

**GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**February 11, 2009**  
**Town Hall**

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Connie Grant, Gus Benavides and Kevin Hayes. Also present were Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Announcements**
  - 2.1. Town Offices closed Monday, February 16, 2009 – President's Day
  - 2.2. Town Meeting (Ballot Voting) Session – Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 7am-7pm
3. **Review/Approval of Minutes**
  - 3.1. Selectman Benavides moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of the January 28, 2009 Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
  - 3.2. Selectman Benavides moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 4, 2009. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. **Public Hearing**
  - 4.1. **Town Beach Regulations** – Chairman Grant opened the public hearing for any comments or questions from the public. Clifford Andresen of Meredith, who owns a condominium unit at B. Mae's Resort, described a problem he has had with family members not being able to use Gilford Beach. Mr. Andresen's guests, who stay at his condominium in Gilford, have been turned away at Gilford Beach because they are not residents or property owners. Mr. Andresen would like to know how to take care of this problem.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the criteria for admittance to Gilford Beach if you walk to the beach and do not have a vehicle taxpayer decal. Recreation Director Herb Greene suggested that B. Mae's does have some guest passes, and it is possible to get a temporary pass from the Recreation Office if done in advance of the visit.

The public hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

Selectman Benavides moved to approve and adopt the Town Beach Regulations as presented. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
5. **Appointments**
  - 5.1. **John Ayer – Department of Planning and Land Use Update** – Director Ayer provided the Board with an update on the Department of Planning and Land Use. He focused on the land use boards and pointed out the lengthy commitment of several members. Selectman Benavides suggested that letters of appreciation be sent to Doug Hill (30 years on Conservation Commission) and Carolyn Scattergood (25 years on Planning Board).
6. **New Business**

- 6.1. Waiver Request** – Town Administrator Dunn advised the Board that he has received a request from Mountain View Yacht Club for the Town to sign a waiver, as an abutter, stating that they waive their right to appeal the issuance of a permit to dredge the basin and river that flows through its property. This request is being made to expedite the permit process. Brief discussion ensued on how the role of the Conservation Commission is different from that of the Board of Selectmen in this process. It was the consensus of the Board to have Town Administrator Dunn advise Mountain View Yacht Club that the waiver being signed as an abutter has no bearing on the role of the Conservation Commission in the approval process.
- 6.2. LRPC – Transportation Advisory Committee Representative** – Selectman Benavides moved to approve the appointment of Sheldon Morgan for a two-year term as TAC representative to the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 6.3. Request for Triathlon Special Event** – Town Administrator Dunn advised the Board that a request has been received to stage an All Terrain Triathlon and Trail Run in Gilford. He further stated that the Board can deny the request or have the applicant submit a formal application and conduct a public hearing. Selectman Benavides expressed concern with the date of the event and parking at Gilford Beach.

Discussion followed on the impact of this type of event on Town staff and residents. Although most of this event is off-road, the cycle leg of it would be for ten miles on Route 11 and 11-A. Fire Chief Hayes has expressed concern with the route that was chosen for the cycle leg. Selectman Hayes asked about State approval of the event and Town Administrator Dunn replied that they would still need State approval and a public hearing by the Town of Gilford.

Recreation Director Herb Greene pointed out that the Recreation Commission voted to oppose the use of Gilford Beach for this event. Chairman Grant agreed that the beach should be off limits to the event. Selectman Benavides stated that on the other side of the issue, the event would bring revenue into the area. Further discussion focused on a letter received today, from the applicant, asking to change the date of the event. He has cleared the new date with Gunstock already.

In closing, the consensus of the Board was to advise the applicant that Gilford Beach cannot be used and there are concerns with the proposed bike route. Chairman Grant would also like to verify whether there are any other major events in Gilford on the same proposed weekend, which is September 12-13, 2009.

## **7. Old Business**

- 7.1. Website Publication of Weekly Check Register** – Selectman Benavides asked if the information shown on the check registers, which concern privacy issues, could be listed as case numbers, rather than people's names. Finance Director Ruggles stated that this could be done, but would generate more work for the Welfare Director in matching case numbers to names.

Selectman Benavides moved to authorize the placement of the Accounts Payable Manifests onto the Town's website. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. **Public Input** – Jack Stephenson suggested publicizing the Town Beach more, since he knows of residents who are not aware of its existence. He also made suggestions regarding bicycle safety of the proposed Triathlon event.

9. **Selectmen’s Issues** – none.

10. **Administrator’s Report**

Town Administrator Dunn advised the Board that he has been focusing on the development of Operational Guidelines for them. He is gearing the Guidelines for someone that is new to the Board of Selectmen. He is also working on revisions to the Entertainment Policy and Glendale Parking Regulations. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Morrissette has requested that the Glendale Parking Regulations be the same as the Town Beach Regulations. Brief discussion ensued on the role of the Glendale Committee. Town Administrator Dunn further advised the Board that any policy revisions are routinely sent out to Department Managers for input.

11. **Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (d)**

Selectman Benavides moved to enter Non-Public Session at 7:43 p.m. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all in favor. Present were Selectmen Connie Grant, Gus Benavides and Kevin Hayes. Also present were Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Executive Secretary Sandra Bailey.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board discussed consideration of the acquisition of real property.

While in Non-Public Session, no action was taken.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 8.09 p.m. and voted to seal the minutes.

12. **Signatures**

<u>DATE SIGNED</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>MAP/LOT #</u>
12/11/08	Accounts Payable Manifest	
12/17/08	Accounts Payable Manifest	
12/18/08	Accounts Payable Manifest	
12/20/08	Change of Status - Verdile-Philibotte	
12/23/08	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/02/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/07/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/09/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/14/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/20/09	Change of Status - Jolin	
01/20/09	Payroll Register	
01/22/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/23/09	Notice of Lien - Smith	267-211.024
01/26/09	Payroll Register	
01/28/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	

02/01/09	Change of Status - Akerley	
02/02/09	Abatement - Valliere	211-028.000
02/02/09	Payroll Register	
02/06/09	Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement - Teamsters	
02/11/09	Sewer Abatement - Comeau	252-016.281
02/11/09	Veteran's Tax Credit - Morgan	215-023.000
02/11/09	Veteran's Tax Credit - Poire	227-029.000
02/14/09	Sewer Abatement - Ward	253-390.000

**13. Next Meeting** – Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

**14. Adjournment** – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen’s February 11, 2009 meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey  
Executive Secretary