

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

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at 6:30 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. Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3, II (a)(c), RSA 91-A:2, I (b)

Selectman Benavides moved to enter Non-Public Session at 6:30 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 hardship abatements, legal matters and personnel matters.

While in Non-Public Session, action was taken.

Selectman Benavides moved to exit Non-Public Session at 6:55 p.m. and seal the minutes. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

2. Pledge of Allegiance – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements

3.1. Laconia Transfer Station – Chairman Grant read a notice concerning changes at the Laconia Transfer Station.

3.2. Town Meeting Election Results – Chairman Grant welcomed incoming Selectman John O'Brien and advised persons in attendance that the complete results are available on the Town's website.

3.3. Local Road Heavy Load Postings – Gilford Roads will be posted to limit heavy loads as of Monday, March 16th for a period of four to six weeks, weather permitting.

4. Review/Approval of Minutes

4.1. Selectman Benavides moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of the February 25, 2009 meeting. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

4.2. Selectmen Benavides moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of the March 6, 2009 Special Meeting. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

5. New Business

5.1. Revised Sewer Fees – Town Administrator Dunn reviewed the correspondence received from DPW Director Sheldon Morgan regarding a proposed adjustment to the sewer rate. Director Morgan has provided two alternatives for increasing the revenue.

Finance Director Ruggles provided an explanation of how the funding is structured. Town Administrator Dunn would like to Alternative #1 implemented, using the figure of \$751,663.00 for fiscal year 2009. A public hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

- 5.2. Revised Police & Fire Detail Rates** – Town Administrator Dunn stated that this proposed fee increase is needed to coincide with the recently approved union contract for Police Department personnel. It is recommended that the hourly rate increase from \$40 per hour to \$46 per hour. A public hearing will also be scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- 5.3. Reappointment of Board/Committee Members** – Selectman Benavides moved to table this matter to the March 25, 2009 meeting, in order to provide more residents with an opportunity to continue service to the community. He particularly mentioned various residents who were not elected to office at Town Meeting, but are highly qualified and possibly willing to serve in another capacity. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor. Board/Committee openings will be advertised immediately.
- 5.4. Resignation of Energy Committee Member** – Selectman Benavides moved to accept the resignation of Doug Lambert from the Energy Committee with regret and thanks. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 5.5. Resignation of Planning Board Member** – Selectman Benavides moved to accept the resignation of Carolyn Scattergood as a regular member of the Planning Board and re-appoint her as an alternate member. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Selectman Benavides moved to appoint Richard Sonia as a regular member of the Planning Board, to fill the vacancy created by Carolyn Scattergood. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

6. Old Business

- 6.1. Board of Selectmen Operational Guidelines & Handbook** – Chairman Grant commented on how the Board of Selectmen Operational Guidelines and Handbook will be beneficial to all Board members, both new and old. Selectman Benavides moved to approve the Board of Selectmen Operational Guidelines and Handbook as presented. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 6.2. Teamsters Contract Addendum #1** – Selectman Benavides moved to approve Addendum #1 as presented. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 6.3. Police Vehicle Bid Specifications** – Deputy Police Chief Kevin Keenan stated that he cannot recommend the purchase of Dodge Chargers for police cruisers, due to the price difference. Instead, he requested that the Board provide authorization to purchase two (2) 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruisers.

Deputy Chief Keenan further stated that he has received updated information just prior to tonight's meeting. He has confirmed that Hillsboro Ford has one (1) 2009 Crown Victoria on the lot that they can take delivery of tomorrow and a second scheduled for delivery on April 6, 2009. The vehicle in stock would cost \$24,764 and the second one would cost \$24,462, for a total cost of \$49,226.

Selectman Benavides moved to approve the purchase of two Ford Crown Victorias from Hillsboro Ford, as stated above, for a total cost of \$49,226. Selectman Hayes seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. **Public Input** – none.

8. **Selectmen's Issues** – Selectman Benavides read a statement on behalf of himself and Selectman Hayes, thanking Chairman Grant for her contributions to the Town of Gilford over the past three years. Chairman Grant stated that she is leaving her position with mixed emotions. She offered praise to Town Administrator Dunn and Finance Director Ruggles for their dedication and achievements since they were hired.

9. **Administrator's Report**

Town Administrator Dunn read a plaque commemorating Chairman Grant's 3-year term as Selectman, and then presented it to her. Selectman Hayes presented Chairman Grant with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Police Chief John Markland also presented a commemorative plaque that he had prepared, thanking Chairman Grant for her support to the Department over the past three years. Chief Markland also thanked the members of the Facility Planning Committee for their hard work and dedication in preparing a plan for the 2009 Town Meeting.

10. **Signatures**

<u>DATE SIGNED</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>MAP/LOT #</u>
01/01/09	Change of Status - Kloetz	
01/01/09	Change of Status - McNutt	
01/01/09	Change of Status - O'Connor	
01/01/09	Change of Status - O'Neill	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Parent	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Stevens	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Steigler	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Taylor	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Wall	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Bredbury	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Colcord	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Craver	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Doris	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Harris	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Horan	
01/01/09	Change of Status - Jacques	
02/18/09	Change of Status - Dunn	
02/26/09	TC Warrant - Land Use Change Tax	211-002.000
03/11/09	Appointment Form - C. Scattergood	
03/11/09	Appointment Form - R. Sonia	
03/11/09	Hardship Abatement (2)	213-013.010
03/11/09	Hardship Abatement	213-013.014

11. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
12. **Adjournment** – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen's March 11, 2009 meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Members of the public were invited to have refreshments to commemorative Chairman Grant's last Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Executive Secretary