

GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
April 7, 2010
Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen convened in a regular session on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the Gilford Town Hall, 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH. Selectmen present were Gus Benavides and John O'Brien. Chairman Kevin Hayes was excused. Also present were Town Administrator Scott Dunn and Executive Secretary Sandra Bailey.

Staff members in attendance included Finance Director Geoff Ruggles, Deputy Police Chief Kevin Keenan and Recreation Director Herb Greene.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Selectmen recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Announcements/Presentations** – none.
3. **Review/Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.1. Selectman Benavides moved to approve the minutes of the regular and non-public sessions of March 24, 2010. Selectman O'Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - 4.1. Selectman Benavides moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the period March 22, 2010 through April 2, 2010. Selectman O'Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>DOCUMENT</u>	<u>MAP/LOT #</u>
<u>DATE</u>		
12/31/09	Change of Status - Bonan	
01/30/10	Change of Status - S. Mooney	
02/01/10	Change of Status - Weller	
02/01/10	Change of Status - Jolin	
02/01/10	Change of Status - Langley	
02/10/10	Change of Status - Reitz	
03/10/10	Notice of Lien - Griffin	203-100.000
03/15/10	Payroll Register	
03/16/10	Accounts Payable Manifest	
03/22/10	Payroll Register	
03/23/10	Accounts Payable Manifest	
03/24/10	Elderly Denial - Stokes	227-020.000
03/24/10	Veteran's Tax Credit - Wilber	224-049.074
03/24/10	Veteran's Tax Credit - Fitts	203-123.000
03/24/10	Notice of Intent to Excavate - Lyman	228-081.000
03/24/10	Veteran's Tax Credit - Torres	216-076.000
03/24/10	Elderly Exemption - Laura	253-367.000
03/24/10	Veteran's Tax Credit - Olsen	201-009.046
03/24/10	Elderly Exemption - Little	241-078.000
03/24/10	Notice of Intent to Cut Timber - Taber	228-003.100

03/24/10	Notice of Intent to Cut Timber - Greenwood, McKenney	228-003.200
03/24/10	MS-2 (3)	
03/31/10	Notice of Lien - Lamontagne	224-074.204

5. Appointments

5.1. Herb Greene - Recreation Department Update – Director Greene provided Board members with highlights of his Department’s programs since his last update in September. Highlights included a partnership with the Gilford Youth Center to co-sponsor a Santa Land program for children and the volunteer assistance received at the Ice Rink, particularly from resident Merrill Fay. Other activities have included adult broomball, Winter Carnival and a Flashlight Egg Hunt his past weekend.

Planned for spring vacation is a Vacation Fun Day with a trip to the Boston Aquarium. He also provided Board members with a copy of the 2010 Spring/Summer Recreation Program brochure.

Director Greene stated that he is in the process of preparing an RFP for a new swim raft. He also asked the Board to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,642.08 from the Gilmanton/Gilford Soccer Club, to be used towards the youth soccer program.

Selectman Benavides moved to accept a donation from the Gilmanton/Gilford Soccer Club, in the amount of \$1,642.08. Selectman O’Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Selectman Benavides commended the residents of Gilford who came together to paint the ice rink and make other improvements. Director Greene informed the Board that a summer archery program has been planned, which will take place in the ice rink, rain or shine. It is also a good location because it is not near any other activities.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the successful opening and clean-up of the Town Beach for the winter season. Representatives from the groups who participated in this project are being invited to the May Recreation Commission meeting to evaluate the winter season at Gilford Beach. The possibility of limiting the access points to the lake is being considered for next winter.

6. Old Business

6.1. Municipal Phone System Proposal – Town Administrator Dunn advised the Board that he is recommending a 5-year agreement for a Fairpoint centrex phone system.

Selectman Benavides moved to accept the 5-year proposal of Fairpoint Communications with a monthly fee of \$2,585.70 and a total installation cost of \$11,454; and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the necessary agreement documents. Selectman O’Brien seconded. He asked Town Administrator Dunn about the viability of Fairpoint. Town Administrator Dunn replied that Fairpoint is the land line phone company and he has a comfort level with their viability. Motion carried with all in favor.

7. New Business

7.1. 2010 Cruiser Purchase – Deputy Police Chief Keenan was in attendance to request the Board’s approval in the purchase of two (2) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police

Cruisers. He provided the Board with bids from Hillsboro Ford, Irwin Motors and Meredith Ford and further advised them that the service work will be provided by Irwin Motors.

Selectman Benavides moved to approve the purchase of two (2) 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruisers from Hillsboro Ford, at a cost of \$22,807.00 per cruiser. Selectman O'Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

7.2. Street Light – Pole #5/15 – Gilford East Drive & Old Lakeshore Road –

Selectman Benavides moved to accept ownership of an existing street light at the intersection of Gilford East Drive and Old Lakeshore Road. Selectman O'Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

7.3. Comstar Ambulance Billing – This matter will be tabled until a recommendation is received from the Town auditors.

7.4. Fire Hydrant Repairs – Selectman Benavides moved to authorize the expenditure of \$950 from the Water Supply Capital Reserve Account for dry hydrant repairs. Selectman O'Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

7.5. Forest Fire Warden Appointment – Selectman Benavides moved to nominate John Beland for appointment as Forest Fire Warden in the Town of Gilford, effective May 1, 2010.

7.6. 2010 Memorial Day Commemoration – Brief discussion ensued regarding preparations for the 2010 Memorial Day Commemoration on Monday, May 31, 2010. Among the suggestions for expansion were to include an invitation to surviving spouses of veterans, to contact the Tilton Veteran's Home as a resource, to contact members of the press regarding news articles on Memorial Day and to involve more children in the commemoration. The Memorial Day Committee will begin meeting next week to discuss the plans for 2010.

7.7. Request for Filing Fee Reimbursement – Selectman Benavides moved to appoint Carole Hopper as a regular member of the Historic District & Heritage Commission, with a term to expire on April 1, 2013. Selectman O'Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

7.8. Acceptance of Donations – Selectman Benavides moved to accept the following donations with a sincere thank you:

\$200 from Bridgewater Fire Rescue EMS for the Fire Training Center
\$240 from Franklin Fire Dept. for the Fire Training Center
\$2,000 from Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association for the Fire Training Center
\$52.51 from bucket donations for cemetery restorations.

Selectman O'Brien seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

8. Public Input – None.

9. Selectmen's Issues – Selectman Benavides brought up the matter of the Energy Committee. He suggested that this matter be brought forth at the next meeting on April 21, 2010.

Selectman O'Brien thanked DPW Sheldon Morgan for opening the gates to the Village Field.

- 10. Administrator's Report** – Town Administrator Dunn reported that various open board/committee openings have been advertised, including the Bicentennial Committee.

He also recently attended a meeting of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, where discussion took place regarding the possibility of having a permanent facility for hazardous waste and having more than just one opportunity per year to dispose of hazardous materials.

Town Administrator Dunn had a meeting last week concerning the erosion issues at the Gunstock Brook on Route 11-B. Even though a plan will be developed to take care of the erosion issues, funding of the project on private property is the primary problem.

Town Administrator Dunn noted he and two Selectmen attended the Gilford School Board meeting on Monday, April 5, 2010. A summary of the results of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2009 was presented

Boat trailer parking applications will be processed tomorrow and the applicants will have a choice of location between Varney Point Road and Kimball Road. Any remaining spots will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

Town Administrator Dunn testified at the Statehouse this week regarding his opposition to a proposed bill on electioneering. If this bill were to be passed, it would prohibit Town committees or Department Managers from communicating to influence voters at Town meeting.

- 11. Next Meeting** – Regular Meeting – April 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. (3rd Monday of the month).

- 12. Adjournment** – With no further business before the Board, the Board of Selectmen's April 9, 2010 meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gus Benavides
Clerk