

Gilsum Board of Selectmen

Minutes 03/29/21

Present; Bart Cushing , Vicki Ayer, Clem Lounder

Public members present; Sally Struble, Janel Miller, Betsy Cushing, Bruce Murphy, Harlen Maguire
George & Marj Gilman, Steve Ackerman

6:00 pm Cushing calls meeting to order, welcomes public comment throughout the meeting.

Minutes- 03/22/21 Cushing read minutes; no discussion by board, no public comments

Ayer motions to approve minutes as written, Lounder 2nds,

vote Cushing yes, Ayer yes, Lounder yes motion passed

Nonpublic Session Minutes- 03/22/21 Cushing read minutes; no discussion by board , no public comments

Ayer motions to approve minutes as written, Lounder 2nds,

vote Cushing yes, Ayer yes, Lounder yes motion passed

Road Agent- Harlen Maguire;

Mack Rd Culvert; Right Angle Engineering quote received, budget detail of project to be submitted by Maguire

Stainless steel dump body; Approx \$14,000 from _____ , highway dept to install saving Gilsum approx \$3000.

Winter sand; approx 1400 yards on hand, needs to purchase 600-700 yards in 2021. Approx cost per yard \$7 and Maguire Trucking \$65 per hour to haul in addition to Road Agent salary.

Hwy labor- Seeking applicants.

Maguire to hire an independent contractor (1099)

Transfer station; expenditure detail for cover / burn projects update next meeting.

Town Clerk; Betsy Cushing

Extended hours; In addition to normal hours Tues 4-7 and Wed 8-12 an open flag signifies when the office is open to residents.

Municipal Agent; training in progress anticipated Municipal registrations to begin on 4/14/21. Currently after registering the Town side residents need to go to Keene City Hall to complete the State registration.

Dog license; renewals mailed.

Keys; various clerk cabinets need new locks

Notary; application complete, services will be available beginning April 21, 2021

E Registration; back log has been cleared, functions currently disabled.

Auditor; Steve Ackerman

performed an audit per request of Robin Cantara. Ayer requested a copy of the report.

Tax Collector; Robin Cantara

would like to appoint Jane Ballou as Deputy Clerk.

Ayer asked what the pay rate would be, to be determined.

Lounder motions to approve appointment of Ballou as deputy Tax Collector

Ayer 2nds
Vote Cushing yes, Ayer yes, Lounder yes
motion passed

Other Business

Building Permits; waiting for reply from Dow, Building Inspector.
Reviewed current and proposed amendment to building application for
discussion at next meeting.

Timber / Excavation; Ayer to research process of approval.

Avitar A representative will be at the town office to address residents questions on April 15th
from 8am to 4pm. Appointment time suggested but not required.

PSNH abatement lawsuits. NH has not established a specific formula for utilities
causing widespread continuing abatement lawsuits. Ayer still needs to research to have
more informative answers.

Tax Exemptions List of current exemptions reviewed in perpetration of Scott Schneider (sp?)
to address at next meeting possible options to amend exemptions at
2022 Town Meeting

Non Public 7:58pm- Ayer motions to enter Non Public per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a)
Lounder 2nds
vote Cushing yes, Ayer yes, Lounder yes
Motion passed

Non public session minutes attached

Public session resumed 8:18 pm

Non Public 8:19 pm- Ayer motions to enter Non Public per NH RSA 91-A:3 II (b)
Lounder 2nds
vote Cushing yes, Ayer yes, Lounder yes
Motion passed

Non public session minutes attached

Public session resumed 8:25 pm

Accounts payable Check list from MRI reviewed and discussed, checks signed

Public questions; Sally Struble feels the Town voted to discontinue health insurance during
the March 10, 2021 Town Meeting. Ayer corrected Struble that the intent
of the vote was stated clearly by Ayer, the author of the petition, that it was
to require a contribution towards premiums policy by the insured. Struble
disagrees with Ayer. Ayer stated the health insurance remains the same as it
was before town meeting.

Struble asked if the board would be correcting past check signing procedures and when it would happen? Ayer stated the board just moments ago discussed the check list from MRI who prepares the checks based on invoices submitted by the board, after discussion the board signed the checks. The checks will then be submitted to the treasurer for approval and appropriate filing.

Struble asked if the board is going to adhere to the previous boards policy of posting occasional agendas on the town website. Cushing noted the board voted to dispose of previous polices that were restrictive of public participation. Ayer noted the board voted on March 15, 2021

Louder motions to adjourn Ayer 2nd
Meeting adjourned 8:49 pm

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Ayer _____

Minutes approved

Date

Chairman Bart Cushing (2024) _____

Vicki Ayer (2023) _____

Clem Louder (2022) _____
