

**APPROVED**

**Board of Selectmen  
6 December 2010  
Minutes**

**6:00 pm** - The Selectmen entered into non-public session to confer with Town Counsel Walter Mitchell.

**6:15 pm** – Meeting with Town Counsel ended.

**6:16 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 and Clerk Lois Dionne. Town Administrator Tim Warren was not in attendance.

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

**CHIP Grant** – Selectman Hatch informed the Board that two weeks ago the Cupola Committee had been informed that the Town had received an LCHIP Grant for the full \$20,000 we had requested. She said the grant committee had asked them not to release the news until after they had a chance to have a press release to announce the grant monies that they had approved. A press conference was held in Concord today.

Rachel explained the terms of the agreement that Chairman Abbott would have to sign before we could accept the grant monies.

**MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to authorize Chairman Abbott to sign the LCHIP agreement letter. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Chairman Abbott signed the LCHIP agreement letter.

**Police Budget** - The Selectmen reviewed the police department budget with Police Chief O’Brien. His overall operating budget was increased by 2%; the amount the department heads had been requested to stay within.

There was discussion of how the utilities and custodial costs at the safety building would be handled. There was also discussion about an estimate of \$1,700 to rebuild the transmission in the 1995 Explorer.

**MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to authorize the transfer of \$1,700 from the police department overtime line item to the vehicle repair line item for the rebuilt transmission replacement in the 1995 Ford Explorer. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Chief O’Brien informed the Selectmen that the police vehicle involved in the accident a couple of weeks ago is being repaired.

**Public Input**

**Septic System** - Mrs. Mongeon spoke with the Selectmen and Chief O’Brien regarding problems she believes to be caused by the lack of a proper septic system on her neighbor’s property. Chief O’Brien will meet with Mrs. Mongeon at her house tomorrow morning.

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

**MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of November 29, 2010 as amended. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

**FYIs & Other Business**

**Waste Oil Furnace** – The waste oil furnace at the recycling center is being wired today.

**Well – Thompson Town Forest** – Don has spoken with Nanci Mitchell, and they are discussing the best way to cover the open well in the Thompson Town Forest.

**CDFA** - The Energy Committee was able to get the information needed, and get the application for the low interest loan into CDFA by Friday, which was the deadline to enable us to get the lowest interest rate (1.25% for the first year).

**Fire Dept. Budget** – The Selectmen reviewed the fire department budget with Acting Chief Joe Hempel. There was discussion as to how the utilities and custodial care at the safety building are going to be paid. The repair line for the corners fire station will be eliminated from the fire department budget. Funding of upgrade kits and new compliant air packs were also discussed.

Acting Chief Hempel will present warrant articles for a new tanker and ambulance for Town Meeting.

Acting Chief Hempel stated that the department would be interviewing candidates to fill the third position starting December 20<sup>th</sup>; individual would start after the first of the year.

**8:25 pm – Selectman Hatch 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.

The Selectmen discussed a compliance issue.

**8:34 pm- Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of Non-Public Session.** Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**8:35 pm – Selectman Guarino 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 Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

**8:50 pm – Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of Non-Public Session.** Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**8:51 pm – MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne  
Recording Clerk