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## Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

### PUBLIC HEARING Discretionary Barn Easement RSA 79-D:3

Public Hearing

June 16, 2015

**6:00 pm.** – Gilmanton Academy

**Present:** Chairman Donald Guarino, Selectmen Stephen McCormack and Michael Jean, Town Administrator Arthur Capello and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Fogg. Also present: see attached sign in sheet.

**6:00 pm** Chairman Guarino opened the meeting, took attendance of those present and voting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Guarino opened the meeting with an explanation of the RSA 79-D:3 – Section II. One of the three following criteria needs to be met. A – There is scenic enjoyment of the structure by the general public, from a public way or public waters. B - Structure is historically important on a regional, state or national level, either independently, or within an historic district. C- The structure's physical or aesthetic features contribute to the historical, cultural integrity of the property.

Leif and Mary Ellen Erickson were present at the hearing. Mr. Erickson explained that the home was built in 1790, and ell was added, then a carriage barn and in 1857 the big barn was added. They are trying to keep the buildings as they are and have been. It is a working farm, they raise Highland Ponies. It is the second house out of the Historic District heading up Route 140 toward the Iron Works.

The Selectman can grant from 25% to 75% tax relief of the assessed value of the barns to be included in the easement. This easement would give the owners some relief in continuing to preserve the historic barns. See attached minutes of Selectmen's Minutes from May 17, 2004, copy of Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA's, and general instructions for application.

Selectman McCormack said the Selectmen will review the information and reply to the Erickson's.

Selectman Guarino closed the Public Hearing.

**Adjournment:** On a motion by Selectmen Guarino, seconded by Selectman McCormack it was voted unanimously to adjourn from this Public Hearing at 6:18 pm. (3-0)

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