

**GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MAY 4, 2007  
Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen convened in a special meeting on Friday, May 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at the Gilford Town Hall., 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Present were Chairman Alice Boucher and Selectmen Grant and Benavides. Also present were Town Administrator Evans Juris and Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. New Business** – There was no New Business.

**3. Old Business**

**3.1. 2007 Paving Contract** – Town Administrator Evans Juris recommended to the Board of Selectmen that they reject all bids received as there was no provision for a penalty clause provided.

Selectman Grant made a motion to reject all bids. It was seconded by Selectman Benavides and the vote was unanimous.

**3.2. 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant** – Chief Hayes continued this discussion from April 25, 2007 and presented an in depth description of the Grant. Selectman Benavides asked if these were Homeland Security Funds. The Chief stated no, they were not. The Assistance to Firefighters funding is managed by Homeland Security.

He divided his discussion into two (2) parts.

First, he discussed the commercial washer and drying equipment. Selectman Benavides asked about the warranty, current equipment and local funding. The Chief stated it had a warranty of three (3) years for parts and one (1) year for labor, that the current machine is ten (10) years old and was used when they first got it, and that local funding was approximately 50% of the total cost. Selectman Grant wanted to know if it would go out to bid.

The second explanation dealt with the obtaining of health equipment and certification of two (2) firefighters to be health instructors (trainers).

Chief Hayes explained that a new program would be mandatory for career firefighters and not mandatory for call firefighters.

There was lengthy discussion concerning the equipment and training. Issues were raised relative to worker's compensation insurance in the event of injuries sustained while working out on duty.

There were several other questions relating to implementation of a physical training policy and who else in the area utilized one. The Chief knew only of the City of Manchester that had such a physical training program.

On a motion by Selectman Connie Grant and a second by Selectman Gus Benavides, the Board of Selectman authorized the Chief to apply only for the part of the grant dealing with the extractor, washer and drying rack. It passed unanimously.

**4. Selectmen Issues** – none.

**5. Administrator's Report** – none.

**5.1. Non-Public Session – RSA 91:A-3 II (a)(e)** – The Board of Selectmen on a roll call vote entered Non-Public Session at 10:00 a.m.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board of Selectmen discussed a personnel issue and pending litigation. Selectman Grant left at 10:15 a.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 10:37 a.m.

**6. Signatures** – none.

**7. Adjournment** – The Board of Selectmen adjourned at 10:38 a.m. on a motion made by Gus Benavides and seconded by Alice Boucher.

Respectfully submitted,

Evans E. Juris  
Town Administrator