

**Board of Selectmen
31 March 2008
Minutes**

6:10 p.m. - Chairman Don Guarino called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Guarino, Selectmen Rachel Hatch and Betty Ann Abbott, Town Administrator Timothy J. Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne.

After attendance was taken, 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 March 24, 2008 as drafted. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

6:16 p.m. – The Selectmen's meeting was suspended to confer with Town Counsel Walter Mitchell.

7:20 p.m. – Regular meeting resumed.

7:21 p.m. – Recess

7:26 p.m. – Back in Session

FYIs & Other Business

Recycling Facility Hours – Tim said he had received a phone call from a lady this morning regarding the Sunday hours at the recycling center. He said the lady had arrived at the recycling center at 5:07 p.m. Sunday and the gate was being locked. She was told that the dump was closed; the hours are noon to 5:00 p.m. Tim said the lady had said the Gilmanston telephone book has the center's hours for Sunday listed as 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There was a brief discussion of the issue. Tim said the hours in the phone book have been listed incorrectly for about five years. Tim was asked to get hold of Our Town Publishing to get the hours corrected for the next publication of the phone book.

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Note – Brenda McBride – Tim informed the Selectmen that he had received a note from Brenda McBride, in which she had said she would be happy to spearhead Gilmanton's Earth Day, and would also be happy to serve on the Household Hazardous Waste Committee.

State Funds – Tim had a copy of a letter the Town Clerk had received from Senator Kathleen Sgambati informing her that the Legislative Fiscal Committee had approved a request from the NH Dept. of Safety to distribute State Matching Funds for Federal Emergency Management Agency Disaster Assistance Grants to towns that sustained flood damage in May 2006. The State's allocation to Gilmanton in the account Response and Recovery are \$10,076.03. Tim had a copy of a check we had received in the mail today; the check was for \$27,673.37 because they had included an allocation for the April 2007 flood as well as the May 2006 flood. The money will be deposited into the general fund.

Single-Stream Recycling – Tim had a copy of an email from Liz Bedard with the Gilmanton Single-Stream Analysis information, and also a single-stream economic analysis done by CMA Engineers.

There was a brief discussion of what single-stream recycling might mean for Gilmanton. There was a brief review of the analysis, which projected a savings to the Town of between \$7,000 and \$8,000 if we went to the single-stream recycling method. It was also mentioned that single-stream recycling might necessitate the purchase of another compactor, which is about \$40,000.

Recycling Chairman Stan Bean is to meet with the Selectmen at their April 14th meeting, and the analysis, costs and savings to the Town will be discussed at that time.

Retired Police Cruiser – Tim said he had done some research on what it is costing the Town to use the retired police cruiser as a vehicle for use by the Town employees, as opposed to paying mileage. He said so far to pay mileage to employees would have cost the Town \$2,700. We have spent \$1,000 in repairs on the vehicle, and Tim said he hasn't figured the cost of gas yet. The vehicle is currently being worked on; there is an electrical problem.

Meeting – Dave Russell? - Selectman Abbott asked if Tim had contacted State Representative David Russell about meeting with the Selectmen. Tim replied that he had not contacted Dave yet.

DOT Garage – Selectman Abbott stated that Chairman Guarino had said he would stop by the DOT garage and speak to them about the intersection in the Iron Works, and asked if he had done that. Don said he had called the garage, but Mr. Morrill wasn't in. He said he had spoken with a supervisor, who had said he would pass the message on to Mr.

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Morrill. Don felt things are changing at the garage, and said he would find out whom to speak with on the issue.

Belknap County Economic Development Council (B.C.E.D.C) – Selectman Abbott said she had attended the B.C.E.D.C annual meeting last week, and there had been a very interesting talk by Mr. Thibeault about economic research. She said he does evaluations of areas for development all over the country, and he had a lot of good things to say about Belknap County and the Lakes Region in particular. Betty Ann added that we are in a recession and times are tough, but in spite of that, we have a lot of things going for us.

Betty Ann asked if it would be right for a citizen, rather than a member of the Board of Selectmen, to represent the Town on the Council. There was a brief discussion during which Betty Ann informed the Board that Nate Abbott would be very interested in serving on the council if it were agreeable to the Board.

MOTION – Selectman Hatched moved to appoint Nathaniel Abbott to be our Gilmanton representative on the Belknap County Economic Development Council. Chairman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Budget Committee Meeting – Selectman Abbott said she had attended the final meeting of the budget committee, but there wasn't a quorum, so they couldn't elect new officers, so they had just talked about things in general. She said it was generally felt the budget had been a better process this year than has sometimes been in the past because they had received things in a timely fashion. Betty Ann added that the committee had been distressed over the last minute change in the school budget.

Building Permit Moratorium – Last week the Selectmen moved to suspend the issuance of building permits that would be affected by the, newly voted on, zoning ordinance change until such time as legal counsel has sought to provide clarification as to the wording of the change. The Selectmen have since been advised that they could not legally suspend the issuance of the permits.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to rescind the moratorium she had moved to put in place at last week's meeting. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Tonnesen Decision – Tim informed that Selectmen that Mr. Tonnesen has asked for a motion to reconsider the court's decision that the Town had acted correctly in not granting permission for a helicopter pad. Tim said our attorney has already filed a motion not to allow the motion to reconsider.

Road Issues – Tim reported that this last snowstorm we had is the first one that we have had any real complaints from residents. He said the complaint was that the highway crew was purposely balling the snow into big balls and leaving the snow in people's driveways. Tim said he had explained that the snow had been so heavy that it balled up, and the highway crew had no control over the way the snow rolls off the end of the plow. Selectman Hatch stated that she had only one complaint this winter, and she had

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explained that the men were out straight. She said the lady had called back two days later to tell her that Paul Perkins had personally gone out to push back the snow, and she was sorry she had complained.

Website – Town Clerk Deb Cornett told the Selectmen that she had been asked by a resident if we could add a “search engine” to the Town website. The cost would be about \$300.

During discussion it was decided if more residents should ask about a “search engine”, we could look into it further, but at this time only one resident has asked about it, so we would not do it at this time.

5-K Road Race – Selectman Guarino stated that he felt the 5-K Road Race that was held this past weekend was a nice thing. He said there had been over 200 runners, and it was a positive representation of the Town. He said the race starts on Currier Hill just before the Corner Store and goes down Route 140 towards Belmont to Currier Hill Road and ends in the parking lot between the church and the Academy building.

Septic Plan – Old Town Hall – Tim informed the Selectmen that Chuck Noddin had drawn up a new septic design for the Old Town Hall, and had brought it in this week. He said we would forward it to the State with a check for the septic field-filing fee.

Intent-to-Cut – Chairman Guarino asked Tim about the intent-to-cut applications that they are approving. He was concerned because of the roads being posted. Tim said the intent-to-cut allows for cutting of the wood, but the wood would not be able to be transported until the posting of the roads has been lifted.

8:40 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk