

**Board of Selectmen
30 June 2008
Minutes**

6:03 p.m. - Chairman Don Guarino called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Don Guarino, Selectman Betty Ann Abbott and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Hatch was absent due to illness. Town Administrator Tim Warren was on vacation.

After attendance, everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stan Bean – Recycling Committee Update – Stan Bean and Brenda McBride were in to discuss the recycling committee, and single-stream recycling.

Stan stated that he understood that the vote for the coop to go to single-stream recycling had not come up despite the article that had been in the Concord Monitor that said it had, and had given the go-ahead for single-stream recycling. He said, according to what Doug Kaplain had told him, they had never asked for a vote, and he felt it was to be done around July 9th.

Chairman Guarino stated, that either way, Gilmanton is not going to single-stream recycling, and have to spend money on another compactor.

Stan was asked if Gilmanton would have a choice if the coop went to single-stream recycling. He said it is his understanding that we do. Betty Ann stated that the “spoken or unspoken threat” has been that it would be more costly. Stan felt we could increase our revenues by 1/3rd if we went to a pay-per-throw system, and if we were able to increase our revenues by 1/3rd we would be able to beat the “supposed” savings of going to single-stream. Stan felt that when we have people as educated as we have in Gilmanton, changing would not be in the best interest of the Town right now.

Stan said he was concerned seeing an article published stating that it was a done deal, and he was also concerned how a cooperative could accumulate enough money over the span of time they had to talk about building this facility with cash.

Stan stated that the facility he had visited in Massachusetts and the one Brenda had visited in Maine have almost no glass; they have a bottle bill, so bottles are returned to the stores. He wondered if the coop had addressed the issue of glass; NH doesn't have the bottle-return bill.

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Brenda felt single-stream recycling would destroy the quality of the recycled goods that are put out because the new trucks that are being put out are dual trucks set up for recycling and trash. She said when these things get compacted, the glass would get imbedded in the cardboard, and some of the better products would be contaminated. Brenda added that cardboard would be worthless as cardboard if it is impregnated with glass.

Selectman Abbott felt that residents are becoming more enthused about recycling, and she doesn't want to see that stymied. Brenda felt that we have a building, the equipment, and something that is currently working, and she wondered what we could do to make it work even better, and get more recyclables.

There was considerable discussion about the recycling committee being reorganized and having regular meetings, what the Selectmen wanted the committee to do such as educating people about and promoting the idea of a pay-per throw system to be on a warrant for town meeting and clear uncluttered signage at the recycling facility.

There was also a discussion about disposal of hazardous waste. Stan is hopeful that the Lakes Region Planning Commission will get it so that each town can collect its own hazardous waste, and then the town can transfer it. He said we already have the authority for the transportation, if we want to use it. Brenda said Alton has joined Wolfeboro in the permanent hazardous waste site in Wolfeboro (It is only for Wolfeboro and Alton). She said Alton did their first one, and had an excellent collection.

They also discussed the problem of the compactor overflowing on some Sundays, and if there is any way to solve the problem, so that a truck wouldn't go out partially full on Wednesday or Saturday, but would be overflowing on Sunday.

The Recycling Committee will start meeting again. We will check to see if the committee is in need of members.

6:50 p.m. – Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(b)

Selectman Abbott moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) – Consideration of the hiring of a public employee. Chairman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen reviewed the resumes of applicants for fire chief.

7:24 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

Approval of Minutes – The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of June 16, 2008.

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MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to accept the minutes of June 16, 2008 as amended. Motion passed 2-0.

FYI's & Other Business

Trees on Pine Circle – At previous meetings the Selectmen had discussed trees that were deemed to be a safety hazard on Pine Circle. Doug Islieb had also spoken with the Selectmen about the trees. He said he had letters written to the former fire chief in regards to the removal of the trees. Tim Warren had told Doug that if he brought the letters in, after review of the letters, it would be decided what should be done about the situation. Tim wrote letters to the owners of the property on which the trees were located asking to have them removed to enable safe passage of emergency vehicles.

Lois informed the Selectmen that Doug had called and said signs had been put on the trees saying “Do Not Touch Trees”. He said Jim McLean had signed the signs; Mr. McLean is not the owner of either property, but Doug felt he had been keeping an eye on the properties, as the owners live out of town.

Lois read a letter (copy attached) from Sara Delano Bastyr (owner of one of the properties) into the minutes. She stated that the Fire Chief had viewed the trees in concern, and noted that should the tree in question be completely removed, significant erosion of the road would occur causing large passing vehicles to slide off the road. She also asked under what authority the Selectmen request that they remove a tree on private property abutting a private road.

After a brief discussion, the Selectmen tabled the matter until a later date.

Co-op Health Insurance – Lois informed the Selectmen that Gordon Preston, Selectman from Barnstead, had called regarding health insurance. He said that Barnstead, Epson, Chichester, Pittsfield and Pembroke had formed a co-op to get health insurance at a reduced rate through the LCG (Gilmanton gets their insurance through LGC). Mr. Preston said having over 100 employees in the co-op, you get reduced rates. He figured that Barnstead would save 15% by going through the Co-op. Mr. Preston asked if Gilmanton would be interested in joining the Co-op. He is also asking other towns, and the more people that join, the lower the rate. He suggested that the Selectmen might want to attend one of their (Co-op) meetings.

Selectman Abbott asked Lois to have Tim contact Mr. Preston, and felt it would also be good for Tim to attend one of the co-op's meetings.

Mr. Willard's Mail Box- Selectman Abbott asked if Tim had notified Mr. Willard of their decision regarding his mailbox. Lois replied that a letter had been sent to Mr. Willard.

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Septic System – Old Town Hall – Selectman Abbott noted that a check was to have been sent to Mr. Docko, and he was to give us a start date to install the septic system at the Old Town Hall. She asked if this had been done. Lois stated that a check had been sent, and we are now waiting to hear from Mr. Docko.

7:52 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(e)

Selectman Abbott moved to Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) - Discussion of pending or threatened (in writing) litigation against the Town or Town Officials, Board Members or Employees. Chairman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a pending lawsuit.

8:02 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

8:03 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. Chairman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 2-0.

The Selectmen discussed a Selectmen's Office personnel issue.

8:06 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

8:07 p.m. - Enter into Non-Public Session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

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The Selectmen discussed a recycling center personnel issue.

8:22 p.m. – Out of Non-Public Session

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

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**8:23 p.m. – MOTION – Selectman Abbott moved to adjourn the meeting.
Chairman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 2-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk