

APPROVED

**Board of Selectmen
15 November 2010
Minutes**

6:00 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”.

Tim informed the Selectmen that Acting Fire Chief Joe Hempel wanted the Selectmen to be aware that there was to be a demonstration of a new fire truck at the public safety building at 6:00 if they wanted to go look at it.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to go to the fire station at the public safety building to view the fire truck being demonstrated. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

6:20 pm – The Selectmen returned and the regular meeting resumed. Tim was informed that there was no truck and there had been no one at the station other than another individual who had also gone to look at the truck.

Safety Building – Open House – Chairman Abbott commented on the Open House that had been held at the Safety Complex on Saturday. Both the fire and police departments were praised for the way the event was handled. Everyone agreed that both departments had done an excellent job providing food and organizing demonstrations that were of interest to adults and children. That along with the ideal weather made for a very well attended and successful event. Despite the fact that all the newspapers were notified of the open house, there was no media coverage of the event.

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of last week’s meeting.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of November 8, 2010 as amended. Motion passed 3-0.

Recycling Budget – The Selectmen reviewed the Recycling Budget with Recycling Manager Justin Leavitt. Much of the recycling budget stayed the same with a few increases, but, overall, the recycling budget request is about \$30,000 less than last year. The major factor in the decrease was a decrease in hauling fees that came about by changing our hauling contractor, and the way the hauls are made. Justin has about 22% of this year's budget left.

Public Input – Priscilla Plourde, representing the Rocky Pond Association, spoke to the Selectmen about their request for \$1,000 to eliminate milfoil in Rocky Pond. The Town has donated money for that purpose the last couple of years. After a brief discussion, Ms. Plourde was told the Selectmen would discuss it further to decide whether to make the request part of the budget or to submit it as a warrant article.

Tonnage – The tonnage sent to Penacook for October was 101.38 tons. The year-to-date Tonnage is 1,085.81 tons, down ninety-nine tons from last year at this time.

Other Business & FYI

Letter – DES – We received a copy of a letter that DES sent to the Donovans about a wetlands complaint they had received of a possible violation on their property. DES will investigate the complaint.

Letter – State Liquor Commission – We received a letter from the State Liquor Commission informing us that Gilmanton Winery & Vineyard (Marshall & Carol Bishop) had applied for a Wine Manufacturer liquor license.

Letter – DES – We received a copy of a letter DES sent to Crystal Lake Farms (Kurt Rague) noting deficiencies they had found when inspecting the road he is building, and the measures he is to take to correct the issues.

Town Report Bids - Bids received to print the 2010 Town Report were as follows:

Country Press	\$1,752.66
Kase Printing	3,520.00
Smith & Town Printers	3,624.00
Town & Country Reprographics, Inc.	4,590.00
Proforma	5,012.00

Tim will get clarification on a couple of questions on the bid from Country Press, and a decision will be made next week.

Turkeys - Town employees will receive a turkey for Thanksgiving again this year, as has been the practice in the past.

Non-Capital Reserves – Tim distributed an up-to-date list of Non-Capital Reserve Accounts to the Selectmen.

Cleaning – Public Safety Complex – Tim had two estimates to clean the new public safety complex. One was from the individual who currently cleans the Academy Building, and one from another individual. Tim was asked to check references on the second individual and the estimates will be discussed at the next meeting.

Letter – A letter was received from Mr. & Mrs. Mongeon who were concerned about what they felt might be a failed septic system on a neighbor's property. Tim has referred the situation to the code enforcement officer. Tim will get back to the Mongeons.

Fire Dept. Assessment – LGC is okay with doing just the assessment of the fire department at this time, and address the issue of recruiting a new chief at a later date.

Unknown Owner – Selectman Guarino walked the property that has the owner listed as unknown. He felt the person who is unhappy with the boundary line has the duty to call a surveyor, and get the property surveyed to establish a boundary; the Town should not expend money to have the property surveyed.

ATM Sign – Corner Store – Selectman Hatch reported that the HDC is going to follow up to make sure that the Corner Store comes into compliance with the boundaries they had given in regards to the ATM lighted sign in the store window.

LCHIP Grant - Selectman Hatch should know if we are going to receive any money from the LCHIP Grant for the restoration of the cupola by the beginning of next week.

7:50 pm – MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

