**Town of Gilford**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Meeting Minutes**

**July 13, 2022**

Selectmen present: Chair Kevin Hayes, Vice-Chair Dale Channing Eddy and Clerk Gus Benavides.

At 7:00pm, Selectman Hayes convened the duly posted, public meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Staff members in attendance: Police Chief Kris Kelley, Fire Chief Stephen Carrier, Public Works Director Meghan Theriault, Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Executive Assistant Chrissy Blood.

**1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Theriault led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

The Chairman read the following:

2.1 Rules of the meeting

**3.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3.1 Selectman Eddy made a motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2022, as presented; seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

**4.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

4.1 Selectman Eddy made a motion to approve the items previously signed during the period June 22 through July 12, 2022, as listed; seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

**5.0 APPOINTMENT(S)**

5.1 Rick Dean, Lockes Island Association – Fiber Internet Service

Mr. Dean updated the Board on his progress of obtaining quotes to provide fiber internet service to Lockes Island. He reviewed a quote from HUB 66 who specializes in rural fiber and provided an estimate of $125,500. Mr. Dean stated that grant funding is available from the State of NH for 75% of the cost of the project. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Town Administrator look into the use of state funding in conjunction with ARPA funds.

5.2 Gunstock Acres Village Water District Commissioners

Mr. Joseph Geraci addressed the impact of capital improvements and inquired if GAVWD would be receiving any additional ARPA funds from the Town. The Board stated that there were no commitments to provide additional funding to GAVWD at this time. Mr. Geraci inquired if GAVWD would be able to store cold patch at the DPW facility. It was the consensus of the Board to allow this.

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 Outdoor Special Event - SoulFest

Selectmen Eddy made a motion to approve the Outdoor Special Event Permit for SoulFest at Gunstock Mountain Resort on August 4-6, 202; seconded by Selectmen Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

6.2 Swim Raft Float Repairs

Selectmen Eddy made a motion to approve up to $5,600 in repairs to the swim raft by Aqua Greens with money to come from the Recreational Facilities Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund; seconded by Selectmen Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

**7.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Purchase & Sales Agreement – Lakes Region Business Park

Selectmen Eddy made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Purchase & Sales Agreement for Lot 1 on Hounsell Avenue, located in the Lakes Region Business Park; seconded by Selectmen Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

**8.0 PUBLIC INPUT**

There was none.

**9.0 SELECTMEN’S ISSUES**

Selectmen Eddy inquired on the negotiation with Breezeline. Mr. Dunn stated that no progress has been made.

Selectmen Benavides inquired if Bank of NH had yet paid the fine owed from a 2021 event. Mr. Dunn stated that as of that time he had not received confirmation that the fine has been paid.

Selectmen Hayes stated that he would like Mr. Dunn to schedule a Department Heads meeting to address multiple issues concerning Bank of NH.

Selectmen Hayes inquired on the Dunkin Donut’s traffic issues. Chief Kelley stated that he had not seen any issues lately. Selectmen Eddy stated that there appear to still be some issues. Mr. Dunn will communicate with Dunkin Donuts on resolution options.

**10.0 ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

The Town Administrator provided the following updates:

* The Cemetery Department is experiencing staffing issues with the maintenance falling on the highway department.
* The sewer abatement on Belknap Mountain Road for Hayden McLaghlin has been resolved with a meter being installed as agreed upon.
* Federal Bridge monies may be available for the Tannery Hill Bridge repairs, but the funds would not be available until end of the year. Options are being explored.
* Several new Police swearing in ceremonies will occur on Friday, July 15th at 4:00pm in the Police Emergency Operation Center.
* The Town has received a Boston Post Cane nomination, other nominees will be solicited.
* Zoning Violations on 63 Sand Hill Road have not been corrected so court litigation has been filed
* No progress has been made as yet on the new Town Hall water supply well
* The Town Hall LED lighting project has not yet been completed
* The Town Hall generator installation project has not yet been completed
* A logging skidder caused considerable damage while travelling down Briarcliff Avenue, the issue has been turned over to the Town Attorney.
* A letter from Lt. Dominic DiCarli was read to the Board regarding exemplary work by Firefighter Bryan Fenn

**11.0 NEXT MEETING**

Chairman Hayes noted the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen is July 27, 2022, at 7:00pm.

**12.0 ADJOURN**

At 7:58pm, Selectman Eddy made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

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Christine Blood, Executive Assistant

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Attest:

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Selectman Gus Benavides, Clerk