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**Board of Selectmen
31 January 2011
Minutes**

6:04 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.

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

Warrant Articles and Budget - The Selectmen reviewed the updated warrant articles and budget. Minor changes were made to some of the warrant articles and budget figures. The updated warrant articles and budget figures will be presented to the budget committee at their Thursday night meeting.

7:15 pm – Break

7:20 pm – Resume Meeting

7:21 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) - Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected has a right to a meeting or requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

7:32 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to seal the minutes of the above non-public session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

7:33 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) – Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

8:34 pm – Selectman Hatch moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

FYIs & Other Business

Proposed Legislation (LSR(30)) - Town Clerk Deb Cornett spoke with the Selectmen regarding a draft the New Hampshire City & Town Clerks' Association had received of proposed legislation LSR930 that would allow auto dealerships to process motor vehicle registrations electronically using a 3rd party vendor

Deb stated that the Town Clerks are concerned about privacy violations and fraud that could occur if the bill were to be passed. There was also concern about whose responsibility it would be to correct any error that might be made or how to go about collecting any outstanding fees. There is also a potential for loss of revenue to municipalities and questions about the dealerships' ability to determine residency; also reconciliation of monies and auditing are concerns.

Deb said the NH City & Town Clerk's Association strongly encourages opposition to the bill, and asked the Selectmen to consider opposing the bill by writing to their State senators and representatives.

Used Police Department Items – In response to Chief O'Brien's request to sell some items that the police department is no longer using and have been in storage, Tim was asked to call LGC to determine if they could legally do that, and if they could, would they need approval at Town Meeting. Tim reported that LGC said the department could sell the items without approval from the town.

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of their two meetings last week.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of January 24, 2011 as amended. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of January 28, 2011 as drafted. Chairman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Guarino did not vote, as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Cell Tower – Selectman Hatch stated that Sarah Kender, an environmental scientist had discussed with her the possibility of a cell tower on the town-owned property by the

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GYO. She said Ms. Kender knows Chip Fredette who works at Verizon, and she had offered to act as a contact person between Verizon and the Town if they thought it was something we would be interested in.

After a brief discussion, the Selectmen agreed that Ms. Kender should talk with Verizon first, and then if it seems to be feasible it would have to go before the planning board for discussion.

HDC – Tim informed the Board that the Historic District Commission is to meet tomorrow night to discuss the update to the sign portion of their ordinance.

9:14 pm – Selectman Guarino moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk