

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 25, 2009
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, February 25, 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 Executive Secretary Sandra Bailey.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Announcements**
 - 2.1. 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 and non-public sessions of the February 11, 2009 Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. **Appointments**
 - 4.1. **Deputy Chief Kevin Keenan – Police Cruisers** – The regular update scheduled for tonight was postponed, but in its place, Deputy Police Chief Kevin Keenan asked to have the opportunity to update the Board on the upcoming police cruiser bid. Deputy Chief Keenan explained that he has received bids on both Dodge Charger and Ford Crown Victoria models and would like to present the data to the Board of Selectmen to see what direction they would like him to take.

The Charger is priced \$742 more than the Crown Victoria, but comes through with a 6-cylinder engine, rather than the 8-cylinder engine. In addition, the cost increase for the special back seat and cage totals \$760. Fuel savings with the 6-cylinder Charger would be approximately \$1,500 the first year, making this cost difference a “wash”.

Discussion ensued on various factors that have changed since last year's police cruiser bid. Deputy Chief Keenan did point out that if the Dodge Charger is selected, service work will need to be done by AutoServ in Tilton – they will no longer be able to use Irwin Motors, as they have in the past with Crown Victorias. He does expect that, with the purchase of the Dodge Charger, that the department would see substantial savings in vehicle fuel. In closing, Deputy Chief Keenan stated that he would make a final presentation to the Board following Town Meeting voting on March 10, 2009.

- 4.2. **Geoff Ruggles – 2009 Budget Update** – Finance Director Ruggles stated that the first budget report for 2009 shows the operating budget only. On average, spending is down for departments and revenue continues to be a challenge, based largely on the decrease in revenue on motor vehicle registrations and interest on deposits.

Finance Director Ruggles also pointed out the potential impact of the State eliminating revenue sharing and the room and meals tax. Discussion then ensued on the Governor's economic plan. Town Administrator Dunn advised the Board that he will be attending an LGC meeting on Monday regarding the Governor's economic plan.

5. **New Business**

- 5.1. Donation Acceptance – TD Banknorth** – Selectman Benavides moved to accept a donation from TD Banknorth in the amount of \$2,000, to be deposited into the Recreation Revolving Fund for youth sports programs. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 5.2. Appointment of Planning Board Alternates** – Selectman Benavides moved to appoint Andrew Garfinkle as an alternate member of the Planning Board, with a term to expire April 1, 2012. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Selectman Benavides moved to appoint Richard Sonia as an alternate member of the Planning Board, with a term to expire April 1, 2012. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Selectman Benavides moved to appoint Wayne Hall as an alternate member of the Planning Board, with a term to expire April 1, 2012. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

- 5.3. Appointment of BCEDC Delegate** – Selectman Benavides moved to nominate John Ayer as the Belknap County Economic Development Council Incorporator. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

- 5.4. Disposition of Surplus Vehicles: 1994 Ambulance & 1998 Ford Crown Victoria** – The first vehicle to be discussed was the 1994 Ambulance. Sugarloaf Ambulance/Rescue Vehicles has offered \$2,500 to take the old ambulance in trade when the new ambulance is delivered on Friday, February 27, 2009. Town Administrator Dunn did advise the Board that a quick check on Ebay indicates several ambulances for sale with a purchase price well over the \$2,500. The Board discussed this matter at length, whether it was best to accept the \$2,500 trade-in or try for a higher price on Ebay. It was the consensus of the Board to sell the ambulance to the highest bidder on Ebay, with a \$3,000 minimum reserve, in order to cover the fees involved.

Selectman Benavides moved to authorize the sale of the 1998 Crown Victoria for \$205.00 to Alan Fullerton. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

6. Old Business

- 6.1. Safety Program Manual Amendment** – Selectman Benavides moved to approve the amendment to the Safety Program Manual, as presented. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 6.2. McDonald Morrissey Cost Estimate** – Town Administrator Dunn provided a brief overview of the correspondence received from McDonald Morrissey on a cost estimate for work to be completed in conjunction with Liberty Hill Coal Tar Disposal Site. Brief discussion also ensued on the amount that has been budgeted for 2009.

Selectman Benavides moved to approve an amount, not to exceed \$15,000, for consulting services from McDonald Morrissey. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

- 6.3. Town Decal Special Requests** – Town Administrator Dunn asked the Board for guidance in determining how to handle special requests that have been received regarding the issuance of Town decals and guest passes. Chairman Grant stated that it is

the Board's intent to allow exceptions for residential properties. Selectman Benavides recommended that exceptions be granted for LLC's, as long as the person can provide proof that their name is connected to the LLC.

6.4. Board of Selectmen Operational Guidelines – Selectman Hayes stated that he has not had an opportunity to review these guidelines, so he would like some additional time. The guidelines will be on the agenda for the March 11, 2009 meeting.

7. Public Input – none.

8. Selectmen's Issues – Selectman Hayes brought up the matter of the Gilford Post Office. He asked the other Board members for their support in asking Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter to continue to pursue this matter with the Federal government. Chairman Grant does not feel that this matter should be pursued because of the state of the economy and the fact that the Laconia and Lakeport Post Offices are not that far away to be inconvenient for Gilford residents. Town Administrator Dunn will write a letter to Carol Shea-Porter, for Selectmen Benavides and Hayes to sign, asking her to continue to pursue this matter with the Federal government.

9. Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Dunn advised the Board that he has various appointments and meetings to attend over the next few weeks, dealing with the economy and other LGC matters. He also continues to work on an amendment to the Entertainment Permit Ordinance and a revised fee schedule for Police Details, which will be presented at the next Board meeting. Preparations are being made for implementing the Town Meeting budget and warrant articles.

10. Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II

11. Signatures

<u>DATE SIGNED</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>MAP/LOT #</u>
01/18/09	Change of Status - Gagliardi	
02/04/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
02/05/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
02/09/09	Payroll Register (2)	
02/11/09	Sewer Abatement - Grewel	214-039.000
02/11/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
02/11/09	Abatement - AP Sanborn Farm LLC	232-003.000
02/14/09	Sewer Abatement - Marcoux	242-196.000
02/14/09	Change of Status - Andrade	
02/17/09	Change of Status - Hayes	
02/17/09	Change of Status - Aselton	
02/17/09	Payroll Register	
02/18/09	Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed	256-001.000
02/19/09	Release of Lien - Hewitt	253-278.000
02/19/09	Accounts Payable Manifest	
02/23/09	Payroll Register	

02/25/09 Accounts Payable Manifest
02/25/09 TC Warrant - Sewer Rents

12. Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

13. Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen's February 25, 2009 meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Executive Secretary