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## Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting

July 28, 2015

**6:00 pm.** – Gilmanton Academy

**Present:** Chairman Donald Guarino, Selectman Michael Jean, Town Administrator Paul Branscombe and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Fogg. See attached list of those present.

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

**Selectmen's Vacancy** – Chairman Guarino stated that Rachel Hatch would be the first interview for this evening as a candidate for the Selectmen's Vacancy, then Brian Forst and Brett Currier.

Chairman Guarino and Selectman Jean had a series of questions to ask each candidate.

**Rachel Hatch** - Mrs. Hatch has been a Selectman in the Town of Gilmanton, serving seven years, (Appointed 2007-2008, 2008-2010, 2010-2013, as well as Recording Clerk for the Budget Committee and Trustees of the Trust Funds)

**Brian Forst** – Mr. Forst has served the Town in several capacities, as a Selectman and Chair of the Budget Committee (Board of Selectmen, 2005-2008, Budget Committee for seven years).

**Brett Currier** – Mr. Currier has served as a Selectman and on the Budget Committee (Board of Selectmen 2012-2015, Budget Committee 2001-2002)

Selectman Jean asked the next several questions of Rachel Hatch, Brian Forst and Brett Currier:

How would you reduce burden on the taxpayer and the tax rate?

Capital Reserve Funds?

Voters Right to Vote on Capital Reserve Fund ?

Five Member Select Board?

How do you feel about adhering to regulations?

Chairman Guarino asked the following questions of the three candidates:

How do you feel about Capital Reserve Funds, when we could Bond or Lease the larger pieces of equipment?

Warrant Articles generated from the Board?

Gilmanton Year Round Library as part of the General Operating Budget?

It was mentioned that a voter's guide each year would be helpful.

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2 After each of the candidates answered the questions, it was said that not everyone is going to  
3 agree.

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5 Chairman Guarino called for a brief recess.

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7 7:35 pm Chairman Guarino called the meeting back to order.

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9 **Board of Selectmen Vacancy -** Chairman Guarino said that all the candidates are well  
10 qualified and did a wonderful job on the interviews. He said that the Selectmen received several  
11 letters that they are taking under advisement.

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13 **Raffle Permits –** There were two requests for Raffles.

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15 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Chairman Guarino and seconded by Selectman Jean it was voted  
16 unanimously to approve the raffle permit for Smith Meeting House, Old Home Day, to be raffled  
17 on August 15, 2015. (2-0)

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19 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Chairman Guarino and seconded by Selectman Jean it was voted  
20 unanimously to approve the raffle permit for the Blue Night's Motorcycle Club, to be raffled  
21 September 8, 2015. (2-0)

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23 **Appointment of Town Administrator Paul Branscombe**

24 The Selectmen appointed our New Town Administrator Paul Branscombe. Paul Branscombe  
25 comes to the town after working in the Town of Ashland as the Town Administrator for five  
26 years. Welcome to Mr. Branscombe!

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28 **7:55 pm Minutes Approval –**

29 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Chairman Guarino and seconded by Selectman Jean it was voted  
30 unanimously to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015 as amended. (2-0)

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32 **MOTION:** On a Motion by Chairman Guarino and seconded by Selectman Jean it was voted  
33 unanimously to approve the minutes of July 10, 2015 as written. (2-0)

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35 **7:59 pm Discussion on Selectman's Vacancy –**

36 Chairman Guarino said that all three candidates are willing to help the Town. Chairman Guarino  
37 said that there is weight on the spring time election, just as Rachel Hatch was asked to step in  
38 previously when there was a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen. The Board went back to the  
39 spring election and asked the second vote getter Rachel Hatch to fill the vacancy, which she  
40 graciously did. Chairman Guarino said that he is looking at what we had done previously. How  
41 would Rachel have felt? It would have been insulting to the people who voted for her, for her to  
42 not be considered. Chairman Guarino said, what has happened previously does carry weight.

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44 Selectman Jean stated that there were 623 votes cast, not for the second vote getter this spring.  
45 Rachel Hatch and Brian Forst both have more experience.

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47 Chairman Guarino stated that there were 278 votes cast for the second vote getter, as a write in  
48 candidate. Also that Mr. Currier has shown significant effort to participate at Selectmen's

1 Meetings and helping with road issues in town since he left office in March, at least six  
2 meetings.

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4 Selectman Jean made a motion.

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6 **MOTION:** There was a Motion by Selectman Jean to appoint Brian Forst as the person to fill  
7 the Selectman's vacancy. As there was no second to the motion, the motion was not voted on.

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9 **Adjournment :** On a Motion by Chairman Guarino and seconded by Selectman Jean it was  
10 voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

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12 Respectfully submitted,

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16 Stephanie S. Fogg  
17 Administrative Assistant

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20 **Approved by the Board of Selectmen**

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23 Chairman Donald J. Guarino

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26 Selectman Michael J. Jean

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