

TOWN OF GILFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2018
7:00 PM
GILFORD TOWN HALL

1.0 NON-PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:30 PM, Selectman Grenier made a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss matters that may adversely affect someone's reputation per RSA 91-A: 3, II, (c) and conveyance of real property per RSA 91-A:3, II, (d); seconded by Selectman Eddy. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all in favor; (3-0).

The Board reviewed a legal service waiver. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the Town Attorney to accept the litigation service from Consolidated Communications.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn reviewed the list of tax deeds. Town Administrator Dunn will send out letters to the owners.

Town Administrator Scott Dunn reviewed a meeting request with the Board in reference to an unfair labor practice. The Board indicated it would be available to meet on August 28, 2018 at 4:00pm.

At 6:58 pm, Selectman Grenier made a motion to come out of non-public session; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed on a roll call vote with all in favor; (3-0). Matters that may adversely affect someone's reputation were discussed in non-public session and those minutes were sealed as noted below.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 7:00 pm, Chairman Benavides convened a public meeting of the Board of Selectmen in the 1st floor conference room of Town Hall 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, Public Works Director Jason Hayden Sr., Finance Director, Glen Waring, Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Executive Assistant Angela Bovill.

3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Selectman Benavides read the rules of the meeting and announced Old Home Day will be August 25, 2018, with a parade starting at Town Hall at 10am. The Town Hall, all Town Offices and the Library will be closed on Monday, September 3 for Labor Day. The Library will also be closed on Saturday, September 1.

4.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the minutes of August 8, 2018 as presented; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the items previously signed during the period August 6, 2018 through August 17, 2018 as listed (attached hereto); seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

5.2 Selectman Grenier made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session held on this date as they pertain to welfare lien and two hardship abatements per RSA 91-A: 3, II, (c); seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

6.0 APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Glen Waring, Finance Director- Monthly Financial Update: Finance Director Glen Waring reviewed the monthly financial reports starting with revenues indicating that the revenues remain strong and ahead of pace. Summer revenues have been flowing in steadily. Expenditures also continue to remain on pace. Through the end of July, the total of all property tax collection remains at a high pace as compared to prior years, 92.8% or \$15,200,643. Property tax collection rate remains strong, allowing the current short-term investments (as of 08/14/18) to be \$12,956,503 and an operating cash balance of \$291,758. Mr. Waring stated that the solid cash position projects the Town to have sufficient funds in order to meet all of the anticipated expenditures. The Board thanked Mr. Waring for his detailed update.

6.2 William Spencer - Bank of NH Pavilion Concerns: Mr. William Spencer of 208 Weirs Road voiced his concerns about the noise levels that come from Meadowbrook during concerts, indicating that his house and windows vibrate. He feels he is being driven out of his home. Mr. Spencer explained how he has talked to Mr. Seymour from Meadowbrook, along with David Andrade and Town Administrator Scott Dunn. Mr. Spencer said that he did know that the concert venue existed when he purchased his home, but had no idea the impact it would have on his home. Since Meadowbrook cleared another 2-3 acres recently, the sound buffer was removed and it is worse than ever. Lengthy discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to perform decibel level testing as soon as possible, gather data and report back to the Board to review.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Tax Abatements – 47 Annis Drive: Town Administrator Scott Dunn explained that the Board approved tax abatements on two mobile home units at 47 Annis Drive for Mr. Harry Bean. Unfortunately, this did not include past due taxes for the year 2015. Apparently, this was due to a setting on the new tax collection software program that has since been fixed. Discussion ensued. Selectman Grenier made a motion to abate the 2015 taxes totaling \$772.64 as presented; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Acceptance of Conservation Real Property [per RSA 36-A:4]: Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the acceptance of 0.43± acres at 40 Bickford Road as gifted real property by the Susan L. Lehr Revocable Trust to the Gilford Conservation Commission as presented; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.2 NHMA Legislative Policy Conference: Town Administrator Dunn explained the packet of legislative policy proposals from NHMA and stated in the past, the Board typically delegates him as the Town representative to vote on these matters. Selectman Grenier made a motion to appoint the Town Administrator as the Town of Gilford voting delegate for the NHMA Policy Conference; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.3 Pawnbroker & Secondhand Dealer License Application - Gilford Pawn Brokers: Chairman Benavides explained the Police Department was not recommending approval at this time and is seeking further requirements from Gilford Pawn Brokers. Discussion ensued. Selectman Grenier made a motion to extend the current license for 30 days and to table the pending application; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.4 Out-of-State Travel & Training Request - Police Department: The Board reviewed a request from Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee for out of state training for Officer Rouse.

Selectman Grenier made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel request for Officer Rouse to attend Investigative Interviewing training in Boston, MA; seconded by Selectman Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.5 Disposition of Surplus Tax Deeded Real Property: Town Administrator Scott Dunn discussed properties the Town owns by virtue of Tax Deeds. Recent practice has been to retain ownership until the previous owner's 3 year right-of-repurchase expires. Administrator Dunn stated there are three properties beyond the 3-year right-of-repurchase. Lengthy discussions ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to wait one more year (next August) to sell the parcels at auction (bigger auction).

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

The Board of Selectmen are looking forward to Old Home Day. Chairman Benavides said it is a great community-wide event and encourages all to participate and join in the many festivities that take place throughout the day, followed by a spectacular fireworks display at night.

12.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Scott Dunn reported construction has begun at the Recycle Center. The building is due to arrive on site on October 31, 2018. The truck ordered (in April) for Parks & Recreation is supposed to arrive this week. Town Administrator Dunn reported that he, the Fire Chief and the Public Works Director attended a training at Primex on "Reasonable Suspicion for Supervisors". There is a hearing at the NH Division of Historical Resources in reference to the bridge on Old Lakeshore Road on September 13. A presentation will be made to the Board of Selectmen sometime after that hearing.

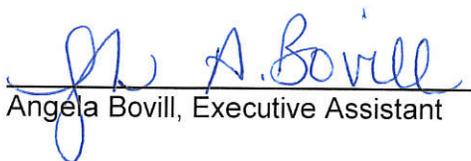
13.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7pm.

14.0 ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Grenier made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 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 12th day of September, 2018.

Attest:


Selectman Dale Channing Eddy, Clerk

