

APPROVED

**Board of Selectmen
7 June 2010
Minutes**

6:03 pm - Chairman Betty Ann Abbott read “This meeting of the Selectmen of the Town of Gilmanton is now open, and the matters presented and discussed here shall be for the purpose of managing the prudential affairs of the town and to perform the duties by law prescribed.”

Present were Chairman Abbott, Selectmen Don Guarino and Rachel Hatch, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne.

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

6:05 pm - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Selectman Hatch 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 personnel issue.

6:45 pm – Out of Non-Public Session

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

FYIs & Other Business

GAT – Tim reported that we had sent 46.14 tons to Penacook in May, down from 109.28 tons in May of 2009. The year-to-date total for 2010 is 489.68 tons, down from 580.98 at this time last year.

Seminar – Tim informed the Selectmen that there is to be a seminar at the Grappone Center in Concord on June 19th sponsored by the Local Energies Solutions. The seminar will cover how to finance energy projects and best practices, energy audits, etc.

Culvert – Shellcamp – Tim stated that Ted Maltzie, of the Shellcamp Association had called him, and the culvert in Shellcamp has been done. Tim said they appreciate the work the highway department has done, but there are a couple of things they feel should be corrected. Tim said the association is willing to correct the issues, but ask that the Town give them a load of sand, because the Town used some beach sand when covering the culvert. Selectman Guarino will look at the beach, and talk with Paul Perkins.

Windows – Academy Building – Tim stated that a man from Granite State Glass had been in last week and measured the windows in the Academy building and had also offered some suggestions in making the windows more airtight. We should be getting an estimate soon.

Furnace Replacement – Tim had an estimate for a new furnace for the Academy building. The installed price for a Biasi B40-6 Hot Water Boiler with a Hydroseperator is \$14,157.00.

7:00 pm – Suspended regular meeting and entered into a non-public session to confer with Town Counsel.

7:35 pm – Out of Non-Public Session, and resumed regular meeting.

Meeting with Members of Daniel Webster Council of Boy Scouts – Present to represent the Boy Scout Council were Michael Kaufman, Dave Robbins and Craig Nowell. Also present was Gilmanton resident Richard Burchell.

Chairman Abbott asked Tim Warren to explain why they had asked to meet with the Scout Council.

Tim explained that we wanted to discuss and try to find solutions to complaints we had received about the increased traffic on Crystal Lake Road and the noise from the shooting range at the Scout camp that occurs after 8:00 pm and even after dark. He stated that we also need to know the number of campers that had been at the camp the last couple of years. A condition of the ZBA approval was that the Scouts provide the town with the number of campers on a yearly basis; this has not been done the past couple of years.

Campers - Mr. Kaufman provided the numbers for the Board.

There were 1,624 weekend campers in 2008 – 1,566 in 2009.

There were 3,073 weeklong campers in 2008 – 3,208 in 2009.

There were 85 counselors in both 2008 and 2009.

These numbers are the total for a period of eight weeks. The ZBA approval was for up to 500 campers per week.

Traffic Issues – There was considerable discussion of the increased traffic on Crystal Lake Road due to the arrival and departure of campers from Hidden Valley. Discussion included the fact that traffic used to alternate using Crystal Lake Road one week and Mountain Road the next week. Mr. Kaufman distributed sheets that are given to campers with directions to Hidden Valley. The directions have routes listed according to the week the campers are attending camp. The directions do alternate between Crystal Lake Road and Mountain Road. Mr. Kaufman said they would try to make sure the campers follow the directions, and will have signs indicating which road to use.

Noise – Shooting Range – Mr. Kaufman explained that they have a .22 caliber shooting range that causes very little noise and a shotgun range that is much louder. He said the hours for shooting are 9:00 am to 8:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The shooting is not continuous during these hours.

Mr. Burchell stated that he lives on Sunset Lake and has always supported Camp Bell and the Boy Scouts, but was upset with the noise from the shooting range. He said if it stopped at 8:00 pm, it would be okay, but he has listened to a barrage of shooting until at least 8:40 pm and sometimes after dark, and it is very unpleasant.

There was considerable discussion of what time the shooting actually occurs. Members of the Council stated that they stop shooting at 8:00 pm or dusk; they are NRA certified, and national standards state that they cannot shoot after dark. Mr. Kaufman asked, if a scout were trying to qualify for a badge, if they could shoot after 8:00 pm as long as it wasn't dusk. The difficulty of trying to qualify on the shotgun range with just a single station was explained, opposed to the .22 range that has sixteen stations. An agreement was reached that if a scout was qualifying for a badge, they could shoot until dusk, but never later than 8:30 pm.

8:22 pm – Break

8:27 pm – Back in Session

Committee Reports

Safety Building – Chairman Abbott reported that the well had been dug, and they were getting 30 gallons per minute at 250 feet. She said the concrete break test today after seven days was under 3000; we are aiming for 3000, and they expect to be there by fourteen days. Pine trees have been taken down; rocks have been put behind the building to possibly be used for rebuilding the stonewall. Some boulders will be left where they are in the landscape.

The plumbing and electrical cabling is in, and framing is to start on the 14th; it will take 15 days to get it weather tight.

The electrical was reviewed with both chiefs last week, and there is a change order for \$1,600 for power strips for the fire department.

There was discussion about what monies we might get from a grant for an emergency response center. There was also a brief discussion on landscaping and what color the safety building should be.

Cupola Committee – Selectman Hatch informed the Board that the Cupola Committee would be meeting on Wednesday at 5:00 pm. She said they are to attend the July HDC meeting, and would like to get started on the project after their meeting with the HDC. She reminded the board that she would be attending a mandatory pre-workshop meeting on June 16th to be eligible to apply for the LCHIP Grant.

HDC Meeting – Selectman Guarino stated that they had discussed signs in structure windows at the HDC meeting. He said the only non-conforming structure in the district is the Corner Store, and Craig is working to get his ATM sign so it is not so bright. Selectman Guarino stated that the sign in the window in the door of the Academy Building notifying residents that we sell fishing licenses is an eyesore. He asked if he could check to see if Adel Signs could make a small sign to attach to the sign in front of the Academy building noting that we sell fishing licenses. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Don would check into the cost of a sign.

Other Business

LRPC Annual Dinner – Selectman Hatch stated that the Lakes Region Planning Commission would be holding their annual dinner on June 28th. She and Chairman Abbott and planning board member John Weston will be attending.

Planning Board Meeting – Selectman Hatch stated that there is a planning board meeting on Thursday at 7:00 pm, and they would be reviewing the school CIP and the Selectmen's CIP. Tim stated that Road Agent Paul Perkins and Recycling Manager Justin Leavitt would also be at the meeting to discuss their CIP.

Drainage Issue – Rte 140 – Selectman Hatch said she had not had the chance to check on the drainage issue on Rte 140 in front of Dot Willard's house. She was informed that we had sent a letter to the State addressing the problem; a copy of the letter was sent to Mrs. Willard.

Fire Dept. – Administrative Assistant – Chairman Abbott stated that she had spoken with Chief Lockwood regarding the approval for him to hire a part-time administrative assistant, and informed him that she felt the Selectmen should reconsider their decision. She said that she felt the usual procedure was to go before the budget committee and Town Meeting before creating a new position. Chairman Abbott said Chief Lockwood indicated that he was fine with taking that path. There was a brief discussion, and

although the Selectmen support Chief Lockwood's request to hire an administrative assistant, they felt it should go before the budget committee and the town first.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to rescind the motion the Selectmen approved two weeks ago to approve the hiring of a fire chief administrative assistant for approximately 20 hours a week, and make a recommendation to bring that position forward for the 2011 budget year with full support of the Selectmen. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Certificate of Appreciation – Tim informed the Selectmen that we had received a certification of appreciation from the US Census Bureau for allowing them to use the upstairs of the Academy building to conduct scheduling and for their training.

LGC Flu Vaccine Reimbursement Program - Tim informed the Selectmen that as a member of LGC we would be eligible to sponsor an onsite flu vaccine clinic by having either a In-House program, where we purchase the vaccine and in-house personnel administer the vaccinations, or we could have one of their representatives conduct the clinic at the workplace. Insured members of the HealthTrust would pay \$25, Non-members would pay \$27.

4th of July – Tim had a letter from the 4th of July Association with their schedule for the July 4th activities.

The fireworks will be held Saturday, July 3rd at Crystal Lake Park. Park opens at 6:30 pm, fireworks at 9:30 pm. Due to safety reasons, the launch location of the Fireworks has been moved from the beach to the back lower parking lot. Rain date for fireworks is Saturday, July 10th.

The parade will be held on Saturday, July 3rd at 10:00 am.

The Association also requested permits for the parade, to post their signs advertising the activities, post no parking signs on Crystal Lake Road, use of the academy grounds and a check for the allocation voted at town meeting.

Thank You – Tim had an email from Laura Langley thanking all the people that were on call on Sunday, May 30th and responded so quickly to the call when her son was hurt. He ended up having eight stitches, and is doing well.

Fountain – Iron Works Fire Station – Tim had a letter from Betty Arms concerned about the fountain at the Iron Works Fire Station (copy attached). After a brief discussion of the letter, it was agreed that Selectman Guarino would look at the fountain to see what needs to be done to stabilize the fountain.

Biosolids – Tim had a letter from Jackie Heath on Beauty Hill Road expressing her dissatisfaction with the hearing that the DES (Department of Environmental Services) held regarding the spreading of sludge on the Downs farm. She felt the hearing didn't offer fair and informed access to information. Ms. Heath felt that Gilmanton should consider banning the use of sludge. Ms. Heath's letter will be forwarded to the planning board.

Studley Property – Tim informed the Selectmen that we had received another letter from Isabel Studley who, last year, wanted to donate a small parcel of property to the Town. Her abutters were not interested in purchasing the land.

There was discussion as to whether the parcel is something we might want to accept in order to be able to straighten out a curve in the road in the future. Selectman Guarino will talk with the road agent before a decision is made.

Donovan Road – Culvert Reconstruction – Tim had a copy of the set of plans for the culvert reconstruction by the Morrills on Donovan Road that Sunset Hill Designs had sent to the NH Wetland Bureau.

Tim said he had sent the amendment agreement to the Morrills for their signature, but hadn't received it back yet; he will follow up on it.

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of their last meeting.

MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to approve the minutes of May 24, 2010 as amended. Selectmen Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Signs – Gilmanton – Tim informed the Selectmen that a resident had stopped by the office and wants to see the signs when you enter Gilmanton stating when Gilmanton was established redone. He said Carolyn Baldwin had been in, and she thought Mr. Adel was the one who had done the signs. Selectman Guarino will check with Mr. Adel.

9:44 pm – MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

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Selectmen
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Dear Selectpersons,

Although the Gilmanton Garden Club has disbanded, the Club continues to place plants at the Academy, Smith Meeting House, the corner at Lake & Mountain Road and the "Fountain" at the GIW fire station.

Roger Kindred was about to plant the fountain when the fire men informed him that it had been struck by a truck about a month ago and was knocked over. The Highway department righted it but it has been determined that it is not stable and is a safety hazard. Roger, put caution tape around and placed some uprights to help secure the top. He also planted it because he wanted flowers there for Memorial Day.

The accident has been reported to the Police Department and they have the details as to the date, the Company and who witnessed the accident.

I enclose two pictures which I would like to have returned so am enclosing a self addressed stamped envelope. I send them to show you that the fountain has historic significance since it once stood in the square and also to show how the Garden Club has been planting it for many years now. I do not know what is needed to make the fountain stable and safe but I am hoping that this can be done and also hope that the Company which caused the damage will pay for the restoration.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Elizabeth W. Arms
Elizabeth W. Arms, for the Garden Club
copy to Kindred

