

APPROVED

**Board of Selectmen
1 March 2010
Minutes**

6:04 pm - Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectman Betty Ann Abbott, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Guarino arrived at 6:20 pm.

After attendance, everyone stood for the "Pledge of Allegiance".

6:04 pm – Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Selectman Abbott moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as 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. Chairman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a request from a resident to make arrangements to pay back taxes.

6:29 pm – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Abbott moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

6:31 pm - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Selectman Abbott moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as 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 Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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7:06 pm – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Abbott moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT – No one was present for public input.

FYIs & Other Business

Belknap County Delegation Hearing – Tim informed the Selectmen that the Belknap County Delegation will be holding a public hearing on March 15, 2010 at 6:00 pm in Laconia.

Road Posting – Selectman Guarino stated that Gilford has already posted all their roads, and he felt that the ground is soft enough that we should be posting our roads. Tim will speak with the Road Agent.

Landfill Monitoring Report – Tim stated that we had received the Landfill Monitoring Report from Provan & Lorber. We have a copy in the office.

Selectmen's Meeting – March 8th – Lois asked if the Selectmen planned to meet next Monday night, as they often don't meet the night before Election Day. The Selectmen will not meet on March 8th.

Air Quality Report – Tim said we had received the air quality control report that was done after the mold removal in the basement of the Academy Building. He said we received the "all clear" from mold. He added that J.R. had almost completed his work replacing the sheetrock.

Sprinkler System – Tim reported that the sprinkler system had started to leak, so it would have to be checked.

Agreement Amendment – Selectman Abbott asked if Tim had sent the draft of the agreement amendment with the Morrills to town counsel for review. Tim replied that it has not been sent yet.

GAT – Tim reported that the tonnage sent to Penacook in January was 96.5 tons down slightly from 97.22 tons in January 2009.

Shoveling – Walks at Police Station – Chief O'Brien informed the Selectmen that the walks at the Police Station had not been shoveled last week after the snowstorm; Phil did the shoveling. The police station opens before the Academy, so that walk should be shoveled first. Tim will talk with Bill Booth.

7:15 – Tim Warren left the meeting.

Workshop – Chief O'Brien informed the Selectmen that he would be going to Camp Lejune, NC April 13th thru the 16th to attend an educators' workshop.

Road Race – Phil stated that there would be a road race in Gilmanton on March 27th at 10:00 am. He said he had been talking with JR Stockwell and the Clarks about parking issues. The race starts at the Academy building and goes down 140 then turns up Currier Hill Road to Cat Alley back to the Academy. Phil said there is also to be an auction in the Corners beginning at 10:00 the same day, so there will be a traffic issue. He said he is working with the auctioneer to workout detail coverage for the traffic issues.

7:30 pm - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Selectman Abbott moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as 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 Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed a police department personnel issue with Chief O'Brien.

7:40 pm – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Abbott moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to seal the minutes of the above non-public session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Drinking Grants – Chief O'Brien stated that he had been made aware of under-age drinking grants that are available, and after doing research he had applied for a \$5,000. grant; he was told the chances of getting the grant look really good. He explained that the money would be to set up five-hour shifts on Friday and Saturday nights when most juveniles are out drinking. It would allow them to check known party spots, and they could also talk to store owners and observe the stores from parking lots.

7:45 pm - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

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7:50 pm – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Abbott moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Storm Coverage – Fire Chief KG Lockwood updated the Selectmen on the coverage of last week’s storm. He gave the Selectmen a copy of the press release outlining the storm response and coverage that he had prepared for the newspaper (copy attached).

Chief Lockwood was very impressed with, and complimented the Fire Department, Police Department and Highway Department for the way they worked together throughout the storm. Chief Lockwood “planked” the coverage from the Iron Works fire station allowing him to send the different crews to points throughout the town where they were needed. He felt the coverage had been a real team effort, which enabled them to respond to residents needs and to clean the roads up as quickly as they had.

Chief Lockwood said he hadn’t opened up an emergency shelter because he had checked on everyone they knew that didn’t have power, and no one he talked with felt they needed one, as it wasn’t that cold.

Selectman Abbott agreed that all the departments were to be commended for the way they worked together, and said the town was very fortunate when hiring Chief Lockwood in getting the benefits of a fire chief who had experience in handling emergencies.

FEMA Assistance – Chief Lockwood stated that the State was applying to FEMA for public assistance money. He said he had started working on the paper work to submit to FEMA in case we are eligible for assistance.

Roof Repairs – Chief Lockwood stated that he should have the last bid for the repair of the roof at the Iron Works Fire Station and the roof at the Recycling Center this week.

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of February 22nd.

MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to accept the minutes of February 22, 2010 as drafted. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Chairman Hatch did not vote, as she had not been present at the meeting.

8:55 pm – MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk



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Press Release

For Immediate Release

On Thursday February 25, 2010, at approximately 7:53 PM, the Gilmanston Fire Department started a response to storm related incidents; this storm was very challenging and stressed the resources of the community for a short time frame.

At 12:28 AM, the department was dispatched to a residence at 6 Grape Avenue for a tree through the house, upon arrival at the scene companies found that a large tree had gone through the roof and into two rooms of the house, the department removed the tree and secured the residence allowing the occupants to shelter in place.

At approximately 1:00 AM due to the increased call volume a request was toned for all staff to report to both stations and a town-wide command post was established at the designated town Emergency Operations Center.

At 1:59 AM, the department received a request for task force mutual aid response to Hampton to assist with a large structure fire, Engine 3 with a crew of four was dispatched to this incident.

Working with the town highway and police departments the local emergency operation plan was implemented and companies began sweeping the community for hazards, utilizing manpower from the fire department and heavy equipment from the highway department, by approximately 8:00 AM the highway department and fire department crews were able to re-open all but three secondary roads in the community allowing for both emergency and normal use.

The total number of requests for assistance that were handled by the departments totaled near 50, all requests were handled promptly and remaining residents were allowed to shelter in place.

A total of twenty one fire department members worked for 224 man hours to ensure the community was restored to as near pre-storm condition as expeditiously as possible.

A partial breakdown of activity includes; one tree into a house, 20 tree and wires burning, seven trees across the road, five fire alarm activations, three medical emergencies, three flooded basements, four flooded roads, one transformer fire, one furnace problem, one mutual aid request.