



APPROVED

Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting
October 17, 2016
6:00 p.m. – Gilmanton Academy

Present: Chairman Stephen McWhinnie, Vice Chair-Selectman Michael Jean, Selectman Marshall Bishop, Town Administrator Paul Branscombe, Assistant Town Administrator- Heidi Duval, Administrative Assistant- Heather Carpenter.
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 –
-No minutes to be approved at this time

Signature File

Transfer Station job description review

MOTION: On a Motion by Selectman Jean, and seconded by Chairman McWhinnie it was voted unanimously to accept the Transfer Station job descriptions. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, Selectman Jean-abstain, Selectman Bishop–yes).

Private Road Approval-

Map 420/ Lot 125, Skelley Manor Road

MOTION: On a Motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was voted unanimously to accept the portion of frontage of Map 420/ Lot 125 for the issuance of building permits. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, Selectman Jean-yes, Selectman Bishop– yes).

Private Road Approval-

Map 131/ Lot 77, Valley Shore Drive

MOTION: On a Motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was voted unanimously to accept the portion of frontage of Map 131/ Lot 77 for the issuance of building permits. (2-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, Selectman Jean-abstain, Selectman Bishop– yes).

Old Business

Highway Garage Ventilation System-

Discussion tabled until more information is received

Town Administrator- Paul Branscombe speaks to the event concerning Mr. and Mrs. Losefsky that took place on Friday. Officer Mott was called about the smoke issue and was at the scene within two minutes, he noticed that there was no smoke and a small fire by the two campers which will be reflected in the P.D. report. A meeting with the Fire Chief and Chief of Police took place this morning and they suggested to the Town Administrator to give Mr. Losefsky the number for dispatch because these events happen after hours. The City of Portsmouth and the Town of Salem has never had to use RSA 147:1 or :3 and refer these type of issues to their Fire Chief. This issue is considered a private nuisance unless there are neighbors that also bring a complaint forward about the problem and then would be considered a public nuisance.

Mike Teunessen-

He is a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Bishop had come before the ZBA for a variance that Mr. Teunessen voted against. He voted against it not because he had something against Mr. Bishop but because the ZBA has had several cases come before them looking for approvals on projects that had already been completed. Mr. Teunessen disagrees with approval or variance for projects like these. He would also like to know if it's the policy of the Board of Selectmen to use their power or influence to remove members of other town boards. Mr. Teunessen speaks to and reads from an email that he received in his mailbox.

Brenda Currier- Right to Know Request and Gilmanton Winery

- Issue of not receiving emails that were requested as a part of a Right to Know Request for the following dates;
- 09-21-16 from Desiree Tumas,
- 09-26-16 email response from Paul Branscombe to Wayne Ogni in reference to what the meeting was about
- email that was sent from Louise Knee to Paul Branscombe with a date unknown.
- Question on who instructed Mr. Branscombe to invite people to the non-public meeting that was referenced in the email
- Mrs. Currier would like to know who schedules the non-public meetings and decides what the criteria is for those meetings, and if those individuals have to fill out a form like the form for request to be on the agenda
- Speaks about the audio and the use of her name by Mr. Bishop is slanderous

New Business

Page Cemetery-

MOTION: On a Motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Jean it was voted unanimously to accept \$500 for Henry Page for the Page Cemetery. (3-0 Voice Vote – Chairman McWhinnie- yes, Selectman Jean-yes, Selectman Bishop– yes).

Public Comment – 6:35 p.m.

Joe Haas- Ask about a schedule C- which is how someone files a claim, Errors and Omissions from Heidi. He would like to know when he will be receiving it that information. Mr. Haas also suggested to placing the policy of the Right to Know Laws on the website for people to read. He also stated that Administrative Assistant calls him an annoyance and he feels that if she had done

her job that he wouldn't have to keep spinning his wheels. He apologizes to the Board for calling them lazy and it's instead an issue of being sloppy.

Rich Bakos-

- Concern over the financials that have not been reported from the Town office as of today in regards to rates, revenues, and unassigned fund balance. In addition, from the information he has seen it appears that the Town budget is at or over budget at this point.

Brenda Currier-

Would like to know who the Assessing Clerk is because there is a hand full of sales on properties that have been sold months ago that have not been changed over to the new owner's names.

Heather Carpenter-

Concerns about the inundation of Right to Know requests, and agenda requests that have been given to the office incomplete with broad sweeping information being requested, with unspecific information that the office is supposed to guess or interpret the requests of these particular individuals who then require answers at meetings. On a weekly basis the ethics of employees have come into question from the public and as an employee it is frustrating and she would like to know what the Board is going to do about the support of an employee in these situations.

Brenda Currier-

Mrs. Currier stated that Heather does a great job and she has never had an issue with her. She is professional at the counter, she comes up and gives me what she can. Mrs. Currier explains that she doesn't read from documents that she has already received and that she gives the best description she can when writing these requests and finds it really coincidental that the battery died when it did and a few people tell her that nothing was said but in fact something was said and she has a problem with that.

Heather and Heidi do their absolute best to give her what she needs and she is not complaining about that, she just wants the documents that she has requested.

Rich Bakos-

Mr. Bakos stated that Heather does a great job from the stand point that he has worked with her on Budget Committee. When the battery comment was made, his snicker wasn't because the battery died but in response to Mr. McWhinnie's inability to recall information. Mr. Bakos apologizes to Heather if she felt that it was directed at her.

Joe Haas-

He does appreciate that Heather has directed him to where information that he requested is but his problem is that he believes the information is wrong and wants to know what the Board is going to do about it because he feels that is falsify government documents.

Chairman close public comment at 6:51 p.m.

Select Board Items

Selectman Bishop speaks about Mr. McKenna at GYO and he would like to help to see if we can get a Playground grant.

Selectman Jean-

- Bridge meeting for public input
- Suggestion to have the Board of Selectmen meetings on the first and third Monday's of the month allowing workshops to take place on the second and fourth Monday's of the month, which allows the Board weekly meetings.
- Mickey Daigle is taking 85% of the compost at the Transfer Station and moving the glass into one of the bays in an effort to clean up the area.

Town Administrator speaks to the Department Head meetings pertaining to budgets that are taking place this week and speak to the North Point proposal on the new entrance for the Transfer Station.

Non-Public Session Per RSA 91-A:3,II(a)

MOTION: On a motion by McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Bishop it was unanimously to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3,II(a) (3-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, Selectman Jean-yes, Selectman Bishop– yes).

Compensation

MOTION: On a motion by Chairman McWhinnie, and seconded by Selectman Jean it was unanimously to come out of Non-Public Session. (3-0 Voice Vote –Chairman McWhinnie- yes, Selectman Jean-yes, Selectman Bishop–yes).

Adjournment: On a Motion by Chairman McWhinnie and seconded by Selectman Jean it was voted unanimously to adjourn (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Carpenter
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Chairman Stephen P. McWhinnie

Selectman Michael J. Jean

Selectman Marshall E. Bishop

{Audio recordings are available at the Selectmen's Office}