

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 16, 2006
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a work session on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Chairman Dennis J. Doten, Alice H. Boucher, and Connie Grant. Also present was Town Administrator Evans E. Juris and Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Debra Shackett.

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 FACILITY PLANNING COMMITTEE

2.1 Resignation – Routhier

The Board of Selectmen accepted the letter of resignation of Larry Routhier, Chairman of the Facility Planning Committee. Chairman Doten read the letter to the meeting. Alice Boucher moved to accept the resignation with sincere regret. It was seconded by Selectman Grant and accepted unanimously.

2.2 General Discussion

Selectman Doten recognized the Vice Chairman of the Facility Planning Committee, Elaine Gagnon, to address the Board of Selectmen. Gagnon declined and related that she was not prepared to make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen and she did not have sufficient time to prepare and did not know what the Board of Selectmen had for questions.

Chairman Doten then instructed Chief John Markland of the Police Department to recap the actions of the FPC. Chief Markland explained how the Committee was authorized by the Board of Selectmen and outlined the work of the Committee from the beginning and various options that were explored, including the addition to the rear of the police station, east side of Town Hall, renovation of the current police station and SAU area.

He also explained how all Town Departments had been interviewed and their requests for space. He was assisted in his presentation by Vice Chairman Gagnon and Town Administrator Juris.

Selectman Grant inquired if a traffic pattern study had been done. It was explained by Chief Markland and Vice Chairman Gagnon.

Jim Mull of the FPC also spoke and explained various items and explained that with Routhier's resignation, they (the Committee) were a ship without a rudder.

Dennis Whitcher, a private citizen and general contractor, spoke and stated he felt the stand alone facility was the way to go but it needed to be done right and that we should consider the Design Build Technique.

Selectman Doten closed public input at 5:45 p.m. and asked Board members their thoughts.

Selectman Grant stated she likes the design build technique, but wanted the Committee to keep all options open including an addition.

Selectman Boucher stated she wanted to keep the present committee, but add additional new members and to consider the design build technique.

Selectman Doten stated he wanted to keep the Committee and add new members. He recommended the stand alone facility.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the following before taking action:

1. Obtaining cost figures.
2. Possible uses of old police station.
3. Explore fixing current problems with Town Hall.
4. Plan for 2007 budget funds.

The following motions were passed:

1. Motion to continue the FPC and to add new members made by Alice Boucher and seconded by Dennis Doten. Motion carried.
2. Motion for FPC to obtain cost on construction of free standing police station, amended to include that the Committee shall also be authorized to explore all options. Amendment passed. Main motion then moved by Alice Boucher and seconded by Dennis Doten. Motion carried.

3.0 OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Road Report

The Board of Selectmen received a written report on the road conditions as a result of the recent rains.

- 3.2** Selectmen Boucher recommended a letter be sent to Larry Routhier thanking him for his work on the FPC. This was then expanded to include the members of the FPC.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before Board, the Board of Selectmen's May 16, 2006 meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Evans E. Juris
Town Administrator