	Motor Vehicle Titles	\$3,738.00
236	Financing and Termination Filings Processed	4,385.00
43	Marriage Licenses Issued	1,935.00
190	Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates Issued	1,961.00
8968	Municipal Agent Fees Collected	22,739.50
39	Wetland Application Fees	547.00
402	Filing Fees	4.00

TOTAL REMITTED TO TOWN TREASURER \$1,412,458.34

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Eastman
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT
Fiscal Year End December 31, 2001

GENERAL FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/2001	\$6,001,180.23
Total Receipts	21,800,883.84
Less Selectmen's Orders Paid	19,830,733.35
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Cash on Hand 12/31/2001	\$7,971,330.72

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/2001	\$81,658.35
Total Receipts	27,114.08
Less Selectmen's orders paid	0.00
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Cash on Hand 12/31/2001	\$108,772.43

SEWER CAPITAL COST FUND

Cash on Hand 1/1/2001	\$196,014.00
Total Receipts	5,985.50
Less Selectmen's orders paid	0.00
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Cash on Hand 12/31/2001	\$201,999.50

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001

Year Created	Trust Names	Invested	New Trusts	Principal	Bal. Income End 2000	Income in 2001	Care of Cemetery and Capital Improvements	Bal. Income End 2001	Bal. Inc. & Trusts End 2001	
Various		Laconia Savings		\$122,339.24	\$76,391.71	\$120,402.80	24,596.22	\$64,198.29	\$186,537.53	
2001	Allen, Ethan & Marie	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	400.00	0.00	3.13	3.13	0.00	400.00	
2001	Blinn, Harry & Elaine F.	Laconia Savings	\$800.00	800.00	0.00	8.41	8.41	0.00	800.00	
2001	Dymnt, Warren & Carolyn M.	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	400.00	0.00	3.32	3.32	0.00	400.00	
2001	Flaherty, Neil J.	Laconia Savings	\$800.00	800.00	0.00	7.78	7.78	0.00	800.00	
2001	Gunnerson, Cheryl A.	Laconia Savings	\$800.00	800.00	0.00	7.26	7.26	0.00	800.00	
2001	Lasala, Edward & Ellen	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	400.00	0.00	1.04	1.04	0.00	400.00	
2001	McGintley, Michael P. & Marsha	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	400.00	0.00	2.18	2.18	0.00	400.00	
2001	Nelen, Peter E.	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	400.00	0.00	3.62	3.62	0.00	400.00	
2001	O'Hara, Donagh & Dorothy C.	Laconia Savings	\$400.00	400.00	0.00	2.04	2.04	0.00	400.00	
TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS					\$76,391.71	\$12,441.58	\$24,635.00	\$64,198.09	\$191,337.53	
		Trust Balance			Withdrawal	End 2000	Inc. in 2001	Expanded	Bal. Income	Bal. Tr. & Inc.
Misc. Town Trusts										
1926	A. V. Lincoln—Lincoln Park	Laconia Savings	1,250.00	0.00	0	1,250.00	\$168.42	0	\$1,733.66	\$2,983.66
1968	Julia Ladd—Worthy Poor	Laconia Savings	2,215.68	0.00	0.00	2,215.68	1,688.66	0.00	1,921.21	4,136.89
1969	Theodate & Elliot Remnick-Library	Laconia Savings	5,185.00	0.00	0.00	5,185.00	516.98	339.07	581.05	5,766.05
1986	Samuel & Winnifred Smith-Library	Laconia Savings	5,293.00	0.00	0.00	\$5,293.00	454.32	364.71	323.75	5,788.28
1996	Daniel P. Rogers-Conservation	Village Bank	16,448.75	0.00	0.00	16,448.75	445.12	954.33	0.00	1,399.45
1991	Kimball Castle-Wildlife	Village Bank	163,754.90	0.00	0.00	\$163,754.90	\$8,385.96	\$7,580.50	0.00	\$15,966.46
Total Miscellaneous Trusts			\$194,147.33	0.00	0.00	\$194,147.33	\$13,056.28	\$9,639.58	\$598.75	\$22,097.11

	Trust Balance	New Funds	Withdrawal	End 2000	Inc. Balance	Inc. in 2001	Expanded	Bal. Income	Bal. Tr. & Inc.
Capital Reserve Trusts:									
1989 Fire Equipment	\$159,944.33	\$0.00	0.00	159,944.33	19,729.96	10,312.86	0.00	30,042.82	189,987.15
1990 Highway Equipment	212,866.47	0.00	0.00	212,866.47	29,016.10	14,463.88	0.00	43,479.98	256,346.45
1994 School Air Conditioning	53,686.16	50,000.00	0.00	103,686.16	5,725.25	5,057.82	0.00	10,783.07	114,469.23
1999 School Septic System	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	60,000.00	1,918.72	2,770.06	0.00	4,688.78	64,688.78
1997 Tennis Courts	2,295.96	0.00	2,295.96	0.00	4,352.56	180.26	4,532.82	0.00	0.00
2000 Gilford Library	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	66.63	3,147.94	0.00	3,214.57	53,214.57
2000 Business Park	104,000.00	0.00	0.00	104,000.00	138.59	4,940.11	0.00	5,078.70	109,078.70
2001 Special Education	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	100,000.00	0.00	2,988.28	0.00	2,988.28	102,988.28
Total Capital Reserve Trusts	\$612,792.92	180,000.00	2,295.96	790,496.96	60,947.81	43,861.21	4,532.82	100,276.20	890,773.16

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

George Sawyer
Carolyn Smith
Greg Dickinson

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Gilford has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Gilford as of December 31, 2000, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Gilford. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzic and Sanderson
Professional Association

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the
Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator
Town of Gilford
Gilford, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Gilford for the year ended December 31, 2000, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Plodzick and Sanderson
Professional Association

**Combined Balance Sheet
All Fund Types and Account Group
December 31, 2000**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Account Group</u>		Total (Memorandum <u>Only</u>)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>		
<u>ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS</u>						
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash and Equivalents	\$6,315,354	\$338,994	\$104,400			\$6,758,748
Investments	55,259	34,087	985,277			1,074,623
<u>Receivables (Net of Allowance For Uncollectible)</u>						
Taxes	1,479,936					1,479,936
Accounts	32,585	227,320				259,905
Intergovernmental	101,448					101,448
Special Assessments		759,660				759,660
Interfund Receivable	154,134	209,916	3,934,327			4,298,377
<u>Other Debits</u>						
Amount to be Provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt				1,418,067		1,418,067
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$8,138,716	\$1,569,977	\$5,024,004	\$1,418,067		\$16,150,764

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Long-Term</u> <u>Debt</u>	<u>(Memorandum Only)</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>				
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$157,508			\$157,508
Accrued Payroll and Benefits	2,519			2,519
Intergovernmental Payable	33,668	4,025,657		4,059,325
Interfund Payable	4,144,243			4,298,377
Deferred Revenue	3,404			763,753
General Obligation Bonds Payable			1,165,401	1,165,401
Compensated Absences Payable			252,666	252,666
Total Liabilities	<u>4,341,342</u>	<u>4,025,657</u>	<u>1,418,067</u>	<u>10,699,549</u>
<u>Equity</u>				
<u>Fund Balances</u>				
Reserved For Encumbrances	15,980			15,980
Reserved For Endowments		136,283		136,283
Reserved For Special Purposes		862,064		862,064
<u>Unreserved</u>				
Designated For Special Purposes	655,494			655,494
Undesignated	3,781,394			3,781,394
Total Equity	<u>655,494</u>	<u>998,347</u>		<u>5,451,215</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$8,138,716</u>	<u>\$5,024,004</u>	<u>\$1,418,067</u>	<u>\$16,150,764</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 2001

Annual Maturities of Outstanding Bonds and Long Term Notes

	Sewer Construction 1983-2003 Original Bond \$3,550,000.00	Municipal Building 1987-2007 Original Bond \$1,523,591.00	Cherry Valley Sewer Extension 1999-2017 Original Bond \$128,978.24
2002	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2003	175,000.00	75,000.00	6,788.33
2004		75,000.00	6,788.33
2005		75,000.00	6,788.33
2006		75,000.00	6,788.33
2007		75,000.00	6,788.33
2008			6,788.33
2009			6,788.33
2010			6,788.33
2011			6,788.33
2012			6,788.33
2013			6,788.33
2014			6,788.33
2015			6,788.33
2016			6,788.33
2017			6,788.33
	\$350,000.00	\$450,000.00	\$108,613.28

NOTE: Municipal Building and Sewer debt issued through NH Municipal Bond Bank; Cherry Valley Sewer Extension debt issued through State of NH Revolving Loan Fund.

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
2001**

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Gilford Library, 2 Belknap Mountain Road Land & Building (226-055)	\$ 324,900
Municipal Office Complex, 47 Cherry Valley Road Land & Buildings (226-054)	2,869,300
Glendale Parking Lot Land & Building (242-197)	113,300
Kimball Road Land & Building (215-025)	267,900
Glendale Town Docks Land & Buildings (242-183) Comfort Station	481,100
Durrell Mountain Road Land (234-001)	285,800
Durrell Mountain Road Land (232-002)	209,500
School District Land & Buildings (227-132) 76 Belknap Mountain Road	5,916,700
Land & Buildings (227-127) 88 Belknap Mountain Road	10,038,800
Land, Alvah Wilson Road (227-124)	37,100
Land, Alvah Wilson & Belknap Mountain Road (227-013)	125,500
Land & Buildings (224-018) 263 Intervale Road	283,900
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	
Lincoln Park Land (242-212)	264,800

Stonewall Park Land (203-269)	12,900
Gilford Beach, 40 Varney Point Road Land & Building (223-417)	3,117,400
GREEN SPACE	
Varney Point Road Land (223-500)	7,200
Schoolhouse Hill Road Land (226-030.100)	100
Saltmarsh Pond Road Land (210-033)	7,400
End of Orchard Drive Land (240-007)	1,100
Green Area Elderberry Drive Land (203-152)	100
Green Area Sherwood Forest Drive Land (229-031)	1,200
Green Area 2679 Lakeshore Road Land (267-257)	400
David Lewis Road Land (212-008)	34,400
CONSERVATION LAND	
Lake Shore Road Land (252-050)	32,200
Robert Tilton Land (Round Pond) Land (258-002)	184,800
Saltmarsh Pond Road Land (228-010)	7,200
Goodwin Road Land (227-116)	28,800
Clough Road Land (272-005)	20,800

186 Intervale Road	
Land (224-033)	1,300
39 Harris Shore Road	
Land (223-413.003)	30,500
31 Harris Shore Road	
Land (223-413.002)	60,300
174 Potter Hill Road	
Land (226-048)	75,500
109 Cherry Valley Road	
Land (226-048-001)	41,300
Kimball Wildlife Forest	
Land (242-369)	500
Land (242-371.100)	400,800
560 Belknap Mountain Road	
Land (236-020)	40,300
Land (237-002)	141,900
OTHER TOWN-OWNED LANDS	
Alvah Wilson Road	
Land (227-125)	56,600
Alvah Wilson Road	
Land (227-126)	146,000
Gilford Avenue	
Land (204-003)	965,000
TAX-ACQUIRED PROPERTIES	
Gunstock Acres Lots	
Land	
62 River Road (253-328)	4,500
86 Sagamore Road (252-162)	10,200
22 Sleeper Hill Road	
Land & Building (203-142)	115,700
72 Old Lakeshore Road	
Land & Building (213-038)	121,200

9 Lily Pond Mobile Home Park Mobile Home (213-088.009)	5,000
34 Olde English Lane Land (211-008.050)	43,400
89 Watson Road Land & Building (213-056)	138,600
71 Briarcliff Road Land & Building (253-109)	97,200
410 Liberty Hill Road (230-002) Land & Building	218,400
TOTAL VALUE	\$ 27,388,800

MARRIAGES REPORTED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD
For the Year Ending December 31, 2001

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
January 1, 2001	Paul Warnick Moira Wright Connolly	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
February 24, 2001	David Douglas Bettoney Yuliya Viktorivna Stryha	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
April 7, 2001	James Scott Davis Sharon Louise Young	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
April 7, 2001	John Charles Dewhirst Jessica Leigh Widen	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
April 19, 2001	David Arnold Berry Jr Mary Margaret Bryant	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 5, 2001	Noah John Ledoux Tricia Lynn Boudreau	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 12, 2001	Robert Brian Shastany Karen Elsa Boyden	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 19, 2001	Douglas D Tankard Patricia M Clifford	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 19, 2001	Michael Scott Leonard Jill Allison Kreamer	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 19, 2001	Christopher Burr Hazard Keith Heather Lee Donahue	Fort Collins, CO Fort Collins, CO
May 19, 2001	John Paul Paquette Pamela Jeanne Sarette	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
May 19, 2001	Craig Robert Sanville Sarah Louise Flanders	Laconia, NH Laconia, NH
May 26, 2001	Matthew John McGonagle Tamara Lael Buswell	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 1, 2001	Dennis A Defelice Pamela J Demoulas	Marblehead, MA Marblehead, MA
June 9, 2001	Adam J Cook Meredith Tarr	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
June 23, 2001	David Charles Lamot Michelle Lynne Corbin	Laconia, NH Gilford, NH
June 23, 2001	William Merrill Fay Bethany Lee Bergeron	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
June 29, 2001	Garry George Robertson Nancy Ellen Meyerhoff	Sanford, ME Sanford, ME
July 7, 2001	James Nazzareno Cedrone Phuong K Tang	Somerville, MA Westford, MA
July 21, 2001	Scott Frederick Knipping Saundra Leigh Gagne	Tilton, NH Tilton, NH
July 27, 2001	Eric D. Vachon Shannon L Lopez	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 28, 2001	Roy Miles Williams Evelyn Louise Page	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
July 29, 2001	John Goodhue Diana G Roberts	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 4, 2001	Scott C Belvin Katerina M Cole	Stoughton, MA Stoughton, MA
August 4, 2001	David Alexander Auld Kimberly Jane Demo	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 4, 2001	Brad Joseph Cartier Alexis Shaw Gilfillan	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 10, 2001	Theodore B. Bilodeau Karen Sciglimpaglia	Laconia, NH Gilford, NH
August 11, 2001	Ryan Brett Welch Kyla Anne Dunfee	Rutland, VT Gilford, NH
August 18, 2001	Allen Thompson Diamond Krista Anne Hagenah	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 18, 2001	Marc Andrew Cotnoir Nicole Erin Drew	Belmont, NH Gilford, NH
August 18, 2001	Shawn Mathew Jarvi Kristin Weld Endee	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH

Date	Bride and Groom	Residence of each at time of Marriage
August 18, 2001	Mark Gunter Van Woglom Marie Marcienne Baker	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 24, 2001	Terry Lee Clairmont Linda Jean Roney	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
August 25, 2001	Louis A. Bryant Katheleen A Scott	Monroe, LA Gilford, NH
September 1, 2001	Gregory Richard Seaman Amanda Ann Allsopp	Newport, RI Newport, RI
September 8, 2001	Allen John McIntire Beth Taylor	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 22, 2001	Pepper Roger Sawyer Angelique Renee Price	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
September 29, 2001	Kempton S Daly Theresa G. Vincelette	Gilford, NH Gilford, NH
October 6, 2001	Eric Ka-Ming Wong Catherine Grant Modesitt	Redondo Beach, CA Redondo Beach, CA
November 17, 2001	Michael Todd Lemire Nicole Marie Harring	Center Harbor, NH Center Harbor, NH
December 29, 2001	Derek Graham Steele Laura Anne Piquado	Glasgow, Scotland Gilford, NH

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AEE

Town Clerk

**DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF GILFORD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2001**

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Final Burial
January 5, 2001	Sheldon Ward Kennedy	Clifford Ward Kennedy Helen Wright	Pine Grove Cemetery Gilford, NH
February 9, 2001	William Lincoln Sinclair	William Sinclair Christine Ferguson	Bayside Cemetery Laconia, NH
February 11, 2001	Sean Philip Flaherty	Joseph E Flaherty Margery Poland	Pine Grove Cemetery Gilford, NH
March 6, 2001	Mary Mae Bourgeois	Henry Ketchum Eva Theberge	Holy Cross Cemetery Franklin, NH
April 19, 2001	John Mirick Moore	George Lewis Moore Laura I Mirick	Lakeview Cemetery Wayland, MA
April 21, 2001	Arthur Joseph Liesner Sr	James Liesner Adele Dewitt	
May 7, 2001	Irene Theresa Bedard	Lionel Beaudoin Lucianna Morin	Sacred Heart Cemetery Laconia, NH
June 9, 2001	Candy Rose Blais	Swee-Dzin Wong Jean Kwee	Sacred Heart Cemetery Laconia, NH

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Final Burial
June 16, 2001	Fredolin M Doll	Raymond F Doll Leona M Bare	
June 17, 2001	Edward J Dowling	Thomas Dowling Katherine Paquette	
June 30, 2001	Linda Marie Waddle	Gordon H Smith Lora Porter	St. Lambert Cemetery Laconia, NH
August 17, 2001	Gregory Clark Larochele	Richard J Larochele Sylvia P Fogg	
September 1, 2001	Siegfried Hans Max Brauer	Max Fritz Brauer Louise Knopp	Family Lot
September 9, 2001	Forest Livingston	Sidney Dodge Livingston Violet Mary Putnam	Pine Grove Cemetery Gilford, NH
September 13, 2001	Jean E Doherty	Harry E Gleason Flora E Douglas	
September 17, 2001	Estella Ray Colby	Howard James Annie Parker	Bayside Cemetery Laconia, NH

Date	Name of Deceased	Father's Name Mother's Maiden Name	Place of Final Burial
October 19, 2001	Shirley B Stone	Andrew J Brodhead Eunice Ladd	Pine Grove Cemetery Gilford, NH
October 31, 2001	Helena Frances Bryant	Lawrence Lacheta Henrietta Klatka	South Road Cemetery Belmont, NH
November 6, 2001	Margaret Maria Benedict	Peter E Baird Catherine J Flynn	Pine Grove Cemetery Gilford, NH
December 29, 2001	Alex Russell Crawshaw	Edwin Crawshaw Lilly Lincoln	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra E. Eastman, CMC/AEE
Town Clerk

Annual Report
of the
School District
of the town of
GILFORD
New Hampshire

for the year ending

June 30, 2001

**OFFICERS OF THE
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Moderator

John Cameron

Clerk

Sue Irving

Treasurer

Paul Simoneau

Auditors

Plodzick, & Sanderson

SCHOOL BOARD

Kent Baron, Chairperson	Term Expires 2003
William J. McLean III, Vice Chairperson	Term Expires 2003
Margo Weeks, Clerk	Term Expires 2004
Susan D. Allen	Term Expires 2002
James Annis	Term Expires 2004

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Steve Russell

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Scott Isabelle

Regular meetings of the School Board
First and Third Monday of Each Month
6:00 P.M. - Gilford Elementary School

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2001 AT 10:00 A.M.
GILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

The annual Gilford School District meeting was held on March 17, 2001 at Gilford Middle High School. School District Moderator Chris Tebbetts opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and introduced members of the Gilford School Board, Sue Allen, J. Kevin Hayes, Dr. Doug Scott, Kent Baron and Bill McLean as well as School District Attorney, Barbara Loughman and School District Clerk Susan Sachetta Irving. She also introduced Hammond Brown, Chairperson of the Gilmanton School Board. She further acknowledged members of the School District Administration, Dr. Stephen Russell, Superintendent, Scott Isabelle, Business Administrator, Tom Sica, GMHS Principal, Mike Tocci, GES Principal, Brenda McGee, District Technology Coordinator, Esther Kennedy, District Director of Student Services and Building Project Professionals: David Laurin, Ingrid Moulton-Wood, Banwell Architects, Chris Shumway, John Scott, Rist-Frost Shumway, Steven Horton, MacMillin, CM Company and Bruce Wright, Gilford Facility Planning Committee.

The Moderator introduced the Assistant Moderators, John Cameron and Wayne Snow. She then introduced the checklist and ballot counters; Doug Irving, Shirley Snow, Georgetta Wixson, Ruth Helfrich, Donna Akerley, Linda Arel, Suzanne Rock, Bud Salmon and Chris Huntoon.

Kent Baron recognized Allen Harrison for support and journalist contribution to the Gilford School District and Dr. Doug Scott for his term of service on the Gilford School Board.

Ms. Tebbetts then reviewed the process of the meeting stating that discussion will be limited to 3 minutes to address the article the first time and 1-1/2 minutes to address the article for the second time. Also, only registered voters would be allowed to address the articles as well as those individuals on the stage.

A motion was made by Peter Millham not to table either Article I or II and that those two Articles, which are ballot votes, be cast at the same time. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article I Building Bond Issue: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Million, Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$14,789,942) for the construction of a new High School and related costs contingent; The deeding of the second parcel of the Carye property; Gilmanton's continued participation in the AREA Agreement, and, Bond Council's affirmative endorsement of the bond sale. Furthermore, to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate up to Fourteen Million, Seven Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Nine

Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$14,789,942) of bond or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33).

And further, to appropriate the additional sum of Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$439,484) in interest, bond counsel, and bond sale costs. These amounts to be raised through general taxation. The School Board and the Budget Committee recommended approval of the Article.

The motion was moved by Kent Baron and seconded by Sue Allen. Kent Baron opened the discussion by introducing members of the planning committee. He went on addressing the present physical condition of the school in which over the past twelve years there was been an accumulation of petition walls and portable school rooms to compensate for the lack of space. He stated that what was once space for 8 classrooms is now housing 14 classrooms. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges in 1999 made a visit to GMHS in which they stated "the primary issue of concern is the school facility. While parts of the school building continue to serve the community and school programs quite well, the poor academic structure has not only become a financial liability to the district, but more significantly a structural burden to the teachers and to the students who deserve the advantages an adequate facility can provide." Mr. Baron reviewed the positive impact of low bond rates, low construction costs and financial subsidies from Gilmanston School District and state aid that would enhance building at this time. He stated the construction and renovation would be in two phases and would address the long-term growth of grades K through 12. School Board members as well as Bruce Wright and Dr. Stephen Russell did an overview of the proposal of the new school; reviewing the school history, predicable growth of enrollment, "myths and facts," air traffic and flight patterns, growth and sprawl, and the other six planning options. Each issue was addressed in detail. David Laurin of Banwell Architects reviewed the current proposal of the new High school in the meadows. He emphasized safety and environmental issues such parking and wet lands. He reviewed the utilization of the existing building as well as the physical flow of the new construction. Ingrid Moulton-Wood of Banwell Architects and Bruce Wright reviewed the renovation of the existing GMHS that would serve grades 5 through 8. Scott Isabelle reviewed the financial cost of the new building and the cost to Gilford taxpayers over the next three years. He reviewed cost responsibilities between the taxpayer, State aid and Gilmanston. He stated that the interest generated from the bond would go to offset tax dollars and that any part of the project associated with the High School would be reimbursed at 40% and that Middle School costs would be reimbursed at 30% by the state. Hammond Brown spoke on behalf of the Gilmanston

School Board, stating that they have endorsed the current building proposal and that the boards would have to amend the AREA Agreement to be equitable with the future proposed building plans. Sue Allen informed the community members that a stipulation has been made by the Caryes that the donated property (the meadows) is to be used within five years for the benefit of the children of the Gilford School District. If there was no such use with five years by the School District, the property would be turned over to the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. She reviewed the Carye property deed and outlined the property use agreement.

A motion was made and passed to discuss Article II and then proceed to vote on both articles.

Discussion was open to the floor and many residents spoke. Concerns raised included the educational and emotional needs of Gilford students grade 5 through 8. Others spoke saying this was “the time to act, that soon there will be a need for additional portable classrooms and potential for less parking space and less playing fields.” One resident stated that “we need to strive for excellence and that excellence requires a lot more space and equipment than it did several years ago.” Many addressed the meadows as an optimal site speaking to land use, and traffic safety. Others stated that there was no doubt that space was needed, however they would rather see the schools in one location. There was concern raised about the meadows property being in a flood plain and in an air traffic flight pattern. Also stated was “the traffic from Route 11B being problematic.” Some questioned the additional cost of staff and other resources. Several residents commented in favor of the other planning options.

The Moderator read Article II: To see if the Gilford School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Four Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$1,456,945) for the development/building of the meadows athletic/recreation fields and related facilities, contingent upon; The deeding of the second parcel of the Carye property; Gilmanton’s continued participation in the AREA Agreement, and, Bond Council’s affirmative endorsement of the bond sale. Furthermore, to authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate up to One Million, Four Hundred Fifty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$1,456,945) and to determine the rate of interest thereon; in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33).

And further, to appropriate the additional sum of Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$54,639) in interest, bond counsel, and bond sale costs. These amounts to be raised through general taxation. The School Board and Budget Committee recommend this article for approval.

The Article was moved by Kent Baron and seconded by Bill McLean.

Bruce Wright opened discussion by reviewing the planning committee's proposal to support K through 12 athletic/recreation programs. The resource to support these programs were one field for field hockey, a new or rebuilt track, two soccer fields, two baseball, one softball field and one multi-purpose field all which would require 13 acres. He reviewed several locations previously investigated for field planning including Alvah Wilson Road and the plateau behind the school. Constrictions in these areas included general construction cost and primary wet lands. He then reviewed the field planning at the meadows, which would support the high school needs and the existing fields at GMHS in the village supporting the middle school needs. Chris Shumway, from Rist-Frost, reiterated the plans at the meadows and addressed the cost of the site work. The Article was opened for discussion. There was a discussion surrounding the wording of the Article I, questioning whether athletic/recreations and related facilities needed to be included in the Article. Barbara Loughman explained that the voters were presented with Articles I and II, as Article I for the construction of a building and Article II for the athletic/recreation fields and that the land, which in this case was donated, was not usually written into the bond. Another question raised was if Article I failed and Article II passed would there still be athletic/fields built in the meadows? The reply was that the intention is to still build the athletic/recreation fields and that the School Board would again get input from the voters. After a one and one half-hour public discussion, the question as moved to vote on Article I and II.

The Article II was moved by Kent Baron and seconded by Bill McLean.

Article I was defeated by an 808 no votes and 691 yes votes. Article II was also defeated by 675 no votes and 820 yes votes. Neither article achieved a 2/3-majority vote to pass.

The moderator read article III: To see if the School District will set the salaries of the Direct Officers for the coming years as follows:
Moderator \$20.00 District Clerk 20.00 Chairperson of School Board 1500.00 School Board Members (4) each 1000.00 District Treasurer 1600.00

This article was approved by the School Board and Budget Committee and was moved by Sue Allen and seconded by Kevin Hayes. The Article III passed by voice vote.

Ms. Tebbetts read Article IV School District Reports: To see if the School District will approve the reports of the Agents, Auditors, and committees as printed in the 2000 Town report.

Dr. Doug Scott moved the questioned and it was seconded by Kevin Hayes, and passed by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article V Village Sewer Plan: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty One Thousand, One Hundred and Fourteen Dollars (\$61,114) for the connection of the present Gilford Middle School and Gilford Elementary School septic system to the proposed village Sewer System by withdrawing \$61,114 from the Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose. The school District and Budget Committee approved this article. The article was moved by Kevin Hayes and seconded by Kent Baron. Scott Isabelle reviewed the RSA pertaining to the Expendable Trust Fund and a question was raised whether to discontinue the fund. A motion was made to amend the Article V to read; To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum up to Sixty Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) for the connection of the present Gilford Middle School and Gilford Elementary School septic system to the proposed village Sewer System by withdrawing up to \$62,000 from the Expendable Trust Fund created for that purpose and thereby discontinuing the fund. The amendment passed by voice vote, Article V was reread by the Moderator and passed by voice vote.

Article VI A.C. Capital Reserve Fund was read by the moderator: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) to be added to the School District Air Conditioner Replacement/Repair Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. The Budget Committee and School District approved this article. Kent Baron moved the article and it was seconded by Bill McLean. The article was open for discussion. Bruce Wright explained this was the third year of this A.C. Capital Reserve Fund and that there are adequate capabilities presently in the units and that it is not included in the renovation project to be voted on next year. The Moderator read Article VI and it was passed by voice vote.

The moderator read Article VII Special Education Expendable Trust: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) To be added to the School District Special Education Emergency Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of meeting significant and unanticipated Special Education student costs. This expense to be funded from the year-end undesignated fund balance available on June 30. The School Board and the Budget Committee recommended approval. The article was moved by Sue Allen and seconded by Kent Baron, and passed by voice vote.

Ms. Tebbetts read Article VIII General Budget Funds:

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the

sum of Thirteen Million, Forty Thousand, four hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$13,040,495) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. This article is inclusive of the costs in Articles III, but does not include the amounts in Articles I, II, V, VI, and VII. School Board and the Budget Committee recommended approval. The article was moved by Bill McLean and seconded by Dr. Doug Scott and passed by voice vote.

The Moderator read Article IX: Citizen Petition “To see if the Town of Gilford will vote to not renew the AREA Agreement with the Town of Gilmanton.” A motion was made to pass over Article IX. A voice vote was made in favor of passing over Article IX.

The Moderator read Article X Adjournment: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting. The Article was moved by Dr. Doug Scott and seconded by Sue Allen. There being no further business before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Sachetta
Irving School District Clerk

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRPERSON

When I reflect on the past year and the numerous accomplishments of our school district, I am compelled to thank my fellow board members, administrators, teachers, staff members and all of the volunteers of Gilford and Gilmanton for their endless hours of commitment toward our common goals.

As we continue with the many initiatives to support our strategic plan, the Gilford School Board has determined that our number one priority this year is to bring forward a plan that the community can support to improve the facilities for a quality education. These improvements will provide us the foundation, which we can build upon to improve our goals of maintaining a quality staff and curriculum development to meet the needs of all of our students. In 1999, we were placed on warning status by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, who told us, and I quote, "The primary issue of concern is the school facility. While parts of the school building (GMHS) continues to serve the community and school programs quite well, the core academic instructional areas have become not only a financial liability to the district but more significantly, an instructional burden to teachers and therefore to the students who deserve the advantages adequate facilities can provide." At minimum, the children of our communities deserve a basic classroom with four walls and a door to help encourage learning.

After last year's vote in opposition to the meadows plan, we formed the Facility Planning Committee II, made up of fifteen (15) members, (from Gilford and Gilmanton) representing community members, parents, teachers, school board members, and administrators. This time they were charged to develop a twenty-year core facility for a ten-year population projection for grades K through twelve. A great deal of time and effort has been put into facility needs. Throughout the year, numerous committee and sub-committees have spent many hours making compromises and developing the details to bring forward an effective solution. This project will have a major impact on the education of our students for many years to come, and it is important that community members become informed before voting.

Especially if you agree, but even if you do not support the proposed solution to our district's needs, please take the time to thank the committee members who are your neighbors for their time, hard work, and willingness to serve on the Facility Planning Committee II on behalf of our communities. All of these committees require hours of information gathering, organizing, and support. Under the leadership of

Dr. Stephen Russell, our district has been able to stay focused on the many positive initiatives we have identified in our district's Strategic Plan.

Despite the challenges that our facility needs create, we have some of the finest educators available. Gilford and Gilmanton students are recognized throughout the state and New England for their excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. The Gilford educators deserve some of the credit for their combined efforts to support this recognition.

We continue to strengthen our ties with our neighboring community of Gilmanton. Even with the large tax rate disparity between our communities, Gilmanton remains a strong educational partner, and has been both supportive and involved with representatives on the Facility Planning Committee II and the Gilford School Board.

I believe both school boards remain committed to maintaining the positive relationship that has been developed between both of our districts.

I would like to ask that you become informed and take the time to become involved with our students' education. The accomplishments of all our students are the result of the support from the community, as well as our teachers, staff members, and the administration. Your attendance and support on March 23 really does matter. I would like to encourage everyone to visit our schools and see the results of our efforts first-hand.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kent Baron
Gilford School Board Chairperson

GILFORD MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL **2002 Principal's Annual Report**

As the 2001-2002 school year opened, we welcomed 868 students to Gilford Middle-High School. The commitment of our staff, parents and community members as they strive to provide the best educational experience for students should bring a great deal of pride to all members of our school community.

GMHS Building Goals, developed by faculty, staff and administration, challenge us to continue to improve instruction by exploring and developing varying instructional practices that may be implemented within the classroom. In response to this challenge, the math department added further technology to its curriculum, incorporated math-science curriculum and introduced statistics as a high school course offering. The AP US history class and eighth grade social studies united in a cooperative mock trial effort, while the US history classes and the eighth grade social studies classes researched and compiled information concerning Veterans' Day. The Special Education Department implemented a staff development program for all paraprofessionals, district-wide, thanks to the efforts of Esther Kennedy, the Director of Student Services, in applying for and receiving a Federal grant which paid the cost for the presenter of this course. Due to a specific pullout reading program developed and administered, much improvement was seen in fluency, decoding skills and reading comprehension. This department received high commendations by the evaluators, who conducted a routine, on site visitation during the 2000-2001 school year.

Field trips, projects, academic/real world experiences and assemblies are routine activities that take place for students in every school year. Listed here, however, are examples of some outstanding opportunities presented to students this year. Although all field trips are wonderful learning experiences for students, one designed by seventh grade teachers Michelle Demers and Mary Konrad, Franconia Notch Treasure Hunt for Knowledge, stands out this year. Students visited The Flume, Cannon Mountain, The Old Man of the Mountains and The Basin. They were challenged to learn more about New Hampshire beginning with the bus ride, giving attention to route numbers, names of highways and rivers, direction traveled, details about the waterfalls in Franconia, the names of fish, trees and other vegetation and much more. Follow-up group discussions took place the next day in the classroom. Their field studies provided them with an opportunity to learn more about the richness of our State's history. Students gained first hand knowledge as part of a practical work experience in (now retired) Mrs.

Lavoie's transitional English class as they formed their own printing company. The requirements for this real-life project included deciding on the type of business, naming it, setting up finances with the bank, the election of company officers, marketing, sales, production and delivery of the finished products. The "Padsters" rented a limousine with their profits. Their afternoon began as they were chauffeured to lunch at Shibley's at the Pier in Alton, then traveled around Lake Winnepesaukee, making a stop at Funspot for some recreation before returning to GMHS at 5:00 P.M. where their day ended. Students in Mr. Stone's Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) class produced a working drawing for the production of plastic parts for Eptam Plastics. Dave Smith, Special Projects Coordinator at Eptam, provided information for the drafting project. Using a photocopied image, the steel shaft on a lathe, silly putty, a dial caliper and a band saw, students measured the part's internal geometry and developed the drawing. Dave Smith took the completed drawings to the NH State Prison where the Transformation Program in Machine Technology used the students' drawings to make the parts. The CADD course provides real-life, work experiences teaching students how to use AutoCAD software, exposes them to various industry standards and requires them to develop communication skills and work cooperatively with classmates and local businesses. Bruce Hamblett organized an outstanding seminar for high school students majoring in AP and upper level science courses. Sam Rhine, world known human genetics educator was the presenter, sponsored, in part, by the Eastern Regional Partnership, Inc. Students from twelve area schools joined GMHS students to fill the auditorium for this day-long seminar.

Observance of National Library Week included a Continental breakfast for staff and featured readings from the Dr. Seuss Celebration. One day was set aside for students to read their own published work in the library to their peers. A visiting writer, Katherine Min, was invited to read to students from her works during the school day. She presented a workshop for staff after the close of school and presented from her publications to the community in the evening. We continued this year with "literacy day" activities, in which one class period per month was designated to give students and staff time to read a book of their choice for enjoyment.

The Middle School initiated "advisory" homerooms this year. The goal of this program provides that every student have an adult advocate who comes to know him/her well. The object is to assist students in setting academic goals, to help facilitate school success, promote positive peer interaction and foster adult-student social skills and relationships.

Performing arts students presented six concerts, two high school productions, *Company* and *Rags*, and one middle school play, *A Christmas Carol, Scrooge and Marley*. GMHS also hosted the NE Drama Festival in April. In addition to having the honor of hosting this event, GMHS through its participation in the festival earned a number of awards and commendations for its performance of *Company*.

April 9 - 13, 2001, was designated as Cultural Arts Week. This year, the focus of study was "Australasia." Across many disciplines, investigation took place concerning the culture of the people of Australia and New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands. Studies included the geographic location, vegetation, industry, diet and art. A thorough study of life in Australia took place. Student made batiks, drawings, paintings, sculptures and photographs graced our hallways during the month. The April in-service for faculty focused on Australia through presentations entitled "Exploring Diversity." Choral and band students presented assemblies for the entire school featuring music indigenous of Australia, and mini workshops highlighting specific aspects of Australian life were available to students and staff. The month of study culminated with a concert on Thursday evening of that week, open to the school and community. Involvement of more classes in the Cultural Arts Week study continues to be a goal.

With difficulty we limit our report to only a few of the accomplishments of our teaching staff. The James Madison Fellowship was awarded to High School Social Studies Teacher Matt Krogman through the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C. This highly competitive honor brings funding for a course of study toward a Master's Degree. Scott Hutchison received the distinguished honor of Poet Laureate through the New England Association of Teachers of English Poet of the Year Competition for his poems, *Remember How To*, *Memorial*, *Morning Lesson*, *Couple* and *The Rotation*. Carole Barbour was commended by the International Reading Association for the impact she made on the members of the International Reading Association in NH in her capacity as President of the Granite State Council, and Judy Klubben was appointed to the 2001-2002 New Hampshire Scholastic Art Awards Program Advisory Board for a third term.

Limiting the number of student accomplishments in this report is difficult as well, since many noteworthy activities take place. Academically, we are proud to report that Nathan Dow and Thomas Chase received the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program Letter of Commendation, nine young women were recipients of the NH Commission on the Status of Women's Athletic/Academic Award, David Bridge received a Silver Key Scholastic Art Award for his photography

portfolio at the national level, and Ryan Mason was awarded a Silver Key Award at the national level for his drawing portfolio, putting him in the top 5 percent in the country. This prestigious award brings a one-half paid tuition from the Maine College of Art plus other monetary awards.

Computer workshops were available to the residents of Gilford and Gilmanton free of charge every Tuesday evening, and the district continues to look for solutions to our overcrowding problems. Thanks to Joan Forge and the officers of the Varsity Club, we have fulfilled a long-time goal to incorporate Gilford and Gilmanton into our school signage. "Serving the Communities of Gilford and Gilmanton" has been added to the school sign on Rt. 11-A and to the sign on our school building.

Once again, our athletic program had an outstanding year, participation has increased to an all-time high in both the middle school and high school programs. We boast championships in Girls' Alpine Skiing, Girls' Tennis, Volleyball and Boys' Soccer. We also captured runner-up honors in baseball. Joan Forge, Everett Edmunds and John Lord were named coaches of the year in volleyball, golf and baseball respectively. Everett Edmunds and Joan Forge were inducted into the NHIAA Coaches Hall of Fame, commemorating twenty-five years of successful coaching at the high school level. Ryan Fecteau and Mollie Babcock were recognized as Class M baseball and volleyball players of the year. Natalia Rock, Ryan Fecteau and Mollie Babcock were recognized by Channel Nine as "Hometown Heroes" for their team effort, good sportsmanship and outstanding athletic abilities. Justin Shirley was named All New England for his goal keeping talents in soccer. GMHS boasts with pride that one of our athletes is an Olympic Champion - Jason Wool was awarded a Silver Medal for his participation in the NH Special Olympics 19th Annual Basketball Tournament in January, 2001.

We swell with pride as we report the evidence of compassion expressed by our students toward those directly affected by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Students, through their artwork, found ways to honor the lives lost on that day, to show sorrow for those affected, unity in spirit, love of country and their support of the America's effort to stop terrorism. This artwork was on display in the auditorium lobby for several weeks. A sixth grade car wash, the sale of patriotic bracelets made by eighth graders, coin collections during lunch time, a middle school dance and the creation and sale of patriotic buttons in exploratory classes were fund-raising projects completed by middle school students. Senior Jared Aronson designed a patriotic decal, which sold very quickly. A wall-sized replica of the decal is on display in the gym lobby. Approximately \$1500 was raised through a penny drive competition involving class, teacher and administrator categories. This

effort culminated in a volleyball game composed of a team of Gilford policemen and firemen playing a team of GMHS teachers and students. The success of this campaign is credited to Samantha Dickson, Hillary Rankins and Ashley Young who initiated, organized and took charge of this fund raising event. A school total of \$2,822.05 was collected and sent to the American Red Cross.

As always, it is important to us that you know how much we value community support for our academic, athletic and performing arts programs. For a second time, Gilford Middle School volunteers have received The Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award for 2000-2001. It is the documentation of their diligence in supporting our classroom and student needs with their talents, time and special attention that prompted the NH Partners in Education to select Gilford Middle School volunteers as recipients of this award for the second time. We appreciate all that everyone in the community does to enhance classroom, hands-on and community (real-life) learning experiences for our young people. Your willingness to help with the educational process makes Gilford a wonderful community in which to live. Thanks for all that you do.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas M. Sica
Principal

REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL 2001

One of the greatest challenges that we face at Gilford Elementary School is refining our mission in the face of an ever changing society and deciding how we can most effectively help ALL students meet with success academically, socially and emotionally. The expectations placed on the educational community today are endless. It seems that each year more is expected of schools, which requires greater capacity and resources to meet these new expectations. We accept the responsibility of being a school that will respond to community expectations and meet the challenges put before us with the belief that all students can learn and can be successful. To that end, we are constantly seeking creative ways to challenge the spectrum of learners that range from the most capable to those who have great difficulty learning. In order to meet the demands and challenges of accommodating the needs of all students, we remain focused on defining academic standards, curriculum development, recruiting and training professional staff, and student discipline, while fostering a school climate that is positive and nurturing. We believe that with your continued support, our school will continue to flourish and remain a source of pride for all who live in our community.

Each year, as a school community, we evaluate what we have done well and also take a look at where we can improve. Various assessments provide us with information about our school and student achievement. We use this information to develop school goals and to set priorities that we believe will lead to the continued improvement in all facets of our school. Curriculum development and instruction in literacy remain high priorities. This year marks the third year of our commitment to the Literacy Collaborative, a partnership with Lesley College in Boston. Lesley is assisting us with the training of personnel and the continuing implementation of this nationally validated initiative. Primary level teachers are gaining expertise in the latest instructional strategies centered on literacy by taking a course offered at Gilford Elementary School instructed by Chris Roderick, Gilford Elementary School Literacy Coordinator. Assessment of student progress in the areas of reading and other language skills has indicated that the program is working extremely well.

Another exemplary instructional initiative that is having a very positive outcome for students is The Integrated Instructional Model. The continued development and dissemination of this model across all curricula areas is helping students to better understand the relevancy of what they are learning in relation to the world outside of school.

We are also very excited about our involvement in the CO-SEED Program (Community School Environmental Education). This partnership

with Antioch University and the Prescott Farm Audubon Center is providing opportunities for our students to become more aware of the environment and history of our community. In consultation with an environmental educator, staff and students are engaged in activities such as watershed studies, bird watching, and exploration of the nature trail during the changing seasons.

We are very proud of the extended learning opportunities that are offered to students at all grade levels. Some examples include the After-School Enrichment Program, DARE, Jazz Band, Chorus, Quiz Bowl, Summer Day Program, Summer Drama Program, After School Homework Support, Student Council and the newly added Extended Day Program which offers before and after school child-care each day. All of these programs are professionally staffed with members of the school faculty. We have also cultivated collaborative initiatives with agencies and organizations outside of the school community. The Gilford Police Department, Gilford Fire Rescue, Gilford Public Library, Gilford Recreation Department, Gilford Historical Society, Gilford Rotary and other service organizations work with Gilford Elementary to offer educational and recreational opportunities within and outside the parameters of the school building. We look forward to expanding these opportunities for students in the years ahead.

The monthly assembly of students, called Showcase, continues to be an integral part of our school. We continue to hear positive responses from our parents and other visitors who regularly attend Showcases. Showcase presentations are yet another means by which we celebrate student success and learning through the Arts and Technology. Showcase remains at the core of our HOTS (Higher Order Thinking School) initiative, which was adopted in the 1994-95 school year.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we will continue to place emphasis on the evaluation of curriculum and instructional programs. Our goal is to provide the best possible educational experiences for our students with the resources we have available to us.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to our parent volunteers, the Gilford District PTA, the Gilford School Board and the SAU personnel for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael E. Tocci
Principal

**SCHOOL STATISTICS
GILFORD ELEMENTARY
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS**

As of December, 2001

Elementary	Grade	
	K	91
	1	83
	2	77
	3	99
	4	106
	5	<u>85</u>
	Total Elementary	541
Middle School	6	111
	7	112
	8	<u>95</u>
	Total Middle	318
High School	9	143
	10	137
	11	140
	12	<u>130</u>
	Total High	<u>550</u>
SCHOOL DISTRICT TOTAL		<u>1409</u>

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
FOOD SERVICE FUND
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001**

Revenues

Local

Lunch and Milk Sales	\$ 95,610
A la Carte Sales	221,619
Interest	4,711

State

Lunch Reimbursement	2,911
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Federal

Lunch Reimbursement	36,641
Breakfast Reimbursement	2,702
USDA Commodities	11,996

Other Financing Sources

Operating: Transfers In

General Fund	<u>8,000</u>
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Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources \$ 384,190

Expenditures

Current

Non-Instructional Service

Food Purchases	\$ 176,903
Labor and Benefits	183,260
Expendable Supplies	6,566
Repairs and Maintenance	2,436
Other	<u>523</u>

Total Expenditures 369,688

Excess of Revenues and

Other Financing Sources

Over Expenditures 14,502

Fund Balance - July 1 39,859

Fund Balance - June 30 \$ 54,361

Note: Source - Plodzik & Sanderson, Independent Auditors Report

**SPECIAL EDUCATION
FUNDING 2000-2001**

Expenditures

Instruction	\$1,279,954.77
Related Services	224,982.59
Administration	65,239.00
Legal	182.00
Transportaiton	<u>65,725.12</u>

Total Expenditures **\$1,636,074.48**

Revenues

Catastorophic Aid	20,635.16
Medicaid	40,664.83
Disabilities Programs	85,432.72
Other LEA's	<u>97,556.25</u>

Total Expenditures **\$244,288.96**

Expenses are for delivery of special education instruction occupational/physical therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy and special education transportation. Grant programs and revenues are for special education services delivered through state or federal funding.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2001**

	<u>General Fund</u> <u>Actual</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	
School District Assessment	\$ 5,740,102
Other Local	1,631,862
State	4,757,223
Federal	55,120
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>	
Operating Transfers In	
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>12,184,307</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>	
<u>Current</u>	
Instruction	5,973,579
<u>Support Services</u>	
Student	397,016
Instruction Staff	448,869
General Administration	60,262
Executive Administration	107,689
School Administration	651,268
Business	164,867
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	921,361
Student Transportation	392,992
Other	2,030,599
Non-Instructional Services	
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	143,352
Debt Service	594,465
<u>Other Financing Uses</u>	
Operating Transfers Out	<u>188,000</u>
<u>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	<u>12,074,319</u>
<u>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and</u>	
<u>Other Financing Sources Over (Under)</u>	
<u>Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</u>	109,988
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - July 1</u>	<u>450,408</u>
<u>Unreserved Fund Balances - June 30</u>	<u>560,396</u>

Note: Source - Plodzik & Sunderson, Independent Auditors Report

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Gilford School District
Gilford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Gilford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Gilford School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Gilford School District as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Gilford School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Gilford School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzick and Sanderson
Professional Association

**Gunstock Acres
Water District**

TOWN WARRANT
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Gilford Middle High School in said Gilford, on Tuesday, the 12th of March, 2002 at eight of the clock in the forenoon (polls open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act upon the following articles appearing on the official town ballot; and on Wednesday, the 13th of March 2002 at 7:00 p.m. for the second session to act upon the remainder of the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose the necessary Town Officers for the following year.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, and Zoning Map as follows:

Amendment #1. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend Article 4, ‘Permitted Uses and Regulations’, of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance, in various ways including, but not limited to, the following:

“(a) adding Dormitory, Cottage Colony/Seasonal Occupancy, Burial Ground, Cluster Development (as an Industrial zone use), and Drive-Through Window as new uses and identifying in which zones they are permitted, not permitted, or permitted by special exception;

“(b) adding language describing the new uses and how they may be developed;

“(c) adding language to distinguish between light industrial uses and medium industrial uses including distinguishing between and adding each use to the list of permitted uses;

“(d) modifying the regulations for home occupations to reduce the number of children allowed in a home day care and modifying other aspects of home occupations; and

“(e) changing several uses from being permitted and not permitted in various zones, to being permitted by special exception in those zones.”?

Amendment #2. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend the Gilford Zoning Ordinance to add and include a new Section 5.4, ‘Exceptions – Industrial Zone’ to provide for regulations to permit, guide, and restrict cluster development in the Industrial zone.”?

Amendment #3. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend Article 9, ‘Non-Conforming Structures, Lots, and Uses’, of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance, in various ways including the following:

“(a) clarifying the language regarding the requirement to merge adjoining lots under the same ownership;

“(b) allowing reconstruction of non-conforming structures that are intentionally demolished or destroyed no matter what percentage of the building’s replacement value is affected; and

“(c) allowing certain additions to non-conforming structures.”?

Amendment #4. Are you in favor of adopting Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Gilford Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amend Section 10.4, ‘Rehearings’, of the Gilford Zoning Ordinance, so the town’s rehearing and appeal procedures for the Zoning Board of Adjustment are the same as those set forth in RSA 677.”?

ARTICLE 3. - "Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the town (city) of Gilford, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$45,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$75,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$26,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person's residence."

ARTICLE 4. – “Shall we adopt the August 1 prior to the setting of the tax rate as the date for filing for an elderly exemption from the property tax?”

SECOND SESSION

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,464,682 for the purpose of construction of Phase II of the Lakes Business Park, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or notes, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the terms and conditions thereof, in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, and to allow the Selectmen to expend such monies as become available from the federal and state governments and pass any vote relating thereto. (Requires 2/3 vote and written ballot, polls to remain open at least 1 hour after discussion has ended.) (Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,583,797 for the following General Government expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
	Executive Expenses (Selectmen, Town Officers' & Budget Comm. Expenses)	\$ 383,009
4130		
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Stats	170,281
4150	Financial Administration	243,577
4152	Appraisal Expenses	76,840
4153	Legal Expenses	50,000
4155	Personnel Administration	1,124,205
4191	Planning & Zoning	200,241
4194	General Government Buildings (includes Island Support)	251,874
4195	Cemeteries	3,960
4196	Insurance	72,240
4197	Lakes Region Planning Commission	7,570

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,957,935 for the following Public Safety expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4210	General Operations - Police	\$1,067,145
4215	General Operations - Ambulance Service	67,959
4220	General Operations - Fire	759,364
4290.1	Emergency Management	24,021
4299.2	Youth Services Bureau	39,446

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,933,953 for the following Public Works expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4311	DPW Administration	\$ 99,742
4312	Highways & Streets	727,013
4313	Bridges	15,000
4316	Street Lighting	17,000
4319	Vehicle Maintenance	143,366
4324	Solid Waste Management	408,452
4326	Sewer Department	506,326
4330	Laconia Water Works	17,054

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 98,434 for the following Health & Welfare expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4414	Animal Control	\$ 4,700
4419	Health Agencies	33,234
4441	Welfare Administration & General Assistance	60,500

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$373,585 for the following Culture, Recreation & Conservation expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4520.1	Parks & Recreation	\$ 147,439
4520.6	Skating Rink	7,765
4550	Library	194,604
4583	Patriotic Purposes	6,075
4589	Thompson Ames Historic Society	10,000
4611	Conservation Commission	7,702

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 322,988 for the following Debt Service and other miscellaneous expenses:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4711.2	Principal - Long-term Bonds	\$ 256,789
4721.2	Interest - Long-term Bonds	66,197
4723.2	Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	1
4939.2	Laconia Airport Authority	1

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$889,067 for the following Capital Purchases:

Account No.	Purpose	Recommended Approp.
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	
	Capital Improvements – Library	\$ 2,800
	Capital Improvements – Police	114,000
	Capital Improvements – Fire	79,667

	Capital Improvements – Highway	51,000
4901	Land & Improvement	
	Lake Access Fund	50,000
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	
	Highway Reconstruction	555,600
	Traffic Signal – Rte 11-A/ Country Club Rd.	36,000

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to purchase a new backhoe for the Highway Department, to be financed in the following manner:

Withdrawal from New Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund -	\$ 61,000
To be raised by taxation -	\$ 64,000

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be deposited in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee).

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to remove Town Administrator Phillippe Arel

1) For violating RSA 91-A by suppressing Cole Layer Trumbles final figures after Hoffman's Petition Warrant Article 9 was legally adopted at the 1997 Town Meeting by 2/3 thirds of the registered voters. And on May 4, by mistake and inadvertently printed and produced by former Town Administrator Caron for Hoffman when Hoffman requested the Tax Assessments Booklet listing assessed values of all proerties within the Town of Gilford effective April 1, 2000. (By petition of Joseph Hoffman and others.)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a certain tract of land of approximately 13.5 acres, on Alvah Wilson Road, designated on Gilford Tax Maps as Map 27, Lot 125 to the Gilford School District for the purpose of constructing a softball field.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Floodplain Management Ordinance, which is an update of the current ordinance

Town of Gilford
Floodplain Management Ordinance

Authority

The following regulations shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in its "Flood Insurance Study for the Town of Gilford, NH dated May 4, 1992", together with

the associated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), dated May 4, 1992, which are declared to be a part of this ordinance, and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Item I – Definition of Terms

Throughout this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

“100-Year Flood” – See “Base Flood”.

“Area of Special Flood Hazard” is the land in the floodplain subject to a one (1) percent or greater possibility of flooding in any given year. The area is designated on the FIRM as zone A or zone AE.

“Base Flood” is a flood having a one (1) percent possibility of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

“Basement” is any area of a building having its floor below grade on all sides.

“Building” is a man-made, occupiable structure having walls, a roof, and a permanent foundation.

“Development” means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including, but not limited to, buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavating, or drilling operations.

“Federal Emergency Management Agency” or “FEMA” is the independent agency created in 1978 to provide a single point of accountability for all Federal activities related to disaster mitigation and emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. FEMA administers the NFIP.

“Flood” or “Flooding” means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from (1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters; or (2) the unusual and rapid accumulation of runoff of surface waters from any source.

“Flood Elevation Study” is a study of the height of flood waters above an elevation datum plane.

“Flood Insurance Rate Map” or “FIRM” is the official map incorporated with this ordinance on which FEMA has delineated both the special flood hazard areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the Town of Gilford.

“Flood Insurance Study” is a study performed by any of a variety of agencies and consultants to delineate the special flood hazard areas, base flood elevations, and risk premium zones. The study is funded by FEMA and is based on detailed site surveys and analysis of the site-specific hydrologic characteristics. The information in the study helps guide updates of floodplain regulations, and further promote sound land use and floodplain development.

“Floodplain” or “Flood-Prone Area” means any land area susceptible to flooding.

“Flood proofing” means any combination of structural and non-structural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures and their contents.

“Floodway” – See “Regulatory Floodway”.

“Historic Structure” is a structure registered with the National Historic Place.

“Lowest Floor” means the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building’s lowest floor; provided, that such an enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this ordinance.

“Manufactured Home” means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. For

floodplain management purposes the term "manufactured home" includes park trailers, travel trailers, and other similar vehicles placed on site for greater than 180 consecutive days.

"Mean Sea Level" means the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929 or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.

"National Flood Insurance Program" or "NFIP" is the federal program created in 1968 which makes flood insurance available in communities that enact satisfactory flood plain management regulations.

"Recreational Vehicle" means a vehicle which is (a) built on a single chassis; (b) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection; (c) designed to be self propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (d) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use.

"Regulatory Floodway" means the channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without increasing the water surface elevation.

"Special Flood Hazard Area" means an area having flood, and/or flood-related erosion hazards, and shown on a FIRM as zone A or AE (see "Area of Special Flood Hazard").

"Structure" means for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

"Start of Construction" includes substantial improvements, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of pilings, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation; or the placement of manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or part of the main structure.

"Substantial Damage" means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

"Substantial Improvement" means any combination of repairs, reconstruction, alteration, or improvements to a structure in which the cumulative cost equals or exceeds fifty percent of the market value of the structure. The market value of the structure should equal (1) the appraised value prior to the start of the initial repair or improvements, or (2) in the case of damage, the value of the structure prior to the damage occurring. For the purposes of this definition, "substantial improvements" is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure required to comply with existing health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions or any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "Historic structure".

"Water Surface Elevation" means the height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, (or other datum, where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains.

Item II

All proposed development in any special flood hazard areas shall require a permit.

Item III

1. The building inspector shall review all building permit applications for new construction or substantial improvements to determine whether proposed building sites will be reasonably safe from flooding. If a proposed building site is in a flood-prone area, all new construction or substantial improvements shall:

- a. be designed (or modified) and adequately anchored to prevent floatation, collapse, or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.
- b. be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage,
- c. be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damages,
- d. be constructed with electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and air conditioning equipment, and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.

Item IV

Where new or replacement water and sewer systems (including on-site systems) are proposed in flood-prone areas the applicant shall provide the Building Inspector with assurance that these systems will be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters, and on-site waste disposal systems will be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during periods of flooding.

Item V

Applicants shall provide to the building inspector, and the Building Inspector shall maintain for public inspection and furnish upon request, any certification of flood-proofing and the as-built elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor (including basement) of any new or substantially improved structure, whether or not any such structure contains a basement.

Item VI

The Building Inspector shall review proposed developments to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by federal or state law, including Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. 1334. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to provide the Building Inspector evidence that all such permits have been granted prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Item VII

1. In riverine situations, prior to the alteration or relocation of a watercourse, an applicant seeking authorization to alter or relocate a watercourse shall notify the Wetlands Board of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and submit copies of such notification to the Building Inspector. Further, the applicant shall be required to submit copies of said notification to those adjacent communities as determined by the Building Inspector, including notice of all scheduled hearings before the Wetlands Board.
2. The applicant shall submit to the Building Inspector certification provided by a registered professional engineer, assuring that the flood carrying capacity of an altered or relocated watercourse can and will be maintained.
3. In zone A, the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any floodway data available from federal, state and other sources as criteria for requiring that, in regard to any development, there are no encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development within the floodway that would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the base flood discharge.
4. Along watercourses that have not had a Regulatory Floodway designated, no new construction, substantial improvements, or other development (including fill) shall be permitted within zone AE on the FIRM, unless it is demonstrated by the applicant that the cumulative effect of the proposed development, when combined with all existing and anticipated development, will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one (1) foot at any point within the community.

Item VIII

1. In special flood hazard areas, the Building Inspector shall determine the 100 year flood elevation in the following order of precedence according to the data available:

- a. In zone AE refer to the elevation data provided in the community Flood Insurance Study and accompanying the FIRM.
- b. In unnumbered A zones, the Building Inspector shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any 100 year flood elevation data available from federal sources, state sources, development proposals submitted to the community (i.e. subdivisions, site plans, etc.), or other sources.

2. The Building Inspector's 100 year flood elevation determination will be used as criteria for requiring in zones A and AE that:

- a. All new construction or substantial improvement of residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the 100 year flood elevation;
- b. All new construction or substantial improvement of non-residential structures have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the 100 year flood level; or together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall:
 - (i) be flood proofed so that below the 100 year flood elevation the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
 - (ii) have structural components capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and the effects of buoyancy; and
 - (iii) be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect that the design and methods of construction are in accordance with accepted standards of practice for meeting the provisions of this section;
- c. all manufacture homes to be placed or substantially improved within special flood hazard areas shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above the base flood level; and be securely anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but are not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This requirement is in addition to applicable state and local anchoring requirements for resisting wind forces;
- d. All recreational vehicles placed on sites within zones A and AE shall either:
 - (i) be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days,
 - (ii) be fully licensed and ready for highway use, or
 - (iii) meet all standards of Section 60.3(b)(1) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations and the elevation and anchoring requirements for "manufactured homes" in Section 60.3(c)(6);
- e. for all new construction and substantial improvements, fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are subject to flooding are permitted provided they meet the following requirements:
 - (i) the enclosed area is unfinished or flood resistant, usable solely for the parking of vehicles, building access or storage;
 - (ii) the area is not a basement;
 - (iii) shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters.

Designs for meeting this requirement must either be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect or must have a minimum of two (2) openings having a total net area of not less than one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters;

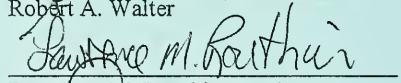
Item IX – Variance and Appeals

1. Requests for variances, appeals, or waivers of these regulations may be made to the Town of Gilford Building Code Board of Appeals.
2. Appeals, revisions, and amendments to National Flood Insurance Program Maps may be requested through FEMA.

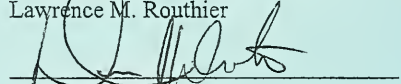
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Robert A. Walter



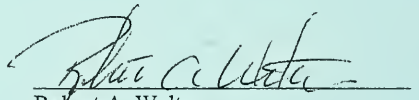
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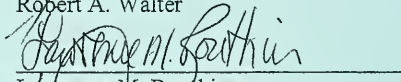
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SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

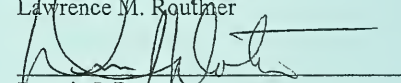
We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town of Gilford to meet for the 2002 Town Meeting at the time and place indicated in this Warrant, by posting an attested copy of this document on February 19, 2002, at the Gilford Middle High School, the place of meeting, and at the Town Hall, Gilford Public Library and Department of Public Works.



Robert A. Walter



Lawrence M. Routhier



Dennis J. Doten

SELECTMEN OF GILFORD, N.H.

Subscribed and sworn to this 19th day of February 2002.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
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BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: Gilford, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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| <p>1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.</p> <p>2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.</p> <p>3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.</p> |
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We Certify This Form Was Posted on (Date): 2/20/02

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Please sign in ink.

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THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

ACCT. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	WARR. ART. #	APPROPRIATIONS Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year.	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
					ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130-4139	Executive	6	373,756	396,760	394,299	383,009	11,290
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	6	166,648	158,799	173,981	170,281	3,700
4150-4151	Financial Administration	6	34,340	337,688	251,557	243,577	7,980
4152	Revaluation of Property	6	119,883	123,550	76,840	76,840	
4153	Legal Expense	6	50,000	36,676	50,000	50,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	6	1,104,479	992,993	1,124,205	1,124,205	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	6	177,420	162,488	191,265	200,241	(8,976)
4194	General Government Buildings	6	261,985	268,331	253,874	251,874	2,000
4195	Comptroller	6	3,650	3,610	3,960	3,960	
4196	Insurance	6	68,800	68,793	72,240	72,240	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6	7,532	7,532	7,570	7,570	
4199	Other General Government						

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210-4214	Police	7	1,058,750	1,030,295	1,067,145	1,067,145	
4215-4219	Ambulance	7	63,200	59,404	67,959	67,959	
4220-4229	Fire	7	695,230	704,247	759,364	759,364	
4240-4249	Building Inspection						
4290-4298	Emergency Management	7	5,065	6,457	24,021	24,021	
4299	Other (Including Communications)	7	39,777	39,777	45,104	39,446	5,658

AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER

4301-4309	Airport Operations						
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HIGHWAYS & STREETS

4311	Administration	8	94,840	95,607	99,742	99,742	
4312	Highways & Streets	8	699,304	636,011	727,013	727,013	
4313	Bridges	8	2,500	0	15,000	15,000	

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED

HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.

4316	Street Lighting	8	17,000	15,476	17,000		17,000	
4319	Other	8	151,828	162,562	143,498		143,366	132

SANITATION

4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	8	369,320	387,891	408,452		408,452	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	8	513,041	468,553	506,326		506,326	

WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT

4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services	8	17,054	18,483	17,054		17,054	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							

ELECTRIC

4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							

HEALTH/WELFARE

4411	Administration							
4414	Pest Control	9	4,300	4,300	4,700		4,700	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	9	32,186	32,186	31,934		33,234	
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	9	500	500	500		500	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	9	60,000	32,919	60,000		60,000	

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ACCT. # PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V) WARR. ART. # APPROVED BY DRA PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES ACTUAL APPROPRIATIONS PRIOR YEAR ENSUING FISCAL YEAR SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION ENSUING FISCAL YEAR NOT RECOMMENDED RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED

CULTURE & RECREATION

4520-4520	Parks & Recreation	10	148,428	140,502	157,204	155,204	2,000
4550-4550	Library	10	182,720	182,583	193,679	194,604	(925)
4593	Patriotic Purposes	10	6,075	6,000	6,075	6,075	
4599	Other Culture & Recreation	10	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	

CONSERVATION

4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	10	7,552	3,080	1,952	7,702	(5,750)
4619	Other Conservation						
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING						
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		1	1,309			

DEBT SERVICE

4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes	11	270,529	277,111	270,006	256,789	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	11	90,147	85,280	66,197	66,197	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	11	25,000	0	25,000	1	24,999
4790-4799	Other Debt Service						

CAPITAL OUTLAY

4901	Land	12			50,000	50,000	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	12	663,848	676,527	263,467	247,467	16,000
4903	Buildings		6,850	6,850			
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.	12	355,999	358,281	487,000	591,600	(104,000)

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

4912	To Special Revenue Fund						
4913	To Capital Projects Fund						
4914	To Enterprise Fund						
	Sewer-						
	Water-						

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		5,000	19,109	0
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5,000	19,881	7,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes		21,454	11,788	9,731
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		117,200	188,182	115,800
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		0	42	0
3188	Excavation Activity Tax				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		38,816	42,130	41,500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		1,176,000	1,369,726	1,176,000
3230	Building Permits		17,300	31,695	19,800
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,850	6,257	6,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		60,000	47,808	55,000
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		38,171	86,370	38,171
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		112,923	177,259	177,259
3353	Highway Block Grant		161,331	161,331	161,331
3354	Water Pollution Grant		31,107	53,744	29,500
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		1,800	1,660	1,660
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				84,800
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		153,580	303,093	182,855
3409	Other Charges		85,800	107,833	85,800
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		15,000	34,391	15,000
3502	Interest on Investments		150,000	163,683	150,000
3503-3509	Other		140,000	140,000	140,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		511,150	449,311	506,321
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	13	325,000	300,000	61,000
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	5	3,000,000		1,464,682
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		774,581		706,661
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			6,948,063		5,236,871

BUDGET SUMMARY

	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5)	8,125,184	8,159,759
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	1,675,000	1,539,682
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	125,000	125,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	9,925,184	9,824,447
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	5,336,871	5,236,871
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	4,588,313	4,587,570

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 803,677
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

**GILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 23, 2002
WARRANT TOPICS**

Article I	Building Bond Proposal
Article II	School District Officer Salaries
Article III	School District Reports
Article IV	Gilford Elementary School Facility Improvements
Article V	Gilford Middle-High School Contingency Proposal (if bond fails)
Article VI	2002-03 Teacher Contract
Article VII	Special Education Expendable Trust
Article VIII	General Budget
Article IX	Citizen Petition Warrant Article(s)
Article X	Adjournment

