

**Board of Selectmen
4 March 2013
Minutes**

4:04 pm - Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectmen Ralph Lavin and Brett Currier and Clerk Lois Dionne.

4:07 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – Consideration of the hiring of a public employee. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

The Selectmen met with Chief Collins and an applicant for the position of patrolman.

4:20 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

4:21 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to enter into Non-Public Session 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 Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

4:42 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

4:44 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c) - Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person unless such person requests an open meeting; however, this cannot be used to protect a person who is a member of your Board, Committee or Subcommittee. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

The Selectmen discussed an issue that could affect an individual's reputation.

5:30 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

5:30 pm – The Selectmen’s meeting was suspended to consult with Town Counsel.

5:55 pm – The Selectmen resumed their regular meeting.

Laura Specter, Justin Leavitt, Michelle Meade and their son, Nate and Betty Ann Abbott, Barbara Swanson, Joe and Meg Hempel and Tom Scribner joined the meeting.

Chairman Hatch said that because of the sensitive nature of what they were to discuss she strongly suggests that Justin might want to go into non-public session, but he doesn’t have to. Justin considered the suggestion for a couple of minutes, then said he would go into non-public, but if he felt uncomfortable, it should become a public meeting.

6:02 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to enter into Non-Public Session 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 Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

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6:35 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

6:35 pm – Break

6:40 pm – Back in Session

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

MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to accept the minutes of February 4th and February 20th as amended, and the minutes of February 22nd as written. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

6:50 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to enter into Non-Public Session 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 Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

7:00 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to accept the resignation of Timothy Johnson from his position with the Gilmanton Fire Department effective Saturday, March 2, 2013. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION – Selectman Currier moved to accept the resignation of Lois Dionne from her position as Selectmen’s Secretary and as Deputy Treasurer of the Town effective, Friday, March 15, 2013. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Input

Corners Library – Tom Scribner presented the Selectmen with a copy of an article (copy attached) written about the cobbler shop that is now the Corners Library that he found that had been printed in the News and Critic, Laconia, NH – March 13, 1903.

Mr. Scribner said the library trustees would like to take out the drop ceiling in the library and open it up to what it originally was when the article was written.

Recycling – Mr. Scribner said he had been looking at numbers on recycling and comparing the numbers between 2011 and 2012. In 2012 Aluminum was up 8%, paper was down 16%, plastic was down 31%, scrap metal was down 15% and tin was down 25%.

He said all the school recyclable material that is not done by the PTA comes to the transfer station, but none of their trash does.

Mr. Scribner noted that our tipping fee has been \$66.80 per ton for two years; the 2013 tipping fee remained the same because the larger portion of reserves had been applied this year to maintain the level. Mr. Scribner said we have been subsidizing our tipping fees, so it isn’t a real number. He said our hauling contract is up in November, and asked if we were in negotiations with them. We are not at this point. Mr. Scribner said our contract with the Co-Op is up in 2014, and the last time we had renewed the contract in 2009, the cost increased \$12.60 per ton, so we could be looking at a huge increase in the costs at the transfer station.

Mr. Scribner said the Co-Op is looking to mine the ash fill for ferrous metals. Selectman Currier said he had heard that, but tests pits had been dug, and it might not be feasible to be done. Mr. Scribner stressed the need to get people to realize the need to recycle.

Franchise Fee – Mr. Scribner stated that Selectman Currier had brought up the issue of the MetroCast franchise fee. Mr. Scribner said he had been talking with the town clerk about getting better information from the Selectmen's meetings out to the public, and the concept of televising the meetings was brought up; he is not in favor of that because you have to be there to watch it. He said there is a company that, for \$250 per month, will allow us to tape the meetings and they can be played on the website at any time. Mr. Scribner suggested that the town, if they are concerned about spending tax dollars, use the franchise fee to set it up.

Selectman Currier said he would like to get rid of the franchise fee; he doesn't feel it is fair to the people who pay it. There was a brief discussion of the franchise fee, but if the fee stays, it should be used to benefit everybody.

Use of Academy Restrooms by public – Selectman Lavin said it had been brought to his attention that traffic that comes through the Academy Building to use the restrooms is, at times, able to get access to places they shouldn't. He asked if we wanted to limit the use of this building's restrooms.

Chairman Hatch said when she had met with the LGC representative, the question had brought up whether or not we had to allow public use of the restrooms in the basement, and the answer was "yes". There was a brief discussion, and Brett felt as long as the doors to all the offices are locked when no one is here, such as when the upstairs is being used by residents, it shouldn't matter.

Crushed Glass – Tom Scribner asked if the Town had used any of the crushed glass in the road projects. No one knew of any having been used.

Floor Finishing - Lois reminded the Board that at last week's work session, Jen had brought to their attention a purchase order that had been approved two years ago for the refinishing of the upstairs floor in the Academy Building. The Contractor is still willing to honor the price from that purchase order, and had asked if the Selectmen had wanted to go ahead with the project. It was the consensus to go ahead, but Chairman Hatch said they would make a formal motion to accept the purchase order this week.

MOTION – Selectman Currier moved to approve the purchase order in the amount of \$7,000 from Knopka to refinish the floor in the upstairs at the Academy Building. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Light- Elm St. & River Road – Another issue that had been discussed at last week's session had been to grant a resident's request to have a light moved from in front of his house at the corner of Elm St. & River Rd. because he was the only resident affected. Selectman Lavin, the Road Agent and the Police Chief had all gone, individually, to check the light. Selectman Lavin was concerned if it might affect children waiting for the

school bus, but Chairman Hatch said it would only affect the Gilford High students. The road agent and police chief didn't see the need for the light.

MOTION – Selectman Currier moved to remove the light at the corner of River Road and Elm Street to accommodate the resident who lived there. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Lois will contact the Co-op to get the light removed.

Tables & Chairs – Academy Building – Lois informed the Selectmen that the tables and chairs they had approved had been ordered and were scheduled for delivery on Wednesday afternoon.

Guardrail replacement – A letter was received from State of NH DOT informing us of a project to replace deficient cable guardrail with new steel beam/steel post guardrail in several towns throughout New Hampshire. The work will cover approximately 80 miles of roadway in towns of Alton on Rte 28; Belmont and Gilmanton on Rte 140. The project is scheduled to advertise on March 26, 2013.

Upcoming Meetings

Public Hearing, March 7 2013 LGC Health Trust's Board of Managers prior to setting its July 2013 revisit rates.

LRPC Open House at Commissions Office, Meredith, Thursday, March 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

BelknapEDC Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 28th at the Inn at Church Landing, Meredith.

Street Light - Chief Collins said one of the residents was concerned that the light at the corner of Greeley Farm Road and Rte 140 had been taken down. Chief Collins said it is very dark there. The chief was asked to get the pole # to Lois so she could call the Co-Op to get it replaced.

House Bill 113 – Lois reported that we had received a notice of House Bill 113 as amended by the House. If enacted it would permit the erection of a building on a lot that has access to a Class VI or better highway via a private right-of-way.

Appointment Letters – The Board has received letters of interest from several residents to serve on town boards. The Selectmen will review the letters after the new board is seated.

Highway Safety Funds – Lois had a copy of a letter to Chief Collins from the State informing him that his contract for federal funds for Highway Safety Project, DW/DUI Patrols had been officially approved; the official effective date is April 1, 2013. Reimbursement will be made after invoices have been paid in full and copies forwarded to the State.

Crystal Lake Road – Lois reminded the Selectmen of a letter and meeting they had last fall with residents on Crystal Lake Road. She had a copy of a follow-up letter received from Jean Martin today requesting minutes of that meeting and asking what action had been taken on issues that were presented at that meeting.

Lois will send her copies of the minutes, and respond with information we have regarding her questions.

Selectmen's meeting – Lois asked if the Selectmen would be meeting next Monday; usually they do not meet the night before an election. The consensus was that the Selectmen would not meet Monday, March 11th.

Our Town Energy – Lois had a letter from Our Town Energy Alliance asking if we want to renew our account. Lois said she had called them and was told we have three locations listed with them; the amount is \$90.00 for the three locations that were broken down as follows:

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| Fire Station | \$50.00 |
| Recycling | 20.00 |
| Corner Library | 20.00 |

Lois said she was told there was a note in the energy alliance's file that the library trustees pay the bill.

There was a brief discussion, and it will have to be checked into further.

7:40 pm – MOTION – Selectman Carrier moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

The News and Critic Laconia, N.H.

Gilmanton March 13, 1903

What would Mr Pennock have said to this was the invariable exclamation of the friends of that bygone but tenderly remembered tradesman on gathering at his historical old shop to inspect it in its new guise as boys' club room.. On the exterior could be noted little change from its ancient condition, beyond a coat of paint which enterprising Laconia graduates from Gilmanton Academy, with a few from other cities had contributed for, when they purchased the property last spring and turned it over to the trustees to preserve the old time landmark. But on opening the rare old swell front door now put in condition to last another hundred years, the eye was taken by surprise by the unwanted brightness of the interior, lately finished off by the academy boys as the home of their social club. The new occupants had the day before put the final shine on as beautiful a hard wood floor as can be found in the town; and they had lathed off the walls and hiproofed ceiling for plastering to leave in deserving prominence the hand hewed studs and bulky timbers of pioneer manufacture. Yes, for many years the Academy boys had barricaded and assaulted this stronghold; and this day, Friday the thirteenth of March, they took complete possession of it.

Many of their friends were on hand to congratulate them and augment their equipment with appropriate gifts. After a speech of thanks, Mr Amos Price, president of the club, introduced Gilmantons, grand old man, Col. Thomas Cogswell. The genial and deepest respected chairman of the trustees was in one of his happiest and gave a most delightful talk brimful of anecdotes of the eccentric former master of the house, showing careful character-study of that most picturesque personage, who filled a place in Gilmanton Academy comparable to John the orange man at Dartmouth. In conclusion he presented the club with a ten dollar bill in behalf of the trustees.

Mr Sidney Hurt, who has had the work in charge and who laid the floor, was the next called upon and responded in a spirited speech. Remarks followed by others, among them several students mothers, whose memories of early girlhood included among the most cherished the afternoon teas given by Mr and Mrs Pennock.

Congratulatory letters were read from Mr John Moore of Belmont; Mr Stephen Greeley Clark with check; Hon William Clark of Manchester, presenting a fishing pole for disposal, which was raffled and won by Mr Frank Merrill, despite the generously spendthrift attempts of Mr Sawyer and Mr Lyster. Mrs Myra Lane collected a fund sufficient to purchase the enlarged half-tone of Mr Pennock. Cash presents were made by Mr Kitchen, Mrs Julia Varney, Mrs A.R. Wight and Supt. Blaisdell. Pictures were given by Mr C.L.Chase and Mr Lyster; a lamp by Mrs Lane; chairs, Mrs Orange; bust of Napoleon, Mr Hirt sofa pillows by Mrs Dimick, Misses Kelly, Varney, Wight, Knowles, and Ruth Kent

After refreshments were served, Prof. Fletcher presided at the coffee boiler. The Party broke up with many wishes of continued happiness for the Pennock Club.

