

APPROVED

Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting

June 17, 2013

6:00pm. – Gilmanton Academy

Present: Chairman Ralph Lavin, Selectmen Brett Currier and Donald Guarino, Town Administrator Arthur Capello, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Fogg. Also present Tom Scribner, Barbara Swanson, John Funk, Michael Fournier, Nancy Girard, Dave Marcoux (Casella), Carolyn Baldwin, Peter Baldwin, Nathaniel Abbott, Meg Hempel, Sarah Lakeman, Laurie J. Sanborn, Betty Ann Abbott.

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

Private Road Hearing:

Mr. Fournier has already gone before the ZBA to obtain all of the variances he has needed. The ZBA will be holding another hearing on Thursday to correct one of the conditions that they put on the property. One of the conditions was that Mr. Fournier could not get his building permit until the septic system was approved for construction. You cannot put in a septic system until you have the foundation in to get the approval for operation. The Selectmen have to approve the building of a home on a private road. The abutters have been duly notified. The road is Fern Avenue, at Sawyer Lake. Chairman Lavin asked if anyone in the public would like to share anything regarding the private road hearing. There were no comments made.

MOTION:

Selectman Guarino made a motion, seconded by Brett Currier, it was voted unanimously to approve the portion of Fern Avenue. Map 117, Lot #19 for the issuance of a Building Permit. Selectman Guarino moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the portion of Fern Avenue, from Map 117, Lot 19 for the issuance of a Building Permit. The following conditions shall apply to this approval: The Board nor the Town of Gilmanton neither assumes responsibility for the maintenance of Fern Avenue or assumes liability for any damages resulting from the use there of. Occupants for the Building Permits on designated portion of Fern Avenue shall execute a notice of limits of municipal responsibility and liability the form for which shall be provided by the Town of Gilmanton and provide evidence that such notice has been recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds prior to the issuance of a Building Permit. The applicants shall fulfill all requirements of ordinance of The Town of Gilmanton, including the completion and approval of any applications required thereby to the land use Boards of The Town of Gilmanton. The road shall be posted with a sign indicating, Private Way, Pass at Your Own Risk.

Arthur Capello will have the paperwork filled out and have Annette Andreozzi call Mr. Fournier when the paperwork is ready for him to come in and sign by Thursday.

Public Input –

Chairman Lavin recognized John Funk -

Mr. Funk asked a question to the Board of Selectmen regarding non-public item on the agenda, Non-Public from Appointment of Planning Board Members. To his knowledge appointments to Boards and Committees are normally a public process and he is curious as to why this is characterized as Non-Public. Arthur Capello said he could explain that the woman from the press asked him to get the names from the appointments that were done in non-public. She requested the names from the Board of Selectmen to release the names to the public of those that were named in the non-public session of a meeting a few months ago. The agenda item this meeting had nothing to do with actual appointments to the Planning Board. Mr. Funk thanked Mr. Capello for clarification.

Mr. Funk addressed the Selectmen and stated that obviously the three of the Selectmen were aware of the fact that he resigned from the Planning Board last Thursday night. He would like to give an explanation as to why he resigned. Arthur Capello requested a copy of Mr. Funk's statement for the record to be attached to the minutes of the meeting. (see attached) Mr. Funk said he would provide a copy. Mr. Funk thanked Mr. Capello, as he would like the minutes of the meeting to properly reflect what has been said in the statement. Mr. Funk stated that there have been too many rumors going around the community that are not based on fact and are negatively injuring the reputation of people. Thank you very much for the opportunity to present this information.

Chairman Lavin said that the Board appreciated his letter and thank you for serving all of those years for The Town of Gilmanton. Chairman Lavin asked if anyone had anything else to share. Selectmen Guarino stated that he attended the first meeting where the original letter (along with supporting letters from the County Attorney, the Town's Attorney and the Chief of Police), from the Board of Selectmen was to be handed out. At that meeting dated May 9, 2013, the Planning Board went into non-public sealed minutes. Selectman Guarino said that after that meeting he felt differently about the Selectmen's request to the Planning Board. When the letter and supporting material were to be handed out as a packet to the Planning Board, Selectman Guarino said he felt it was to be part of the history of what had been decided earlier, but due to circumstances unforeseen the intent of presenting the letter was changed in Selectman Guarino's opinion. Selectman Guarino said it was unfortunate. Chairman Lavin said he felt obligated because he had a document signed by all three Selectmen, unanimously asking Mr. Funk to resign his position. When Chairman Funk said he would not resign, Chairman Lavin said he felt obligated, as the representative of the Board to make the motion. Chairman Lavin said he couldn't imagine that Selectman Guarino would have voted differently because you knew how the Board stood on the matter. If you changed your opinion because of something you heard, you still knew that two of us were in support of his resignation. Chairman Lavin said, he wanted to thank Mr. Funk again.

Mr. Funk said he would like to comment on that, as he indicated in his remarks the Planning Board is a separate distinct Board from the Selectmen. When someone sits on the Planning Board, they are wearing their Planning Board hat, not their Selectman hat. They are the Selectmen's representative sitting on that Board, but they are sitting as a Planning Board

1 member, and they are independent to make whatever choice they think is in the best interest of
2 the Town enforcing the planning laws of the State.

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4 Laurie Sanborn asked why the letter was not provided prior to the meeting? John Funk said the
5 letter was not in the Planning Board package. Arthur Capello said he would find out why the
6 letter was not included. It was on the agenda. Mr. Funk said, that the issue they are raising here
7 is that contrary to the standard practice of the Planning Board, that letter was not included so that
8 Planning Board members would be aware of an item to be discussed at the Planning Board. At
9 that meeting was the first time, as he knows, that some of the Board were aware of what was
10 contemplated. He felt when the motion was made and Mr. Funk asked the Planning Board
11 Members their opinion he felt some of the Board members were very quick to make their
12 decision. Chairman Lavin said he would look into the situation. Laurie Sanborn said it was a
13 very important matter and should have been before the full Planning Board. Chairman Lavin
14 said there was a full voting Board present. Ms. Sanborn said not the full members, it was of that
15 magnitude that it should have been before the full Board.

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17 Chairman Lavin asked if someone else had anything to share.

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19 **New Agenda** – Tom Scribner commented that he liked the new agenda that Mr. Capello has put
20 together. Very clear and very nice to see, that is a positive.

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22 **State Training Available**– Tom Scribner said that the State provides training for all Board
23 members, whether it be Library Trustees, Selectmen, or Planning. If you have been chosen as an
24 alternate and have not received any training, proper education should be a requirement either
25 from the Selectmen or every Board.

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27 **Solid Waste Article** – Tom Scribner stated that in March the Town voted in an Article that said
28 to see if the Town would vote to authorize the Selectmen to require the separation of all
29 recyclables deposited at the Gilmanston Transfer Station, and to set such rules and regulations as
30 soon as possible in order to maximize cost benefits. That Article passed with 383 votes. To put
31 that into perspective, this number of votes out numbers all of the votes you each received as
32 Selectman to be put into office. So I think this Article deserves some attention from the Board.

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34 **Planning Board** - Chairman Lavin said that Town Counsel was consulted regarding the meeting
35 of the Planning Board, and as the Selectmen's representative he did educate himself.

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37 **Meeting Minutes** -

38 Betty Ann Abbott questioned as to where the last few meeting minutes were? Stephanie Fogg,
39 Administrative Assistant responded that there were two approved sets of minutes waiting for this
40 meeting to have the Board of Selectmen's signatures, and a draft set of minutes from the last
41 meeting on June 3, 2013 waiting for approval. The minutes have been available in the office in
42 draft form for the Public to view. Arthur Capello has a new policy regarding the Selectmen's
43 minutes, they will be approved at the following meeting, and then amended if required and
44 brought back to the Selectmen for their signature. As the Selectmen's meetings are now once
45 every two weeks for the summer schedule, there has been a delay with the new policy and
46 requirements for signatures.

1 Carolyn Baldwin also asked about the minutes of the previous meetings and stated that there was
2 a promise to keep the Town updated as she did in the paper. She said I know it is not easy.
3 Selectman Guarino said that until Arthur Capello, new Town Administrator, there has been a lot
4 of turmoil and understaffing in the Selectmen's office, putting added pressure and responsibility
5 onto this Board of Selectmen, Jen Correia, Town Accountant and the office staff. Jen Correia
6 did a wonderful job filling in as Town Administrator. Now that Arthur Capello is here, he has
7 taken a huge load from the Selectmen. Selectman Guarino said he accepts the responsibility for
8 not getting information into the paper. If you all will grant me forgiveness I am willing to start
9 with the updates.

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11 **6:45 pm - Casella - Transfer Station** -David Marcoux representing Casella. Selectman
12 Guarino asked Mr. Marcoux to explain the Single Stream Re-bate, regarding the language "plant
13 ACR". Mr. Marcoux said "plant ACR" is referring to a value per ton of single stream. It is
14 sometimes an industry average, most often it is an average value based on the commodities. You
15 would detract the cost of separating. If any one is familiar with Single Stream, it is a very labor
16 intensive process to sort the materials. Casella is fortunate that they made an investment in a
17 single stream table that sorts the aluminum, steel, glass and plastic. It provides a very clean
18 commodity at the end of the run. There is a cost to processing that, and of course we bail it and
19 bring it to the market. There is a cost per ton for processing and a revenue share that is 30% to
20 the Town after the cost for processing. Selectman Guarino said that the Town would receive
21 \$5.40/ton under this model. If the ACR increased, then the Town's share for price per ton would
22 be reduced significantly. Mr. Marcoux said that if the commodity values went up, the Town's
23 revenue would increase as well. Chairman Lavin asked if these numbers could be related to last
24 years figures. Arthur Capello said that they have not been compared yet, but he could do that.

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26 Sarah Lakeman, who works for a non-profit organization to help Towns in making decisions like
27 this. She doesn't gain by anything, except to help the Town out. The NRRA has given an
28 analysis as to how much the Town would gain or lose with single stream, considering the
29 structure we have now. Ms. Lakeman has a few questions for Mr. Marcoux. Ms. Lakeman
30 asked what would be the contract length to sign on with Casella? Mr. Marcoux replied through
31 January of 2016. NRRA was going for 7 years. Ms. Lakeman asked have you been to visit the
32 Transfer Station. Mr. Marcoux stated that he had. Ms. Lakeman asked if he had a professional
33 recommendation for the Town after seeing the facility? He said most Towns tend to look toward
34 single stream as a cost savings, reduce the number of people on site, the power and it is simpler
35 for the Towns people to dispose of, create a better traffic flow. There are a significant number of
36 reasons for single stream. In Mr. Marcoux's experience, through-out New Hampshire the issue
37 of single stream really becomes the convenience factor, not necessarily to drive down the
38 operating costs of the facility. He said he is playing both sides of the fence here because he does
39 not have a full understanding or the perspective of the Town's people in regards their facility.
40 Lowering the overhead is always important, the second thing is to provide convenience to the
41 Town's people in a way that they store the waste. The recommendation would be, if you are
42 looking for convenience absolutely, if you are looking to lower your overhead, with the current
43 model, I don't see that happening. Sarah Lakeman said she only knows of one Town that has
44 ever gone to a drop off transfer station when they already have all the infrastructure to single
45 stream. He is not certain that Gilmanston would meet the volume requirements to make single
46 stream beneficial financially. Every community changes, people can be more involved in
47 recycling, you may see your solid waste go down as you increase single stream. Mr. Marcoux
48 said that when the volume and interest in recycling really popped was when the kids of the

1 community got involved and were educated. Kids bring it home from school and ask Mom and
2 Dad to follow, education is certainly the biggest factor to help a community recycle.

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4 Arthur Capello said he would recommend that if the Select Board decided they wanted to look at
5 single stream, that they propose a Warrant Article and let the Town's people vote if they want to
6 go from single sort to single stream. Showing the numbers from the single sort and single stream
7 and let the people decide. Arthur Capello stated that what would be beneficial for the Board,
8 would be information from Casella that shows the way we are doing it now, what the cost would
9 be if we went to single stream, if Casella would be interested in bidding out the commodities, if
10 we stayed single sort.

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12 Chairman Lavin asked the public if there was anything more to be brought forward before he
13 closed public-input.

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15 **Public Comment Policy -** Arthur Capello brought forward a policy for Public Comment during
16 the Board of Selectmen meetings. There was discussion, Arthur Capello will revise and bring
17 back before the Board. The Selectmen were in agreement that they wanted to make sure the
18 Public/Individuals have an opportunity to speak. Chairman Lavin said, do we want to allow the
19 public to speak after the public input has been closed. Arthur Capello said that is at the
20 discretion of the Board. Mr. Funk added so members of the public are clear on the policy, make
21 certain that the agenda might say discussed in public, but no public comment. Arthur Capello if
22 an individual wishes to discuss a specific item with the Board they must contact the Town
23 Administrator by noon, the Thursday before the meeting on Monday. Mr. Funk stated that if
24 someone wanted to discuss a topic involving a policy or procedure that would involve Town
25 action, that would make sense. Mr. Funk also suggested to make the wording for, "in the event
26 of an urgent issue the Board may agree to hear the issue," more clear also. Barbara Swanson
27 said it would benefit the public to know that you can listen at the public session, but you cannot
28 speak. That has not been understood previously. Arthur to make modifications and bring back
29 to Board.

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31 **Recording of The Board of Selectmen's Meetings -** Arthur Capello said that it is not legally
32 required to record the meetings. The Board can do one of two things, if the minutes are recorded
33 the Board can have the minutes destroyed after the minutes have been approved, or in the policy
34 the Board can have the tapes kept forever. The policy he brought forward, was what he felt the
35 Board wanted to have the tapes erased after the minutes have been adopted by the Board. Arthur
36 Capello said the one thing he did get from the Counsel was that you could do it either way, but
37 you have to have a policy. Mr. Funk suggested that he would include that if anyone would like
38 an official copy of the recorded minutes that they need to request in writing a copy before the
39 deadline. The deadline is once the minutes are approved. Currently that is once every two
40 weeks. Arthur Capello said he will include "any requests for the tapes, must be made in writing
41 to the Town Administrator, prior to the minutes being approved."

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43 **MOTION:** On a motion by Selectman Guarino, seconded by Selectman Currier, Selectman
44 Guarino moved to accept the policy on taping of meeting as amended. The
45 motion was approved unanimously (3-0)

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47 **Town Building Use -** Arthur Capello brought forward a new policy on Building Use for the
48 Town. If you are not a 501C3 (non-profit) you can come before the Board and petition the fee

1 be waived. A 501C3 will not have to pay a fee. The Board will still have final approval of the
2 rental. Cleaning deposit in a check form, should be given for non-profit and all other functions.
3 Police Department is required if alcohol is served. Key Deposit, when the key is returned the
4 check for the deposit will be returned. Selectman Currier suggested that they need to make the
5 key deposit reasonable, he thought \$75 would be a good amount.
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7 **MOTION:** On a motion by Selectman Guarino, seconded by Selectman Currier, Selectman
8 Guarino moved to change the amount of the security deposit for the key, changed
9 from \$250 to \$75. The motion was passed (2-1, Chairman Lavin – no, Selectman
10 Guarino – yes, Selectman Currier- yes.)
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12 Mr. Funk suggested that the wording be clarified for the general public's understanding.
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14 **Building Use Request Old Town Hall** - A request for use of the Old Town Hall for a dance
15 class, two hours a week. Arthur Capello stated based on the policy it is two dollars an hour.
16 Chairman Lavin requested that they come before the Town, explain how the class would benefit
17 the Town, for the possibility to waive the \$125 fee for each use.
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19 **Bi-Weekly Payroll** – Arthur Capello asked the Selectmen if they had read the e-mails that were
20 written by Department Heads regarding the bi-weekly payroll. The Selectmen responded that
21 they had read the e-mails.
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23 **MOTION:** On a motion by Selectman Currier, seconded by Selectman Guarino, it was voted to
24 keep the payroll weekly for Town employees as it always has been. Motion passed (2-1)
25 Chairman Lavin – no, Selectman Currier – yes, Selectman Guarino-yes)
26 Chairman Lavin stated for reasons of discussion that the bi-weekly would save the Town money,
27 couldn't the employees rearrange their budget to accommodate. There are people who voted us
28 into this position and are struggling for money, you want them to pay \$4,000 more, I don't.
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31 **7:48 pm Correspondence:**
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33 **Grant for Recycling Bins** - The Town of Gilmanton received a grant for 200 recycling bins, at
34 a value of \$1,370.00 for the Transfer Station. We have a letter of notice and we just have to pick
35 them up.
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37 **Parade Permit for 4th of July** – The Selectmen will sign the Fourth of July Permit and it will be
38 forwarded to the Fourth of July Committee. Selectman Guarino said he has spoken with the
39 Chief of Police regarding the parade.
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41 **Accident Waiver/Release Liability Form for the Parade** – Arthur Capello had Town Counsel
42 look over the waiver to make sure it was good and Counsel agreed that it was. The waiver has
43 been used in the past for anyone who would be riding in/on Town equipment. So the Board is
44 aware that we do have people sign a waiver.
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46 **Planning Board** – Letter to the Selectmen requesting appointment to the Planning Board,
47 William Mahoney. Arthur Capello said the opening will be posted for two weeks and we will
48 keep Mr. Mahoney's letter of intent. We will bring it forward to the Selectmen again.

Laurie Sanborn addressed the Selectmen and told them that she would be tendering her resignation to the Planning Board. Leaving two seats available on the Planning Board.

Gilmanton Garden Club- Arthur Capello brought forward a letter from the Gilmanton Garden Club, he had forwarded a copy to Paul Perkins, Road Agent, referencing work that they had done.

Police Department – Arthur Capello brought forward a letter of resignation from one of the police officers. The job has been posted.

MOTION: On a motion by Selectman Currier, seconded by Selectman Guarino, it was voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Officer Tyler Hackett, with regret at 7:56 pm (3-0).

Non-Public Session from Appointment of Planning Board Members- Arthur Capello asked if the Selectmen had the names of the applicants for the Planning Board that they took up under non-public. Selectman Guarino said John Weston, William Mahoney, Roy Butterick, and Kevin Farquharson.

Culvert Permitting - Arthur Capello stated that Paul Perkins brought in a contract for Diron Environmental LLC, to do the culvert permitting. The sum of the cost of the culvert is \$1,200, the money is in the budget. The contract was printed with Arthur Capello's name on it, so if the Board wants to authorize him to execute it, he can do that.

MOTION: On a motion by Selectman Currier, and seconded by Selectman Guarino, it was voted unanimously to authorize Arthur Capello, Town Administrator to sign the Culvert Contract.

Mango Security - Mango Security currently monitors our system. It has not been changed. Rodney Marsten has not been able to be reached. Selectman Guarino said he will contact Mr. Marsten. Arthur Capello will follow up with Selectman Guarino.

Meeting Minutes –

May 13, 2013 and May 28, 2013 Public and Non-Public minutes to be signed by the Selectmen, which had already been approved and available in the Selectmen's Office.

MOTION: On a motion by Selectman Guarino, and seconded by Selectman Currier the minutes of the June 3, 2013 Board of Selectmen's Meeting were unanimously approved as amended at 8:06 pm. (3-0).

Town Property : Selectman Currier inquired about the cost of the tire removal at one of the Town Properties. Arthur Capello stated that the cost was \$1,000.00. Because the cost of tire removal was less than expected and there is money in the budget still, Selectman Guarino wanted to know if the oil from the property should be brought to Wolfeboro Recycling Facility to get rid of it. Selectman Currier said yes, that would give us a total cost on the whole project that can be added to the price on the property.

Next Meeting - The next meeting for the Board of Selectmen will be July 1, 2013 at 6:00 pm, in the Conference Room at the Academy Building.

Update: Arthur Capello stated that as a follow-up from a previous meeting a certified letter went out to the property owner. A letter was also sent to the bank regarding the property.

8:14 pm – Non-Public Session – RSA-91-A:3,II(e)

MOTION: On a motion by Selectman Guarino, seconded by Selectman Currier, it was voted unanimously to enter Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3,II(e). (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes, Selectman Guarino-yes).

The meeting room was closed to the public. Present during the Non-Public Session were Chairman Lavin, Selectmen Currier and Guarino, Town Administrator Arthur Capello, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Fogg.

The Board of Selectmen discussed a pending law suit.

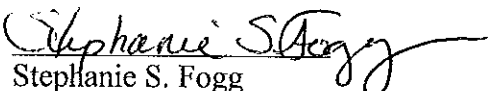
MOTION: On a motion by Selectman Currier, seconded by Selectman Guarino, it was voted unanimously to come out of Non-Public Session at 8:22pm. (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes, Selectman Guarino-yes).

The meeting room was opened to the public. The board noted the non-public session minutes were not sealed.


Adjournment:

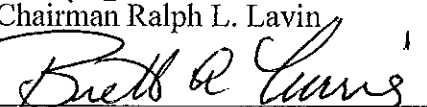
MOTION: On a motion by Selectman Currier, seconded by Selectman Guarino, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:24pm. (3-0)

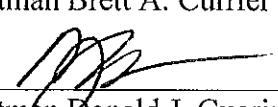
Respectfully Submitted,


Stephanie S. Fogg
Administrative Assistant

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2 **Approved by the Board of Selectmen**

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I want to explain my reasons for resigning my position as chairman and as a member of the Planning Board at the regular meeting of the Planning Board on June 13, 2013.

I have proudly served the Town of Gilmanton since 1998 as a volunteer member of the Planning Board. Despite concerted efforts on the part of some to disparage the board, we have always treated applicants with respect and in a fair and open manner and have tried to follow the law to the best of our ability. If anything, we have gone too far in trying to help our residents through the process and have waived requirements when we thought them burdensome and unnecessary to protect the interests of the town. Once appointed, board members are independent from the selectmen and have independent duties to apply the planning laws of the state and our community.

The agenda for the Planning Board's meeting on June 13, 2013 was emailed to its members on June 10, 2013, together with an attachment of meeting materials. The agenda included an item at the end described as a letter from the Board of Selectmen to the Planning Board members. Contrary to our usual practice, the letter was not included in the materials.

At the June 13, 2013 meeting, Lauri Sanborn was unable to attend because of a family event, and alternate Kevin Farquharson was appointed to serve in her place. Ralph Lavin was also serving in the place of Don Guarino as the selectmen's representative. After conducting the scheduled business, we came to the last item, the letter from the selectmen. The administrator then distributed the letter and attached materials to the board members.

The letter, signed by the three selectmen and dated May 15, 2013, asked me to step down as chairman. Essentially, the selectmen stated that they had lost confidence in me as the chairman due to positions I had taken on the Benson matter.

I was not surprised. About a half hour before the meeting, I received a call from Mr. Guarino, who told me that he would not be present because of a last minute conflict, that Mr. Lavin would be appearing in his absence and that he wanted to give me a heads up that a letter from the selectmen would be delivered asking me to step down. He said that he was supposed to present the letter at the board's last meeting on May 16, 2013, but since the board had thoroughly reviewed the situation at that earlier meeting and concluded nothing further was warranted, he saw no need to present the letter and was personally satisfied with the result. He stated that he reported back to the other selectmen that the matter was resolved by the Planning Board. He said the other selectmen reacted negatively and told him that he should have delivered the letter. Mr. Guarino informed me that he asked the other selectmen to remove his name from the letter, but was told by them that he couldn't do so.

After the letter was distributed at the June 13, 2013 meeting, the board members spent several minutes reviewing it. I then advised the board that I would not step down. As far as I was concerned, there was nothing new in the letter that hadn't been discussed in prior meetings. I asked if there was a motion, and Mr. Lavin moved that I be removed as Chairman and Wayne Ogni, board member, seconded the motion. I asked Mr. Lavin if the selectmen fully supported this action – he said yes. I suggested that a motion of this significance should be acted on by the full board rather than a board filled with two alternates. Messrs. Lavin, Ogni and Farquharson objected and said that the present members had every right to vote on the matter. I explained that if I were removed from the chairman position, I would also resign from the board. I was told that was not their intent. I said that I had no desire to serve on a board that acted in this manner toward me. I then asked each board member where they stood on the matter. Messrs. Ogni, Farquharson and Roy Buttrick, who had been appointed during the terms of Messrs. Lavin and Currier, said they would vote in favor, as did Mr. Lavin. The remaining members Marty Martindale and John Weston who have served on the board for many more years were opposed. Seeing that the numbers were against me, I resigned.

Ironically, if Mr. Guarino had presented the letter at the May 16, 2013 meeting as originally planned by the selectmen it would have been defeated because Mr. Guarino said he was opposed to it and Lauri Sanborn advised me that she would have been against it as well. In fact, she said if she had known that the letter would be presented at the June 13, 2013, she would have made every effort to get there.

I would like to make the following observations. First, Mr. Currier has stated in a public meeting that he was not happy that I was re-appointed to the board last year and would have been opposed to my appointment. Second, both Mr. Lavin and Mr. Ogni were members of the Planning Board when it was dealing with the Benson matter and never objected to how the matter was handled. Third, Messrs. Farquharson and Buttrick have been appointed to the board only since April and have little experience with its operations and history. They have commented on how distressed they have been over the bad reputation of the board without any context to evaluate the accuracy of such observations. Fourth and final, prior to my election as chairman on April 18, 2013, Mr. Ogni tried to persuade Mr. Martindale to serve as chairman in my stead. We spoke and he changed his mind. In fact, at the meeting he nominated me to be chair and Ms. Sanborn seconded the nomination. It passed unanimously. Why then, a mere two months later, was Mr. Ogni so quick to second the motion for my removal and join with the others to make it happen? I think it is clear, he and the other appointees believed they had to follow direction from the selectmen.

In closing, in my 15 years on the board, this is the first time I have seen politics intrude into Planning Board proceedings. Regrettably, some newer members of the board may think that the board is subservient to the selectmen and must do its bidding. These actions are deeply disquieting. The selectmen are servants of all the members of our community and have a fiduciary duty not to pursue individual agendas or vendettas. You hold the power of the town and must wield it wisely.

In explaining my reasons for resigning, I wanted to openly state these facts to the members of our community so they can draw their own conclusions as to whether this is right.

Iron Works Village
Gilmanton, NH
May 31, 2013

Board of Selectmen
Gilmanton, NH

Gentlemen:

As we look forward to a busy and prosperous summer season in The Iron Works I would like to remind this Board about the history of the beautification project at the intersection of the Crystal Lake Rd and The Mountain Road.

A number of years ago this little triangle was a tangle of poison ivy and scattered with litter, neither a friendly nor attractive entrance to Crystal Lake area.

The Gilmanton Garden Club went before the Selectmen for permission to take on the beautification of this triangle. Explaining that a naturalized garden, free of litter, poison ivy, and signs (except for official highway signs) should be in keeping with the Lady Bird Johnson Beautification Program. Thus the Garden Club was given permission to achieve and maintain this project. The result has been a lovely welcome to the Crystal Lake area.

To this day the triangle is maintained. All year long the area is kept free of litter. The barrel planter is filled with piney greens each winter and in the spring is filled with annual blooms. We remind the Board of this history and the continued care afforded to this area over the many years so that when businesses and organizations "plant" signs in the triangle or on front of the plantings in the barrel that this is not in keeping with the original agreement between the Selectmen and the Garden Club.

The triangle is beautified to showcase our community and should not be hidden by a plethora of signs, some as large as a half sheet of plywood (placed right in front of the barrel by the Boy Scout Camp).

Please keep this project in mind and the hardwork performed by a group of some "not so young" folks and the goals of the Lady Bird Johnson Project, when signage placement is requested at "the triangle".

On behalf of the members who continue the project,
Brenda Mc Bride



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June 10, 2013

Ron Nason
Acting Manager
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Dear Mr. Nason:

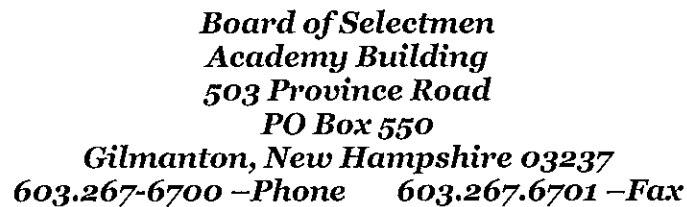
At the New Hampshire the Beautiful meeting on June 4, 2013 the Board voted to award the Town of Gilmanton a grant of 200 Green Recycling Bins with a value of \$1,370.00. New Hampshire the Beautiful grants are customarily awarded as reimbursements; but in this case there will be no other paperwork required once you have picked up and signed for the bins at the NRRA offices when they have been received.

We would like to applaud your efforts and wish you continued success at your facility and look forward to your taking advantage of this grant.

The Board has requested that you forward this letter to each of your selectman. I thank you in advance for doing this for me.

Sincerely,

Paula Dow
Administrative Manager



Monday, June 17, 2013
6:00 pm

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