

**Board of Selectmen
2 March 2009
Minutes**

6:01 p.m. – Selectman Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Selectmen Rachel Hatch and Betty Ann Abbott, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Guarino was not in attendance.

Also in attendance was Stan Bean

After attendance, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to accept the minutes of February 23, 2009 as drafted. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Recycling Committee Update – Stan Bean was present to discuss the status of the Recycling Committee. Stan stated that he felt badly that the committee hadn’t done more than they had done this past year. He said he had assumed that because they had at least three people on the committee that had previously served on the committee, they had some of the background needed to move forward, but some of the new members didn’t have that background, so it hadn’t worked. Stan added that there was one member who hadn’t attended any meeting, and Brenda McBride had resigned from the committee, so they had run out of time.

Stan had presented the Selectmen with a list of observations and recommendations for the continuance of the Recycling Committee (copy attached).

They briefly reviewed the list, which included the need for new members – the need for committee members to regularly attend meetings – the members should be a balance of people from the community.

All new members should be required to: View an EPA video on the “Pay-As-You-Throw” (PAYT) system. – Visit the NRRA office and listen to a presentation by NRRA – Have someone from DES put on a presentation on recycling – Visit other recycling facilities and talk with the operators about their experiences with PAYT – Listen to a presentation on how we arrived at our current recycling categories and why the facility is

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set up the way it is. If people don't participate in all these exercises, then they should not participate in the committee's activities.

Stan stated that his history with recycling goes back to when they were working on the building up at the recycling center, and had morphed into the recycling committee. They developed the brochure that the recycling center is using today with the different categories of recycling; that was based on the best mix of getting as much recycled as possible while making it economically feasible.

Stan said that he, Frank Bosiak and Carolyn Baldwin had visited other towns to see how they handled their recycling. He felt hearing about recycling from somebody else who has been successful helps when trying to establish a program. Stan said he would like to visit Canterbury who has developed an "enterprise" about which he has great trepidation. He explained that an enterprise system is set up similar to water utility, in that it is self-sustaining, and has to take in enough money to pay for their operation, so they get everything that they take it. Stan added that a couple of years ago when things were bringing good prices that would have worked well, but it is a different story now.

Stan said the Recycling Committee had tentatively scheduled a meeting for April 17th, and while that might not be enough time to get the members that are needed, it should give them enough time, between then and the end of the year, to get the information needed to develop a strategy for educating the public and getting everything done. Selectman Abbott asked who were active members on the committee at this time. Stan replied that he, Frank Bosiak, Carolyn Baldwin and Bill Angevine were the active members, but Stan stated that he did not wish to continue as a member of the committee. He said he would be willing to provide some consultation to the new committee to help them get started, and provide a little history on how they had gotten to where they are.

Selectman Hatch asked Stan if he felt his resignation from the committee would affect the momentum on the committee. Stan replied that if the right people were on the committee, it should be okay; people have to be committed to the issue. He said he would try to talk with a few people about the committee. Selectman Abbott asked if Stan thought it would help to speak to the issue at Town Meeting. Stan felt it wouldn't hurt. Rachel said the feeling she is getting from residents is that their priorities right now are just getting through the winter.

Earth Day Celebration – Tim Warren stated that Brenda McBride usually runs the Earth Day Celebration, and Ann Kirby, at the school is also very involved with it, but he doesn't think Brenda will be doing it this year, so we need someone to take her place. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Selectman Abbott would speak with Ella Jo Regan about the possibility of her doing it; Betty Ann would help her.

Warrant Articles – Town Meeting – Tim stated that someone needs to move the articles at Town Meeting; usually the Budget Committee moves the articles, although sometimes

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the Selectmen move some of them. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Stan would move most of the articles; the Selectmen will move the possible purchase of land for a new police station, and Frank Bosiak should move the article for the Year-Round Library.

Stimulus Money - Chairman Don Guarino joined the meeting to update the Selectmen on the status of the application for a grant for stimulus money to build either a new fire station in the Corners or a safety building.

Don said he had spoken with Chief Lockwood last week, and KG said he has an application in for a fire station, and another application in for a safety building. The applications are in two different places. Selectman Abbott stated that her understanding last week was that it is the same application gone to two different places. One place is strictly for fire-associated items. Don said he had spoken with Chief O'Brien, and had informed him that we had an application in for a life safety building, and they had started discussing square footage of the building. Don said the Fire Chief had said, taking the Feasibility Committee's recommendation for space, the Salisbury Fire Department Plans might not have enough space for both a fire and police department. Don added that after receiving a copy of the plans from Salisbury, and reviewing them, he felt it might be feasible for a safety building. Don stated that Salisbury had a warrant article five years ago for \$650,000 to build their building. He said that figuring an increase of about 20%, Chief Lockwood felt if we received a grant of \$850,000, there might be a few items that might not be finished, but could be finished with some of the funds in the capital reserve for the safety building.

Don will submit the feasibility plans showing the square footage needed for the police department, and the plans for the Salisbury Fire Station to a contractor to see if it could work as a life safety building.

Cupola – Don stated that the issue had been raised that the cupola on the Academy Building actually represents the Town of Gilmanton because it is on our town seal, and is an important part of the town. He said the Funks had suggested we should put an application in for a stimulus grant to repair the cupola. John Funk got a number direct to where the applications are sent. Don said he called and spoke directly with the woman because he was concerned that if we put in an application for a \$40,000 grant to fix the cupola, it might jeopardize our grant for the fire station. He said he had been assured that it wouldn't jeopardize anything. Don gave Selectman Abbott all the information she needs, and Betty Ann will apply for a \$40,000 stimulus grant for the cupola.

Chairman Guarino left the meeting.

Economic Development Plan – Tim said he had received an email from Nate Abbott requesting to be on the Agenda at the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss steps in the

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process of developing an economic development project for Gilmanton through the BCEDC.

Gift of Land – Tim Warren had a letter from Betty Ann Gibson who is trying to settle her personal affairs. She said she owns a small parcel of land on Loon Pond Road, Map/Lot 136-14; since the land is too small to build on, and is only valuable as access to Loon Pond, she would like to dispose of it. She said she had contacted the Gilmanton Land Trust, and they feel its size and location make it of minimal conservation value, and suggested the Town might be willing to accept it for possible future work on the road. Ms. Gibson asked if there was some way this could be done without cost or legal expense, other than simple non-payment of taxes.

Tim said the lot is only .16 of an acre, and is right on the corner of the road at Loon Pond. After a brief discussion, it was felt the Town would be willing to accept the land, as it would be ideal to help widen the corner. Tim said we would just need a deed from Ms. Gibson to the Town of Gilmanton.

Bean Road -Tim said there are three properties on the end of Bean Road that it was decided to renumber. He said we need to change the road name, and renumber it from Loon Pond Road in. Tim said we have a suggested name of Jones Mill Road. A public hearing will be held on March 30th at 6:00 p.m.to rename and number the road.

7:00 p.m. – Public Input – No one was present for Public Input.

Expanded Gambling - Selectman Abbott stated that Chairman Guarino had been contacted by a reporter on the issue of expanded gambling, and had been looking for information about the Selectmen's attitude, and had asked if their vote against it had been unanimous; Don replied that it was. She said the reporter has asked for their reasons. Don explained that their concern had been that there could be additional expenses to the Town by the additional traffic that would be traveling through the Town.

Canaan Road - Tim had a letter from the Town of Belmont regarding the individuals who wished to build a house on Canaan Road, and access the property through Belmont. Tim said that Belmont is not going to allow them to upgrade the road in Belmont, and had asked them to remove the piles of gravel that they had left in the middle of the Class VI road.

7:04 p.m.- 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 Abbott seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

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The Selectmen discussed a personnel issue.

7:22 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Hatch moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to seal the minutes of the above non-public session. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

7:23 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

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7:25 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Hatch moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

7:26 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

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7:29 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

Selectman Hatch moved to come Out of Non-Public Session. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

7:30 p.m. - MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

