

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 11, 2007
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Chairman Alice H. Boucher, Connie Grant and Gus Benavides. Also present were Town Administrator Evans Juris, Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Review/Approval of Minutes** – The Board of Selectmen approved the regular and non-public minutes of the Selectmen's meetings of June 21 and June 27, 2007.
3. **Public Hearings**
 - 3.1. **Hannaford Summer Celebration** – Larry Poloquin, Store Manager of the Gilford Hannaford, was in attendance to provide an overview of the proposed event and respond to any questions from the Board or members of the public. The proposed event will utilize fourteen (14) parking spaces in the Hannaford parking lot on July 22, 2007 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Selectmen Benavides asked Mr. Poloquin if the Police Department had been contacted and if there were any public safety issues. Police Chief Markland did review the materials provided for the proposed event and found them to be in compliance with the requirements of the Police Department.

There was no public input. Chairman Boucher closed the public hearing at 3:03 p.m.

Gus Benavides moved to grant a Special Event permit for the Hannaford Summer Celebration to be held on Sunday, July 22, 2007 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

- 3.2. **No Parking Zone – Roberts Road** - Town Administrator Juris provided an overview of the request to prohibit parking on Roberts Road. He also stated that Police Chief John Markland and DPW Director Sheldon Morgan concur with this request. A letter was read into the record from Nancy Paterno, who made the request, stating that she could not be at today's hearing due to a family commitment.

There were no questions from the Board of Selectmen.

Jeffrey Ursillo, who owns a small trailer park that borders Roberts Road, does not feel that parking on Roberts Road has been an issue in the past. However, he does support the No Parking Zone, but would like to see less signs than the eight (8) that are proposed. The number of signs was proposed by DPW Director

Sheldon Morgan. Roberts Road resident Joe Hoffman proceeded to address the Board with a lengthy history of alleged illegal Town activities in the area of Roberts Road. Selectmen Boucher repeatedly reminded Mr. Hoffman that his comments were to be limited to the issue of the No Parking Zone only.

Chairman Boucher closed the public hearing at 3:17 p.m.

Gus Benavides moved to amend the Ordinance Relating to Parking Regulations as follows: NO PARKING ANYTIME ON ROBERTS ROAD, both sides, from the intersection of Dock Road to the end of Roberts Road (No Parking Zone - \$25.00 fine), subject to the number of signs proposed being re-evaluated. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

- 3.3. Opechee Garden Club** – Sandy Gove, President of the Opechee Garden Club, provided a brief history of the Club and how it has benefited the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, in addition to other charitable causes. The Opechee Garden Club is proposing a Garden Tour and Luncheon on Saturday, July 14, 2007 at the Ellis Vineyards on David Lewis Road, as a fundraiser.

Connie Grant stated that she recently viewed the area of the proposed event and did not think that parking would be an issue.

There was no public input. Chairman Boucher closed the public hearing at 3:21 p.m.

Connie Grant moved to approve the Garden Tour and Luncheon at the Ellis Vineyards on David Lewis Road on July 14, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Gus Benavides seconded. Motion carried.

- 3.4. Meadowbrook Sign** – RJ Harding from Meadowbrook Farms LLC was in attendance for the second public hearing regarding a sign easement on Meadowbrook Lane. He provided a brief overview of the reasons for relocating the sign. He also advised the Board that since the first public hearing, he has met with Mr. Russo, an abutter residing at Marina Bay, to address his concerns with light coming into his residence. Mr. Harding stated that Mr. Russo's concerns can be addressed with landscaping. Selectman Benavides thanked Mr. Harding for being a good neighbor.

Tony Di Fazio, a resident of Weirs Road, read a letter he prepared urging the Board to deny this request. He does not feel that Meadowbrook has been a good neighbor and will not adhere to any conditions they agree to in obtaining permits, etc.

Gilford resident Doug Lambert spoke in favor of the new sign and location.

Chairman Boucher closed the public hearing at 3:30 p.m.

Gus Benavides moved to grant an easement to Meadowbrook Farms LLC for the installation of an off-premises sign within the Town's right-of-way, providing that Town Counsel prepares the easement and the cost will be borne by Meadowbrook. Connie Grant seconded. Motion carried.

4. Appointments

4.1. Lake Host Program – Jared Teutsch, President of the NH Lakes Association, was in attendance to provide an overview of the Lake Host Program. He stated that the purpose of the program is to educate boaters and prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants. Mr. Teutsch further stated that the grant program begins in the early spring, with a 50% match of either cash or volunteers.

Mr. Teutsch stated that the program has had many successes and is a courtesy inspection, not an enforcement one. He then reviewed the materials he brought with him to show the Board what the public will receive during an inspection.

Further discussion ensued on the situation at the Glendale Docks. Selectmen Benavides expressed concern with this already congested area being further congested with the program in operation on a Saturday. Chairman Boucher asked Chief Markland for his input and he did reiterate the need to keep the traffic flowing at Glendale. Mr. Teutsch pointed out that an experienced staff member, who is familiar with congested areas such as Meredith, will be conducting the checks at the Glendale Docks.

Connie Grant moved to authorize the Conservation Commission to apply for a grant in the amount of \$1,000 (with 50% matching funds) from the Lake Host Program and to authorize the program to use the Glendale Docks for inspections. Gus Benavides seconded. Motion carried. Further discussion determined that the \$500 matching funds will be taken from the Conservation Commission line item.

5. New Business

5.1. Electronic E-Waste Disposal – Town Administrator Juris briefly reviewed a memorandum from DPW Director Sheldon Morgan, outlining Gilford's utilization of the City of Laconia's Transfer Station for the disposal of electronic waste components, which as of July 1, 2007, cannot be disposed of in the general garbage.

6. Old Business

6.1 Gilford Climate Control – Because of time limitations, this matter will be tabled to the next meeting on July 25, 2007.

7. Public Input – none.

8. Signatures

<u>DATE SIGNED</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>MAP/LOT #</u>
03/30/07	Change of Status - Blanchette	
06/25/07	Abatement Denial - Blaha	267-012.041
06/27/07	Change of Status - Dahl	
06/28/07	Abatement Denial - Gerald Realty	201-024.000
06/29/07	Abatement - Naylor	242-020.000
06/29/07	Abatement - MSR Realty Trust	267-012.076
06/29/07	Abatement - Blanchette	267-012.039
06/29/07	Abatement - Decelle	222-016.011
06/30/07	Abatement Denial - Raimondi	223-449.000
06/30/07	Abatement Denial - Wilson	223-463.000
06/30/07	Abatement Denial - Jackson	223-469.000
06/30/07	Abatement Denial - Ashworth	267-012.021
07/01/07	Change of Status - Hoffman	
07/01/07	Change of Status - Markland	
07/01/07	Change of Status - DeSousa	
07/01/07	Change of Status - Hopkins	
07/05/07	Appointment Form - Manz-Buckley	
07/11/07	Amendment to Parking Regulations	

9. Selectmen Issues – none.

10. Administrator's Report

10.1 Non-Public Session – RSA 91:A-3 II (a)(c)(d)(e) – 4:00 Appointment with Members of the Land Conservation Task Force

The Board of Selectmen on a roll call vote entered Non-Public Session at 3:59 p.m. Present were Selectmen Alice Boucher, Connie Grant and Gus Benavides, Town Administrator Evans Juris, Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey.

Also present were Russ Dumais, Stephan Nix, Everett McLaughlin, Sandy McGonagle, Dawn Scribner, Jack Woodward, John Goodhue and Chuck Coons.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board discussed the Bean Family Conservation Easement. While in Non-Public Session, no action was taken.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 5:02 p.m.

10.2 Crosswalk Request – Town Administrator Juris reported that a request has been received for the placement of a crosswalk on Route 11 between Winnepesaukee Crossing and the existing business on the opposite side of Route 11. The Board asked Mr. Juris to contact NH DOT regarding this request.

10.3 Summer Town Forum – Town Administrator Juris advised Board members that a request has been made to consider future Summer Town Forums on a Saturday.

10.4 Moultonboro Study Group – Town Administrator Juris advised Board members that a request has been made from the Moultonboro Study Group to meet with them to discuss having a Budget Committee and SB-2. Chairman Boucher and Selectman Grant agreed to meet with them so Town Administrator Juris will make the arrangements.

10.5 2008 Budget Preparation – Assistant Town Administrator Shackett reviewed the proposed 2008 Budget Preparation Schedule. Under this proposed schedule, the result would be the Budget Committee review time being shortened by three (3) weeks and the Board of Selectmen would still need to have 5-7 budget reviews in a period of approximately three weeks.

Extensive discussion ensued on the pros and cons of having several meetings. It was suggested that the Board take one full day, such as a Wednesday, and conduct all of the reviews in one day, rather than several afternoon meetings. Assistant Town Administrator Shackett will proceed with finalizing the schedule based on this recommendation.

10.6 Non-Public Session – RSA 91:A-3 II (a)(c)(d)(e)

The Board of Selectmen on a roll call vote re-entered Non-Public Session at 5:31 p.m. Present were Selectmen Alice Boucher, Connie Grant and Gus Benavides, Town Administrator Evans Juris, Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett, Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey and Appraiser Wil Corcoran.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board discussed pending litigation and assessing operations. While in Non-Public Session, no action was taken.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 6:27 p.m.

11.0 Next Meeting – July 25, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

12.0 Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen's July 11, 2007 meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Administrative Secretary