

APPROVED

**Board of Selectmen
20 August 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. Also in attendance was Town Clerk/Tax Collector Deb Cornett.

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

6:05 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 tax issue with Deb Cornett.

6:10 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.

Fire Department – Captain Boyajian presented firefighter Chris Griffin, who Chief Hempel, who couldn’t be here tonight, had selected to fill the vacant full-time position in the fire department for their approval.

After a brief discussion with firefighter Griffin, the Selectmen approved his hiring.

MOTION – Selectman Currier moved that Christopher Griffin be hired as a full-time firefighter-EMT for the Town of Gilmanton effective August 27, 2012. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

Thank You Letter – Recycling Center – Tim Warren read a letter (copy attached) from Carolyn Baldwin, secretary of the Gilmanton Land Trust to the Recycling Manager thanking the employees for their assistance with the trust’s project to clean out the Twigg barn on property planned for protection under the Gilmanton’s Greatest Views campaign.

Budget for July is on track with 56% of it having been spent.

Congratulations Letter – Hiring Chief Collins – Tim read a letter (copy attached) from retired sheriff Jonathan Hebert congratulating the Town on hiring Joe Collins as our police chief. The letter praised Chief Collin's diligence, professionalism and willingness to work as a part of a team.

GAT – The tonnage the recycling center sent to Penacook in July was 103.82 tons, down from 131.44 tons in July of 2011. Year-to-date, we are down 16 tons from last year.

Traffic Accident Data – Tim received a memo from Candace Daigle, Belmont Town Planner, thanking him for allowing her to work directly with the Gilmanton Police Department to obtain the Rte 140 accident data for the LRPC (Lakes Region Planning Commission) project that Belmont and Gilmanton are participating in.

Police Chief Collins - Chief Collins updated the Selectmen on matters in the police department.

Old Police Cruiser – Chief Collins stated that the old chief's car isn't in condition to be used for duty. After discussing the condition of the car, it was agreed to send the cruiser to auction.

MOTION – Selectman Currier moved to sell the 2003 cruiser at auction. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

Back-to-school Event will be held tomorrow at Crystal Lake Park from 5-7 pm. There is a cook out, and the children get a chance to meet their teachers. Members of the police and fire department will be there, and there will be some activities for the children.

Cell Phones – Chief Collins asked about the cell phones that had been issued to the police officers. He said Robin was under the impression that they had been cancelled, and the officers use their personal cell phones. Chief Collins felt that, if they haven't been cancelled, they should be. He said the department would save money by cancelling the Town-issued phones, and giving the officers a stipend to use their own cell phones.

There was a discussion about the phones; whether they have been cancelled, and if we are paying for just air cards and the savings to the Town by giving the officers stipends. Tim will check into the issue of whether the phones have been cancelled, and if we are just paying for air cards.

It was the consensus of the board, if not already done, to cancel the cell phones and give the officers a stipend to use their personal cell phones beginning next year.

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.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue with Chief Collins.

7:30 pm – Selectman Currier moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to approve the minutes of July 30, 2012 as drafted. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to approve the minutes of August 15, 2012 as drafted. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

7:35 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.

8:07 pm – Selectman Lavin moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION – Selectman Currier 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.

8:08 pm – Selectman Currier 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 Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

The selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

8:37 pm – Selectman Currier moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-Yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

Grape Ave Update – Tim reported that the building inspector had gone to Grape Ave and had taken pictures of the property. He has not downloaded the pictures yet, but looking at them in the camera, he couldn't see trash in the yard. Tim said we have no records for a septic system as it goes back before we had the records.

Tim said that he found out that the Sawyer Lake District has the same rights as the Board of Selectmen to make the resident move the wood. He sent copies of the RSAs to Bob Dow; the Town can't act because it is a private road.

Tim was asked to send a letter and copies of the pictures to Mr. Dalton and Mrs. Bishop.

Glass Crushing – Tim said Justin Leavitt, recycling manager, had asked permission to have Artie Kempton work a couple of Wednesdays so they could get the glass crushed. He said they need two guys to crush glass, and have not been able to get it done.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Artie could work this week, and see how much glass could get crushed in one day. One of the Selectmen might drop by to see how the operation works.

Tim asked if the roads committee wants to use any of the glass in their next project. Brett wasn't sure, but thought there were residents who wanted to use the glass. Tin replied that we had three requests.

Dump Privilege - Tim reported that Dave Prince who owns a piece of property on Halls Hill, but his house and most of his property is in Alton wants permission to use the Gilmanton dump rather than the Alton one because it is closer; he would be willing to pay to dump his trash. People who own land only in Gilmanton are allowed to bring only brush to the facility.

After a brief discussion, the Selectmen felt Mr. Prince should take his trash to Alton because it is generated in Alton.

Shoreline Protection Violation – The Town received a copy of a letter from Patrick Wood's law office to the NH DES informing them of a violation of the Shoreline Protection Act on 160 Hemlock Drive in Gilmanton.

Trees Town of Gilmanton/John Funk Property Lines – Mr. Funk had previously brought to the Selectmen’s attention a couple of dead trees, which he was unsure if they were on his property, the Town’s property or on the property line. Mr. Funk had offered to share the expense for the removal of the trees if they were on the property line. It has since been determined that one of the trees is on Town property and the other on the Funk property. Tim got estimates to have the trees taken down; one estimate gives separate proposals for each tree. The other estimate includes the tree on Town property and the one on the Funk property on one proposal. Tim was asked to get a separate price for the tree on town property only.

Reval – Tim informed the Selectmen that George Hildum, Town Assessor, had sent out RFPs for the measuring and listing for the reval for 2014. George is in the processing of reviewing the RFPs, and will be making a recommendation to the Selectmen. The prices range from \$17.50 to \$25.00 per parcel.

Tax-Deeded Property-Rainbo Club – Tim told the Selectmen that a property in the Rainbo Fish & Game went into an estate that was given to the granddaughter, who didn’t pay the taxes so it went to tax deed. He said the club has been trying to deal with the granddaughter because they would like to buy the property back, but they have not been successful in getting her to respond. He said the law reads that only the prior owner can request to pay the taxes and buy back the property. There has been an instance when a third party has paid the taxes, but it was done in the owner’s name, and then the property was turned over to the third party. Tim said the rainbow club is also unique in that it is a family group, and you need to be related to someone there to buy into it.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that there is nothing the Town could do; the Rainbo Club would have to keep trying to work with the granddaughter, or wait until the Town has to put it up for auction, and someone from the Rainbo Club could buy it.

Building Packet –When residents get a building packet, they need to provide a site plan for the work they are going to do. Tim said it has been asked if we could require them to put the site plan on an 11” X 17” sheet of paper rather than an 8 1/2 “ X 11” sheet so it would be easier to read. After a brief discussion, it was decided that it would be unnecessary to require the larger paper.

Recycling Center Incident – Tim said two weekends ago a gentleman had spoken with the recycling manager and told him that he had three truckloads of demo material, and asked when it would be a good time to bring it in so as not to hold people up. Justin told him to come in early to dispose of it; Justin was called on that for playing favorites.

Tim said that this weekend at 11:15 a tan Mazda pickup came in the out gate to drop off his recyclables. When Justin told the man they didn’t open until noon, the man became belligerent, and said they had last week. Justin said he sent his employees into the building to avoid a confrontation, and the man threw his trash in the compactor and left.

Selectman Currier said no one should be allowed in when the center isn't open, and they should keep the gates closed so no one could get in.

Planning Board Survey – Selectman Lavin reported that there had been thirty responses to the planning board survey. He said the planning board wants to set up an economic development committee.

SB2 Guidelines – Tim reported that he had worked on the time guidelines for SB2; he will run them by Budget Committee Chair Brian Forst. We will be sending out budget request forms for the 2013 budget tomorrow or Wednesday; they need to be back by September 14th. The first meeting with department heads will be on September 24th.

Tim will be out of the office on September 5th & 6th, and will be on vacation from September 11th through the 18th. Selectman Currier will be gone February 5th through the 15th.

Term Limits – Planning Board – Selectman Lavin had previously expressed interest in whether there are or should be term limits for members of the planning board. Tim reported that the rules don't mention anything about term limits. There was a brief discussion during which Tim was asked to check to see if it would have to be a warrant article to set term limits.

9:16 pm – MOTION – Selectman Lavin moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Currier seconded. Motion passed 3-0. – Chairman Hatch-yes, Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

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July 30, 2012

Mr. Justin Leavitt, Manager
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Dear Justin,

The Board of Trustees of the Gilmanton Land Trust has asked me to convey to you and your crew our gratitude for your assistance with our project to clean out the Twigg barn on property on Meeting House Road, planned for protection under the Gilmanton's Greatest Views campaign.

You made it possible for us dispose of some ten to twelve pickup or trailer loads, much of it recyclable, some bagged for the dumpster. Despite the difficulty presented by the date of our clean-out project—an especially busy Sunday afternoon on the 4th of July weekend, you and your crew worked graciously with us to help dispose of a large quantity of material..

For your information, I enclose a copy of the flier describing the Gilmanton's Greatest Views project.

Respectfully,



Carolyn W. Baldwin, Secretary
Gilmanton Land Trust

Enc.

Cc: Rachel Hatch, chairman, Gilmanton Board of Selectmen
George and Anna Mae Twigg

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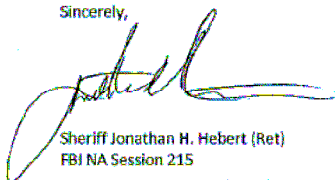
August 6, 2012

Dear Mr. Warren,

I recently read an article in the Carroll County Independent concerning your new hire of Joe Collins as your Chief of Police. I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you. Many years ago I was employed by the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, assigned to the position of Chief of Operations. At that time I was contacted by the Selectmen of Effingham to assist in hiring a new Chief of Police. I sat on the oral boards for Mr. Collins, and I was very impressed by him and enthusiastically recommended he be hired. Since that time I was eventually appointed Sheriff of Carroll County where I retired in 2008. During my final years, I had the pleasure of working with Chief Collins. He was extremely diligent and professional while exercising his duties for the town. He was always the first to backup the deputies and always came to the table to work as a team in solving regional problems.

Could you please pass on my remarks to you selectmen? I am happy for Chief Collins; however, I know his vacancy in Effingham will be hard to fill.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Jonathan H. Hebert (Ret)
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