

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
January 17, 2006
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a special session on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Chairman Alice H. Boucher, Dennis J. Doten and Kinney O'Rourke. Also present was Town Administrator Evans E. Juris, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra J. Bailey.

1.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 NON-PUBLIC SESSION - under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) – The Board of Selectmen on a roll call vote entered Non-Public Session at 9:01 a.m. Present were Selectmen Alice Boucher, Dennis Doten and Kinney O'Rourke, Town Administrator Evans Juris, Assistant Town Administrator/Finance Director Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra J. Bailey.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board of Selectmen discussed a personnel matter. The Board voted to authorize the Town Administrator to continue the paid leave of absence of the Recreation Director until January 26, 2006.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 9:21 a.m.

3.0 OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Posting of Gravel Roads – Town Administrator Juris reported on a letter received from DPW Director, Sheldon Morgan, regarding the damage that is occurring on gravel roads, due to the recent high temperatures and past rainfall. Mr. Morgan would like to post certain gravel roads, at his discretion. The Board of Selectmen authorized DPW to post roads without any further approvals from the Board in 1987. Kinney O'Rourke moved to reaffirm the Board decision to allow such road postings. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried.

3.2 Petition Article to Support the Thompson-Ames Historical Society – Town Administrator Juris stated that a recommendation is needed from the Board on whether or not to support this proposal to appropriate \$10,000 for the Thompson-Ames Society. After brief discussion, Kinney O'Rourke moved to “not recommend” the \$10,000 in the petition. Dennis Doten seconded. Selectman Doten also suggested a brief explanation of why the Board originally voted to reduce the amount for the Thompson-Ames Society, namely, to be able to provide financial support to social services. Motion carried to “not recommend” the article.

3.3 2005 Assessment Book – Town Administrator Juris provided a copy of Wil Corcoran's proposed preface for the 2005 Assessment Book. He stated that Mr.

Corcoran has added a sentence to the second paragraph and re-worded the third paragraph. Assistant Town Administrator Shackett suggested that paragraphs two (2) and three (3) could be eliminated completely. Extensive discussion ensued on how to handle the wording of the preface, as well as the upcoming contract with Corcoran Associates. It was suggested that when Mr. Corcoran meets with the Board on January 25, 2006, that he be prepared to provide a detailed explanation of why the final ratio for 2005 from DRA is 86.5% of market value.

Kinney O'Rourke moved to approve the preface as prepared by Wil Corcoran. Dennis Doten seconded. Motion carried. The Board also signed a letter directed to the Citizens of Gilford, which provides a brief explanation on the 2005 Assessment Book.

- 3.4** **Y/E 2005 Budget** – Town Administrator Juris informed the Board that there will be \$314,000 from the 2005 Budget to be added to the fund balance. He commended Assistant Town Administrator Shackett for keeping tight reins on the budget and for keeping him informed. Debra Shackett advised the Board that the Police Dictaphone Recorder was invoiced on 12/30/05 and this amount has already been taken out of the \$314,000 balance.

Town Administrator Juris reported that Laconia Savings Bank has donated a television, DVD and VCR player, and stand, which is located in the conference room. He also briefly explained his plans to have Board meetings televised on Public Access Television.

- 3.5** **LRFMA Appropriation** - Selectman O'Rourke asked the Town Administrator to thank Fire Chief Jim Hayes for his comments supporting the Board in this morning's Laconia Daily Sun.

3.6 **Non-Profit Sign Ordinance** – Selectman O'Rourke advised the Board of Selectmen that the Planning Board voted against placing this proposal on the ballot. He suggested that this could be handled in the Selectmen's Ordinance Relative to the Distribution of Advertising Materials. He further suggested that the Planning Board advise all departments when they are at the beginning stages of the zoning ordinance amendments, in order for departments to be better prepared.

- 3.7** **Aquifer Protection Ordinance** – Selectman O'Rourke reported that this proposed ordinance is supported by the Planning Board. Extensive discussion ensued on whether or not the Board of Selectmen should endorse this proposed ordinance. Chairman Boucher stated that she felt that this proposal came in at the "eleventh hour", without enough time to make a determination. Selectman O'Rourke stated that he supports protecting the lake and if the Board does not want to endorse the ordinance prior to the posting of the warrant on Friday, he feels a press release would be fine. Chairman Boucher and Selectman Doten both stated that they would make an effort to review the proposed ordinance so

that they can make a determination on whether or not to support it.

4.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen’s January 17, 2006 meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Administrative Secretary