

**Board of Selectmen  
10 March 2008  
Minutes**

**4:25 p.m.** - Chairman Brian Forst called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Forst, Selectman Hatch, Town Administrator Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Guarino arrived at 5:15.

**4:26 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. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a Selectmen's Office personnel issue.

**5:00 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session**

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

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

**MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of March 3, 2008 as amended. Chairman Forst seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

**FYI's & Other Business**

**Paving Contract** – Tim had a copy of the new paving rates from Wolcott Construction. Rachel asked if the paving contract is sent out to bid. She was told that we used to, but Wolcott's prices had always been submitted with the best interest of the Town, and were always lower than any of the others. Brian said there have been comments about Jimmy Hurst having the Selectmen in his pocket, and felt that in fairness to the Hursts, it might be a good idea to get other prices to compare, so the public could see that we are getting a good deal from the Hursts.

**Pete Pinckney** – Pete Pinckney had been in to see Tim Warren regarding the Selectmen signing a compliance statement for the Scouts for Hidden Valley Camp and Places Mill

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Road. He didn't feel all issues had been corrected. Pete also felt the minutes had stated that the Selectmen would inspect the camp four times a year. Tim had asked him to find copies of the minutes stating that. Pete was in last week and reviewed the minutes. He found minutes from November 2005 when he was in trying to get answers from the Selectmen for questions he had brought before the Selectmen over the past few years. In the minutes former Selectman Abbott had mentioned communications and how it infers a policy the Town would pursue in engaging Daniel Webster Council. Nate stated that the first thing is the Selectmen want to hold site walks twice a year to keep consistent policy of engagement in place. He said the second thing would be to schedule monthly inspections by the building inspector, or other designated representative, to be set for the period when the camp is active, either in camping activities or in construction or maintenance of camp facilities.

Chairman Forst stated that these were things that Nate wanted to see in a policy, but the Selectmen had never actually initiated a policy with the Scouts. Site walks were done, a list of violations were drawn up and presented to the Scouts. Code enforcement Bob Flanders had done inspections to be sure the Scouts had come into compliance on all the violations. There were many site walks on Places Mill Road, and an agreement was drawn up regarding the upgrade of the road. The upgrading was overseen by the Road Agent. After the violations had been corrected and Places Mill Road upgraded, the Selectmen signed a compliance agreement for the Scouts.

Pete was also concerned about an as-built plan for the dining hall. He said one had never been recorded with the Registry of Deeds. Lynne Brunelle, Planning Administrator is going to check to see if the plan was ever recorded.

During discussion, it was agreed that the Town should not be policing the Scout Camp with inspections every month, or even four times a year. It was felt that the Code Enforcement Officer should inspect the camp each year before the camp opens for the season.

**Fire Dept. Overtime** – Tim reported that he had been asked about the way overtime was paid for the fire department. He said they are paid overtime after 53 hours; this policy was initiated when Jim Clough was fire chief. Tim said he and Jim Clough had attended a FLSA seminar at fire standards and training at which it was stated that with under a certain number of employees, no overtime had to be paid until they had worked 53 hours.

Tim said it is being questioned because the police department gets paid overtime after 40 hours. It was asked if the number of employees in the fire department had increased since that seminar. Tim replied that the department had gone from two to four full-time employees. Tim will check to get more specifics.

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**Boston Post Cane** – Town Clerk Deb Cornett reminded the Selectmen that the death of Ellen Cunliffe meant they would have to present the Boston Post Cane to Gilmanton's eldest citizen. She will check to verify to whom the cane should be presented.

**Radio – Emergency Operations Center** – Tim informed the Selectmen that the town had been approved for a grant to receive an emergency operations center base radio. Chief Robbins had applied for the grant.

#### **5:58 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)**

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The Selectmen discussed a fire department personnel issue.

#### **6:20 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session**

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

The Selectmen agreed to reconvene on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to continue their non-public discussion, as a time constraint by Selectman Forst prevented them from continuing tonight.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Dionne  
Recording Clerk