



APPROVED

Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting

December 16, 2014

6:00 pm. – Gilmanton Academy

Present: Chairman Brett Currier, Selectmen Donald Guarino and Stephen McCormack, Town Administrator Arthur Capello, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Fogg. Also present Danny Jobe Vice President of System Operations of Metrocast.

6:00 pm Chairman Currier opened the meeting, took attendance of those present and voting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Metrocast – Danny Jobe, Vice President of Systems Operations from Metrocast attended the meeting to speak with the Selectmen about the Metrocast Contract. Metrocast agreed to commit to adding Buzzell Road and Dow Road, which would bring the service to homes in Gilmanton from 97% to 98.1%.

Selectman McCormack was concerned about the power outages, and specifically the telephone service going out. It is a safety issue for those in Town who do not have cell phone service. Mr. Jobe noted his concern and said that Metrocast is continuing to add generators to cover during storm outages. Further discussion took place regarding franchise fees, public access channel, programming, cost of DVR's etc.

The Board of Selectmen decided to accept the Metrocast Contract.

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Guarino and seconded by Selectman McCormack it was voted unanimously to accept the Metrocast Agreement for the Town of Gilmanton at 6:20pm. (3-0, Chairman Currier – yes, Selectman Guarino – yes, Selectman McCormack - yes).

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Guarino and seconded by Selectman McCormack it was voted unanimously to authorize Chairman Currier to sign the Metrocast Agreement. (2-0-1, Chairman Currier – abstain, Selectman Guarino – yes, Selectman McCormack - yes).

Public Input opened by Chairman Currier at 6:30 pm.

2014 Budget Review -

Arthur Capello discussed the current budget with the Selectmen. It was decided to freeze the budget for 2014, still allowing the basics to be paid, with no extra spending.

1 Arthur Capello spoke, on the same note, to encumber money that will not be spent this year, the
2 total amount of which is \$12,063.00.

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4 **MSW Contracts** – Arthur Capello said we have received two bids back for the MSW bids.
5 Waste Management and NRRA.

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7 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Selectman Guarino and seconded by Selectman McCormack it was
8 voted unanimously to accept and sign the proposed contract with **Waste Management** for the
9 three years at 6:36 pm. (3-0, Chairman Currier – yes, Selectman Guarino – yes, Selectman
10 McCormack – yes).

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12 **Fire Department Radios -**

13 The Selectmen discussed the Fire Department request for a Warrant Article for \$14,500 for
14 replacing radios for the next several years, for a total replacement cost of \$43,230.00. That
15 would be replacing all of the current radios.

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17 The Selectmen discussed replacing a few radios at a time, as not all of the radios will stop
18 working all at once.

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20 **7:00 pm** The Board of Selectmen attended the **Joint Budget Committee Meeting** upstairs in the
21 Academy Building. See Budget Committee Meeting Minutes for 12/16/2014.

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23 **8:20 pm Reconvene Selectmen's Meeting**

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25 **Highway Truck** – The Highway Truck has 78,000 miles on it currently, and \$4,500 was spent
26 last year on maintenance, most of which was not mechanical. Chairman Currier said he would
27 like to get a number on what the truck is worth, have the truck checked out by Mickey Daigle,
28 Roads Committee and Brian Forst, Chair of the Budget Committee before the next Budget
29 Committee Meeting. The Selectmen will wait to hear back from them with their
30 recommendations regarding a Warrant Article for a new truck.

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32 **Gilmanton Year Round Library** – The Selectmen do not recommend the \$46,000 Warrant
33 Article for the Library for 2015.

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35 **Trustees of the Trust Funds** - Mr. Fred Buchholz, Chairman of the Trustees of the Trust
36 Funds, presented information regarding a raise in pay for Neil Roberts. The amount was
37 approximately \$210.00/year. The Selectmen approve of the raise for Mr. Roberts.

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39 **Planning Board Budget** – There were increases proposed for 2015. Mileage, Master Plan/CIP
40 and advertising/notices. The Selectmen set the mileage line at \$250.00, and cut the \$2,000
41 increase budgeted for the Master Plan.

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43 **Historic District Commission** - Chairman Deb Chase requested an increase in hours for the
44 HDC Clerk. The Selectmen are not recommending an increase in hours for 2015.

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46 **Corner Library** – There was a request for \$5,000 for repair to the stone wall/retaining wall in
47 front of the Corner Library. The Selectmen are not recommending the \$5,000 expenditure at this
48 time.

Police Department – Detail Pay – It was brought to the Board’s attention that the expenditure is high for detail pay. Arthur Capello suggested that they increase the detail line for budget reasons or limit the details. The Town does receive income for these details (grants and outside sources), but the amount of details has to be considered in the budget line.

Highway Department - The current budget amount for the Highway Department snowplowing is \$102,000, amount requested for 2015 is \$130,000. Over the last three years the totals for snowplowing have ranged from \$121,000 to \$141,000 with an increase this year over those numbers. The Selectmen do not recommend increasing the snowplowing budget, as the snowplowing has been covered under the Road Agents total budgets in recent years.

Parks and Recreation – Richard Kordas, acting Chairman for Parks and Recreation presented the budget before the Budget Committee earlier this evening. He asked about an upcoming maintenance expense for removing tree limbs, etc. and would like to have the work done before the end of the year or encumber the funds to do so. The Selectmen suggested he try to get the work completed and submit the bill before the end of the year. There was also discussion about the \$2,500 in an equipment line, that was originally there for a new mower. The line item of \$2,500 will be left in the budget, but renamed for maintenance.

General Discussion -

Ricci Construction (the company that built the Safety Building) requested a reference from the Selectmen. Arthur Capello to take care of the request.

Postage Meter - The lease on the postage meter in the Selectmen’s Office will be up next year. Arthur Capello gave the Selectmen information that Debra Cornett, Town Clerk, had received at a recent conference for another postage meter. The Selectmen agreed to replace the current postage meter with the brand recommended by Debra Cornett, when the lease is up.

Religious Land Exemption?- Property owned by the First Baptist Society and Religious Association owns two parcel in town. George Hildum, Town Assessor has recommended that the land be put into current use, as recent laws have changed the status of the exemption for the Church (RSA 72:23, III) See attached memo in office. The First Baptist Society & Religious Association would have to apply by April 15, 2015 for the property to be placed into current use for 2015. The Selectmen agree with George Hildum’s recommendation and Arthur Capello will follow up with the Association.

Historic Picture for Cover of 2014 Town Report – John Dickey of the Gilmanton Historical Society presented several pictures for the Selectmen to choose from for the cover. The Selectmen held off on choosing at this time, waiting for one more picture requested by Selectman Guarino.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Guarino, and seconded by Selectman McCormack it was voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of November 25, 2014 at 9:50 pm. (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman Currier-yes, Selectman Guarino– yes, Selectman McCormack– yes).

1 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Selectman Guarino, and seconded by Selectman McCormack it was
2 voted unanimously to unseal Non-Public Session (A) of the meeting minutes of November 25,
3 2014 at 9:54 pm. (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman Currier-yes, Selectman Guarino– yes, Selectman
4 McCormack– yes).

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6 **Mrs. Ronstadt/Tavern Property** – regarding information requested by Mrs. Ronstadt about tree
7 removal and easements. Historic District Clerk Annette Andreozzi had information regarding
8 tree removal in the Historic District that may be helpful to Mrs. Ronstadt in protecting her trees
9 along Currier Hill Road. The Selectmen asked that the information be given to Mrs. Ronstadt.

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11 **(A)Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a):**

12 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Selectman Guarino, and seconded by Selectman McCormack it was
13 voted unanimously to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 9:55 pm. (3-0 Voice
14 Vote – Chairman Currier-yes, Selectman Guarino– yes, Selectman McCormack– yes).

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16 The meeting room was closed to the public. Present during the Non-Public Session were
17 Chairman Currier, Selectmen Guarino, McCormack and Town Administrator Arthur Capello.

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19 The Selectmen discussed employee matter in the Selectmen’s Office.

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21 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Selectman Guarino and seconded by Selectman McCormack it was
22 voted unanimously to come out of Non-Public Session at 10:00 pm. (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman
23 Currier -yes, Selectman Guarino – yes, Selectman McCormack – yes).

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25 The meeting room was opened to the public. The Board noted the Non-Public Session minutes
26 were sealed.

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29 **Adjournment:** On a Motion by Selectmen Guarino, seconded by Selectman McCormack it was
30 voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:02 pm. (3-0)

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37 Stephanie S. Fogg
38 Administrative Assistant
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Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Chairman Brett A. Currier

Selectman Donald J. Guarino

Selectman Stephen J. McCormack