

APPROVED

Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting

October 24, 2016

6:00 p.m. – Gilmanton Academy

Present: Chairman Stephen McWhinnie, Vice Chair-Selectman Michael Jean, Town Administrator Paul Branscombe, Assistant Town Administrator- Heidi Duval, Administrative Assistant- Heather Carpenter.

Absent with notice- Selectman Marshall Bishop

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, Selectman Jean, and Selectman Bishop) and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes –

October 11, 2016-

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Jean, and seconded by Chairman McWhinnie it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes of October 11, 2016 as amended for lines 206, 211, and 226, add the word Selectman. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Jean-yes).

October 17, 2016-

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Jean, and seconded by Chairman McWhinnie it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes of October 17, 2016 as amended for line 40, it should read 2-0 voice vote and Selectman Jean-abstain. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Jean-yes).

There are non-public minutes to approved, the Board would like to wait to approve until Selectman Bishop is at the meeting.

Signature File

Fire Department-Motion needed for Forestry Truck, prior acceptance of this was just by consensus and it needed to be a motion of approval.

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Jean, and seconded by Chairman McWhinnie it was voted unanimously to have the repairs to the Forestry Truck handled as follows; the remainder of the regular budget line to be used first and then the remainder of the amount for repairs be taken from the Fire Department Vehicle Maintenance non-capital reserve account. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Jean-yes).

Request for \$7,277.72 to be withdrawn from the NH-01-0124-0050 Fire Vehicle Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Account.

P.O. for Fire Department-Arrow

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Jean, and seconded by Chairman McWhinnie it was voted unanimously to accept the invoice from the Fire Department for \$1,650.00. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, and Selectman Jean-abstain).

Old Business

Highway Garage Ventilation System-

Discussion tabled until more information is received but will want to make a decision by the next meeting.

Transfer Station Compactor-

The Board of Selectman have directed the Town Administrator to see how much the study for the new access point at the Transfer Station will be. There may be possible grant monies for the study. The compactor discussion will be tabled until further information is received.

New Business

Police Department Update-

- P.D. is participating in a fundraiser for ovarian cancer and will be showing their support with facial hair.
- Warrant Article for the Cruiser will be presented with the budget; the estimate for a completely outfitted cruiser will be approximately \$42,000. Chief Currier is getting two quotes for the cruiser.
- Aflac Insurance for the Staff, there is interest in hearing more information.

The Town Administrator will call and set up a meeting to take place at the Police Station by November 1st.

- Officer Makris is over half way through the Academy and doing very well. He should be done within the month of December.
- The Police Department is full staff
- Chief Currier has been told that the Selectman are interested in disbanding the P.D. and have the Sheriff's Department handle the calls.
- Lack of replacement cruiser is a safety issue for the Officers

Chairman McWhinnie had told Sergeant Brennan about a resident that had made the suggestion about disbanding the Police Department. Chairman McWhinnie expressed that he had no intension of moving forward with that suggestion.

Selectman Jean asked about the Chief's Capital Improvement Plan for his replacements.

Select Board Items

Paul Branscombe the Town Administrator brought the follow items to the Boards attention;

- Bridges- The public forum will take place on November 14, notice will be placed on the website and the banner announcement, in the newsletter but will not be listed in the paper due to the fact that it is not a public hearing.
- Highway Foreman position closes this Friday; the Road Agent will then review the applications and bring the applications with his recommendations to the Select Board.
- Dental insurance- It was brought to the Administrations attention that the dental coverage is lacking. School Care is now offering dental coverage and the office will look into the pricing for a comparison.
- DRA- The MS-4 has been submitted. The MS 535 is based on the information the Town has given to the auditor, and will be reviewed by the Finance Officer and the Town Administrator.

- History Channel will be coming on October 27th and 28th. they will be looking at the Old Town Hall, the Green Grove Cemetery and the Academy, Pat Clark and John Dickey will be supervising. A notice will be placed on the website.
- Notice of health insurance increase and the possibility of looking at competitive rates; Harvard Pilgrim seems to be the choice of others who have switched.
- Chief Hempel will be awarded the Performance Grant
- Health Trust renewal
- Personnel Policy will be reworked to provide the Town with an updated document, the Assistant Town Administrator and the Town Administrator will be working with Carol Kilmister from Primex through that process.
- COLA/STEP increase for 2017, some towns are giving nothing, some are giving a half to a full percent increase.

Selectman Jean has requested an updated expense and revenue report.

Chairman McWhinnie made a statement about the complaint made about the bio-solids as follows; The Board received an email received 10-19-16 regarding the Hayshaker Farm bio-solids spreading you were going to discuss tonight. Mr. Swanson also sent an email to the Planning Board members, asking them to support a ban on bio-solids in Gilmanton. On 10-19-16 the Planning Board Chair said he had no problem reading the complaint at the next meeting at the next Planning Board meeting, however, Mr. Swanson should contact the state agencies that governs the permits and file a complaint. On 10-19-16 Tracy Tarr, Chairman of the Conservation Committee recommended that Mr. Swanson forward this information to the DES who ultimately issue the permit.

Mr. Swanson would like to comment on the statement. He stated that he has contacted DES and they are going to send to him a record of the complaint and RMI was in the wrong for not covering those bio-solid stockpiles within the seven day requirements. Also, the Teunessen location, closer to the Belmont line, that had not been covered since June 2016 and he also forwarded that information to DES.

Mr. Lang arrived to the meeting and the Town Administrator would like the Chairman to reiterate the discussion of the Transfer Station/compactor to bring him up to speed. The Chairman and the Town Administrator re-stated the information.

Public Comment –

Brett Currier-Mr. Currier has concerns over the study for the access points at the Transfer Station. It is his opinion that the study is a waste of money and the area needs to be cleaned up in order to function properly.

Leonard Swanson- Mr. Swanson would like to put people on notice that they did spread bio-solids at Hayshaker Farm today that abuts his property. He would like the Board of Selectman or an individual Selectman to come out to his property within ten days to smell the order that lingers from the bio-solids.

Chairman close public comment

Adjournment: On a Motion by Selectman Jean and seconded by Chairman McWhinnie it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. (2-0).

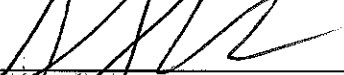
Respectfully Submitted,



Heather Carpenter

Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Selectmen



Chairman Stephen P. McWhinnie

Selectman Michael J. Jean



Selectman Marshall E. Bishop

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