

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 11, 2015
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were John O'Brien, Gus Benavides and Richard Grenier. Also present was Town Administrator Scott Dunn.

Staff members in attendance included Finance Director Geoff Ruggles, Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, Detective/Sergeant Chris Jacques, Fire Chief Steve Carrier, DPW Operations Manager Mia Gagliardi, Highway Superintendent Brian DeNutte and Executive Secretary Sandra Bailey.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman O'Brien led the assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then recognized Police Officer Curtis Mailloux for his heroism this past week after rescuing two elderly residents from a burning building. The Board will formally recognize him at a future meeting.
- 2. Announcements/Presentations**
 - 2.1.** Chairman O'Brien announced that the Town Hall and Library will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015 for Presidents' Day.
 - 2.2.** Coffee with the Chief will be held on Monday, February 23, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Gilford Public Library.
- 3. Review/Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1.** Selectman Benavides moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2015, as presented. Selectman Grenier seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
- 4. Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1.** Selectman Benavides moved to approve the previously signed documents for the period January 26, 2015 through February 6, 2015 as listed. Selectman Grenier seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

11/19/14	Change of Status - Denver
01/01/15	Change of Status - Wall
01/01/15	Change of Status - Leach
01/01/15	Change of Status - VanSteensburg
01/01/15	Change of Status - Baron
01/01/15	Change of Status - Callahan
01/01/15	Change of Status - Mailloux
01/01/15	Change of Status - Craver
01/01/15	Change of Status - Leclair
01/01/15	Change of Status - DuVerger
01/01/15	Change of Status - Crowell
01/01/15	Change of Status - Bredbury
01/01/15	Change of Status - Parker
01/01/15	Change of Status - O'Neill
01/14/15	Change of Status - Carlisle
01/14/15	Change of Status - Clairmont

01/15/15	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/18/15	Change of Status - Robertson	
01/20/15	Payroll Register(2)	
01/21/15	Release of Lien - Gallagher	
01/21/15	Payroll Register	
01/22/15	Abatement - Furnee	229-062.000
01/22/15	Abatement - Furnee	236-023.000
01/22/15	Payroll Register	
01/26/15	Payroll Register	
01/28/15	Accounts Payable Manifest	
01/28/15	Land Use Change Tax - Hutchins	203-216.001
01/28/15	Yield Tax Levy 2014 - Kelley	256-001.000
01/28/15	Sewer Abatement - Russet Realty	242-178.000
02/02/15	Change of Status - Tibbetts	
10/02/15	Change of Status - Carrier	

5. Appointments

6. Old Business

6.1. Purchase & Sale Agreement Extension Request – The Board concurred to extend the Purchase & Sale Agreement for 170 Cumberland Road to March 31, 2015.

6.2. Radio Tower Project – Chief Bean Burpee provided the Board with an update on the status of the project. Selectman Grenier questioned the unanticipated costs incurred because no one knew that a temporary electric connection would be necessary. Chief Bean Burpee replied that the issue is that the power had Gunstock cannot be shut down, at this time of the year, to connect power to the radio tower. This temporary service will be used until spring when the power can be shut down and the permanent power connected. Town Administrator Dunn advised the Board that the owner of the tower has generously allowed the Town to connect to their power source in the interim.

Selectman Benavides moved to approve the additional \$6,500 in project costs, with \$1,000 to come from the original project budget, \$2,750 to come from the Police Budget and \$2,750 to come from the DPW budget. Selectman Grenier seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

6.3. Synthetic Drug Ordinance – Chief Bean Burpee provided the Board with a brief overview and then turned the meeting over to Detective/Sergeant Jacques, who drafted the proposed ordinance. He provided Board members with a hard copy of a PowerPoint presentation he prepared regarding synthetic drugs. He has had some experience in drug investigations regarding synthetic drugs, even though this is not the Lakes Region's most significant drug problem.

In Detective/Sergeant Jacques' presentation, he provided the Board with information including the definition of synthetic drugs, how to identify them, when you get them, how they are introduced in a body, why they are bad and what is being done to stop synthetic drug abuse.

The Board thanked Detective/Sergeant Jacques for his presentation and will schedule a

public hearing for Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

7. New Business

7.1. Two-Year Trash Removal Contract – Selectman Benavides moved to accept the lowest price proposal and award a two year contract to Waste Management of NH, Inc., in the amount of \$13,735 per year for Town trash disposal. Selectman Grenier seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

7.2. Property Tax Interest Abatement Request – Selectman Benavides moved to approve the abatement in the amount of \$16.20 plus interest and charges, for 26 Lockes Island. Selectman Grenier seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. Other Business – Selectman Benavides moved to approve James Glover’s appointment to the Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy created by Vickie Carrier’s resignation, for a three year term. Selectman Grenier seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Selectman Benavides moved to sign a letter to the NH DES Commissioner, as drafted, regarding changes in Waste Oil Regulations. Selectman Grenier seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

The Board concurred to have Town Administrator Dunn proceed with advertising for Board and Committee Volunteers, as drafted, in order to create a pool for when vacancies exist.

9. Public Input – Rae Mello-Andrews, Chairperson of the Drug and Alcohol Task Force, advised the Board that they fully support the Synthetic Drug Ordinance prepared by Detective/Sergeant Jacques.

10. Selectmen’s Issues – Selectman Benavides expressed his appreciation for DPW and Public Safety personnel, who worked tirelessly through recent snowstorms. Chairman O’Brien and Selectman Grenier concurred.

Selectman Grenier asked which radar unit is on Route 11-A. Highway Superintendent DeNutte replied that is the DC electric powered unit which is working off of a battery.

11. Administrator’s Report – Town Administrator Dunn stated that the contract for the Police Station Renovation Project has been signed and construction will commence on March 2, 2015.

Town Administrator Dunn urged members of the public to not take out their frustrations on Public Works employees. They have been taking the brunt of the public’s frustrations, which they don’t deserve. He encouraged members of the public to call the DPW office if they have any concerns.

The Town is very grateful and proud of Curtis Mailloux for his recent heroic efforts in saving two residents from a burning building.

The new Public Works Director will begin on Monday, February 23, 2015.

Town Meeting voting will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Gilford Youth Center.

As a result of boiler breakdowns in the Town Hall, the Town will need to spend about \$2,500 in unanticipated repairs.

Regarding recent issues with the Town's Internet, the increased speed has not solved the problems in the Town Clerk's Office and Police Department. As a result, other options are being reviewed.

12. Next Meeting – February 25, 2015

13. Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen's February 25, 2015, meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Grenier
Clerk