

**APPROVED**

**Board of Selectmen  
10 January 2011  
Minutes**

**6:00 pm** - Chairman Betty Ann Abbott read “This meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Gilmanton is now open, and the matters presented and discussed here shall be for the purpose of managing the prudential affairs of the town and to perform the duties by law prescribed.”

Present were Chairman Abbott, Selectmen Don Guarino and Rachel Hatch, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne.

Also in attendance was Brenda Currier.

After attendance, everyone stood for the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Brett Currier, Mike Amaral and Mickey Daigle joined the meeting.

**Warrant Articles** – The Selectmen began the review of warrant articles to be presented at Town Meeting. Because of amendments to certain regulations and ordinances that the planning board is going to place on the ballot, the signers of a petition warrant article on expiration dates of variances will withdraw the petition because the issue will be covered in one of the amendments.

Considerable time was spent reviewing the capital reserve and non-capital reserve account warrants. Many changes were made to the capital reserve accounts after comparing them to the capital improvement plan. Tim was asked to have a copy of the updated capital reserve account for the budget meeting on Thursday.

**7:00 pm – Public Input**

**Fire Department Evaluation** – Brenda Currier asked if the evaluation of the fire department had been completed. She also wanted to know if the purpose of the report was to determine if the town needed a full-time or part-time chief, and if the Selectmen planned to follow the recommendations in the report. She was told the report had not been completed yet, and once Mr. O’Keefe had finished, he would have to submit it to his supervisor for approval before we would receive a copy of the completed report. The report would be an overall evaluation of the whole fire department and would include a

recommendation for a full or part-time chief. The Selectmen, not having any idea of what might be in the report, wouldn't commit to say they would follow all the recommendations exactly, but said they would take the recommendations very seriously.

**Theft Report** – Brenda asked if the Selectmen had heard from the Sheriff's department about a theft complaint that she had lodged. The Selectmen have not gotten a report.

**Town Auction** – Mike Amaral asked if the Selectmen planned to have an auction of Town-owned property this year. He was told that there are three warrant articles to auction town-owned properties. One for properties in Sawyer Lake, one for properties in Shell Camp and Valley Shores, and one for properties in the rest of the town.

There was a brief discussion of the properties; the one Mr. Amaral is interested in is one of the properties on the list to auction. The small, nonconforming lots in the lakes areas will be offered to abutters, but if no abutter is interested, they will then be offered to the general public. The auction will probably be held in August.

**7:20 pm – Recess**

**7:25 pm – Back in Session**

**Warrant Articles** – The Selectmen resumed review of the warrant articles and briefly discussed the budget.

**FYIs and Other Business**

**Phone & Fax Line** – An additional phone line and a fax line will be installed in the Fire Department area of the Safety Building on Thursday, and the phone system will be hooked up on Friday.

**Approval of Minutes** – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of last week's meeting.

**MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of January 3, 2011 as drafted. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Lease of Old Town Hall** – The Selectmen finalized the draft of a lease for the Historical Society for use of the space vacated by the police department in the Old Town Hall. Town Counsel will review the draft before it is presented to the Historical Society.

**Generator – Safety Building** – The generator at the safety building was fired up last week, and was running rough; it needs to be checked out. Tim will call about it.

**Evidence Room – Safety Building** – Three quotes were received to section off a space in the upstairs at the safety building for an evidence room for the police department. The quotes were as follows:

J.R. Stockwell	\$1,690.00
Bill Booth	2,716.00
Bob Dow	2,008.00

There was a very brief discussion of the quotes.

**MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to award the project of building an evidence room at the safety building to J.R. Stockwell. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**Wetlands Complaint** – We received a copy of a letter the Department of Environmental Services sent to William and Teresa Donovan informing them that they had completed a review of a complaint against the Donovan's for a wetlands violation. The review determined that the area in question is stable and no further action is required, and they would close the file.

**Compost Screen** – Tim had a brochure of a flip screen that Recycling Manager Justin Leavitt would like to purchase to screen compost at the recycling center. The screen could be attached to the Bob Cat, and would cost \$16,900.

After a brief discussion, there was a consensus of the Selectmen that funds should not be expended to purchase the screen.

**8:55 pm – MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne  
Recording Clerk

