

**TOWN OF GILFORD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 26, 2020**

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At 7:00 pm, prior to calling the meeting to order, Chairman Grenier read aloud a commentary from Red Skelton that he made into a plaque that he will be gifting to the Town on the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Grenier then 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: Chairman Richard Grenier, Vice Chairman Dale Channing Eddy and Clerk Gus Benavides.

Staff members in attendance: Town Administrator Scott Dunn, Fire Chief Stephen Carrier, Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee, Parks & Recreation Director Herb Greene and DPW Director Meghan Theriault.

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Selectman Grenier read the rules of the meeting and announced Town/School Meeting/Voting/Elections will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 7am to 7pm at the Gilford Youth Center.

3.0 REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Eddy made a motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2020 as presented, seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Selectman Eddy made a motion to approve the items previously signed during the period 02/10/20 through 02/21/20 as listed (attached hereto), seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

5.0 PUBLIC HEARING

5.1 Proposed Regulation to Prohibit Dogs at Town Fields: Selectman Grenier read the public hearing notice and opened the public meeting at 7:10 pm. Dr. David Stowe, 16 Potter Hill Road is opposed to the ban and proposes education, bag stations and signage instead. Mike Giovanditto, 10 Hazelnut Drive and Director of Carl Ripken said that they are mostly concerned with the fenced in ball fields as some people abuse that by letting their dogs off their leashes to do their business, run around, and then do not pick up after them. Jim McShane, 17 Belknap Mountain Road is opposed to the proposed ban as well, but he agrees with the fenced in fields. Brian Mercer, 60 Timber Lane is opposed, but agrees with a ban within the fenced in baseball areas. Eliza Derry, Belknap Mountain Road also agrees with the ban to be on the field only. Selectman Grenier asked the audience if anyone was in favor of the proposed regulation as written. There was none. The Board discussed doggie stations and the costs. Herb Greene Parks & Recreation Director will research. Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee referenced RSA 466:30A and 466:31 relative to restraining of dogs. Discussion ensued. Sandy Perry, 28 Potter Hill Road suggested locking the gates at the fenced in fields. Stephanie Howard, 832 Cherry Valley Road agreed with the fenced in Francoeur field

but not the Village Field. Roger Perry, 28 Potter Hill Road agrees with the fenced in ball fields and suggested a punishment could be community service picking up the dog waste. Selectman Grenier closed the public hearing at 7:33 pm. Selectman Eddy agrees with the resident in limiting the restriction to the fields (prohibition). Selectman Benavides is against the regulation as proposed and would like it revamped to prohibit dogs at Francoeur Filed and Stonewall Field inside the fenced in area with a \$25 fee/fine. Selectman Grenier concurs with his fellow Selectmen. Discussions ensued on ways to get the information out. The Board requested the Town Administrator submit a revised regulation for the next meeting.

6.0 APPOINTMENT(S)

6.1 Tom Day, Gunstock General Manager: Mr. Tom Day, Gunstock General Manger introduced himself to the Board and gave an overview of his background. The Board welcomed Mr. Day to his new role and thanked him for coming.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 Laconia Airport Rocket Propulsion Project: Selectman Eddy discussed this item, said he spoke with Fire Chief Carrier. He also said that this testing would be a lot quieter than Meadowbrook. It can take anywhere from two seconds to thirty seconds to perform firing tests. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to support this project.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CAI Technologies Tax Map Maintenance: The Board reviewed a memo from Finance Director Glen Waring regarding the CAI Technologies Tax Map Maintenance. Discussion ensued. Selectman Eddy made a motion to sign and approve the CAI Technologies Tax Map Maintenance Agreement for \$4,200 and \$15 per structural change as presented, seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

8.2 Temporary No Parking Request - Gilford Elementary School: Police Chief Anthony Bean Burpee explained that he has been in discussion with the Superintendent of Schools and the School Resource Officer regarding traffic control on Belknap Mountain Road. It is very difficult for traffic, buses, emergency vehicles, etc. to pass through when parents are picking up/dropping off their kids because of where they park. Chief Bean Burpee presented a map showing the Selectmen where he proposed temporary no parking on a trial basis to see how it works for the rest of the year. Then, they would evaluate and come back to the Board with a proposal for posting times and signage of a more permanent nature. The School and the Police Department have been working on this together. Chief Bean Burpee stated traffic control is always a topic of discussion. The Selectmen asked if the School Board has approved. Chief Bean Burpee will check with Superintendent Beitler. Discussions ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed as presented once the Chief talks to Superintendent Beitler.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Town Administrator Scott Dunn presented a memo request from an island resident to donate a memorial bench at Glendale to honor a family member. Discussion ensued regarding setting a precedent (needs to be granite) and space limits moving forward. It is a nice gesture and currently, there are no restrictions. The proposed bench should be as the first, for little to no maintenance was the consensus of the Board.

10.0 PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

11.0 SELECTMEN'S ISSUES

Selectman Eddy asked where Comcast was at in bringing service into the Town of Gilford as they has an 18-month deadline. There were no recent updates; they are currently obtaining permits, etc. Selectman Benavides received a phone call from a constituent regarding the size of a sign at the ice rink. Mr. Greene explained and said it was in the proposal that the Board approved. Town Administrator Scott Dunn is researching if one of the signs constitutes a zoning violation. The Board requested a legal opinion. Selectman Grenier feels the Board needs to honor the contract at this time, pending a legal opinion. Selectmen did say if the second sign was not up already, it should be held off. Selectman Grenier took a few moments to thank those present, his fellow Selectmen, the Town Department Mangers, Boards, Committees, and Volunteers and his wife. He expressed his time as a Selectman as incredibly valuable. He never had an agenda and just took it as it came. His experience was rewarding. He will miss everyone and sincerely hopes that he made a difference.

12.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator Scott Dunn thanked Selectman Grenier and stated that the Town was in a better place due to Selectman Grenier. He reported that the Town Annual Report was due to be delivered tomorrow. Administrator Dunn also discussed the sewer line issues over at the Police Department. A permanent solution will need to be addressed in the near future. The Town DPW received a \$5,000 NH the Beautiful Grant that will be put towards the Recycle Center project following Board acceptance at the next meeting. Roads in Gilford will be posted with 10-ton weight limits on 03/06/2020.

13.0 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7pm.

14.0 ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Eddy made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm, seconded by Selectman Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,



Angela Bovill, Executive Assistant

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 25th day of MARCH, 2020.

Attest:



Selectman Gus Benavides, Clerk