

Gilsum Board of Selectmen

Minutes 03/15/21

Present; Bart Cushing , Vicki Ayer

Absent; Mark Farkas

Public members present; Sally Struble, Janel Miller, Bill Whyte, Clem Lounder, Betsy Cushing, Bruce Murphy, David Dauphin, Steve Ackerman, Harlen Maguire

6:00 pm Cushing calls meeting to order

Chairman- Ayer motions to appoint Cushing as Chair, Cushing 2nds
vote Ayer yes , Cushing yes, motion passed

Checks- Farkas not present to sign checks

Resignation- Farkas resigned as Selectman, 1 year left on term, vacancy to be filled by board

Minutes- 03/08/21 Cushing read minutes; Ayer noted she was not on the board, abstained from approving. Cushing approved with written notations on minutes

Town Clerk- Betsy Cushing; State mandated training for vehicle registrations in process. Notary application complete, NH Town Clerk Assoc (NHTCA) contacted and updated. Avitar related programs training in process.

Tax Collector- Robin Cantara; no report

Administrative Asst- Position open appointment by selectmen, Severance for position discussed contingent upon transitional assistance provided. Moderator David Dauphin would like Elections to be included in the transition phase. Bill Whyte noted a policy outlining the process should be done. Cushing to present a detailed proposal at next meeting.

Road Agent- Harlen Maguire; Parking mechanism in town truck has been fixed. Maguire requested approval to move forward with the purchasing of a stainless steel body that was appropriated for in the budget.

Motion-Rushing noted prices of steel are rapidly rising; motions to allow Maguire to present quote from Vallencourt for stainless steel body

2nd- Ayer noted department heads are responsible for their budgets once set by the town vote and submit revenue/expenditure quotes and statements to the board, not necessary to seek additional approval. 2nds Cushings motion

vote Cushing yes, Ayer yes, motion passed

****Ayer recused herself but is writing these minutes****

Gilsum v Ayer 213-2018-CV-00067, 03/29/19 Settlement Agreement (Gilsum breach)

Ayer recused herself from matter as selectman, spoke as resident Defendant.

Cushing received legal advice from Town Atty Gary Kinyon for parties to drop this suit in its entirety.

Cushing – Town will drop claim that the 2017 Gilsum survey is wrong and have the Towns boundary lines recorded.

Ayer- agrees

Cushing- Settlement agreement culvert requirement proposed by Gilsum.

Ayer- Boards 3/29/19 request to replace the culvert by the board is very costly, Ayer would like to see her denied proposal of leveling off area of Ayers property disturbed by excavation of Gilsums lot with gravel to prevent ponding replace Gilsums culvert project.

Cushing agrees to drop towns culvert project and level area of Ayers property disturbed by Gilsums excavation.

Cushing, Maguire, and Tim May discussed best options of material to prevent ponding.

Ayer- does not know about materials and defers to the above individuals.

Cushing and Maguire to finalize details with Ayer.

DES- Letter of action items to be completed by Gilsum regarding the dump.

Maguire; There are 2 action items, the burn pile and the covering requirements.

Burn pile-- contains non burnable debris. Removal is necessary before burning.

Cover area--some progress has been made.

Ayer; asked Maguire what is required of him and if this falls within the Hwy Dept duties.

Maguire; the appropriations were in place for 2020 Sanitation Dept budget but not for 2021

Cushing will speak to MDS regarding the burn pile

Ayer will gather DES requirements.

Zoning- Tax cards do not coincide with Gilsum Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Board requested by letter that the selectmen authorize Avitar to discuss and supply an audit of zone changes from 1995-present with Planning Board Chair Craig Roach.

Ayer motions to fulfill Planning Boards written request, Cushing 2nds

vote Ayer yes , Cushing yes, motion passed

TD Bank- Cushing and Ayer will file signature authorization form for Gilsums checking account on 03/16/21

Boards / Committees vacancies and selectman representative

Selectman 1 year

Trustee of Trust Funds-vacancy

Planning Board –vacancy, Cushing selectman representative

Conservation Committee-vacancy, Cushing selectman representative

Library Trustees- Ayer selectman representative

Budget Committee- Ayer selectman representative

Broadband- Sally Struble would like to be appointed,

Ayer motions, Cushing 2nds,

vote Ayer yes , Cushing yes, motion passed

Ayer - selectman representative

Broadband Committee- Project Coordinator is needed to work with CCI and Atty Ratigan, BBC would like the Selectmen to appoint the BBC as project coordinator.

Cushing motions, Ayer 2nds,

vote Ayer yes , Cushing yes, motion passed

Post Office- Ayer would like to see expenditures come from Gilsum accounts payable and not the current reimbursement process. Ayer will research

Staples/ supplies- Ayer would like to see expenditures come from Gilsum accounts payable and not the current reimbursement process. Ayer will research

Board of Selectmen Agenda request form- Ayer & Cushing feel residents should be able to attend meetings and discuss questions, concerns, complaints without prior approval.

Cushing motions to eliminate agenda request form, Ayer 2nds,
vote Ayer yes , Cushing yes, motion passed

Board of Selectmen policy- Ayer & Cushing feel this also restricts resident participation. Discussed Roberts Rules of Order which are very involved and complex at times vs. a simpler approach tailored to Gilsum. Bill Whyte agreed and suggested a simpler approach rather than Roberts Rules was better for Gilsum.

Cushing motions to eliminate current Selectmen policy, Ayer 2nds,
vote Ayer yes , Cushing yes, motion passed

Gilsum-NH.org- Ayer, the website is not very useful and suggests we ask the creators Sang Curtis and Dan Law their suggestions or involvement going forward.

Another suggestion by David Dauphin was G. Colburn

Ayer will reach out to Curtis and Law

Cushing will reach out to Colburn

NHMA- Training is available for all elected and appointed officials.

Fire Dept- Steve Ackerman presented approved Town Meeting 03/10/2021 warrant articles for signature of Chairman,

Cushing signed.

Ayer motions to adjourn Cushing 2nd

Meeting adjourned 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Ayer _____

Minutes approved

Date

Chairman Bart Cushing _____

Vicki Ayer _____

Vacant _____
