

APPROVED

Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting
January 09, 2017
Gilmanton Academy

Present: Chairman Stephen McWhinnie, Selectman Bishop, Town Administrator Paul Branscombe, Assistant Town Administrator- Heidi Duval, and Administrative Assistant- Heather Carpenter.

Absent: Selectman Jean with notice

Also, present please see attached sign in sheet.

6:00 p.m. Chairman McWhinnie opened the meeting, took attendance of those present and voting (Chairman McWhinnie, and Selectman Bishop,) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was unanimously voted to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3,II(b).(2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Bishop-yes).

Hiring

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Approval of Minutes –

December 12, 2016- Minutes have been tabled until the following meeting.

December 19, 2016- Minutes have been tabled until the following meeting.

Signature-

The Select Board provided signatures for the following documents-

Purchase order from ICC, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00, for international code council books.

Melanson Heath contract for audit services

Fire Department- Conditional offer for Dylan Raymond. It is Chief Hempel's recommendation to present a conditional offer to Mr. Dylan Raymond.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was voted to accept the recommendation of Dylan Raymond to be presented with a conditional offer.

(2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Bishop-yes).

Old Business

- **Transfer Station Modifications-** Mr. Lewis from Northpoint Engineering, LLC came to speak with the Board about a site walk, and the scope of work that could be done with the flow of the Transfer Station.
- **Highway Garage Ventilation System-** The discussion was tabled.
- **Corner Library- Dead Tree-** Through the advice of Legal counsel the Board agreed to split the cost of the tree removal without either party claiming responsibility. The total cost of the tree removal is \$600.00, the Town's share will be \$300.00.

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was voted to split the cost of the tree removal, the town portion to be paid is \$300.00. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Bishop-yes).

- **Audit-** This discussion was tabled.

New Business

- **Agreement for Mr. George Sansoucy-**

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was voted to approve the contract for George Sansoucy in the amount of \$5,000.00. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Bishop-yes).

- **Appointment of Gilmanton Commissioner to LRPC-**

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was voted to approve the appointment of Mr. Wayne Ogni as the Gilmanton representative for the Lakes Region Planning Commission. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Bishop-yes).

- **Blocking of Class VI Road-** A complaint has been received and reviewed regarding the Class VI portion of Old Town Rd. in the Iron Works. It appears that someone has placed a tree across the road. Based on research of the town records this road has not been discontinued subject to gates and bars. This road needs to be left open and accessible. The consensus of the Board is to have a letter sent out to the surrounding property owners, requesting that they remove the blockage.
- **Proclamation Request-National School Choice Week-Discussion** tabled to find out more information, will be brought up again at the following meeting.
- **2017 Holiday Calendar-**The holiday calendar was approved through the consensus of the Board, with the amendment of Monday, July 3, 2017.
- **Auction Properties-**The Warrant Article that has been prepared for potential auction properties is complete with the subtraction of two properties. The Assistant Town Administrator is looking for Board direction on two properties that were not on the list. One of the properties is within the Rainbow Club, this should be reviewed by legal due to the fact that the land within the Club is owned by the family which may be considered vested interest.
- **Mr. Ralph Lavin-** Mr. Lavin came before the Select Board to speak about his Right to Know request that had been submitted to the Selectmen's office. He believes that the Town was over taxed due to a

mistake that was made on the Expected Revenues. After the mistake was found the tax rate had already been set so there was no way they could have changed it last year. Mr. Lavin was expecting to get the money back this year. Since the money was not given back, it makes him curious where was the money placed or spent. If it was in a good place he would be okay with that. Since he cannot get a response to where the money was put, he is concerned and would like an investigation on where the money went. Mr. Lavin went on to state that the response that he received from his Right to Know request did not meet the 5-day deadline.

The Assistant Town Administrator asked for a point of clarification on Mr. Lavin's original request. She asked him if she was understanding his question correctly now, and stated "You do not believe that the revenue discrepancy wasn't found until after the tax rate setting?" and told him that she would look into the question for him but she did not see that question within the Right to Know request that had been submitted.

Mr. Lavin also made it a point to state to that he believes the people have a right to speak and the Board should let them speak.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Lavin had the opportunity to speak tonight.

Mr. Lavin would like to know if he can expect an answer to his question.

Chairman McWhinnie stated yes.

Select Board Items

It is the consensus of the Board to approve the recommendation for the dedication page for the 2016 Town Report.

Open Public Comment- 7:01 p.m.

{The following discussion are listed as topics due to length of discussions}

Mrs. Brenda Currier-

- School Choice Week
- Holiday Calendar
- Town Administrator notes from meetings
- Town Finance concerns

Mr. Joe Haas-

- Email from Heidi referencing the appointment of the Deputy Treasurer
- Error in minutes referencing the terms appointed vs accepted for the Deputy Treasurer
- Complete Audit
- Town Treasurer concerns

Mr. Richard Bakos- Sawyer Lake

Budget Committee- during the Budget Committee meeting there was a motion meeting to eliminate the Town paying for the Dead Tree by the Corner Library.

Mr. Don Guarino-Meeting House Rd.

- Town Office closed at noon on Friday prior to the holiday
- Sound System
- Survey for the Transfer Station has already been done

- Personnel Policy- If the employee is not regularly scheduled than the employee does not get paid for the holiday.

Mr. Brett Currier-

- Concerned with the absence of the third Selectman
- Issues with Public Comment portion of the meeting
- Concerns with Financial Issues in the Town, tax swings and hardships for residents
- Concerns about the Town Administrator not doing the job

Mrs. Brenda Currier-

- Survey at the Transfer Station

Mr. Don Guarino-

- Issues with the Board of Selectmen not giving answer during public comment
- Appropriation amount for the Town Report

Mr. Joe Haas-

- Referencing a letter that he received about his case against the Town of Boscawen, suing them for the unconstitutional statewide property tax.

Kristie Laurendeau-

- Holiday scheduling-Issues with the Transfer Station being closed on Saturday, December 24-Christmas Eve and the lack of posting for the day off.

Heather Carpenter- High St.

- Issues with the way Town Employees are treated by the public
- The Panic Button will be used when a Town Employee feels that it is appropriate
- Newspaper articles should not be used as tabloids
- Issues with a select group of residents, Committee member and Board members using a public forum to grandstand with incorrect information
- Proper line of correspondence to ask question and receive answers from Town Offices

Mr. Ralph Lavin-

- Newspaper article in tomorrow's paper and the response to his Right to Know Request

Close public comment at approximately 7:32 p.m.

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Recess- 10 minute

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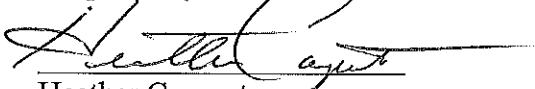
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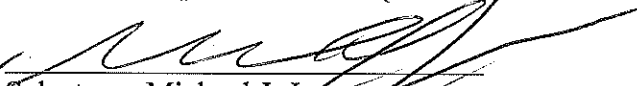
Adjournment: On a Motion by Chairman McWhinnie and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was voted unanimously to adjourn at approximately 8:00p.m. (2-0).

Respectfully Submitted,


Heather Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Selectmen


Chairman Stephen P. McWhinnie


Selectman Michael J. Jean


Selectman Marshall E. Bishop

{Audio recordings are available at the Selectmen's Office}



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Brenda Turner

Brookline

Brett Carrier

Brett Garing

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