

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE TOWN OF GILMANTON

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Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Closed Tuesdays*

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Dear Gilmanton residents,

I know some of you have been waiting for this moment for quite a while now and, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, I want to thank you for your patience.

A few months ago, Town staff expressed certain security/safety concerns. The Board had no other choice than to address these concerns. Temporary access measures were enacted while a more permanent resolution was being identified and implemented. The Board appreciates that these temporary measures were heartfelt by some of you, but the Board has the ultimate responsibility of providing the Town employees, as well as residents, with a safe and secure working environment.

Now that the interior redesign of the hallway and new public counters have been completed, we can move forward.

At their January 14 meeting, the Selectmen unanimously voted for the following measures with respect to access to the Academy Building, also known as the Town Office building:

1. <u>During Normal Business Hours (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m.</u> to 4:30 p.m.)

Access to the Building through front and rear doors. The buzzers will be de-activated at both front and rear entrance.

2. <u>During Town Clerk/Tax Collector night Business Hours (Monday & Thursday: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)</u>

Access to the Building through front and rear doors. The buzzers will be activated at both front and rear entrance unless a public meeting is being held, in which case rules above mentioned will apply.

3. Off-hours Public meetings

Same rules as Normal Business Hours will apply.

4. Handicap access

Handicap access remains as current through the rear entrance (handicap button activation)

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5. Parking upfront

The driveway should at all times be passable for fire engines:

- visiting vehicles should park tight to the lawn.
- there should be no parking, at any time, on the left side (flagpole side)
- vehicles should not be parked in front of the entering staircase.
- the turn into the academy should remain free of vehicles so that turning into the academy is not impeded.
- the area in front of the hydrant should remain free of cars as well, so as not to impede trucks turning into the lower drive.

These new measures are effective immediately.

We all sincerely hope we can move forward on this matter. Please understand, though, that these new rules may be reconsidered and amended at the occurrence of any incident or violation.

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