



SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
TOWN OF GILMANTON

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Board of Selectmen Meeting

August 10, 2026 – Academy Building – 503 Province Rd – 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING MINUTES- *The following list are public and non-public minutes that require review and approval.*

1. **07-20-2026** – Public and Non-Public Minutes

CONSENT AGENDA - *Consent agenda items are routine, non-controversial items for approval.*

2. **Judy & Stephen Hopkins** – Gift for Town, acknowledgement
3. **PO** – Lakes Region Computer - \$3,975, for desktop computer replacements for Police Department and Highway
4. **State of New Hampshire** – Highway Block Grant, \$49,408.87, acknowledgement
5. **Community Development**

Appointment – Grace Sisti, Zoning Board of Adjustment

Intent to Cut

- 415-045
- 415-047

Yield Tax & Warrants

- 414-041, \$228.22
- 403-026, \$1,487.47
- 414-043, \$220.68
- 113-029, \$541.42
- 421-003, \$0

Class VI Road Waiver

- 409-041

NEW BUSINESS- *New business category includes items of business that have not been previously discussed or acted upon*

6. **Crystal Lake Park** – Request to upgrade existing court and create additional court(s). *Bud Young will be present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT – 6:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to submit questions or comments via email to the Town Administrator by Tuesday before the meeting or attend in public. Time is subject to change per the Board's discretion

SELECTBOARD ITEMS, FYIs, ACTION ITEM UPDATES, & OTHER TOPICS

7. **Department Head Update(s)**
8. **FYI** – Crystal Lake Park Events

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

9. **Non-Public RSA 91-A:3 (b) – Fire Department Hire**

RSA 91-A:3, II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

10. **Non-Public RSA 91-A:3 (c) – Highway & Department Discussions**

RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PACKET



AGENDA

include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

11. Non-Public RSA 91-A:3 (I) – Legal

RSA 91-A:3, II(I) allows a public body to enter non-public session to consider advice received from legal counsel, either orally, in writing, even if legal counsel is not present.

Outstanding Items

- Develop a draft policy for charging outside organizations for the use of town facilities – Current Policy will be updated, and draft will move forward at a future meeting. A new facility usage form will also be created.
- IT Policy
- Vehicle Maintenance Policy
- Private Road Policy

MINUTES



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Approved

July 20, 2026 - Academy Building – 6:00 P.M.

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CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Audio Link: <https://www.gilmantonnh.org/board-selectmen/pages/meeting-audio>

Minutes created with partial AI

Present: Chairman Meredith Kelley, Vice Chairman Brian Forst, Selectman Parker Hoffacker, Town Administrator Heather Carpenter, Finance Administrator Lauraine Paquin, Administrative Assistance Amanda Davis, Fire Chief Joe Hempel, Police Chief Matthew Currier, Road Agent Isaac Morse, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Elise Smith
Public: Anne Kirby, Ray Daigle, Cathy Bowler, Douglas Bowler, Mark Sisti, Kevin Crowley, Jonathan Field, George Roberts, Claudia Ferber, David Ferber, Tom Smither IV, Joeseeph Haas, Colleen Harkey, Richard Harkey, Janet Breton

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 06-01-2026

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Kelley and second by Vice Chairman Forst, it was voted to approve the Non-Public Minutes from 06-01-2026 (2-0) *Selectman Hoffacker, abstained.*

- 06-15-2026 – The meeting minutes were reviewed. It was noted that Chairman Kelley was absent from that meeting and Vice Chairman Forst conducted the meeting.

Motion: On a motion by Vice Chairman Forst and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to approve the minutes from 06-15-2026 (2-0) *Chairman Kelley, abstained.*

- 07-06-2026

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Vice Chairman Forst, it was voted to approve the minutes from 07-06-2026 (2-0) *Selectman Hoffacker, abstained.*

- 07-10-2026 – This Non-Public meeting was held to review a hire for the Highway Department. It was noted that Chairman Kelley was absent from that meeting and Vice Chairman Forst conducted the meeting.

Motion: On a motion by Vice Chairman Forst and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to approve the minutes from 07-10-2026 (2-0), *Chairman Kelley, abstained.*

Consent Agenda

Oaths of Office

The Board reviewed the following oath of office for ballot clerk and inspector, each for a term of two years:

- Cindy Andrade (2-year term)
- Melissa Beal (2-year term)
- Kathleen Brooks (2-year term)
- Deb Fletcher (2-year term)
- Michelle Heyman (2-year term)
- Edward Kirk (2-year term)
- Ashley Page (2-year term)
- Grace Sisti (2-year term)

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Vice Chairman Forst, a motion was made to accept all listed oaths of office. (3-0)

Community Development

The Board discussed the recommendations concerning credits and exemptions.

Board Consensus: This matter was tabled for return to it at the end of the meeting.

New Business

Community Feedback on Risky Trees and Utility Pole Advertisement

The Board received an update on limited public feedback to the survey concerning risky trees and utility poles. The survey had been posted on social media and the website and included a QR code and an alternative method of response without using the QR code. Residents were asked to provide specific location for hazardous trees and utility poles, but the survey received limited participation despite multiple social media postings.

It was reported that the utility company had responded and requested more specific locations if further assistance was requested. General references to poles without identifying the road or location were noted as insufficient for follow-up.

Feedback concerning risky trees identified some locations, but additional location information was requested to support planning, budgeting, and potential work by ArborTech or another company. The Board discussed maintaining a more proactive approach to the hazardous tree work.

The Board discussed utility and property-owner responsibilities for trees near utility lines, including a reported dead ash tree near a power line. It was stated that utility response may depend on the risk to utility infrastructure and customer impacts. The town right-of-way and the need for continued hazardous-tree maintenance were also discussed.

The Board agreed to reissue the survey one additional time, and the results were reviewed once more data is collected.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Fee Proposal

Elise Smith, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, presented proposed fee changes for public hearing consideration.

The proposal included an additional dollar per dog license. It was reported that over 150 calls were made for the civil forfeitures, with 20 dogs still outstanding. It was also reported that an RSA update in July requires a \$6.50 puppy fee, including an additional \$2 charge.

Also presented was another proposal for transportation stickers. The proposal was not intended to take effect in 2026. The proposed fee would be in 2027 with stickers increasing to \$6.25 and would increase to the full \$12.50 in 2028. It was reported that \$418 was collected for transfer station stickers during the prior year and approximately \$1,020 had been collected during the current year. Sticker costs were reported as \$1,700 for stickers covering 2026, 2027, and 2028, or approximately \$850 per year.

It was noted that two transportation stickers had been free during Elise's tenure, with additional stickers charged at one dollar. The proposed phased increase was described as an approach to move toward having users pay for the services they use.

Marriage ceremony fees were also included among the items proposed for public hearing consideration.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to approve the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's proposal to hold a public hearing on fee consideration. (3-0)

Public Comment (6:20 p.m.)

- Cathy Bowler, of 128 Crystal Lake Road and former chair of the CIP committee, requested that the CIP make a presentation.

Chairman Kelley stated that the Capital Improvement Plan Committee could not present their report for a presentation at this meeting.

Cathy Bowler submitted the report, and the report edits into the meeting minutes. She stated that the report had been delivered to the town administrator's office on the prior Thursday for distribution to Board members.

Cathy Bowler stated that the report was prepared after a year of difficult, unbiased, independent review of capital assets in Gilmanton, New Hampshire, and cited 489 residents voted for the committee and deserve to read the report. She requested the Board review the report without judgement of anyone who served on the committee.

It was stated the report was not an easy read, but it is necessary to have change in Gilmanton, or the Town continues as it is, which would result in unfunded and diminishing assets for services.

Voters approve reserves as demonstrated from warrant articles and are not looking for large tax implications. They would rather steadily fund capital needs for replacements of existing assets.

She reported \$13,157,000 in capital needs over the next six years and stated that \$2,131,000 in 2027 needs had been identified as priority one by all committee members and discussed with all Board of Selectmen who served on the committee.

Chairman Kelley stated for clarity of the record that not all Board of Selectmen members approved exactly what was presented. Each member of the Selectboard served on the Capital Improvement Plan Committee for small window of time.

Cathy Bowler also referenced grant opportunities, including an example of \$110,000 in funding for a cruiser received by another town.

Chairman Kelley stated that the report had not been approved by the Board and that it would not discuss the report's specific contents during the public comment period.

- Janet Breton of Geddes Road reported that mail delivery had been discontinued because of conditions near her mailbox. She stated that her mailbox had been in the same location for 36 years and described erosion and drainage conditions near a ditch and a neighboring pond. She requested assistance to restore mail delivery.

Town Administrator Heather Carpenter reported that the road agent had inspected the location during the prior week and had communicated by email. The road agent will contact the post office to obtain additional information concerning the delivery issue, including whether mailbox height or another condition affected delivery, and to get a first-hand account from the mail carrier.

Janet Breton stated that the ditch needs to be filled with rip rap, because the road is washing into the neighbor's pond. She explained this has been happening for years, but now it's dangerous for the postal service. She does not have another location to put her mailbox. She stated this is an erosion problem that has been happening for years and never addressed.

Town Administrator Heather Carpenter discussed highway staffing levels, competing road priorities, the road agent's responsibility to inspect reported issues, and the need to address work based on priority.

- Ann Kirby stated that she had joined the CIP committee near the end of its work and requested that the Board read the report in its entirety even if the information is out of the purview of the committee. She stated that the report contained information relevant to the town and commented on volunteer participation and committee communications.

Chairman Kelley stated that the report had been distributed promptly by staff and that review had already begun. She reiterated that the CIP committee was numerous times that there was a deadline.

- Heather Carpenter, speaking as herself and not as the Town Administrator, provided public comment regarding the CIP report and the committee's process, including concerns about the report's statements concerning town operations, department heads, and the Board. She agreed that there may be some factual information in the CIP packet presented, but she took offense with how the committee treated her, her staff, the Department Heads, and the Selectboard. TA Carpenter stated that the town has worked to improve transparency. She believes that the committee represented themselves negatively in

almost every public meeting and inappropriately talked to each of the Department Heads about what they have not done, what they cannot do, and what they need training on, when no training was offered. No direction was given. There is a CIP that the Town has had since 2013 that just needed updating. She stated that she was an advocate for the committee, but they came in with an agenda and then decided that the Town was the problem. She stated that the Town staff is present every day for the public service of the community and they committee does not respect the work that the Town does. She noted the inappropriate dialogue for a public meeting. It was difficult knowing the good nature the committee had intended the report to be, but it read that committee did all the work and the Town does nothing. She stated the committee just needed to work in support of what the Town is working towards.

- Joe Haas stated that he found out under Article 8, you have to be a current taxpayer. He thought RSA 508:4, that if in three years of the event it is considered current. But according to what he found out it was not. He came in today and paid his taxes, so he is current. He is arguing the local education tax that has downshifted from the DRA unlawfully.
- George Roberts, a representative of the First Congregational Society of Gilmanton, known locally as Smith Meeting House, raised concerns regarding potential utility lines on a Class 6 road. George requested that the Board hold a public hearing concerning the layout of utilities if a request for utility lines is submitted. Chairman Kelley stated that it would need to review and research its authority and the applicable rules and regulations concerning utility installation and public hearings. George commented on historic planning for connections between state highways. The resident requested that the town consider completing the previously discussed infrastructure work and stated that traffic conditions on Meetinghouse Road should be evaluated. Chairman Kelley stated that historical planning information would require research.
- Colleen Harkey, CIP Vice Chair, stated that CIP committee members had not acted as a DOGE committee. She mentioned that DOGE was mentioned as part of a "flippant" conversation, and it is not true. She referenced documents and communications concerning the collection of the committee's work, including a May 19, 2025, letter from former Chairman Josh Mann and communications concerning information requested from town departments and the school district. She commented that a lot of the statements made in the meetings were false, especially pertaining to the gathering of information, and the comments have been queued to discredit the committee. If the Selectboard does not decide to use the packet provided by the CIP committee, then it can be a public document and let the resident decide, because the residents want to see it, and the numbers will tell the truth. Chairman Kelley stated there is nothing being hidden. Colleen stated the rules and procedure voted to approve the rules and procedure for the CIP committee, but it was not approved by the Selectboard, because they disagreed with some things listed in the document. Chairman Kelley stated that the CIP members were consistently working outside of their purview.
- Mark Sisti of Geddes Road stated that he was a committee member, school district moderator, and town moderator. He stated that the report was intended to identify future capital and infrastructure needs, support planning, and reduce abrupt budget impacts. He requested that the Selectboard read the report and consider its information, and it's a lot better to be proactive then reactive.
- Tom Smithers IV of 140 Franklin Road asked about transfer station operations during high-volume periods, the condition of a John Deere backhoe, cardboard handling, and overflow conditions near the compactors. Transfer Station Manager, Alex DeCoste reported that recent overflow occurred during high-volume periods when cardboard was not broken down or was placed in a compactor rather than the single-stream recycling area. The one compactor had been temporarily closed to remove accumulated material and that the facility had not closed because of capacity since implementation of the current single-stream

193 process.
194 He reported that cardboard was no longer being baled because the baler was broken. It was stated that
195 the cost of repair and annual operation was not supported by revenue from the baler, and that a \$4,500
196 knife had been installed shortly before the baler failed.
197 Alex DeCoste stated that single-stream material was loaded separately and compacted with a skid steer to
198 increase capacity. The John Deere backhoe was reported to be a 2004 machine with more than 7,000
199 hours and multiple mechanical issues, including hydraulic leaks, seals, hoses, tires, and winter-operating
200 concerns. It was stated that continued repairs were not considered feasible.
201 It was reported that grant opportunities were being explored for equipment needs.

202 **Sawyer Lake Village District Capital Reserve Fund**

203 David Ferber of 6 Willow Ave, a commissioner of Sawyer Lake Village District, reported that the district had
204 delivered a \$30,000 check in mid-April for its dam capital reserve fund and that, to his knowledge, the funds had
205 not yet been deposited. He stated that several efforts had been made to contact the trustees and that the district
206 had lost approximately three months of interest.
207 The Board stated that the passing of Fred Buchholz had created disruption in access to accounts and had affected
208 multiple projects. The Board stated that it was aware of the matter and that work was proceeding to address the
209 account access issues.

210 **Non-Public Session**

211 Chairman Kelley stated the Selectboard would be moving into Non-Public RSA 91-A:3 (c). *No motion was captured.*
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213 **Non-Public RSA 91-A:3(c) -Deeds**

214 RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person,
215 other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to
216 include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to
217 pay or poverty of the applicant.
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219 Chairman Kelley stated the Selectboard came out of Non-Public RSA 91-A:3(c) and are moving into Non-Public RSA
220 91A:3(I). *No motion captured.*
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222 **Non-Public RSA 91-A:3 (I) – Legal**

223 RSA 91-A:3, II(I) allows a public body to enter non-public session to consider advice received from legal counsel,
224 either orally, in writing, even if legal counsel is not present.

225 Chairman Kelley stated the Selectboard came out of Non-Public RSA 91-A:3(I). *No motion was captured.*

226 Chairman Kelley stated the Selectboard came out of Non-Public RSA 91-A:3(I) and the minutes will be sealed. *No*
227 *motion was captured.*

228 **Consent Agenda (Cont.)**

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230 **Community Development**

231 Taxing Exemptions and Timber Tax

232 The Selectboard reviewed an elderly exemption and also reviewed timber tax information.
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234 **Motion:** On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to approve 131-069
235 in the amount of \$500. (3-0)
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237 **Motion:** On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to deny 413-073 for
238 the elderly exemption. (3-0)
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Motion: On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to approve 423-056 in the amount of \$754.43. (3-0)

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to approve 415-033 in the amount of \$270.81. (3-0)

Capital Improvement Program Discussion

The Selectboard discussed the role of a CIP advisory group, the relationship between the CIP process and department heads, and the use of capital planning to support budgeting and taxpayers.

It was stated that department heads provide requests and that the CIP process should consider those requests together with other town funding needs, the availability of funds, and the timing of capital needs. Participants discussed whether a proposed expenditure could reasonably be scheduled over multiple years or should be addressed sooner because of an emergency.

The Selectboard discussed prior planning board work on capital planning and the transition to a separate committee. It was stated that earlier work had progressed substantially and that later work involved reviewing actual numbers supplied by departments and considering inflation. They discussed the difficulty in forecasting and adding the cost of inflation.

The Selectboard discussed the effect of inflation and other market conditions on operating budgets, and it was stated that departments should provide their needs and price points and that the process should not replace departmental judgment regarding those needs.

The Selectboard stated that department heads are responsible for operating their departments and that the role of the committee is advisory.

Action Items

- Reissue the risky trees and utility pole survey one additional time and review the resulting feedback.
- Road Agent, Isaac Morse will contact the post office regarding mail delivery conditions on Geddes Road and obtain information from the mail carrier.
- Review authority and applicable rules concerning utility installation and a potential public hearing for Passage Hill Road.

Motion: On a motion by Chairman Kelley and seconded by Selectman Hoffacker, it was voted to adjourn. (3-0)

Adjournment (8:30 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Davis, Administrative Assistant

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Chairman Meredith Kelley

Vice Chairman Brian Forst

Selectman Parker Hoffacker

TOWN OF GILMANTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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THIS ORDER NUMBER MUST APPEAR
ON ALL PACKAGES, INVOICES AND
SHIPPING PAPERS

MAIL INVOICE TO: TOWN OF GILMANTON
P.O. BOX 550
503 PROVINCE ROAD
GILMANTON, NH 03237

PURCHASE ORDER 01913

DATE

7/23/2026

SHIP TO

SHIP VIA

BUDGET CODE NUMBER

TO

Lakes Region
Computer

Computer Replacement
Fund

F.O.B.

TERMS

DELIVERY DATE

QUANTITY

DESCRIPTION

PRICE

AMOUNT

4

Desktop Computer Replacements
2@PD, 1@Hwy

\$3975

DEPARTMENT HEAD

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

WHITE COPY - VENDOR

• YELLOW COPY - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

• PINK COPY - DEPARTMENT HEAD



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03237

QUOTE INFORMATION

Quote #: 37822-1
Prepared On: 7/16/2026
Expires: 8/15/2026

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Price
Lenovo ThinkPad E16 G3 I7 16G 512G 11P	1	\$1,480.00	\$1,480.00
Lenovo ThinkCentre M75q Tiny G5 R5 16G 512G	3 (1)	\$1,425.00	\$4,275.00
Lenovo ThinkCentre M75q Tiny G5 R5 16G 512G	(2)	\$1,275.00	\$2,550.00



Memo

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Bre Daigneault, Community Development Director
Cc: Heather Carpenter, Town Administrator
Date: August 4, 2026
Subject: Overview of Items for Meeting

Appointment

Grace Sisti, Zoning Board of Adjustment

Members have reviewed the request for appointment. Chair Hackett and Vice Chair Abbott both recommend the Selectmen appoint Ms. Sisti to the currently unfilled seat.

Intent to Cut

Estimated amount of timber to be cut.

- **415-045 & 047**
- **406-003 & 004**

Yield Tax & Warrants

A yield tax (or timber tax) is a 10% tax on the value of timber harvested. The stumpage values utilized to create the tax are provided bi-annually from the DRA Timber Dept. property owners along with their loggers will submit an Intent to Cut (form PA-7) prior to logging. A Report of Cut (form PA-8), listing the actual amount of timber cut, must be filed within 60 days of completion of the cut or by May 15th. The warrant allows the tax collector to collect the tax.

- **414-041-** \$228.22
- **403-026-** \$1,487.47
- **414-043-** \$220.68
- **113-029-** \$541.42
- **421-003-** \$0 (no cut took place)

Class VI Road Waiver- 53 Donovan Rd

Pursuant RSA 674:41 and as of July 1, 2026, a building permit can be issued to a property fronting a Class VI road under the following criteria:

(c) Is a class VI highway, provided that the applicant:

(1) Signs a liability waiver acknowledging that the:

(A) Municipality shall not maintain the highway nor provide any services to any lot accessible by the highway;

(B) Municipality shall not accept any responsibility for losses or damages caused by a lack of services; and

(C) Responsibility for such services falls solely on the applicant; and

(2) Prior to the issuance of a building permit, produces evidence that this waiver has been recorded in the county register of deeds; and

(3) Prior to the issuance of a building permit, proves the lot and any buildings thereon are insurable;

To Whom It May Concern:

Let this serve as my letter of interest for a position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

I believe that it is important that this board act as a full board because it is a board that makes decisions that can affect the future of this town. That is why I am seeking a position on the ZBA.

When granting variances and exemptions it is important to remember that any decision the board makes not only affects the current property owner and abutters, but will affect the lives of future owners and abutters. As our town becomes more populated and that population becomes more dense these decisions made by the ZBA become more and more important. As I have grown up in this town and lived here most of my life I am very familiar with the substantial growth seen over the years. As we grow we need to keep in mind the things that make Gilmanton the town that it is and we especially need to keep that in mind for things like zoning variances and exemptions.

Thank you for your consideration. I very much look forward to serving with my fellow board members to help shape Gilmanton for future generations.

Sincerely,
Grace L. Sisti
Gilmanton Iron Works, NH

**TOWN OF GILMANTON,
By Its Board of Selectmen**

Dated: _____

By: _____
Meredith Kelley, Selectman, Chair

Dated: _____

By: _____
Brian Forst, Selectman

Dated: _____

By: _____
Parker Hoffacker, Selectman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF BELKNAP

This instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____,

_____ by Meredith Kelley, Brian Forst, and Parker Hoffacker as Selectmen for the

Town of Gilmanton.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My commission expires:

NEW BUSINESS

July 28, 2026

To the Gilmanton Board of Selectmen,

We respectfully request a meeting with the Board of Selectman to discuss the potential to upgrade the existing pickleball court or create 1 or 2 new courts at Crystal Lake Park. The existing court is well used and enjoyed by many.

The existing court is badly cracked and it is in need of repairs. We will investigate funding sources including Federal grants and private donations. We do not anticipate seeking town funding.

The pickleball court increases the park usage and in doing so emphasizes our park as a gathering space for the community.

Respectfully submitted by

Betty Mitchell

Bill Foster

Kathy Everett

Judy Wilson

Anne Kiley

Richard King

Karen Stockwell

Stacy Hunt

BARRY MASTERMAN

Bert Young

Debbie Klee

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public is encouraged to attend all public meetings and participate in the public comment portion of the meeting. This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak directly to their elected officials.

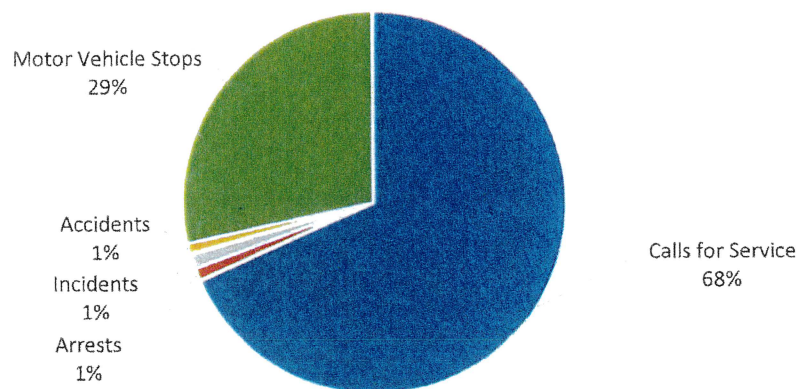
Please check the website for dates and time of other Governmental Board Meetings that you have an interest in.

<https://www.gilmantonnh.gov>

SELECTBOARD ITEMS, FYIS, AND OTHER UPDATES

EOM Reporting July 1-28, 2026

Calls for Service	462
Arrests	7
Incidents	9
Accidents	6
Motor Vehicle Stops	192
Warrants	1



CRUISER MAINT:

TRAINING:

CPR/AED	ALL
3 Yr Phy Fitness Test Instructor Recert	603
Interviewing Skills for Managers: Conducting an interview	602
Use of Force	All Offc.
Low Light Shooting	All Offc.
Rifle & Pistol Qualifications	All Offc.

OTHER:

Amanda Davis

From: Matt Currier
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 12:28 PM
To: Amanda Davis
Cc: Heather Carpenter; Rhiannon Fee
Subject: PD July
Attachments: doc02903020260729123312.pdf

☐ Official News and Notices- On Saturday August 22nd, GPD will be hosting a “CUPS & CONES with COPS” event for the community to come meet the members of the department. This is a free event that we hope will bring residents out to meet the team that serves the community!

☐ Safety/ Emergency Alerts- Electric bicycles (e-bikes) are growing in popularity, but their use is linked to a sharp rise in injuries, fires, and safety hazards — riders and communities must take proactive steps to reduce risks. High speeds: Some e-bikes can exceed 20–37 mph, reducing reaction time and increasing collision risk. Battery fires: Lithium-ion batteries can ignite unexpectedly, especially if exposed to water or debris. Please ride responsibly; Follow local laws: Check if your e-bike is classified as a bicycle, moped, or motor vehicle, and adhere to speed, age, and helmet rules! Wear a helmet certified for your e-bike’s speed — standard CPSC helmets for ≤20 mph, DOT helmets for >20 mph. Inspect and maintain: Regularly check brakes, tires, lights, and battery connections. Avoid using recalled or damaged batteries. Avoid high-risk riding: Stay in designated bike lanes, avoid distracted riding, and be aware of pedestrians and vehicles. Education: Teach riders, especially children and teens, about safe handling, speed limits, and road rules.

☐ Featured Accomplishments-

☐ GPD has been working with the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to send out the dog summons for all unregistered dogs for 2026. Starting 7/24/2026, Officers are in the process of hand delivering all summons that need to be issued.

☐ Participation Opportunities- GPD is still looking for some volunteers that would be willing to spruce up the front of the PSB. Extra perennial plants, loam/dirt or time? Help make the entryway a bit more inviting!

☐ Contacts and How to Stay Connected – Be sure to check out the Town of Gilmanton Website for any new community events we may be planning, as well as news releases. Also, check out and follow the Gilmanton Police Association Facebook page.



GILMANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

— CALL ACTIVITY —

— PROUDLY SERVING OUR COMMUNITY —



CALLS FOR SERVICE – JULY

JULY 2025

49

CALLS FOR SERVICE



+38.8%

INCREASE
VS JULY 2025

JULY 2026

68

CALLS FOR SERVICE

YEAR-TO-DATE (THROUGH JULY 31)

YTD 2025

359

CALLS FOR SERVICE



+7.5%

INCREASE
VS YTD 2025

YTD 2026

386

CALLS FOR SERVICE



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS FOR YOUR DEDICATION
AND TO **OUR COMMUNITY** FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GILMANTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE





TOWN OF GILMANTON

FIRE DEPARTMENT
1824 NH Route 140
Gilman IW, NH 03837
Tel: (603) 364-2500



Fire Chief Paul J Hempel III
Deputy Chief Dennis Comeau Deputy Chief James Beaudoin

BOS Department update July 2026

The Gilman Fire Department answered 68 calls for service in July. Total calls year to date 386. Total calls prior year ytd 359. An increase of 27 calls over the previous year.

Staff were kept busy with an increase in calls, including several serious incidents over the course of July.

Planning for an Americas Night Out event was undertaken. Dept will host an evening to meet and greet staff and view equipment. Ice cream will also be provided by Gilman Firefighters Association.

Maintenance and repair work for month of July included Alignments and balancing of Ambulance 1 and Ambulance 2. Forestry 2 had battery charging issues resolved. 9 Boat 1 was repaired and placed back in service. 9E3 diagnosed with Air Conditioner issues, parts ordered. Portable pump received maintenance. Building generator was serviced.

Capt. Cunningham provided CPR training class for Gilman Police staff.

Several new sets of PFAS free turnout gear were received. Full-time staff placed these sets into service. The acquisition of PAFs free gear for staff is a positive move for employee health.

Staff members worked on a renovation of our department gym. The firefighter's association purchased new equipment and funded the renovations of the space.

Training for the month of July included Zoll cardiac monitor training. Vertical Ventilation and Driver operator skill review.

Hose testing continues during the summer months.

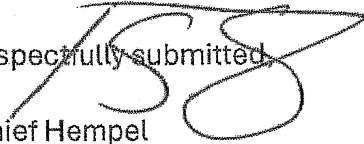
Budget preparations were made during the month of July.

A new Per diem member was added to the roster. We welcome Eric Tucker to staff. Eric serves as a full time Firefighter in Franklin. He resides in Loudon.

Several health office issues and foster care inspections were conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Hempel

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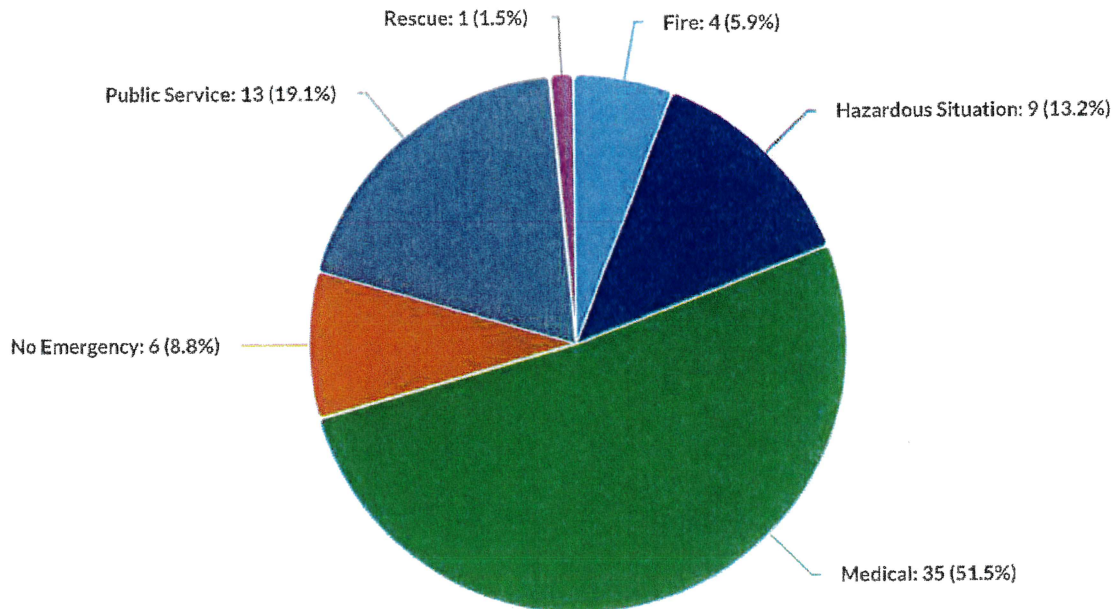
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types (5530)

Start Date: 7/1/2026 0:00:00 | End Date: 7/31/2026 9:39:00



Fire	Hazardous Situation	Medical	No Emergency	Public Service	Rescue
4	9	35	6	13	1

Primary Incident Type	Count	Percentage
Allergic Reaction / Stings	2	2.94%
Assault	2	2.94%
Back Pain (Non-Trauma)	1	1.47%
Boat / Personal Watercraft / Barge Fire	1	1.47%
Breathing Problems	2	2.94%
CO Alarm	1	1.47%
Cancelled	2	2.94%
Cardiac Arrest	2	2.94%
Chest Pain (Non-Trauma)	2	2.94%
Choking	1	1.47%
Citizen Assist / Service Call	1	1.47%
Convulsions / Seizures	1	1.47%

Damage Assessment	1	1.47%
Electrical Hazard / Short Circuit	2	2.94%
Electrical Power Line Down / Arching / Malfunction	4	5.88%
Fall	11	16.18%
Fire Alarm	7	10.29%
Gas Leak / Gas Odor	1	1.47%
Heart Problems	1	1.47%
Hemorrhage / Laceration	2	2.94%
Lift Assist	2	2.94%
Motor Vehicle Collision	5	7.35%
No Incident Found Upon Arrival / Location Error	2	2.94%
Other False Call	1	1.47%
Person in Water (Standing Water/Lake)	1	1.47%
Psychological Behavior Issues	1	1.47%
Sick Case	2	2.94%
Stroke / CVA	1	1.47%
Trash / Rubbish Fire	1	1.47%
Unconscious Victim	3	4.41%
Vegetation / Grass Fire	1	1.47%
Weather Response	1	1.47%
Grand Total	68	100.00%

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Memo

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Amanda Davis
cc: Heather Carpenter
Date: 08/03/2026
Re: Crystal Lake Park Events

The following applications have been received for use of Crystal Lake Park Pavilion –

- Mendoza Birthday Party – August 16th, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – APPROVED
- Morin/Perkins Wedding – August 29th, 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – APPROVED
- Bugieda Birthday Party – September 26th, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Pending information

NON-PUBLIC Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II

Non-public meetings must be opened in and closed in public sessions by way of a motion of the Board. The Reasons for holding the non-public session will be stated by the Chairman.

A nonpublic session is something that meets the definition of a meeting, but which the public cannot attend. RSA 91-A:3, I. All of the formalities of a meeting apply to a nonpublic session except/or the "open to the public" requirement. So, when a quorum of the board members is gathered to talk about or vote on any official business, it is a meeting. If they want to exclude the public from that discussion, they can do so only for the specific reasons listed in

RSA 91-A:3, II

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the non-public session:

- **RSA 91-A:3 I(a)** *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*
- **RSA 91-A:3, II(b)** *The hiring of any person as a public employee.*
- **RSA 91-A:3, II(c)** *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*
- **RSA 91-A:3, II(d)** *Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.*
- **RSA 91-A:3, II(e)** *Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against this board or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership therein, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.*
- **RSA 91-A:3, II(i)** *consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.*
- **RSA 91-A:3, 11(1)** *allows a public body to enter non-public session to consider advice received from legal counsel, either orally, in writing, even if legal counsel is not present.*

ADJOURNMENT