

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
June 14, 2006
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Chairman Dennis Doten, 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.

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Doten introduced James Mitchell, a new reporter for the Laconia Citizen, to the Board.

2.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Board of Selectmen approved the regular minutes of the May 24, 2006 Selectmen's meeting and the regular and non-public minutes of the June 6, 2006 Selectmen's meeting.

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

4.0 APPOINTMENTS

4.1 Herbert Greene

Recreation Director Herb Greene asked the Board for authorization to accept a donation in the amount of \$200.00 from Northern Bass Supply of Kingston, NH.

Connie Grant moved to authorize the acceptance of a \$200.00 donation from Northern Bass Supply of Kingston, NH. Alice Boucher seconded. Motion carried.

4.2 Class of 2010 – Sidewalk Project

Linda Wright, a teacher at Gilford Middle School was accompanied by five students who are involved in the Gilford Village Sidewalk Project. They provided a brief update for the Board on the project. They have been fundraising and have also received several donations from local businesses.

The group stated that they have been awarded a grant for 80% of the \$168,000 cost. Brief discussion ensued on how to handle the 20% balance on the 2007 Town Warrant. Linda Wright asked for Sheldon Morgan to stake out and gravel the sidewalk area, as well as oversee the project. Chairman Doten commended Linda Wright and her students for their hard work and dedication and asked them to submit their request concerning Sheldon in writing.

4.3 Chief Jim Hayes – 2006 Budget

Chief Hayes was in attendance to provide the Board with an update on the status of the 2006 Fire Department Budget. He briefly reviewed his

letter of June 6, 2006 and reiterated that the call company pay account is the area of largest concern. He stated that the total projected deficit is approximately \$23,000.00 and he feels that in making cuts in other areas, he can reduce this amount to approximately \$900.00, barring any major, unforeseen expense. Chairman Doten commended Chief Hayes for his hard work and asked that the Board be kept updated.

Chief Jim Hayes – Bickford Road Fire Pond

Chief Hayes also provided an update on the status of the repairs to the Bickford Road Fire Pond. The projected cost is approximately \$16,000.00 and \$10,000.00 has been reimbursed by FEMA, leaving \$6,000.00 to be taken from the Town Budget. Public Works Director Sheldon Morgan has indicated that he can cover this amount in the Highway Construction account within the DPW budget. Chief Hayes asked the Board of Selectmen to authorize James S. Piscopo Contracting to reconstruct the Bickford Road Fire Pond at a cost of \$16,135.00.

Alice Boucher moved to authorize James S. Piscopo Contracting to reconstruct the Bickford Road Fire Pond at a cost of \$16,135.00. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

4.4 Denise Morrissette – Grant Request

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Denise Morrissette was in attendance seeking authority to apply for a \$10,000.00 grant to restore six (6) Town Record Books and microfilming the information for the Town and State libraries.

Connie Grant moved to grant permission for Town Clerk/Tax Collector Denise Morrissette to apply for a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the restoration of six (6) Town Record Books. Alice Boucher seconded. Motion carried.

4.5 William J. McLean III – Tax Abatement

Mr. McLean withdrew his request to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

4.6 Merrill Fay – Tax Abatement

Merrill Fay of Fay's Boat Yard was in attendance to discuss his 2005 Tax Abatement. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak with them and proceeded to review his letter of June 14, 2006, in which he makes four (4) points regarding how he feels his property is over-assessed. In closing, Mr. Fay stated that he would appreciate any assistance the Town could provide regarding his agreement with the State to not condo his boat slips.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Resignation - Connelly

Town Welfare Director William Connelly has submitted his resignation after 41 years of service, to be effective July 13, 2006. Connie Grant moved to accept his resignation with deepest regret. Alice Boucher seconded. Motion carried.

5.2 Resignation – Elliott

Wayne Elliott of the Public Works Department has submitted his resignation, effective June 8, 2006. Alice Boucher moved to accept his resignation with deep regret. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

5.3 Rizzitano Adjustment Request

Joseph Rizzitano of 14 Auburn Circle was in attendance regarding property tax interest that he was assessed due to an incorrect mailing address. Mr. Rizzitano stated that he has never lived at the address provided on his Warranty Deed. After brief discussion, Alice Boucher moved to deny his request for an adjustment on his property tax bill. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

5.4 Cartographics Associates, Inc. – Contract

Town Administrator Juris provided a brief overview of Part II of the Contract for GIS Services with Cartographic Associates. Brief discussion ensued on the training that would be provided with the contract.

Connie Grant moved to authorize the Town Administrator to enter the Town of Gilford into a two (2) year contract with Cartographics Associates, Inc. for the amount of \$39,935.00. Billing for July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 shall not exceed \$19,935.00 and year two (2) shall be contingent upon the passage of the 2007 budget. Alice Boucher seconded. Motion carried.

5.5 Dame – Barn Easement

Town Appraiser Wil Corcoran provided the Board with background information on this application for a Discretionary Preservation Easement. He reviewed the criteria for this type of easement and advised the Board that it was their decision whether or not to grant this easement for Mr. Dame’s barn.

After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that this barn did not fit the criteria. Alice Boucher moved to deny the request for a Discretionary Preservation Easement for a barn. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.0 SIGNATURES

| <u>DATE SIGNED</u> | <u>DOCUMENT</u> | <u>MAP/LOT #</u> |
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| 05/25/06 | Change of Status - DeProspo | |
| 05/25/06 | Change of Status - Ranno, Mercuri, DeCarli | |

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| 05/26/06 | Abatement - Bowie | 224-049.007 |
| 05/26/06 | Abatement - GA Comm. Prop. Trust | various |
| 05/30/06 | Abatement - Bean | 211-021.000 |
| 05/30/06 | Abatement - Signorine | 222-045.003 |
| 05/30/06 | Abatement - Wieland | 242-280.014 |
| 05/30/06 | Abatement - Allan | 267-012.002 |
| 05/31/06 | Intent to Cut | 228-003.100 |
| 06/01/06 | Change of Status - Lemay | |
| 06/02/06 | Eviction Notices - Town Owned Property | |
| 06/02/06 | Judith Morgan - Appt. as Deputy Treasurer | |
| 06/05/06 | Abatement - Taylor/Miner Ent. | 213-088.003 |
| 06/05/06 | Abatement - Taylor/Miner Ent. | 213-088.007 |
| 06/05/06 | Letters re: thank-you - Memorial Day | |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Fay | 223-533.000 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Hoffman | 242-155.000 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Brueggeman | 223-585.006 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Celato | 223-585.010 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Partelo | 223-585.011 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Foster | 223-585.012 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Chereck/Cooper | 223-585.016 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Field | 223-585.018 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Rain | 223-585.019 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Kelly | 223-585.021 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Bartlett | 223-585.023 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Bertholdt | 223-585.024 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - DeRosa | 223-585.025 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement Denial - Russo | 223-585.026 |
| 06/06/06 | Change of Status - Nelson, Huysman, Wheeler, Perry, Cass, Barnet, Clough Frye, Sullivan, Keohan, Keohan, Hoffman, Duchene, Dobbins, Ranno | |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement - Southworth | 215-010.000 |
| 06/06/06 | Abatement - Wood | 242-180.000 |
| 06/06/06 | Forest Fire Bill - State of NH - \$7,038.36 | |

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| 06/08/06 | Certification of Yield Tax Assessed | 252-049.000 |
| 06/08/06 | Certification of Yield Tax Assessed | 266-088.000 |
| 06/08/06 | Certification of Yield Tax Assessed | 263-038.200 |
| 06/08/06 | Certification of Yield Tax Assessed | 263-038.100 |
| 06/08/06 | Certification of Yield Tax Assessed | 201-024.000 |
| 06/08/06 | Abatement Denial - McKean | 219-001&002 |
| 06/09/06 | DRA Inventory Request Form | |
| 06/09/06 | Veteran's Tax Credit | 209-017.000 |
| 06/09/06 | Abatement Denial - Connors | 223-100.430 |
| 06/09/06 | Abatement Denial - McBrian | 223-100.725 |
| 06/09/06 | Abatement Denial - Scott | 223-100.723 |
| 06/09/06 | Abatement Denial - Christensen | 223-100.426 |
| 06/11/06 | Change of Status - Buckner | |
| 06/12/06 | Forest Fire Bill - State of NH - 4 fires | |
| 06/12/06 | Notice of Intent to Excavate | 228-081.000 |
| 06/12/06 | Timber Tax Levy | |
| 06/13/06 | Abatement Denial | 222-060.000 |
| 06/13/06 | Abatement Denial - Cox | 251-009.002 |
| 06/13/06 | Gilford PD Special Officer Appointments - Craver, deSousa, Eastmen, Hopkins, Kloetz | |
| 06/14/06 | Barn Easement Denial - Dame | 215-029.000 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement | 242-280.017 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement Denial - Parisi | 201-003.000 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement Denial - Young, Sheehan | 266-206&111 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement - Leach | 225-025.000 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement Denial - Bruno | 223-404.000 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement Denial - Lakes Region Water Co. | 227-192.000 |
| 06/14/06 | Notice of Intent to Cut - 1st Methodist Church | 211-005.000 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement Denial - Rabinovitz | 242-280.041 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement Denial - Millham | 223-100.940 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement - LaPlant | 223-100.944 |
| 06/14/06 | Abatement - Wagner | 266-102.012 |
| 06/14/06 | Change of Status - Bailey | |
| 06/14/06 | Deed - Nesvet | 267-012.102 |

8.0 SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Connie Grant suggested that in light of the recent increase in legal fees, it might be prudent to get rates from other attorneys for comparison purposes. Town Administrator Juris stated that he would take care of this.

9.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9.1 Motorcycle Week Update

Town Administrator Juris provided a brief update on Motorcycle Week.

9.2 FPC Update

Town Administrator Juris stated that one application has been received for the Facility Planning Committee. Chairman Doten stated that the Board would need to meet with the FPC once the new members have been selected to provide further direction.

9.3 Other Matters

Town Administrator Juris advised the Board that he is in the process of obtaining quotes to add window panes to the conference room doors.

He also stated that he has a Purchase & Sales Agreement for Lot #9 at the Lakes Business Park. This has been approved by the Laconia-Gilford Economic Development Authority. Alice Boucher moved to authorize the signing of a Purchase and Sales Agreement for Lot #9 of the Lakes Business Park for \$146,000.00. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

9.4 Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A II (c) (d)

The Board of Selectmen on a roll call vote entered Non-Public Session at 4:14 p.m. Present were Selectmen Dennis Doten, Alice Boucher and Connie Grant, Town Administrator Evans Juris, Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett, Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey and Director of Public Works Sheldon Morgan.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board of Selectmen discussed a pending contract. Sheldon Morgan then left Non-Public Session and the Board discussed an abatement request. While in Non-Public Session, Alice Boucher moved to deny the abatement request for 210-005.000. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried. The Board exited Non-Public Session at 4:45 p.m.

9.5 Elizabeth Sweeney – 58 Pinecrest Drive

Sheldon Morgan returned to the meeting at this time to discuss correspondence received from Elizabeth Sweeney of 58 Pinecrest Drive. Mrs. Sweeney is asking for permission from the Board of Selectmen to keep granite curbing and a motion detector that falls within the Town's right-of-way. Extensive discussion ensued on various aspects of this situation, such as how a property line is determined, how the Town has handled past similar situations and what, if anything, is permissible within the Town's right-of-way.

After careful considering this matter, Alice Boucher moved to deny Ms. Sweeney's request for permission to keep granite curbing and a motion detector within the Town's right-of-way. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

10.0 **NEXT MEETING** – June 28, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

11.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before Board, the Board of Selectmen's June 14, 2006 meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Administrative Secretary