

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 31, 2007
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a special work session on Tuesday, July 31, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Chairman Alice H. Boucher, Connie Grant and Gus Benavides. Also present were Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Gilford Energy Committee** – Chairman Boucher stated that the purpose of tonight's work session is to discuss the proposed Gilford Energy Committee. She began the work session by stating that Warrant Article #30 asked the Board of Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee. She further stated that after reviewing the proposals submitted by Doug Lambert and Dale Dormody, she tends to agree with Mr. Dormody's proposal. She also pointed out that several other communities that passed the same warrant article have elected to *not* appoint a committee.

Chairman Boucher stated that it is her opinion that the citizens of Gilford do want a committee appointed. It is her suggestion to place articles in the local newspapers asking interested parties to apply to be a member of the committee. She is hopeful that with so many knowledgeable citizens, that the committee can be comprised of people with an energy-related background that would be beneficial to the committee.

Once the applications are received by the Board of Selectmen, they will be reviewed with committee members being appointed and a charge to the committee will be created.

Selectman Grant agreed that there are many knowledgeable citizens who are interested in the creation of an energy committee. She feels that interested parties should be asked to submit an application and letter of interest. She further stated that if citizens are willing to volunteer that they will be an excellent resource. A timeframe should be established for the committee and the Board of Selectmen would meet with them after they are chosen to review their charge.

Assistant Town Administrator Shackett pointed out that in 2003 PSNH conducted an energy audit, which provided recommendations on various lighting changes to be made. She also stated that the Carbon Coalition Website is an excellent resource and provides a Community Tool Kit.

Selectman Benavides agrees with the need for an energy committee and the obligation to the voters of Gilford to establish the committee. He further concurred with Selectman Grants assessment that there are many citizens who are qualified to

be on an energy committee. Selectman Benavides also pointed out that the committee would be under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and all decisions would be made by the Board.

3. Non-Public Session – RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

The Board of Selectmen on a roll call vote entered Non-Public Session at 6:10 p.m. Present were Selectmen Alice Boucher, Connie Grant and Gus Benavides, Assistant Town Administrator Debra Shackett and Administrative Secretary Sandra Bailey.

While in Non-Public Session, the Board discussed personnel matters. While in Non-Public Session, no action was taken.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 7:06 p.m.

4. Next Meeting – August 8, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen’s July 31, 2007 meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra J. Bailey
Administrative Secretary