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**Board of Selectmen
22 October 2012
Minutes**

6:00 pm – Selectman Ralph Lavin opened the meeting. Present were Selectmen Ralph Lavin and Brett Currier, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Chairman Rachel Hatch was not in attendance.

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

Justin Leavitt – Recycling Manager – The Selectmen had asked Justin to meet with them to discuss the report they had received after the safety committee had visited the recycling center. A major concern expressed in the report was about the safety conditions due to the amount of stuff that was lying around the floors inside the facility.

Justin said the stuff has been cleaned up; the items lying around were items from the free room they were holding for residents who had wanted them but didn’t have a truck to take them at the time. He said he would start telling residents that if an item weren’t picked up by the next business day, it would go back out front. The Selectmen felt items should not be held aside; it should be on a first come, first served basis, and if the item is still there when a resident returns, they can have it, but nothing should be set aside.

Selectman Currier said they had been getting reports that it looks terrible at the dump. Justin responded that if the Selectmen would let him have a fourth man up there again, they could get things done. Selectman Currier felt the work should be able to be done with three men. Justin was told the facility needed to be cleaned up and stay clean; it has looked bad all year.

There was discussion on the amount of work to be done at the facility and if there is sufficient manpower to do what needs to be done. The board will discuss this further when the full board is present.

6:20 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 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

6:30 pm – Selectman Currier moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

Corner Library Trustees – Library trustees Tom Scribner and Donna White met with the Selectmen to request that \$5,000 be added to the Town Buildings maintenance and repairs budget to allow them to do siding repairs on the Corner Library. Mr. Scribner said the price to do the whole building would be around \$10,000, but they are looking at doing a couple of sides. They are getting estimates.

Mr. Scribner stated that they have repaired windows and painted the windows, put up new window shades, painted the building and got the new walkway with no cost to the town.

Selectmen Currier and Lavin said they would support the \$5,000 increase to the Town Building and Maintenance line.

There was a brief discussion during which it was mentioned that any increases would be contingent on what effect SB2 would have on the budget.

Review of Budget – The Selectmen reviewed and approved the Corner Library budget. The budget request was up \$200 over last year's request.

Approval of Minutes – MOTION – Selectman Currier moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2012 as amended. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-Yes.

GAT (Guaranteed Annual Tonnage) – Tim informed the Selectmen that the GAT we send to Penacook had been set at 1250 tons last year, but Recycling Manager Justin Leavitt had attended the meeting on October 17th, and they needed a number for next year. He said Justin had given them a number of 1180 tons. Tim stated that usually Justin comes in and discusses it with the Selectmen and they set the GAT; he didn't know why that wasn't done this year.

7:00 pm – Public Input – No one was present for public input.

There was discussion as to whether the tonnage for the GAT had been set high enough and what it would cost the Town if we went over our set amount. Tim was unsure if the number could be changed, but was asked to call, and if it could be changed to set it the same as last year's.

Thompson Town Forest Cut – Tim said forester Ron Klemarczyk has been getting proposals from loggers to do the cut in the Thompson Town Forest. After reviewing the

four bids Mr. Klemarczyk recommended Hopkinton Forestry and Land Clearing to do the project.

MOTION - Selectman Currier moved to go with Mr. Klemarczyk's recommendation to hire Hopkinton Forestry and Land Clearing to do the cut in the Thompson Town Forest on Gale Road. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

Village District Lighting – Tim had a letter from Mr. Latici informing the Board that at their annual meeting the Gilmanton Village District had voted to discontinue the use of the existing incandescent lighting fixtures and to disband the District. They voted not to appropriate additional funds and to expend their current funds for the remainder of the year. Some of the lights will be removed, and the Coop needs to know which light to remove; the lights that remain will have replacement lights installed. Once the lights are removed, the wiring for the fixture and transformer is removed, so there would be a charge to restore the wiring should the Town decide that a light is needed at that location. The Town has to coordinate with the Coop to decide which lights should be removed. Tim said he had received a call from the Coop, and they need the pole # for each pole we wish to have a new light put on; once they have that information, the other poles will be taken down.

There was a brief discussion of which lights should remain. Selectman Lavin suggested that the Police Chief be asked which lights he felt should remain. The Chief will be in later to review his budget.

Corner Post – Academy Building – Tim said he had received an estimate from JR Stockwell to fix the corner post; Steve Bedard is too busy to do the job. Tim is waiting for other estimates.

Town-Deeded Property – Tim said he had received a couple of calls from Rick Merrill on South Road who is interested in buying a landlocked parcel behind his property that had gone to tax deed. It was voted at Town Meeting to retain the land for conservation purposes. There was a brief discussion, and it was agreed that the Town could do nothing; it would take a vote at Town Meeting.

Commendation Letter – Tim read a letter (copy attached) received from a resident into the minutes commending Officer Gustafson for his caring treatment when he responded to a 911 call at her home.

Cameras – Recycling Center – Tim had a couple of prices to replace the cameras at the recycling center. He said he was unsure if a decision had been made to replace the cameras or to just get prices. After a brief discussion of what is being looked at by the cameras, Selectman Lavin said he trusted the people of the Town and didn't feel we need

cameras at the recycling center to watch what people are throwing in the trash. Selectman Currier agreed.

Police Dept. Budget – The Selectmen reviewed the police department budget with Chief Collins. There was discussion on salaries, insurance, computers and vehicle maintenance.

Possible warrant articles were discussed to establish a non-capital reserve account for vehicle maintenance account, a new cruiser (there is money in the capital reserve account), and for detail pay. The warrants will be discussed when the full board is present. Chief Collins also wants to apply for \$5,000 Speed and DWI grants.

Village District Lights - Selectman Currier explained to Chief Collins that the Village District wanted to get rid of some of the lights in the district and to disband the district. The chief was asked to drive around and see what he thought the strategic placement for lights should be. He was asked to note the pole # on the lights he felt should remain.

Election Eve Meeting – Tim noted that the Selectmen don't usually meet the night before the election. There will be no meeting next Monday, October 29th due to a special meeting the Selectmen are going to attend at the school. It was agreed that, if Chairman Hatch were agreeable, they would hold a short meeting on Monday, November 5th at 5:00 pm.

8:23 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 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

8:40 pm – Selectman Currier moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-Yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

8:40 pm – Selectman Currier 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 Lavin seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a tax issue.

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8:50 pm – Selectman Currier moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

8:51 pm – MOTION – Selectman Currier moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Lavin seconded. Motion passed 2-0. – Selectman Lavin-yes, Selectman Currier-yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

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Gilmanton Police Dept.
Gilmanton, NH

Dear Chief Collins

On the night of Sept. 28, 2012 I found myself in the middle of the worst night mare of my life. My husband of 43 yrs. died that night of a massive coronary. Your Officer Christopher Gustafson was the first responder to my 911 call. Upon arrival Christopher immediately took over CPR for me. That in itself was a God send. But it didn't stop there. When she over heard I knew no one in Gilmanton that could give me a ride to the hospital. And that the ambulance personnel offered me a ride in the front of the ambulance. But stated they really didn't want me to witness what they were going to have to do enroute to my husband. Without hesitation Officer Gustafson said he would take me. He not only drove me, but stayed with me till I found my husband. He had passed — Before leaving the hospital that night Christopher put his card in my hand. And with warm and care in his eyes offered for me to call anytime, if and when, I needed a ride home. I did need a ride home that night. He not only came for me around 3am but made sure I was safe and secure within my house before leaving. His parting words were he'd be back the next day to check on me... Christopher did return the following day with flowers in hand.

Chief Collins you are the entire town of Gilmanton should be proud and honored to have such a caring and warm individual as Officer Christopher R. Gustafson on the Police Department. I know I am forever grateful

Marylou LeBreton