

**Board of Selectmen
15 June 2009
Minutes**

6:00 p.m. - Chairman Rachel Hatch called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Hatch, Selectmen Betty Ann Abbott and Don Guarino, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Also present were Graham Wilson, John Funk, Road Agent Paul Perkins and Frank and Joanne Gianni.

After attendance, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stockwell Hill Road – Drainage Issue – Graham Wilson was concerned about the amount of sand that is used in the winter and washes off Stockwell Hill Road onto his property in the spring. Stockwell Hill Road has a very steep hill by Mr. Wilson's property, and the water running down the road washes the dirt into his field, and also into a little pond at the edge of his property. He said the pond is almost completely filled in with sand. Mr. Graham was concerned that the problem would only get worse.

Mr. Wilson pointed out a streambed on one side of the road, and a culvert that goes under the road into a ditch. He wondered if some ditching could be done to that side of the road and get the water flowing through some drainage.

John Funk, previous owner of the property, said he had experienced a similar problem when he had lived there, but not to the same degree as Mr. Wilson. He said the pond had been a quarter filled in when he moved onto the property, but during the last twelve years it has almost completely filled in; the sand is washed off the road, thru the culvert and into the pond. Mr. Funk pointed out where there is another pipe that runs into a catch basin, but no water gets into it because the water erodes the road and goes into the ditch.

Mr. Funk felt it is a difficult area to manage the flow of the water, and ultimately the water runs under the road into a wetland area where the water flow is slowed. He didn't feel the sand is getting into the wetlands. Mr. Funk said he would scrape the side of the road every year with his bucket loader. He added that the Road Agent sands the road for safety purposes.

Paul Perkins stated that there is quite a bit of sand on the left side going up the hill, and it needs to be cleaned off. He said he plans to scrape the sand off the edges of the road, but he wouldn't do anything to the pond. Paul stated that there is a cut out for drainage on

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the hill that was put in years ago; it has filled in twice and he has dug it out. Paul said he could dig a hole to catch some of the sand, and when it fills he would dig it out again. He said he could also put some riprap there. Paul stated that the hill needs to be scraped and ditched; he felt this would take care of a lot of the problem.

There was more discussion about the drainage, and it was left that Paul would scrape and ditch the hill, and work on the cut out as soon as he has finished with his work on Sargent Road.

Tibbets Road – Frank Gianni stated that his problem was with sand, not water; his is the last house on Tibbets Road in Gilmanton. He felt the truck they have used to plow his road the last couple of years is too big; they are using the wing plow and are shoving the embankment into his driveway, so he can't use his snow blower at the end of his driveway because of the rocks. Mr. Gianni said he had spoken with Paul about his problem.

Paul Perkins said the smaller trucks aren't able to push the banks back far enough, and that he has told the driver to lift the wing when going by Mr. Gianni's driveway, and that Paul plans to do ditching.

Frank said above his driveway his lawn is now rocks and sand. He asked if the road had to be that wide. Paul replied that legally the road has to be a minimum of 18' wide.

Selectman Guarino stated that Paul has to push the snow back to keep the width of the road, and everybody in town has to deal with lawn damage from plowing. Selectman Abbott stated that Mr. Gianni lives on a dirt road, which adds to the problem.

Mr. Gianni said that every time they come by with the plow they take more land. Paul felt the grader was probably what did the damage. He said that they would ditch the road, trim the trees and he would ask the plow driver to keep the wing up from the neighbor's drive to Mr. Gianni's.

Crystal Lake Road – Paul Perkins asked if the Selectmen could send a letter to DOT (Department of Transportation) about the condition of Crystal Lake Road from Route 140 to the dam. He said it is getting very difficult to maintain, and if it isn't fixed we should charge a fee for the winter maintenance of the road. After a brief discussion during which it was stated that we had sent several letters over the past few years, it was decided that Selectman Guarino would call Mark Morrill from DOT.

Gas Pumps - Tim reported that at the Department Head meeting last week there had been a discussion of the Town gas pumps. He said he had spoken with Jeff Pierson of Foley Oil who was going to stop today and get the make and model of the pumps. Tim said Mr. Pierson has someone who does service for them, and once he got he make and

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model number of the pumps, he would be able to determine whether he could service them, and if not, if he knew anyone that could.

Shellcamp Beach – Tim had pictures of the damage done to the beach from the culvert that had “blown out” on Shellcamp beach. He will forward the pictures to Don so he can proceed with DES for the emergency permit to fix the culvert.

Paving Contract – Tim informed the Selectmen that they had received the paving contract from Wolcott. The new prices are \$64 for the base coat and \$67 for the topcoat. He said we locked in with that price last week. Tim added that other towns are paying around \$72 - \$75.

4th of July Activities – Selectman Guarino said he had spoken with the police chief, and it was decided, for safety purposes, to have the parade disassemble at the fire station rather than make their way back through the crowd of people to the Academy Building. There was a brief discussion about the Selectmen being participants in the parade.

Tim informed the Selectmen that we had received a letter from the 4th of July Committee requesting a parade permit, permission to use the Academy grounds, post “No Parking” signs on Crystal Lake Road, their sign approval and the appropriation that was voted at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen signed the parade permit, and a letter will be sent giving the other approvals along with a check for the appropriation.

Justin Leavitt presented the Selectmen with a flier from NRRA explaining their “Recyclemobile”. This is a special mobile recycling trailer created to assist “special event” organizers with collecting recyclables. It consists of a fiberglass box with six collection holes. Signs, which can be changed depending on what materials are being collected, can be attached above the holes. Justin said he had arranged for free use of this “Recyclemobile” at the Academy Building during the 4th of July festivities there, and then it will be moved to Crystal Lake Park for the fireworks. He is hoping this will be an incentive for more people to recycle.

Public Input

Hazardous Waste Day – Justin Leavitt said he had received the Household Hazardous Waste Day information. It will be held Saturday, July 25, 2009 in Belmont, Franklin, Gilford and Meredith and Saturday, August 1, 2009 in Bristol, Laconia, Center Ossipee and Moultonborough. Fliers will be posted at the post offices and in the Selectmen’s office and the school. Justin will also hand them out at the recycling center.

Glass Barrels – Recycling Center – Justin had three pair of pliers, a quarter of the items that he said had been found in the glass barrels in the last month or so, which he said is why he disposes of glass the way he does. Justin stated that because of the “gripping” of

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one resident, the Selectmen had changed the way glass is disposed of. Selectman Abbott asked what Justin meant when he said, “dispose of glass the way he does”. Justin replied that they have residents put the glass in twelve separate barrels, and then they bring them, on the Bobcat, over to the glass area where they inspect what is in them before putting the glass into the glass pile.

Don said the Selectmen hadn’t said it wasn’t a good process, but that the barrels are too tall, so when you drop the glass in, your face is closer to the barrels so there is more chance of glass breaking and flying into your face. Don didn’t feel cutting the barrels in half had any bearing on other items being put into the barrels.

Justin felt the half barrels are more dangerous than the taller ones. Justin said cutting the barrels in half would mean having to empty them more often, which would require them to bring the machine in to empty them while residents are at the facility. He said it would be hard to try to maneuver the machine around cars and residents, and felt it would be a liability. Justin said he had tried one half barrel, but the glass still flies up. Don said your face wouldn’t be as close to the barrel. Justin was asked if he could put out more barrels, but replied that there isn’t room.

Laurie Henderson said recycling is a process, and as people recycle more the hope is to fill bigger barrels, not reduce the size of the barrels and have more maintenance for the job of recycling. Laurie felt cutting the barrels in half weakens the barrels, and you no longer have a good barrel, and she didn’t feel it was a good idea to have the Bobcat moving glass around when people are at the facility; they might get injured. She said she is hopeful that we would be going to mandatory recycling.

Chairman Hatch asked if Justin had one or two employees that stand by the recycling bins to assist residents that don’t know where items go. He said he tries.

Justin said our tonnage has dropped except for paper and plastic.

Tim said the tonnage for May was 109.28 tons. Year-to-date we had 580.98 tons, which is down from the 2008 year-to-date of 628 tons.

Chairman Hatch said they would take Justin’s concerns under advisement.

Temporary Signs – Laurie Henderson said that last Monday she had put out a temporary sign for some plants she had for sale, and Code Enforcement Officer Bob Flanders had confiscated the sign. She said she hadn’t known at the time that Bob was the one who had taken the sign, so had called and asked if anyone had turned the sign in or if Bob had taken it. Laurie said Bob had said he had taken the sign to uphold the Selectmen’s wishes that off-site signage ordinance be enforced. She said she had told Bob there are other off-site signs in town that are not permitted or have not been put up with a permit. Laurie said she read the temporary and seasonal sign ordinance; she is

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here to ask the Selectmen for guidance because she felt with her agricultural pursuits, as well as other interests for the farm, she needs an off-site sign, either temporary or permanent.

Laurie asked the Selectmen for guidance on how to go forward so she can have a temporary or seasonal off-site sign. She said the meetings she has scheduled with the Planning Board in July is something they can review for that type of use, but Bob gave her the impression that the Selectmen is the jurisdiction that makes those decisions as well.

Tim Warren felt the Selectmen should discuss the matter with Bob when he meets with the Selectmen later this evening. Selectman Guarino said the Planning Board had discussed it at the last Planning Board meeting, and he had spoken with Tim about it on Friday. Don agreed that they should wait and discuss it with Bob.

Laurie asked if this was something she could go forward with. Don said signs are permitted. Tim said they would have to review the ordinance to determine which section they fell under. Laurie said she feels that Bob is targeting her.

Shellcamp Beach – Dick deSeve asked about the issue of the culvert on Shellcamp Beach. Don explained that we could go ahead with an emergency permit, but they needed digital pictures, which he just got tonight, so he is working on it.

Draft Class VI Road Policy – Members of the Class VI Road Committee present were Chair Ella Jo Regan, John Funk, Nanci Mitchell, Sue Hale-deSeve and Dick deSeve and George Roberts.

The Class VI Road Committee had drafted a Class VI Road Policy that they presented to the Selectmen for their review. The Selectmen had made revisions to the policy, which they were reviewing tonight.

Chairman Regan explained that the Committee had walked, photographed and documented the characteristics of all the Class VI Roads in Town. She said there were several roads that had one or more buildings on them. They are Mary Butler Lane, Governor's Road, Perkins Road, Gale Road, Donovan Road, Nelson Road and Lugee Road.

The following are roads the committee felt should be left with no development because of factors such as steepness, wetlands, location, wildlife corridor, etc. They are Weeks Road, Brick School House Lane, Doe Road, Durrell Mountain Road, Gale Road, Joe Jones Road, Mill Road, Nelson Road, Old Meetinghouse Road (Old Range Road), Parsonage Hill Road, Perkins Road, Sanbornhill Road and Mary Butler Lane.

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The Committee felt sections of the following roads could be extended for development – Canaan Road, Governor’s Road, Griffin Road, Howard Road, Potter Road, Prescott Road and Sawtooth Road.

Ella Jo said they came to no decision on the following roads - Donovan Road (due to litigation at the time they walked the road), Old Town Road and Lugee Road.

There was a review of the changes the Selectmen had made to the draft policy. The requirement that in order to build on a class VI road, the road would have to be brought up to Class V standards with pavement was an item that caused much discussion and disagreement. Chairman Reagan said that John Funk felt that a Class VI Road has a rural ambiance that shouldn’t be destroyed, and we should follow open-space subdivision standards. Mr. Funk said those standards depended on the number of houses on the road and were less onerous. Up to a certain number of houses, the roads didn’t have to be as wide or paved. Mr. Funk felt these roads had a special rural character, and a Class V road would impact the character of the land.

There was considerable discussion about the standards of an open-space subdivision, and whether they should be applied to Town Roads. Chairman Regan stated that members of the committee had divided opinions about the standards that should apply to the road. John said the Planning Board has always been concerned about the potential deterioration of the character of the Class VI roads if Class V standards are required. Selectman Abbott stated that there are some lovely paved country roads. Chairman Regan stated that Middle Route used to be a dirt road, and there was at least a week each spring that it couldn’t be traveled because of the mud. She felt Middle Route is still a nice rural road.

Don felt the policy had to be something that any future board of selectmen would be able to refer to and be able to be consistent with their standards. Safety issues were also discussed, and the fact that a paved road is easier and less costly for the Town to maintain.

George Roberts agreed with John Funk that the road shouldn’t have to be paved. He felt this would be better for the Town because the person extending the road would own it, and the Town wouldn’t have to maintain the road. He felt if you pave the road, it would open up the area for further development. Mr. Roberts felt the Selectmen had all the necessary restraints in the policy in order to allow the upgrade of the road without paving, thus saving the Town the expense of maintaining the road.

Nanci Mitchell said she thought by building houses every 200’ feet on a dirt road you have already destroyed the character of the road. She added that a dirt road requires a lot of maintenance and would be an added expense to the Town.

John felt if you left the roads a Class VI instead of bringing it to a Class V, the town wouldn’t have to maintain it, the residents would have to sign a waiver of liability, and if

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there was more than one house on the road, you should require the residents to form a homeowners association for the maintenance of the road. Selectman Abbott pointed out that a Class VI road is not maintained by the Town, but a Class V road is. She said when the Selectman talk about raising the standard to Class V standards, they aren't necessarily designating the road as a Class V road. Ella Jo stated that has to happen at Town Meeting. Mr. Funk felt that would be the natural consequence. It was thought that the two Class VI roads that have been upgraded have not asked to be accepted by the Town.

There was a short discussion on other sections of the draft policy.
The Selectmen thanked the Class VI Road Committee for all their hard work and for coming up with a draft Class VI Road Policy.

8:00 p.m. – Break

8:15 p.m. – Back in Session

8:16 p.m. - 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.

The Selectmen discussed code enforcement issues with Bob Flanders.

8:52 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

Code Enforcement Issues

Unsafe Private Roads – Bob Flanders said he and Chief Lockwood had been working on different things, and there are things that the Selectmen need to be aware of. He said there are some private roads that aren't safe for emergency equipment. Pine Circle has trees that make the road too narrow for safe passage. Another road Bob and Chief Lockwood are concerned about is Anderson Road. He said there is a covered bridge that is not safe for a fire truck.

Selectman Abbott said they had discussed Pine Circle before, and the fire chief had been supposed to check it out. Bob said that was when the former chief was here. Selectman Abbott said Chief Lockwood should check it out. Bob felt he and the fire chief should identify each road, and then send the property owners on the road a letter informing them that the road is unsafe for big emergency equipment, and if there were an incident, we

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probably wouldn't be able to respond to the emergency. He felt this would cover the Town if something happens.

Bob said there had been an incident on Anderson Road within the last few weeks. Chief Lockwood had started to take the fire truck across the covered bridge, then decided against it, but because the approach to the bridge was so steep they couldn't back the truck up; they had to get another truck to tow it back up the hill.

Selectman Abbott stated these things have to be a call by Chief Lockwood; he needs to review them and get back to the Selectmen. Bob will speak with Chief Lockwood.

Sawyer Lake Association- Chairman Hatch informed Bob that members of the Sawyer Lake Association had met with the Selectmen two weeks ago. They were concerned with trailer coach permits, and the fact that there are two separate places in the ordinance that addresses trailer coach permits. There had been a question about a trailer coach remaining on a property in Sawyer Lake year round rather than just for 120 days because the owner is a permanent resident of Gilmanton. In order to get a permit, there had to have been a permit in 1996. Members of the Association felt Bob had misinterpreted the ordinance when he had allowed the trailer to remain there.

Rachel said that when she had served on the ZBA, they had taken the position that trailer coaches were not allowed on a lot without any building on it, but a lot with a building on it could have a trailer coach on it.

The ordinances regarding trailer coaches and trailer permits were reviewed. After careful review and explanations, the Selectmen agreed with Bob's interpretation of the ordinance. It was determined that the trailer in question could legally remain on the property because there had been a permit in 1996, and the owner is a permanent resident of Gilmanton. The resident still has to have proof that the septic has been taken care of and get a yearly permit in order to have the trailer there.

Temporary Off-Site Signs – Chairman Hatch informed Bob that Laurie and Robert Henderson had been in tonight at public hearing and Laurie had indicated that she had put a temporary sign advertising plants that she had for sale on the Corner of Rte 140 and Middle Route and Bob had taken the sign down. She said Laurie was wondering what the difference was between her sign and a yard sale sign or a for sale sign.

Bob said he had taken the sign. He said signs are allowed on your own property, not off site. Bob said he had explained this to Mrs. Henderson.

Selectman Abbott asked what the ruling is for temporary signage.

Selectman Guarino felt that if Laurie had an arrow on the sign showing mileage to property, it would be a business directional sign. He said Laurie was wondering what she

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would need to do to be able to have a business direction sign. He said the Planning Board had discussed this last Thursday, and felt business directional signs are allowed with a permit from the Planning Board. Don felt Laurie should have gotten a permit from the Planning Board, which she hadn't done. Tim said Lynne had said this permitting would be done when a site plan was done: she would get a site sign and could also get a business directional sign that would be permitted at certain intersections. Bob said this goes back to what he had told her in his letter; she needs to get a use variance and a site plan approval.

Selectman Abbott asked if she had to do all this to sell flowers. It was stated the point is that it was an off-site sign, which is not permitted according to the ordinance. Selectman Abbott stated that this is a home occupation.

Bob suggested that the Selectmen send a letter requesting Mrs. Henderson give them a complete description of everything she wants to do on her property, and then we could make a fair interpretation.

After careful review of the sign ordinance, it was determined that Mrs. Henderson needs a site plan review with the Planning Board, before she could get a permit for an off-site sign.

Tim said Bob is the Code Enforcement Officer and has to enforce the ordinances.

Chairman Hatch said Mrs. Henderson should have gone to Bob before putting up her sign. Selectman Guarino said he would speak with Mrs. Henderson tomorrow.

Tim said Bob has been picking up illegal signs for a couple of years. A prior Board of Selectmen had felt there were too many illegal real estate and other signs on the roadside and had asked Bob to do something about it. We sent letters to the real estate companies along with a copy of the ordinance informing them there could be no off-site signs.

Signs – Iron Works Market – Chairman Hatch told Bob that there are signs being put on the fence again at the Iron Works Market. Bob will check on it.

Henderson – Violation – Selectman Guarino told Bob that the Hendersons had met with the Board of Selectmen after receiving a letter of violation from Bob regarding her pony parties. Don said he had volunteered to go to the Henderson property to see what was going on. He said he feels that her pony parties fall under occupation as a service. Bob disagreed. Don asked how Bob could categorize childcare and education with the pony parties. Bob read from the Childcare section of the ordinance. “A childcare agency licenses by the State of NH in which childcare is provided for any part of the day for five or more children”. He felt if Laurie is having five or more children at her facility for any part of the day, whether it is for a party or whatever, she falls under this definition of

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childcare. He said this isn't just somebody having a birthday party, Laurie is charging for the parties and that changes the definition.

There was considerable discussion and disagreement about whether Laurie's business could qualify as a home occupation or agricultural use. Don agreed with Bob that she should not be allowed to use the "ell" of her house for any children's activities as it is not safe the way it is now. He said he told Laurie that she couldn't have children in there. Chairman Hatch stated that Laurie's is a for-profit activity and asked how charging for pony rides could be considered agricultural. Bob stated that you couldn't take different uses and combine them. He felt what he stated in his letter to Laurie is accurate.

Selectman Guarino stated that Mrs. Henderson is going before the ZBA to appeal the administrative order.

Chairman Hatch said we should just wait for the ZBA decision.

Selectman Guarino said we are dealing with after-the-fact permitting, and Laurie needs to go through the process.

Selectman Abbott said there is no way to short cut the proper process.

Bob's Hours – Chairman Hatch informed Bob that two weeks ago Roger Dussault had asked if the Selectmen could give Bob more hours, and Wayne Gray had asked if Bob could spread the hours he has now out over three or four days instead.

Bob explained that he lives in Meredith; it takes him about 45 minutes to get here, and the round trip mileage is 42 miles. He said it wouldn't be worth his time to drive that distance and back to work just a couple of hours everyday. It would cost him too much in gas, and tie up his time. He felt it was unreasonable to ask.

Chairman Hatch asked if it would be better for Bob to work Wednesday and Friday rather than Monday and Wednesday. Bob felt Monday is the most important day for him to work.

Selectman Abbott said the contractors are finding the change in hours difficult, but that is the hand that was dealt the Selectmen at Town Meeting by the residents. She felt it was a low blow, and they had been caught off guard and hadn't defended it properly.

Chairman Hatch said she has been very vocal when speaking with people about cutting Bob's hours that Bob does a lot more than just issuing building permits. She said people had no idea of what Bob's job entails – code enforcement, health officer, etc. Rachel said she asked Mr. Dussault to put his concern in writing. She said Mr. Dussault thought Bob does a good job, and wanted the Selectmen to reinstate his hours. The Selectmen said

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they would not feel comfortable increasing Bob's hours unless they received a lot of requests, in writing, to do so.

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

MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to accept the minutes of June 1, 2009 as amended. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

FYIs & Other Business

Conservation Commission Membership – Tim informed the Board that Conservation Chair Nanci Mitchell had told him that the deSeve's had decided to keep their membership status as it was; Dick will remain a full member on the board and Sue will remain an alternate.

Earth Day – Tim said he had submitted the tally for the Earth Day roadside pickup, and had requested two elm trees. He said he was notified that they are out of elm trees, so we would be receiving 500 daffodils.

Bean Road Renaming – Tim stated that we had not received a suggestion for a new name for the Loon Pond end of Bean Road, and asked how long the Selectmen wanted to wait before the Town chooses the name. We are waiting for the name to update our maps. Don said he had talked with Mr. Lende; they had come up with some names, but had not decided on their choice. Don will call Mr. Lende, and ask that they make their decision.

Painting Bids – Selectman Guarino said he had spoken with the contractor regarding the question there had been on one of the painting bids. After a brief discussion, the Selectman awarded the bid.

MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to award the bid to paint the Academy Building and Old Town Hall to D & D Maintenance according to their bid of \$800 for the Academy and \$250 for the Old Town Hall. Bid will be awarded on receipt of a certificate of insurance. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Library Trustee – Tim reported that Ann Kirby had been suggested for the third library trustee. He said Alice Bean had spoken with Ann, and she is willing to accept the position. An appointment letter will be sent to Ann.

Cleaning Town Buildings – Chairman Hatch asked how Tim was coming on getting new cleaners for the Town buildings. Tim reported that Joyce Janitorial had stopped by to tour the Academy Building and was going to stop by the Old Town Hall; two other interested people have called, and will be coming in to see him in the next couple of days.

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Drainage – Tim informed the Board that the drainage at the Academy Building is still leaking. There was water in the stairwell and downstairs today. Selectman Guarino said he knows what the problem is, and he will speak with the contractor.

Fuel Bids – Tim asked what we were doing about fuel bids. He asked if Chairman Hatch had heard anything from the consortium. She said she hasn't, but would follow up and get an answer by the end of the week.

Ground Water Control – Selectman Abbott asked how the meeting regarding Ground Water Control had gone. Tim said it depended on whom you were talking to; he heard differing opinions. Selectman Guarino said the Planning Board meeting with the Conservation Commission after that meeting had gone well. He said John Funk had felt wording the group used regarding corporations was a little aggressive, and asked the legal defense fund if they would work on an ordinance that wasn't as aggressive. Don said he had spoken with Nanci Mitchell the day after the Planning Board meeting, and they (Don & Nanci) felt they were moving forward. Don added that the concern is that you don't want an ordinance in place that would have to be challenged in court.

Tim said it is his understanding that a company has already approached some people in the northern end of Gilmanton regarding water withdrawal. Don said they would have to go through the planning process before anything could be done.

Bobcat Update – Selectman Abbott asked if there was any news on the Bobcat. Tim said it is being repaired.

Work Session – The Selectmen decided to hold a work session on Monday, June 22 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Class VI Road Policy.

Level I Firefighters – Selectman Abbott, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, wanted to congratulate Ossian Batchelder, William Malburne, Bryon McSharry and Donald Pickowicz for having successfully completing their Level I Firefighting Class that was held in Alton. They are our newest level I Certified Firefighters.

Brick House – Selectman Abbott stated that the Brick House in the Corners had been sold. They are going before the Planning Board for permission to open an antique shop.

Year-Round Library – Selectman Abbott mentioned that the Year-Round Library had received an anonymous \$67,000 bequest, so they will be opening soon.

Staff Meeting - Selectman Abbott said she had attended the staff meeting, and it looks like the transfer station would be \$30,000 over budget – the Police Department, Fire Department and Town Clerk's Office are all on budget. She said the revenues are down \$103,000 in the Town Clerk's Office, but hopes that will come back up.

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Selectman Abbott said one thing that was mentioned was the fact that the gas pumps were not working properly, and the police cruisers have to go across town or out of town to gas up. She added that Tim is working on the problem.

Updating Academy Building – Selectman Abbott said they have to devise a plan for updating the Academy Building in regards to insulation, windows etc. She said they couldn't let things drop just because they aren't going forward with the Jordan Institutes proposal. Their proposal was too costly.

10:25 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

