

**TOWN OF GILFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2015
GILFORD TOWN HALL**

1.0 NON-PUBLIC SESSION (6:30 pm)

At 6:30 PM, Selectmen Grenier made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) to discuss personnel issues, (e) pending litigation, (c) matters that may adversely affect someone's reputation and (d) conveyance of real property. Motion carries on a roll call vote with all in favor; (3-0), Present: Selectmen Gus Benavides, Richard Grenier, Dale Chan Eddy and Town Administrator Scott Dunn.

Administrator Dunn gave the Board a copy of the court decision State v. Lilley and he is now waiting for the Town's Attorney's opinion on the court's ruling. Once a course of action is decided, the Board may wish to consider amending the Town Beach Regulations. It was the consensus of the Board that the State should appeal the District Court's decision, not the Town.

The Town has received a revised offer from KNM Holdings to purchase 264 Hoyt Road for \$48,000. This goes back to the auction in September 2015. Discussions ensued. Richard Grenier made a motion to accept the \$48,000 offer and allocate as follows: \$4,800 to the auctioneer, \$34,303 to the Town and \$8,897 to the previous owner; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed; (2-0-1). (Selectmen Benavides abstained).

The Selectmen reviewed a request to abate interest and penalties for Richard & Bridgett Varricchio. Richard Grenier made a motion to abate the interest and penalties as presented; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

At 6:45 PM, Richard Grenier made a motion to come out of non-public session and take a recess to allow for the Board to have a non-meeting under RSA 91-A:2, I,(a) to discuss collective bargaining issues; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

2.0 NON-MEETING

Per RSA 91-A: 2, I (a), the Selectmen discussed strategy and negotiations with respect to collective bargaining.

3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 7:03 PM Chairman Benavides convened the public meeting in the 1st floor conference room and led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Staff members in attendance were: Fire Chief Stephen Carrier, Finance Director Geoffrey Ruggles, Public Works Director Peter Nourse, Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Executive Assistant Angela Bovill.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Benavides announced the Town Offices and Gilford Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 in observance of President's Day. Town Meeting voting will be at the Gilford Youth Center, Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7am to 7pm. Lastly, the Town is pleased to acknowledge David Andrade and Tessa Stevens who have completed 20 years of service and

Danielle Lafond and Sandy Beland for completing 10 years of service. The Town is very grateful for their dedicated years of service.

5.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the 01/22/2016 minutes as written; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the 01/27/16 minutes as written; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the 02/04/16 minutes as written; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the items previously signed during the period of 01/25/2016 through 02/05/2016 as listed (attached hereto); seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Richard Grenier made a motion to seal the non-public session minutes of February 10, 2016 as they pertain to personnel issues; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

7.0 APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING (S)

Chairman Benavides read the Notice of Public Hearings on Proposed Fee Schedules for Fire-Rescue Department Permits and Police and Fire Special Details. Chairman Benavides then opened the public hearing at 7:11 pm and asked if there was any public input. There was none. The Chairman closed the public hearing at 7:11 pm. The Board of Selectmen had discussion and it was the consensus of the Board that they have no issues with the proposed Fee Schedules. Fire Chief Stephen Carrier said that 2008 was the last fee increase, and these proposed changes are minor. There was discussion. Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the proposed fee schedules for the Fire-Rescue Department Permits as presented; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0). Selectmen Grenier asked if the Special Details rate is now one fee for all. Chief Carrier confirmed that is accurate. Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the Police and Fire Special Details fee as presented; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

9.0 OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Director, Peter Nourse reviewed his memo regarding School Zone Signage in great detail along with the RSA limits, etc. Currently there are three School Zones with two different schedules that all share the same school zones which post a reduced speed from 6:45 am to 3:15 pm. Mr. Nourse is proposing new speed reductions signs which reduce speed for school opening periods from 6:40 AM – 8:35 AM and school closing periods from 2:15 PM to 3:50 PM as allowed by law. These time periods envelope both school schedules with 45 minutes prior to opening and closing and is one school zone for three schools. NHDOT has confirmed this as the correct approach. There was discussion. DPW and the Superintendent of Schools do not believe that LED or beacons are needed. Mr. Nourse also suggested putting the radar unit in the village during the school months (Mr. Nourse wants it to be hard wired) and then the rest of the year continue use of the radar unit at Scenic

Drive. Mr. Nourse said Eversource would drop power at Scenic Drive (power already in village). There was discussion and Selectmen Grenier commended Peter Nourse for this use of the radar unit (using hard wired at both locations) and also suggested he research Renogy.com for the panel as they have excellent pricing. Richard Grenier made a motion to change the speed limit in the school zone as recommended by Mr. Nourse; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0). Regarding the radar unit being moved from Scenic Drive to Belknap Mountain Rd School Zone in the winter and back to Scenic Drive for the summer, it was a unanimous consensus of the Board to approve.

10.0 NEW BUSINESS

Town Administrator Scott Dunn presented a quote for the purchase and installation of a new control panel for the Town Hall boilers. This was not budgeted in 2016; the current unit has not been operating properly for a number of years. Attempts to fix it without resorting to replacement have been unsuccessful and Administrator Dunn is seeking approval from the Board to move forward with this and to pay for out of the Building and Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. Richard Grenier made a motion to expend \$2,665 out of the Capital Reserve Fund for a new boiler control as presented; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Public Works Director Peter Nourse submitted a memo with his recommendation to sign the Lakes Region Planning Commissions contract for Gilford Culvert Inventory. There was discussion. Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the contract for \$2,800 for the GIS Culvert Inventory to be paid out of the GIS Technology Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the Public Works Director to sign; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Richard Grenier made a motion to accept with thanks the \$150 D.A.R.E. donation from Bank of New Hampshire, the \$100 D.A.R.E. donation from Fratello's Ristorante Italiano and the \$500 Grant from the HealthTrust for employee wellness programs; further, to authorize the expenditures for their intended purposes as presented; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

The Gilford Farmers Market wrote Town Administrator Scott Dunn thanking him for his assistance and to ask permission for use of the Benjamin Rowe House for the 2016 Farmers Market season. Richard Grenier made a motion to approve the use of the Rowe House (hosted by the Thompson Ames Historical Society) Saturdays from June 18, to September 24 from 9:00 AM to Noon; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0). It was also suggested that the Thompson Ames Historical Society be noticed of the need to comply with the Town's sign regulations.

11.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director, Peter Nourse submitted a Request for Declaration of Nuisance Trees on Cat Path. Mr. Nourse explained the request per RSA 231:145 and explained that the property was recently purchased by a private home buyer from the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF). NEFF will provide funding to take down the trees and DPW will assist with road closure and removal of wood from the site (whatever the owner does not want; 1st right of refusal). Discussion ensued and it was the consensus of the Board to approve and authorize Mr. Nourse to proceed.

12.0 PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Benavides asked for public input. There was none.

13.0 SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Selectmen Grenier asked about the Meadowbrook data that is gathered/stored; he inquired who checks this information to make sure they are in compliance? The Town Administrator said this data was received regularly by the Planning Director. There were no noise complaints in 2015; surrounding neighbors seem much happier with the changes that were made there.

Selectmen Benavides thanked all the voters for coming out to vote yesterday and also to thank everyone who works behind the scenes to make it happen. Chairman Benavides said that someone mentioned taking down the election booths the next day; everyone is thrilled with this idea. Selectmen Dale Chan Eddy echoed this and thought everything went great; he also thanked the many people who are involved both on Election Day and the time leading up to.

14.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Scott Dunn reported repairs have been made to the conference room audio/visual system and that everything is working. One camera and one microphone were replaced. There is a hearing next week on HB1687 regarding exemption for playgrounds, making Towns and School Districts liable for damages. Administrator Dunn is seeking approval from the Board to oppose this bill; it doesn't make sense. It would result in playgrounds being shut down and more expenses to taxpayers. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board that Administrator Dunn speak against House Bill (HB1687). Administrator Dunn reported the Deliberative Session went well although he hoped for a larger turn out. Administrator Dunn announced that currently, every department is fully staffed. The Town reports should be available by February 22. Lastly, there was a new light installed on the Police Station parking lot.

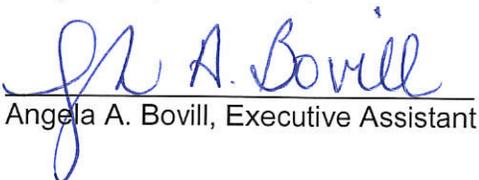
15.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7pm.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

Richard Grenier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM; seconded by Dale Chan Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,


Angela A. Bovill, Executive Assistant

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 24th day of February, 2016.

Attest:


Selectmen Dale Channing Eddy, Clerk