

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 24, 2006
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Vice Chairman Alice H. Boucher and Connie Grant. Also present was Town Administrator Evans E. Juris, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra J. Bailey. Absent was Chairman Dennis J. Doten.

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

2.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Board of Selectmen approved the regular and non-public minutes of the May 3 and 10, 2006 Selectmen's meeting, with a correction under Article 10.1 of the May 10th minutes, changing the name in the first paragraph from Alex Denver to Tyler Sawyer; and the regular minutes of the May 16, 2006 Selectmen's meeting.

3.0 PUBLIC INPUT – There was no public input provided._

4.0 APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Bill Rohr

Gilford resident Bill Rohr expressed concern with the timing of the traffic light at the corner of Route 11A and Country Club Road, as well as problems with the location of the traffic island. Mr. Rohr stated that he has seen vehicles travel on the wrong side of the island and tractor-trailers that have difficulty maneuvering around the island. Mr. Rohr requested that the Board of Selectmen advise the State of NH DOT that they are not happy with the situation.

Vice Chairman Boucher advised Mr. Rohr that the Board of Selectmen have already advised NH DOT that they are not happy with the island. Sheldon Morgan reported that there seems to be an issue with who should bear the expense of having the island corrected. Mr. Rohr also stated that he feels the lights should blink at night.

4.2 John Ratigan – GCV Realty Holdings Subdivision

John Ratigan, from the law firm of Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella was in attendance to explain a proposal for a public right-of-way for the GCV Realty Holdings Subdivision. Mr. Ratigan stated that the proposed road passes through green space, over which the previous owner had an easement. He further stated that these rights can be transferred to the municipality.

Jonathan Ring of Jones and Beech Engineering reviewed the plans for the proposed roadway. He stated that they cannot provide a deed for the easement portion of the road. Town Administrator Juris asked about another access. Mr. Ring explained why this is the best location

for the road. Town Administrator Juris also stated that Town Counsel Walter Mitchell has issued an opinion on the matter and feels that the proposal is acceptable.

Mr. Ring further explained that the road will be deeded two ways, rather than just one. Town Administrator Juris asked if the road would be built in accordance with the newly adopted Minimum Road Standards. Mr. Ring replied yes. Brief discussion also ensued on the rebuilding of abutters' driveway accesses.

Mr. Ring stated that the Planning Board wanted the Board of Selectmen to review the situation and be comfortable with the proposed roadway.

Vice Chairman Boucher stated that she would like to take the matter under advisement since they just received materials on this situation today. Town Administrator Juris stated that he will finalize this situation with Walter Mitchell and Dennis Doten and a formal response will be made to John Ratigan.

4.3 John Markland – D.A.R.E. Donation

Police Chief John Markland requested authorization to accept a \$15.00 donation from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller for the D.A.R.E. Program. Connie Grant moved to accept the donation. Alice Boucher seconded. Motion carried.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Seasonal Hire – Recreation Department

Interim Recreation Director Joanne Buckner has requested permission to hire Gina Ranno as a lifeguard/swim instructor at \$9.50 per hour and Ryan Nelson for maintenance at \$9.50 per hour. Connie Grant moved to approve the hiring of Gina Ranno and Ryan Nelson. Alice Boucher seconded. Motion carried.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Hoyt Road Bridge

Sheldon Morgan stated that as part of the Hoyt Road bridge replacement, they are ready to move into the next phase of the contract with HEB Engineers. He briefly reviewed the Additional Work Authorization, indicating that \$45,004.96 is earmarked for permitting, final design, bidding and construction administration.

Brief discussion ensued on how this is handled within the budget. Mr. Morgan stated that only approximately \$14,000 of this amount would be expended in 2006, which would not exceed the budgeted amount for the project.

Connie Grant moved to enter into a contract with HEB Engineers for \$45,004.96, but not to expend more than the budgeted amount in the Bridge Maintenance line item for 2006. Alice Boucher seconded. Motion carried.

In other matters, Director Morgan provided a brief FEMA update regarding the recent flooding. He also suggested that a group of residents abutting Gunstock Brook could be organized to “police” the brook.

7.0 SIGNATURES

Signed 4/24/06

Tax Collector Warrant – Sewer – 203-116.000

Signed 5/02/06

Change of Status – Tardugno

Signed 5/9/06

Accounts Payable Manifest

Payroll Check Register

Signed 5/10/06

Accounts Payable Manifest

Abatement – 242-054.000 – Fay

Abatement – 223-009.200 – Burbank

Letter to Tracy Leonard

Signed 5/11/06

Notice of Intent to Cut – 232-003.000

Notice of Intent to Cut – 252-046.000 & 252-015.000

Notice of Intent to Cut – 205-006.000

Signed 5/12/06

Abatement – Bean – 224-049.044

Notice of Intent to Cut – 252-049.000

Tax Collector’s Warrant – 1st half 2006

Signed 5/15/06

Notice of Intent to Cut – 228-003.200

Letter to Dana Farley

Letter to Russ Dumais

Letter to John Tramantano

Letter to Mark Gangi

Letter to John O’Brien

Payroll Check Register

Signed 5/16/06

Change of Status – Proulx

Abatement – 240-097.001 – Blizzard

Accounts Payable Manifest

Signed 5/17/06

Letter to Eagle Scout Webber

Letter to Eagle Scout LeClair

Signed 5/18/06

Abatement – 242-156.001 – Quinlan
Accounts Payable Manifest

Signed 5/22/06

Jeopardy Tax – 213-088.003
Jeopardy Tax – 213-088.007
Abatement – 242-307.000 – Hatem
Abatement Denials – 254-010.000, 254-012.000, 263-088.000,
254-011.000, 254-013.000, and 242-218.000
Change of Status – Jensen, DiMartino, Wernig
Payroll Check Register
Lien – 266-011.000 – 40 Trailview

Signed 5/23/06

Accounts Payable Manifest

Signed 5/24/06

Veteran Tax Credit – 224-074.006 – Brulotte
Abatement – M & S Construction – 204-003.016

8.0 SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Vice Chairman Boucher stated that the Facility Planning Committee is interested in gaining two more members. She suggested an advertisement in the newspaper recruiting new members. The Board concurred to have the Town Administrator place an ad in the newspaper for new members. This will also be posted on the website.

9.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9.1 Aquifer Protection Ordinance Update

Town Administrator Juris provided an update on the Aquifer Protection Ordinance. He advised the Board that he and DPLU Director John Ayer have met with the Water Protection Committee and a draft policy has been sent to Town Counsel. He also stated that there was a great deal of debate and concerns regarding this Ordinance.

Extensive discussion ensued on such issues as underground tanks and how the Ordinance relates to State statutes. Town Administrator Juris also advised the Board that the intent of the Ordinance was that it not be geared to residential development.

9.2 Budget Committee Meeting Review

Town Administrator Juris advised the Board that the first 2006 Budget Status Meeting was held on May 18, 2006. He stated that the Budget Committee was advised that we are not in a budget crisis and the Fire Engineers will make a presentation to the Board at the June 14th meeting.

He also stated that the “sub-committees” will continue, since they have

worked out well in the past.

9.3 Memorial Day

Police Chief John Markland reported that local soldiers who have served in Iraq will be conducting the flag ceremony on Memorial Day. Vice Chairman Boucher commended Chief Markland and Captain Keenan for their efforts.

9.4 Other Matters

A work session will be held on June 6, 2006 to discuss sewer billing. The Board will also conduct a brief non-public session to discuss security measures during Motorcycle Week.

Town Administrator Juris also provided an update regarding the status of the Town Hall elevator repairs.

Department Managers have been provided with CIP forms and criteria, to be discussed in June. The tax bills have been mailed and the Personnel Policy review is progressing.

10.0 NEXT MEETING – June 14, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT – With no further business before Board, the Board of Selectmen's May 24, 2006 meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Administrative Secretary