

**APPROVED**

**Board of Selectmen  
4 June 2012  
Minutes**

**6:00 pm** – Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectmen Ralph Lavin and Brett Currier, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne.

After attendance everyone stood for the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

**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.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

**7:05 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.

**Public Input** – No one was present for public input.

**7:05 pm – Break**

**7:15 pm – Back in Session**

**Signs** – Police Chief Robarge mentioned that he had a previous discussion with the Selectmen about people camping on town-owned property on Meadow Pond Road, and that the Selectmen had wanted the property posted. He asked who orders the signs. Tim Warren said he had some signs at home that can be used.

**Nat’s Bridge** – Chief Robarge said he had received complaints that people have been setting up lawn chairs in the road, drinking and are fishing from the road on Crystal Lake Road at Nat’s Bridge, which create traffic hazards. He asked about putting signs up at Nat’s bridge.

There was considerable discussion of the matter, and whether the Selectmen should establish an ordinance against fishing from the bridge, which would make it possible for violators to be cited for disorderly conduct. The Selectmen don't want to prevent people from fishing from Nat's bridge, but don't want it to present a traffic hazard. It was decided that Chief Robarge would get signs made stating that there should be no fishing from the pavement or loitering in the roadway.

**Speed – Crystal Lake Road** – Chief Robarge said he had spoken with Mark Morrill, District 3 engineer from DOT about the speed limit on the state-owned portion of Crystal Lake Road. Chief Robarge felt the 35 mph speed limit is irresponsible and the speed limit should be 25 mph; Mark Morrill will look into it and get back to Chief Robarge.

**Lights – Village District**- Chief Robarge said he had spoken with Steve Latici regarding the lights in the village district. He said Mr. Latici had asked if the chief would contact DOT to see if there is a mandate that there be lights at the intersection of Rte 140 & Province Road. Chief Robarge said Mr. Morrill didn't have the answer to that, but he would look into it. Selectman Currier said that at the village district meeting, it had been agreed that there were only five or six lights out of the fifty-one lights in the district that they felt they would need to keep on. Selectman Currier stated that he felt that since Rte 140 and Province Rd are state roads, if they felt the need for the lights, they should have to pay for them; we should pay for the others because they are on Town roads.

**Reinstatement** – Chairman Hatch asked for a motion to reinstate Dennis Rector as Sergeant in the Gilmanston Police Department.

**MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to reinstate Dennis Rector as Sergeant in the Gilmanston Police Department effective June 7, 2012. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.**

**Letter of Resignation** – Chairman Hatch asked for a motion to accept Dennis Rector's letter of resignation as sergeant in the Gilmanston Police Department.

**MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to accept the letter of resignation from Sgt. Dennis Rector as sergeant in the Gilmanston police department effective June 8, 2012. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.**

**Personnel Policy Update** – The Selectmen continued the update of the personnel policy. There was discussion of leaves of absence, weapons on town property, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking in Town buildings, computer and Internet use and worker's compensation.

**Administrative Warrant** – Tim informed the Board that they would have to make a formal motion in order for Town Counsel to move forward with a administrative warrant for properties on Mountain Road and Grape Ave, as the board had requested.

**MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to move forward with an administrative warrant for the properties on Mountain Road (Map/Lot 105-10) and Grape Ave. (Map/Lot 120-18). Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.**

**Sam's Club Membership** – Sam's Club had gotten in touch with Tim to see if the Town would like to get a business membership and charge card to buy bulk items such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc.; the price would be \$100 per year.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus to buy the membership for a year.

**8:40 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 a resident's reputation.

**8:50 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 seal the minutes of the above non-public session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.**

**8:51 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 matters that could affect the reputation of others.

**9:08 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.

**9:08 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 a contractual issue.

**9:12 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.

**HDC Meeting Schedule** – Chairman Hatch informed the board that because the land use clerk is now working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, she had spoken with HDC Chair Allen Everett about possibly changing the night the HDC meets to Wednesday. She said Mr. Everett was amenable, but not sure about other members of the committee. Chairman Hatch asked Brett, who is the Selectmen's representative to HDC, to bring the issue up at tomorrow night's meeting.

**Conflict of Interest** – Chairman Hatch stated that Selectman Lavin had expressed concern, and she has been hearing "grumblings" about conflict of interest with Selectman Currier being involved in certain issues such as the final approval when hiring a new police chief. Chairman Hatch sought advise from LGC, and had a copy of their response. She said it basically said that if Selectman Currier doesn't have a financial or personal interest in the outcome, which must be immediate, definite and capable of demonstration; not remote, uncertain, contingent or speculative, he is willing and able to sit on most directives the board has to deal with. Chairman Hatch said this includes his having the right, when the three finalists for police chief are brought forward, to sit on the board when they make their final decision. She said they need the full board when they make that decision.

Selectman Currier stated that if anything directly affected his son, such as a raise or promotion, etc., he would recuse himself from the issue without being asked.

Chairman Hatch said it is her responsibility, knowing his affiliation with the fire department and his son being a police officer, to work with him and include him when she feels it is right.

**NRRA (National Resource Recovery Association)** – Chairman Hatch informed the Board that she and Tim had attended the NRRA annual conference luncheon today where recycling Manager Justin Leavitt received an award, having tied with Walpole, for having implemented eighteen different aspects of the NRRA in the operation of the facility.

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**Recycling Center Grounds** – Chairman Hatch said she had looked at the flower garden in front of the recycling facility on Friday. She said she and Betty Ann Abbott are going to meet with Justin Wednesday at 4:00 pm to make a plan for the garden. Tim stated that the area was raked and weeded on Friday.

**Approval of Minutes – MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to accept the minutes of May 21, 2012 as amended. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.**

**9:30 pm – MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectmen Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne  
Recording Clerk

