GILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017 **MINUTES**

At 7:02pm the Gilford Board of Selectmen convened in a duly posted public meeting in the first floor conference room of the Gilford Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Richard Grenier, Dale Channing Eddy and Gus Benavides. Also present were Town Administrator Scott Dunn, DPW Director Peter Nourse and DPW Operations Manager Mia Gagliardi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

RULES OF THE MEETING

Chairman Grenier asked everyone present to turn off their cell phones. He then mentioned that anyone wishing to speak should come to the podium and state their name and address.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (per RSA 33:8-a)

At 7:05pm Chairman Grenier opened the first public hearing by reading the proposed warrant article as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) for improvements to the Recycle Center; including the establishment of a solid waste transfer station; and to authorize the issuance of not more than nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon?

The Chair recognized Kevin Hayes who asked if the improvements and new facility would pay for itself. The Town Administrator said yes and he explained the economic analysis that was included in the handout materials. Mr. Hayes then asked when the Gilford transfer station debt to the city of Laconia would be paid off. Chairman Grenier said this has already been completely satisfied. He then asked if Gilford residents would be able to bring their trash to the new facility. Town Administrator Dunn said yes. His final question was to ask if there would be a scale at the new facility. Chairman Grenier said this was not included because it would add \$90,000 to the cost and require a full-time weigh master.

There being no further public input, the Chairman closed the public hearing at 7:10pm, whereupon he opened the second public hearing by reading the proposed warrant article as follows:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$725,000) for improvements to the two sewer pump stations on

Varney Point; and to authorize the issuance of not more than seven hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$725,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33); and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon? Funds for future payments shall come from sewer user fees and not from property taxes.

Howard Epstein asked if the sewer pump stations would be using a "State SCADA" system. Town Administrator Dunn replied there would be a SCADA communication system but it would not be connected to the State operated Winnipesaukee River Basin Program water treatment plant in Franklin.

There being no further public input, the Chairman closed the public hearing at 7:13pm

OLD BUSINESS

2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Eddy made a motion to recommend Article 9 as presented, seconded by Mr. Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Mr. Benavides made a motion to recommend \$450,000 for Town Hall improvements as listed in Article 11, to include ADA compliant entry doors, seconded by Mr. Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Mr. Benavides made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to not recommend Articles 20 and 21, seconded by Mr. Eddy and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to approve reference to approximately 200 feet of road to be discontinued as part of Article 22.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to approve advertising a vacancy at the Department of Public Works for a Laborer-Truck Driver.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no additional public input.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Eddy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm, seconded by Mr. Benavides and passed with all in favor; (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,
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Scott J. Dunn, Town Administrator
Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 25th day of January, 2017;
Gus Benavides, Clerk