

TOWN OF GILFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2018
7:00 PM
GILFORD TOWN HALL

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 7:00 pm, Chairman Benavides convened the public session of the Board of Selectmen's meeting in the 1st floor conference room and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Board members in attendance: Selectmen Gus Benavides, Richard Grenier and Dale Channing Eddy.

Staff members in attendance: Fire Chief Stephen Carrier, Deputy Fire Chief Bradley Ober, Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, Public Works Director Jason Hayden, Finance Director Glen Waring, Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Executive Assistant Angela Bovill.

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Chairman Benavides read the rules of the meeting and announced the Town will hold its Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 10:00 am.

3.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Benavides asked if there were any changes to the minutes. There were none. Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2018 as presented; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the items previously signed during the period April 23, 2018 through May 4, 2018 as listed (attached hereto); seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

5.0 APPOINTMENTS

Greg Goddard, General Manager Gunstock Mountain Resort began his semi-annual update stating the winter season was sporadic at Gunstock and the weather ended up being very challenging. Thankfully, the month of March proved to be a great comeback month. The upcoming summer schedule is very busy. Gunstock has experienced an uptick in business with people coming to concerts at Meadowbrook through camping, adventures sold, etc. Gunstock will host two fishing derbies this summer and will again host the Gunstock Hill Climb for bike week on June 13th. A new event this year is the Road Jam Festival hosted by Two Roads Brewery and the Tough Mudder event will come back to Gunstock as well. The Soul Fest and craft fairs will take place as usual. The Belknap County Conservation District assisted in obtaining a Forest and River Grant for the restoration of Gilford Poor Farm Brook and renovation of the wetlands boardwalk. Discussion ensued. Mr. Goddard answered the Board's questions and they thanked him for the update.

6.0 PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 Sewer Fees Public Hearing: Chairman Benavides read the notice of public hearing for the proposed fee changes for the Sewer Rate Fee Schedule in detail. Chairman Benavides declared the public hearing open at 7:14 pm and asked for any public comments or questions. There was no public input. Chairman Benavides closed the public hearing at 7:14 pm. Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the proposed sewer fee schedule to be effective July 1, 2018 as presented; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 LED Street Lighting Conversion & NH-C DFA Loan Agreement: Town Administrator Scott Dunn explained that the Town Attorney has opined that the Selectmen do not have authority to enter into the proposed CDFA loan because this was not specifically authorized by a Town Meeting vote. Initially, CDFA informed Administrator Dunn the Town would be able to borrow this money without a Town Meeting vote, and everything proceeded along on that basis. Administrator Dunn explained that one of the loan conditions was obtaining a legal opinion, which is when this was discovered. The estimated line item deficit will be approximately equal to the loan amount of \$27,272. Discussion ensued. Selectman Grenier made a motion to authorize overspending the street lighting account for the LED installation project; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

7.2 LRPA-TV Membership Agreement for 2018-2019: Town Administrator Scott Dunn presented the 2018-2019 Municipal Access Agreement between the Town of Gilford and Lakes Region Public Access Television (LRPA). Selectman Eddy recused himself from this item, as he is member of the Board of Directors for LRPA. Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the municipal public access agreement with LRPA-TV as presented and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign, and furthermore to authorize the payment of annual dues in the amount of \$15,145 to come from cable television franchise revenues; seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed; (2-0).

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DPW Summer Hours: Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve a change in work hours for the DPW Highway Division and Vehicle Maintenance Division from 7am-3:30pm to 6am-2:30pm for the summer months beginning May 29, 2018 through August 31, 2018; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.2 Street Name Assignments: Town Administrator Scott Dunn presented a memo from John Ayer, Director of Planning & Land Use regarding a new private road name. Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve and sign the Return of Street Name Assignment for Destination Drive as presented; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Town Administrator Scott Dunn presented a memo from Bradley Ober, Deputy Fire Chief regarding Gunstock Mountain Resort Road names for E911. Discussion ensued. Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve and sign the Return of Street Name Assignment for Panorama Drive, Alpine Ridge Road, Stockade Path, Campground Road and Single Chair Path as presented; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.3 Property Tax Abatement (Interest & Costs) - 62 Varney Point Road Left: The Selectmen reviewed a request for interest abatement. Discussion ensued. Selectman Grenier made a motion to deny an abatement request for interest and costs for 62 Varney Point Road Left because the Town of Gilford is not responsible for any errors committed by the US Postal Service concerning forwarding of the mail; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor.

8.4 Stray Animal Kennel Agreement with NH Humane Society: Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the agreement with the NH Humane Society for stray animal kennel services as presented and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign; seconded by Selectmen Eddy who noted that the \$7,000 contract amount is included the Police Department budget. Motion passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.5 Re-appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions: Selectman Grenier made a motion to reappoint Richard Egan as a Commissioner to the Lakes Region Planning Commission for a term to expire April 30, 2021, J. Scott Davis as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire April 30, 2021 and Carol Hopper as a regular member of the Historic District and Heritage Commissioner for a term to expire April 20, 2021; Further, Tiffany Selig be appointed to the Solid Waste Committee contingent on the Town receiving an application; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

10.0 PUBLIC INPUT

Chairman Benavides asked for any public input. There was none.

11.0 SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Selectman Eddy was happy to see streetlights being replaced with LED's. Selectman Grenier helped at the Recycling Center during spring clean-up week and wanted to give kudo's to the staff for doing such a great job. Selectman Grenier discussed the signs on Artisan Court. In his opinion, they need to be turned 90 degrees to be visible for motorists driving in either direction. Public Works Director Jason Hayden said this would require two signs. Discussion ensued. Selectmen Grenier will talk to the business owners to see if they want to pay for a second sign.

12.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Scott Dunn explained that he met Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney and the NH-DOT Commissioner over at scenic view on Route 11. The Commissioner said they are not in favor of a tower. He suggested the Town work with the landowner of the trees and the Division of Forests and Land to arrange for cutting. The Town Hall sidewalk project is underway and moving along nicely. The Glendale dock attendants start work on Memorial Day weekend. Town Administrator Dunn is hoping to have a Recycling Center Improvement Recommendation for the Board at their 05/23/18 meeting. The US Forest Service might do a controlled burn at Kimball Wildlife Forest tomorrow.

13.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 7pm.

14.0 ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

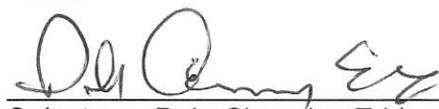
Respectfully submitted,



Angela Bovill, Executive Assistant

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 23RD day of MAY, 2018.

Attest:



Selectman Dale Channing Eddy, Clerk