

**Board of Selectmen
28 April 2008
Minutes**

6:00 p.m. – The Selectmen presented the Boston Post Cane to James Pennock, Gilmanton's eldest resident. Mr. Pennock has lived in Gilmanton for over seventy years. Mr. Pennock delivered the Boston Post Newspaper, originator of the Boston Post Cane tradition, when he was ten years old. Mr. Pennock's mother, Cynthia Brown, was also a recipient of the Boston Post Cane. The presentation was well attended by Mr. Pennock's family and friends. Light refreshments were served.

7:00 p.m. – Chairman Don Guarino called the regular meeting to order. After attendance, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input – No one was present for public input.

FYIs & Other Business

Payables – The Selectmen reviewed and signed payables.

Safety at Recycling Center – The Selectmen discussed the safety issues at the recycling center, and the fact that the employees don't want to wear long pants and the plastic safety vests this summer, as they are too hot. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of the Town providing the employees with bright orange tee shirts to wear this summer, and to have them wear the vests when the weather is cooler. It was felt that long pants need to be worn for protection to the employees' legs, and possibly getting an air conditioner for the office, so they would have a place to cool off if the weather becomes too hot. Tim Warren will see about setting up appointments for tetanus and hepatitis shots.

Another topic discussed was the attitude of some residents toward the recycling employees; some residents are uncooperative, rude or scream at the employees. The Selectmen felt the employees don't have to take verbal abuse; they should try to defuse the situation, but if they can't they should not confront people, but rather take down the license plate number and walk away.

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

MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to accept the minutes of April 21, 2008 as amended. Chairman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Selectman Hatch did not vote, as she was not present at last week’s meeting.

Specs for Drain outside Academy Building – Chairman Guarino said he had the specs to fix the drainage problem on the north side of the Academy Building. He will fax them to the office tomorrow.

Joint meeting with Planning & Zoning Boards – There was a discussion regarding the upcoming joint meeting with the Planning and Zoning Boards to be held on Thursday, May 1st. The meeting is to be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Academy Building. The Selectmen will be chairing the meeting. It was stated that the goal is to get the Planning Board to agree to support the change that is going to be recommended to the Zoning Ordinance to be presented at a special town meeting. Tim reported that Town Clerk Deb Cornett would like to have the town meeting on June 24th, if possible.

Paving Recycling Center – Selectman Abbott asked how we were coming along with plans for paving the recycling center. Tim replied that he had met with Bill and Jimmy Hurst at the recycling center this morning to review plans for paving the center. He said Mr. Hurst had recommended having Clairmont Paving do the grading work, as he felt they had the necessary equipment and were qualified to handle the special grading that would have to be done to address the drainage issues at the center. The Hursts (Wolcott Construction) will be doing the paving. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to put Wolcott Construction in charge of the whole project, and they could hire their subcontractors.

Septic System – Old Town Hall Tim reported that the ad for the bids for installing the septic tank and leach field would be in the papers this week. He said bids have to be in the Selectmen’s Office by 4:30 p.m. on May 19th, and would be opened at the Selectmen’s meeting later that evening. Copies of specs for the system are available in the Selectmen’s Office for anyone who wishes to bid on the job.

Board & Committee Vacancies – Tim informed the Selectmen that ads had been in the paper for people to serve on the various Town Boards and Committees, but we had very little response. The need to get more people in town willing to serve on the various boards was discussed, but no one was able to come up with a suggestion on how to get more people involved.

After a brief discussion, the Selectmen reappointed the following people to the following committees:

Carolyn Baldwin – ZBA
Nanci Mitchell – Conservation Commission
Gary Lines – Parks and Recreation
Richard Kordas – Parks and Recreation

Private Roads – There was a brief discussion as to whether the Selectmen could require certain trees to be cut down on private roads. The Selectmen felt there are a couple of trees on Pine Circle that impede the passage of emergency vehicles, and feel the situation should be addressed.

Town Vehicle – Tim reported that the Town vehicle had come back from the garage, but we weren't charged for the time it was there because they weren't sure they had found the problem with it. The vehicle went back to the garage last week, but only for an inspection.

9:00 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Selectman Abbott 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.

9:20 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

MOTION – Chairman Guarino moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

MOTION – Selectman Hatch moved to place Gilmanton Fire Chief Timothy Robbins on unpaid administrative leave effective immediately. Selectman Abbott seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

9:21 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Hatch seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk

