

**Board of Selectmen
2 April 2007
Minutes**

6:02 p.m. - Chairman Brian Forst called the meeting to order. Present were Chairman Forst, Selectman Dave Clairmont, Administrative Assistant Tim Warren and Clerk Lois Dionne. Selectman Guarino arrived at 6:30.

Yearly Landfill Monitoring Report – Terry Lorber from Provan & Lorber was in to present the results of the yearly landfill monitoring report.

Mr. Lorber stated that he had found nothing unusual at the landfill. He said there is iron manganese that is common to the environment; there is fluoride and road salt. He said there was some arsenic in the bedrock, and he doesn't know if that comes from the landfill or the environment. Mr. Lorber said they had terminated doing surveying last year, but according to the agreement signed this year, they would be doing the monitoring for methane. He said methane is being produced, but not in any levels to cause alarm.

Mr. Lorber said they are working on a new ground-water permit that was issued in 2005 and that would be good through 2010. He said they would continue monitoring as required.

Selectman Clairmont asked, of the total number of trace elements that were found there, what percentage are directly linked to the landfill. Mr. Lorber said they don't know what is in the landfill. He said they could see iron manganese, but that is typical of the decomposition process. Dave asked what the normal elements are that are found in this area. Mr. Lorber stated all these elements could be found in the environment. He added that just because they are present doesn't mean they are being released; there is nothing alarming. Dave asked if methane was a natural condition of decomposition. Mr. Lorber replied that it is.

Brian asked as we do monitor this on a yearly basis if we would be notified if anything changed. Mr. Lorber said they would. Tim Warren stated that originally it was a 30-year monitoring, and asked if that was still the case. It was stated it was, but it was uncertain if the 30 years was from the date the landfill had been capped or when they started monitoring it. The landfill was capped in 2000 or 2001, and Tim said they had been monitoring it since 1992. Brian asked if the cap was in good condition. Mr. Lorber felt it was; there doesn't appear to be any settlement of the cap.

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Forester Relocating - Tim read an email from Nanci Mitchell informing the Board that the town forester Brenda Brown had accepted a position with the forest service and would be moving to South Carolina in April. He said the Conservation Commission's plan had been to put the harvest out to bid in April. Tim stated that Nanci had been in contact with Sumner Dole from the UNH Extension Office. He said that Mr. Dole had said we would first need a forester, and suggested we contact the other one we had previously interviewed. Nanci said Sumner had recommended that we not go through the whole interview process; Gilmanton has done it too many times. Nanci said she had also discussed another forester that people in town have used. There was a brief discussion on getting a forester, and the need to get a harvest done. Also discussed was that we would have the files on the work that Brenda Brown had already done establishing a forestry management plan and other work, and that cost should be taken off from the percentage that a forester would charge for preparing the harvest. The Conservation Commission will work to come up with a recommendation for a new forester.

FYI's & Other Business

Belknap County Annual Report – Tim informed the Board that he had a copy of the Belknap County Annual Report for 2006 in the office if anyone wished to look at it.

Update - Doyle vs. Town of Gilmanton – Tim reported that we had an update on the Doyle vs. Town of Gilmanton case, a subdivision lawsuit that is pending. He said the court would schedule for oral arguments, and we would be notified as it proceeds.

Kim Ayers Award – Tim stated that it is time for nominations for the Kim Ayers award. He said this award is given annually by the Lakes Region Planning Commission in memory of B. Kimball Ayers, Jr. who worked to maintain the environmental quality of the lakes region in New Hampshire. The recipient is to have been active in one or more of the following areas - Water quality of the lakes and of the ground water, the preservation of wetlands, or of the wildlife habitat in the region. The person should be a person who lives in and has made a major voluntary contribution to the environment and quality of the lakes region. Particular considerations include, but are not limited to, environmental education, a key role in initiating and carrying through an ongoing project, an emphasis on water quality, intergovernmental cooperation, coordination between municipalities and state and local governments. Tim said nominations should be in by April 9th, and asked that any nominations be given to him by Friday.

Board Members – Tim said an ad had been sent to the paper for members and alternate members on different boards. Positions available are for a full member plus alternates on the HDC, full member and alternate on the Conservation Commission, alternates on the ZBA, and an alternate position on the Planning Board. Letters of interest are to be in to the Selectmen by 4:30 on April 20th, and the board would review the applications on the 23rd, after which time the Selectmen would set up appointments to interview the applicants.

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New or Expanded Businesses – Last week it had been suggested that a letter of welcome be sent to new businesses that have come to town during the past year, or businesses that have expanded their operations in town. Tim reported that he had been working with Planning Administrator Lynne Brunelle to get a list of the businesses. The Selectmen were each supposed to come up with a draft of letter. Tim had a copy of a draft letter Lois had come up with. The Selectmen will have theirs next week.

Recycling Newsletter – Tim gave the Selectmen a copy of the Resource Recycling Newsletter. He felt there was information in it that might be of interest to them.

Education Amendment – Tim had an email from Michael Asselin who has started a group of municipalities to try to find a solution to State education funding. The email urged municipalities to contact their congressmen, senators and representatives and let them know that the proposed amendment by Governor Lynch does not make sense.

Weekly Legislative Bulletin – Tim gave the Selectmen a copy of the newest legislative bulletin. The Selectmen get one mailed to them at home, but Dave hasn't been a Selectman long enough to start getting one yet. It was stated that it contains things that are interesting to know about, and that it covers every house bill that is presented.

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

MOTION - Selectman Clairmont moved to accept the minutes of March 26, 2007 as presented. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Truck – Road Agent - Tim reported that the road agent had picked up his new truck Friday. It is insured and on the road. Tim said it ended up costing \$55 more than had been appropriated. It was asked if the truck had been or was going to be lettered. It was felt it should be lettered the same as the other highway vehicles.

Tonnesen Case – Tim handed packets to the Selectmen that he said he had been asked to forward to them. Tim read the letter attached to the packet. It was from Mr. Tonnesen thanking the Board for allowing him to be placed on the Selectmen's agenda on April 16th. The packets included information pertinent to his ZBA case that was denied and the decision was appealed. Mr. Tonnesen requested that the Selectmen review the material before he meets with them to save time at the meeting. He said the purpose of his meeting with the Selectmen is to tell them why he doesn't feel he has been treated fairly or courteously by the Town, and he hoped the Selectmen could find a way to help.

Assessor – New Construction pickups – Tim said the assessor had been going out doing new construction pickups over the last few months. Tim said that in doing so he has found decks, sheds and other buildings that have been done without building permits. He said the assessor had alerted the building inspector, and the inspector will send a letter or visit those people informing them that they need permits. Tim said the assessor had

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found one property where the person has built a garage with a permit, but has cleared and dug a foundation for a home with the land being in current use. Tim added there would be a current-use penalty for that, and a letter had been sent to the individual letting him know what is going on, and had requested a map from them (the owner) indicating what they are going to be taking out of current use.

Turn around – Gale Road – Tim said since he had been asked to do research regarding the turn around on Gale Road, and previous site walks, he had taken the liberty of copying the minutes of different meetings since 2001 so the Selectmen, especially Dave, would have a history of what has been going on in that area. He stated that these go back to when Bobby Potter was road agent, and also include when we were making a parking area at the town forest.

House for Sale – Meetinghouse Road – Selectman Guarino informed the Board that he had received a post card from a realtor showing a property for sale on Meetinghouse Road. He said the property belongs to Mr. Fraiser, and asked if the property could be sold because no CO (Certificate of Occupancy) has been issued for the property. The property is in violation of HDC ordinances, and the owner has not brought the issues into compliance. It was stated that the property could be sold, but the new owner would not be able to move in until everything is in compliance and a CO has been issued.

Sprinkler System – Academy Building – Selectman Guarino asked if we had heard any more on the sprinkler system in the Academy Building. Tim said a man had been in last week, and it is in better shape than previously thought. He said there is a problem with a drip pipe, and it is dripping into a bucket now, and the bucket fills up fast. It had been recommended that it be piped into a drain that drains outside. Tim said the gentleman who was here didn't have the tools to do it at the time, so he (Tim) had called the office, and they are supposed to have someone come here to do that. There was a brief discussion about piping it into the drain.

Middle Route - Selectman Guarino asked if they should update Tim on what happened on the site walk on Middle Route. Tim said they should make some notes so minutes could be typed up for the site walk. Brian stated that where Busby had done extensive work, Middle Route seemed to be holding up really well. He said one concern was where the logging operation is being done. Brian said the concern is where they have cleared to come out onto the road, and something needs to be done or if we have a hard rain it could cause major erosion and would fill in the erosion stone ditches that we had done. It was suggested that erosion stone be put at the entrance to the logging operation. Brian asked that a letter be sent to have the problem addressed. Tim said he would send a letter to the property owner with a copy to the logger.

6:55 p.m. – Public Input – Because of the number of people that had arrived for public input, Chairman Forst said he would start early. Present for public input at this time were Ella Jo Regan, Joe & Meg Hempel, Brenda Sens, Nanci Mitchell, Terry & Bill Donovan,

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Doug Isleib, Heidi Herzberger, Mary Ann & Lee Morrill, Betty Ann Abbott, Sheila Hurst, Betty & Wayne Hackett, Carolyn Baldwin and Police Chief Phil O'Brien.

Coin Toss Decision – Ella Jo Regan stated that it was rumored that Chairman Forst had made a decision by tossing a coin. Brian said it wasn't a rumor. Ella Jo said she wanted to express both dismay and disgust. She said Town business is not meant to be done by tossing a coin; town officials are elected to sit up there and make decisions, and she was very upset and angry that was the way Brian had made his decision. Ella Jo said she was requesting tonight that he take a vote. She said that whatever decision people make, they should be willing to stand behind it; people are elected to take the best interest of the town, and to vote in the best interest of the town, and not have to feel that every time somebody puts pressure on somebody, they cave in and say it is not their problem and toss a coin. She said that being Easter week, it makes her think of Pontius Pilate who washed his hands and said it is not my fault they crucified him. Ella Jo added that if there is a decision to be made, it really needs to be made.

Joe Hempel said he felt the same as Ella Jo. He said he didn't think decisions should be made by the flip of a coin for anything to do with town business.

Nanci Mitchell agreed. She said she had been on the Board of Selectmen, and Planning Board in other towns, had been on the Budget Committee, and has chaired a school board, but has never heard of such a thing. She said we all have to learn, and hoped that was a learning experience.

Brian Forst stated that there was a decision to be made, and then it came down to whether one person was going to be an alternate or a full member.

Heidi Herzberger asked what the tradition was when members of the Board of Selectmen go on different boards. She felt if the person who had been on the Board longest desired that position, he should have been Brian's first choice.

Brian stated that he had done research during the past week, and as much as he could find, there has never been a heavily contested situation like this, and from his chair, this appeared to be a heavily contested situation. He said there have been comments that historically, the new member serves on the HDC, but Brian said, historically, that is not true; this is his third year on the Board, and he has never sat on the HDC. Brian said there seems to be a lot of sides to this story, and people want to hear the side they want to hear. He said there is a seniority argument, which is a legitimate argument, but it has not always been handled in a historic situation. Brian said when he came to the Board, he was willing to take on the budget committee, and as no one else wanted it, it wasn't contested, so they hadn't gotten into the situation he has been put into the last two weeks. Brian said there were two men who both "dire felt" they should have the job. He said before he flipped a coin, on public record, he indicated that this not a very professional way to handle this, however, he is taxed with being the chairman of the board this year,

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and he needed to handle this in a way that still allowed him to do his job. Brian stated that there was going to be a fair amount of disgust with his decision no matter which way it went.

Ella Jo stated that her disgust has nothing to do with the decision; it has to do with the method. She said she couldn't understand why Brian is unable to make the decision that he feels is in the best interest of the town. She said that is what he is elected to do. Ella Jo said during the first ten minutes she had sat on the board, the first decision she had to make was to vote against something the other two Selectmen wanted. She added that it wasn't a very comfortable thing to do as a new person. Ella Jo said Brian has had experience sitting here, and she is horrified that he would do town business this way. She asked who verified the coin flip, if it was verified that it wasn't double sided and verified if Brian was practiced at flipping coins. Ella Jo said her brother could flip a coin, and about eighty-five percent of the time he could call it accurately. Ella Jo was told that Tim Warren had verified the flip, and it wasn't a double-sided coin. Ella Jo stated that if this is the way town business is done, we don't need a Board of Selectmen.

Mary Ann Morrill asked if you are looking for the best interest in the Town, wouldn't it be the person with the most experience that should be on that board.

Brian said this is not something he had taken lightly. He needs to be able to function as a board, and he didn't see how, and doesn't see how sitting here now "beating a dead horse" is going to do that. He asked if the decision had gone the other way, if the people would have been here tonight. He was told they would have been.

Ella Jo stated that Brian keeps saying that he couldn't function as a chair, and asked if he had such disrespect for Don and Dave he felt that if he voted for one, the other would fail to respect him. She felt that by saying he couldn't function was disrespecting the other two selectmen.

Brian said he hadn't felt he was disrespecting either Don or Dave, and if it was portrayed as being disrespectful, he was truly sorry.

Brenda Sens was concerned whether Brian felt he would be able to make future decisions without tossing a coin.

Brian said he hadn't viewed it as a weakness when he did it, but realizes that it has been perceived as a terrible weakness. He said he realizes that he made a grave mistake, but his ability to make a decision has not been impaired. Brian added that he doesn't want to go back and rehash it.

Heidi Herzberger said everyone was being very polite, but when Dave Clairmont ran for Selectman, he had the agenda that he wanted to be on the Planning Board. Heidi felt when you have two Selectmen, one experienced and one being first year Selectman both

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wanting the position; the experienced one should get it. She said she didn't know what politics were involved so that didn't happen, but she felt the coin toss said it all. Heidi added that at this time she would like to have assurance that a coin toss would never happen again. She asked that if Brian is not willing to reconsider the matter, that next year Don would have the position.

Brian said he hadn't realized how upset people would be by the coin toss, and he was sorry, and he would not let it happen again. He said that as far as next year, there would be a board of selectmen next year, and he doesn't even know if he will be part of that board, that would make that decision, and he doesn't feel they could look at that appointment now. Brian said the Selectmen received new information last week about the way this was supposed to be handled and as to how many members of the Board of Selectmen are supposed to be on the Planning Board. He said the Selectmen had not been adhering to that. Brian said he had never been aware of that.

Ella Jo asked where that information had come from. Brian replied that it is in the Planning Board regulations. She said she hadn't know that, and asked Tim if he had known. Tim replied that he hadn't. Brian said a lot of people didn't know that. No one knew when it had been adhered to.

Brian stated that he looks at the appointment that they are representatives of the Board of Selectmen, and one thing that has been made evident to him over the last two years is that a "Selectman" can do nothing; it is the board of "Selectmen". He said the person on the board is supposed to represent the Selectmen in a fashion that represents the Selectmen. Brian felt he had been put on the "hot seat" on something that he partially doesn't understand. He said it is a one-year appoint as a selectman's representative. Brian said when he was asked what he felt would make it so the board wouldn't function, and was told it was a respect thing, people would want to know why he made the decision, and he would have to back up the decision. Ella Jo said that was true. Brian said it didn't matter how the decision went, this room would have been full of people regardless. It was asked if it was right that there would be two selectmen on the planning board, and so Don would have a position. Brian said that was correct.

Brian stated that there has to be an ex officio member, and an ex officio alternate member. Nanci Mitchell asked if that was based on the State laws or something the Town has. Brian said it was in the Planning Board regulations. Nanci stated that, by State law, the alternate ex officio is the alternate for the ex officio, not an alternate to the Planning Board, so they don't have two members on the planning board.

Doug Isleib stated that he is a member of the planning board, and has done extensive research on the matter of Selectmen's representative to the planning board. Doug said the Selectmen have to appoint a Selectman as an ex officio member to the Planning Board. He said this ex officio member is one of the seven regular members who participate on the planning board. Doug said any time that ex officio member is absent,

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he could not be replaced by an alternate member of the planning board; he has to be replaced by an ex officio alternate member from the selectmen. Doug said it is all spelled out in the planning board procedures, and is also spelled out under RSA 676-1. Doug stated that it is important that the alternate members attend every meeting, and it is important that the ex officio alternate member also attend, because, otherwise, if the ex officio member is absent the ex officio alternate would not be familiar with the case, and wouldn't be prepared to handle it, and this isn't fair to the applicant or the board.

Doug stated that he had met Brian Forst through Brian's position as Selectman, and had a lot of respect for him. He said he knows Brian doesn't play politics and he tries to get an honest answer. Doug said Brian got caught up in this because there are politics involved here. He said flipping a coin might not have been the best way to make a decision, but Doug felt the end result came out right. Doug stated that Don is getting a chance to participate for the next year, and Dave has already been on the board for nine months as an alternate. Doug said if he were sitting in Brian's seat, there would be no decision; he would put the man on the board with the most experience, and let the new member come on as the alternate, just as they do on the planning board. Doug wanted it known that he has a lot of respect for Brian and felt he would continue to do a good job as a selectman.

Nanci Mitchell asked if we should check with other towns to see if the alternate needs to be at the planning board meetings. Doug said it is in the RSA book. Nanci said she is looking at the RSA book, and that Doug had quoted the wrong RSA; it is RSA 673-3. Nanci stated that she had been the ex officio member on a planning board, and she had an alternate, but the alternate didn't have to attend every meeting. She said it is very rare that you miss a meeting, and felt it was a burden to the selectmen to having to attend every meeting. Doug read from the planning board procedure from the Rules of Procedures for the Town of Gilmanton. He read from the section on attendance. –All members, including the alternates, are required to attend every meeting of the Board. While only the regular members, or an alternate designated to act in the absence of regular members place may actually vote on any matter, all members may ask questions and participate in the discussion at hand -. Doug wondered why people would sit and question the procedures. He stated that in zoning, sometimes the town regulations are adhered to instead of the State's. Doug said the Town's regulations can be more stringent than the State, but not lesser. He said that all the regulations he was reading would have had to have been formed by public input meetings; it is all legal and comes out of RSA books, so he asked what the question was.

Bill Donovan felt that next year we would have the same problem. Dave would have seniority on the Planning Board, would he forfeit this position to Don? He asked if this was to be an alternate "alternate" position. Brian said he would like to see it "mixed up". He stated that all three of the Selectmen are taxed with jobs to do, and sometimes it is tough. Brian felt that there has never been anybody who had sat on the board who hadn't made a mistake. Bill said he had just asked the question to make sure we didn't come across the same thing. He asked if it would be fair to alternate. Brian felt it would be fair

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to alternate. He added that he had stated last week that the easiest thing would have been for him (Brian) to take the job, but he hadn't felt he would have the time to commit to all the meetings and site walks. He commended Don and Dave for being willing to serve. Brian said it keeps coming up that there is an alternate agenda for Dave to do the job.

Ella Jo said her concern with David was that she understood Dave had solicited members of the Planning Board to speak on his behalf, and she felt that was unethical. Ella Jo said that was a decision that should be made by the Board of Selectmen, and should be made fair and square with no coin tosses. She felt David had politicized it by asking for support, and had treated it as though it were some kind of an election. She said from what she has heard that the group that was here last week was putting pressure on the Selectmen on Dave's behalf, and she doesn't think it is ethical. Ella Jo said she would respect whatever decision was made as long as it was made fair and square. Ella Jo stated that the reason people take the HDC or some minor board is, though David has experience as an alternate on the Planning Board, that they don't have experience being a Selectman. She said there is a lot to learn being a Selectman, and a lot of conferences you have to attend and other things. Ella Jo said she had been disturbed when she heard that Dave had solicited letters from the "male" members of the planning board, and she found that offensive. Ella Jo didn't think this should have been a problem; it should have been decided within the first ten minutes of the first board meeting.

Betty Ann Abbott stated that she had put her name in to be considered as an alternate to the Planning Board, and asked if Don going on as an alternate would fill the position. It was explained that there was still an opening for a regular alternate, that Don would be the ex officio alternate, and could fill in for only the ex officio member. Brian stated that there had been pressure applied last week to take up that position, but it was handled by stating that the position had to be advertised to give people interested in the position a chance to apply. He assured everyone the decision would not be made by the toss of a coin.

Brian addressed Ella Jo's comment about the board, and said he hadn't felt that there was a board sitting here last week; he felt it was him sitting there getting hammered. He said he was getting no support as a board. Brian said both Don and Dave had wanted the position, and no one was backing down, so he had given it a week to see if they could sort it out. Brian added that he was getting pressured from all directions to make a decision, and he felt you couldn't make a decision based on who is giving you the most pressure, and was very uncomfortable with what he considers not to be a huge appointment. He said the appointment is for one year for a Selectmen's representative to a board, and doesn't appreciate the innuendo that he didn't take the appointment seriously. Brian said his wife had wanted to be here tonight to tell people just how seriously he did take it. He said he didn't sleep, and had pounded himself for it, for what? He said one person has one view; another person has another, and asked how that was fair to him. Ella Jo stated that he is Chair, and he has to make decisions. She felt if

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he had just made the decision initially, it would have been a non-decision. She said he should have made the decision and taken a vote. It would have been two out of three.

Nanci asked if all the appointments to all the boards would be made on April 23rd. Brian said they would advertise for applications; the applications would have to be in by April 20th and they would review the applications on the 23rd. Nanci asked if the Selectmen's agenda would reflect when they are doing the interviews and making the appointments. Tim stated that if they interview for appointments on the 23rd, it would have to be the following week. Nanci asked if they could try to do appointments before the end of April so the commission could have a quorum. Don Guarino asked if the Conservation Commission was short members. Nanci said they have two regular members who are up for reappointment and a regular vacancy, so they wouldn't have a quorum unless the alternate was appointed.

Betty Ann Abbott asked if the interviews took place at a regular meeting in front of the public with public input. She was told they take place at a regular meeting in front of the public, but there is no public input; it is a situation between the applicant and the Board of Selectmen. Doug Isleib stated that when his term was coming up on the Planning Board, the Planning Administrator had announced at the Planning Board meeting that his and Felix Barlik's membership would be expiring. He said he got a letter from the Selectmen telling him that if he wanted to be reappointed, he would have to come before the Selectmen for an interview, or send a letter telling them he was no longer interested, so they could get a new candidate. Doug said he came in, and Felix Barlik and Nanci Mitchell were in for the same thing. He said they were interviewed before the public, and felt it was a good procedure, and wondered why it wasn't happening now. Doug said other towns have lists of positions and when they expire, and what qualifications are looked for in an applicant for the position. Doug added that he had said the information he had on the ex officio member on the Planning Board had come from RSA 676-1, and Nanci Mitchell said it was the wrong RSA. He read from the Gilmanton Planning Board Procedure that the Gilmanton Planning Board adopts the following rules of administrative procedure according to the provisions of RSA-1. He said that is where he had gotten his information.

Heidi Herzberger asked if it had gotten into the minutes that the coin toss had been verified. She was assured that the minutes that had been approved tonight had indicated very clearly the procedure that had been gone through, that Brian had made sure it was not something he had handled himself.

Mary Ann Morrill commended Brian for being his own man and not caving into pressure. She said she knows it has been very difficult and not many people could have handled it the way Brian had.

Brian said he wishes he could say he felt he had done his job 100%, but he doesn't feel he has. He said he has done what he has done and won't waiver on that at this point. Brian

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said he hoped that the representatives will put their best foot forward and prove everybody wrong; that they don't have agendas.

Don wanted it known that when the decision had been tabled at the last Selectmen's meeting, that he hadn't called Brian. Brian stated that in fairness to Don and Dave, neither one of them had put any pressure on him. He said it was all public influence for a Selectmen's appointment, and he can't figure that out.

Doug Isleib said he has never seen a Selectmen's procedure for the Town of Gilmanton, and didn't know if one exists. He said he went on line and other towns have meetings that have public input, and this includes appointments. Doug didn't feel there was anything wrong with that. He said he had sent a letter telling what he thought of Dave as a planning board member. Doug stated that this was just input, and it was up to Brian whether he wanted to use that or not. Brian stated that in any process where a member of the public is applying to be a member of a board, public input is important, but this is not a member of the public applying to a board. It is the Board of Selectmen selecting a representative to represent "the Selectmen". Doug said he saw Brian's point.

Ella Jo wanted to go on record that she hadn't called Brian and put pressure on him, and didn't know that any of the people here tonight did.

Brian stated that he would like to put this behind us. He said he understands and respects the dissatisfaction expressed, but hopes that his two years prior to this would count for something. Ella Jo said she had been surprised. Mr. Hempel felt that was what had happened; it was a surprise because Brian had done such an incredible job for the last two years, and the way it was decided had seemed out of place for Brian.

Brian stated that knowing what he knows now, and the people's reaction; he didn't know what to say except that he was sorry.

Brian was given a round of applause, and was told that it was done.

7:45 p.m. - Chairman Brian Forst closed public input.

7:46 p.m. – Break

7:55 p.m. – Back in Session

Recycling Committee – Selectman Clairmont stated that Roy Sanborn had volunteered his services to get on the recycling committee. He said that at the school meeting, Stan Bean had expressed an interest in either stepping down as Chair and taking Roy on, or of having Roy come on as a regular member of the committee. Dave felt with Roy's experience in recycling and waste disposal he would be a good candidate. Roy stated that he didn't want to be chairman of the committee, but would like to be able to help out.

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Roy briefly described his experience with waste disposal. He said he had starting working in the trucking industry in the early 70's, and started his own waste hauling business in the mid 70's. He said they were one of the largest waste-hauling businesses in New Hampshire. Roy said he had started a landfill that is still in existence. He said he sold his trucking company to Waste Management, and had sold his landfill.

The Board felt they would be lucky to have someone with Mr. Sanborn's experience on the recycling committee.

MOTION – Selectman Clairmont moved that Roy Sanborn be appointed to the Recycling Committee. Selectman Guarino seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Doors & Supplies – Selectman Clairmont reported that Peter Mulcahy of Admirals Way, who represents a company called Direct Buy, had stopped by his office. Dave said Mr. Mulcahy had stated that he had heard the town had appropriated money for new garage doors for the Iron Works fire station, and he wanted Dave to bring to the Board's attention that he could get them for the Town at cost. Dave stated that Mr. Mulcahy could get any building materials, office equipment, etc. at cost. Dave said the town would have to get someone to install the doors. Dave said he had recommended to Mr. Mulcahy that he speak to the fire chief.

There was a discussion as to whether we would have trouble getting someone to service the installation, if we bought the doors elsewhere. Dave felt there is a company in Belmont that would do it. He said he had bought doors from a company in Massachusetts, but the man in Belmont serviced them for him. Brian felt it would be a good idea to talk with the man. Dave will talk to the fire chief, and then call the man in Belmont. Dave reiterated that Mr. Mulcahy could also get office equipment at cost.

Security Cameras for the Academy Building – Don asked if we had gotten prices on the Security cameras for the Academy Building. Tim replied that we are still getting prices.

8:10 p.m. - Enter into non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Selectman Clairmont 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 plow rates.

8:35 p.m. – Out of non-public session

Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of non-public session. Selectman Clairmont seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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MOTION – Selectman Guarino moved to seal the minutes. Selectman Clairmont seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Town Vehicle – Town Clerk Debra Cornett said that at Town Meeting, it was voted to get a new police cruiser, and she said the police chief had mentioned that it might be a good idea to keep the old cruiser as a Town vehicle. Deb felt it would be a great idea. She said we have been using the police department as couriers. She said the State frowns on that because they are not bonded. Deb said she is now being asked to do two deposits a week instead of one. Deb stated that if we have a Town vehicle, we could use it to do deposits and get the mail. She said just doing two deposits a week adds up to over 1200 miles a year. Deb added that the vehicle could be used when town employees go to conferences or workshops in the area, and suggested that the code enforcement officer could use it, rather than having to pay his mileage.

There was discussion as to who would pay for the gas, and it was stated that it would all come under the umbrella of the Selectmen's office. There would still be some times when employees would use their own vehicles, but it was felt that it would be worth trying it out for at least a year to see how it worked out.

8:57 p.m. - Enter into non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Selectman Guarino 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 Clairmont seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed an ongoing issue.

9:25 p.m. – Out of non-public session

Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of non-public session. Selectman Clairmont seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

9:26 p.m. - Enter into non-public session as per RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Selectman Guarino 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 Clairmont seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen discussed a code enforcement issue.

9:28 p.m. – Out of non-public session

Selectman Guarino moved to come Out of non-public session. Selectman Clairmont seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Dionne
Recording Clerk