

**GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**July 26, 2006**  
**Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, July 26, 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.

**2.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The Board of Selectmen approved the regular and non-public minutes of the July 10, 2006 and July 12, 2006 Selectmen's meetings, with the following corrections: On page 4 of the 7/12/06 minutes, delete the word "that" in paragraph 3; change \$132 to \$138 and change the word "budget" to "trustees" in paragraph 4.

**3.0 PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairman Doten opened this portion of the meeting by reading aloud the "Rules Governing Citizens Appearances Before the Board of Selectmen".

Tara Columb of 128 Morrill Street was in attendance to describe flooding problems at her property, both in October 2005 and recently. Ms. Columb provided a hand-drawn map of the area, showing the various problem areas. She proceeded to provide a lengthy explanation of the origin and course of the water that is causing the problems.

Dennis Doten asked Ms. Columb about the installation of a check valve to prevent water from entering her home. This prompted further discussion with Ms. Columb and DPW Director Sheldon Morgan, who was able to provide some background on how this property became tied into the Town's storm drains. Mr. Morgan also pointed out that this should have never been permitted and by today's standards, would not be permitted. He also reviewed the points he covered with Ms. Columb in recent correspondence to her.

Chairman Doten thanked Ms. Columb for her input and took the matter under advisement.

**4.0 APPOINTMENTS**

**4.1 Marjorie A. Ludwig**

Ms. Ludwig was in attendance to request an abatement of her sewer bill. She explained how the situation was created over a period of years and that her meter was changed in 2005. Chairman Doten explained to Ms. Ludwig how the ordinance only provides for abatements if brought to our attention within 30 days. Further discussion ensued on her bills for 2002, 2003 and 2004. Debra Shackett provided further explanation for Ms. Ludwig, who stated that she was advised by a Town employee to "wait and see" the usage for a period of a year after the new meter was installed.

Selectman Grant asked about how this has been handled in previous cases. More discussion ensued, with Chairman Doten asking Ms. Ludwig to be specific in what she was asking of the Board. Ms. Ludwig stated that she would like to see the 2002, 2003 and 2004 adjusted so that they more accurately reflect the actual usage.

#### **4.2 John Goodhue**

Mr. Goodhue was in attendance as a private citizen, requesting that the Town consider getting involved with “hand pulling” the milfoil in Smith Cove. Mr. Goodhue stated that he is not in favor of putting chemicals into the lake and has located a company in Vermont – Aquatic Concerns, which does this hand pulling with divers. Mr. Goodhue further stated that representatives from this company have come to Gilford and toured Smith Cove. They have estimated that it would take approximately 14-15 working days, at a cost of \$2,000 per day, for a total cost of \$30,000.

Mr. Goodhue continued his presentation, citing the advantages of hand pulling milfoil, rather than using chemicals. He also stated that Fay’s Boat Yard and two yacht clubs are willing to assume some of the expense. Chairman Doten suggested that the Gilford Conservation Commission take charge of the project and funding.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of NH DES contributing part of the funding. Gilford resident Chuck Coons stated that he thinks that DES will only fund chemical treatment, since it is the only method acceptable to them. Mr. Coons further stated that they would like some direction from the Board.

Alice Boucher suggested that they determine how much money can be raised from private concerns and then have the Conservation Commission request the balance in 2007. Brief discussion ensued on whether there would be any funding available for 2006, so that the process could take place this summer. The Board advised Mr. Goodhue and Mr. Coons that no funding was available for 2006.

Peter Morrissette of Smith Cove questioned whether or not the hand pulling would be successful.

#### **4.3 Keyspan/DES**

John Regan of NH DES and Patricia Haederle of Keyspan were in attendance to make a very brief presentation to the Board, prior to the public hearing scheduled for August 10, 2006. Ms. Haederle provided a brief history of the site and how it came to be contaminated. She stated that coal tar is still present in the ground at the site, and will need to be removed or treated.

Hs. Haederle further stated that Keyspan regrets this situation and accepts responsibility. John Regan advised the Board that notices have

been sent to abutters of the property and there will be press releases prior to the August 10<sup>th</sup> hearing.

**5.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Driveway Permit Waiver - Colonna**

Vinnie Colonna of 27 Barefoot Place briefly explained that he would like to be able to extend the entry width of his driveway from 20 feet to 24 feet. It was the consensus of the Board to reaffirm a verbal poll of July 17, 2006, where Mr. Colonna was granted his request for the increase.

**5.2 Capital Improvement Program**

Town Administrator Juris provided the Board with a copy of the existing and proposed CIP Committee. He stated that Paul Blandford may take Derek Tomlinson's place as School Board representative.

Alice Boucher moved to accept the proposed CIP Committee with the following changes: Connie Grant will take the place of Alice Boucher as Selectman representative, Paul Blandford will take the place of Derek Tomlinson as School Board representative, and Kinney O'Rourke will be added as a new member. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried. A target date of the last week in August was established for their first meeting.

**6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**6.1 Facility Planning Committee**

The first meeting of the newly formed FPC and Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A of the Town Hall.

**7.0 SIGNATURES**

06/28/06	Tax Deferral - Bourke	224-075.015
07/01/06	Change of Status - Juris	
07/01/06	Change of Status - Markland	
07/10/06	FPC Appointments (5 new members)	
07/14/06	Appointment - Richard Nelson	
07/14/06	Appointment - Leo Sanfacon	
07/18/06	Pole and Petition License - Sawmill Road	
07/18/06	Tax Collectors Warrant - Cherry Valley Betterments	
07/19/06	Tax Collectors Warrant - Lyman	228-081.000
07/21/06	Change of Status - Jackson	
07/24/06	Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber	229-001.000

07/24/06	Veteran's Tax Credit - Surviving Spouse	201-009.106
07/26/06	Deed - Bourke	224-075.015
07/26/06	Tax Deferral - Beauchemin	253-109.000
07/26/06	Deed - Beauchemin	253-109.000
07/29/06	Deed - Green	224-049.027

## **8.0 SELECTMEN'S ISSUES**

Selectman Grant reiterated her previously stated position that the Public Input portion of the meeting should be after those with scheduled appointments.

## **9.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **9.1 Date Reminders**

1. August 10, 2006, 7:00 p.m., DES Hearing on Liberty Hill
2. August 16, 2006, 6:30 p.m., Summer Town Forum

### **9.2 Yellow Ribbon Project**

Town Administrator Juris advised the Board that this project is moving forward. He has been in touch with Karen Thurston, who suggested the yellow ribbons.

### **9.3 Emergency Management Training**

Town Administrator Juris advised the Board that there will be mandatory Emergency Management Training for Department Managers on Thursday, September 14, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Board of Selectmen will also attend this training.

- **Other Matters**

Town Administrator Juris provided the Board with an update on the traffic issue on Scenic Drive and Belknap Point Road, which was brought up at the last meeting by Don Onofrio. Speed and traffic data will be compiled and evaluated.

### **9.4 Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II (c)**

The Board of Selectmen on a roll call vote entered Non-Public Session at 4:10 p.m. Present were Selectmen Dennis Doten, Alice Boucher and Connie Grant, Town Administrator Evans Juris, Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board of Selectmen discussed legal matters and personnel issues. While in Non-Public Session, no action was taken.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 4:50 p.m.

**4.1** Alice Boucher moved to approve a sewer abatement for Marjorie Ludwig in the amount of \$346.19. Connie Grant seconded. Motion

carried.

**11.0** **NEXT MEETING** – August 9, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

**12.0** **ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before Board, the Board of Selectmen's July 26, 2006 meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey  
Administrative Secretary