

Town of Gilsum
Selectboard Meeting
Held in Gilsum Public Library
October 20th, 2025, 6:00pm

Board Present: Clem Louder, Chair; Brian Bazarnicki, Member; Bill Mitchell, Member; Selectboard Asst. Hailey Hrabovsky

Others: Dee Denehy, Harlen Maguire, Bruce Murphy, Sue Cadmus

6:03pm Chair Clem Louder calls meeting to order

Louder motions to approve 10/06/2025 minutes as amended

Bazarnicki 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Mitchell motions to accept 10/20/2025 check manifest

Bazarnicki 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bill Signing – Financial

Profit and Loss are in the Selectmen's Office to view and updated weekly.

Louder motions to take \$2,100 from the Emergency Management Trust Fund to the Fire Department for the Southwest Regional Planning Commission; Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mitchell 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions to accept 2026 contract for Newfound Title Services LLC.

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Highway Department:

Truck Grant Program; we do not qualify for the program.

Budget; Maguire is working on the budget and getting quotes for milling on Hammond Hollow.

Millings; Maguire reports so far so good, location is top of Nash Corner Road. Maguire needs to check it out. The plan is to rotate/mix up the millings to keep it from sticking. *excess*

Speed Limit Signs; Brief discussion of speed limit radar signs.

Road Agent Contract; discussion about reviewing duties and responsibilities for the next contract year.

Auction Properties: Waiting on two properties to close. Working on finding out how much money the town received from the properties after back taxes were paid. The town should find out in the next few weeks the amount of money we are to receive. Brief discussion on disbursement of monies.

Town Office Renovations: Mitchell has shown 2 potential bidders what is left of the project, he will be showing a third and waiting to hear back on quotes. Discussion about a flat roof for the emergency exit.

Class VI Road: Hrabovsky found the policy regarding construction on Class VI Road and Private Roads. This includes the wavier of municipal responsibility and liability.

Twin Bridges Service Contract; 2026: Hrabovsky brought up that Allen from Twin Bridges is retiring and we will need to decide to go with Aaron and his company or find another IT company. Hrabovsky suggests to go with Aarons company for the next year, once we review the contract and if the contract is what we are looking for. Then take the next year to see how things go and get quotes from others as well.

Verisk; Building Inspector: Louder brings up information from Verisk, which rates the risk of living in our town related to our insurance companies. Verisk contacted the town in 2019, but there was no building inspector at the time. The purpose is to set our risk for our structures in our community, and help with ratings for home insurance. Bazarnicki wants to know if this is something that is mandated. It was decided that it something the town does not want to do.

Dee Denehy: Denehy sent an email to Cheshire County EMS from over the weekend. Denehy read email reply and it had all positive feedback about Gilsum Fire and Cheshire County EMS working together. (see attached Cheshire County EMS response).

Frog Pond; Dredging: Discussion of bids and maintenance of a filter for the silt to clean it out easier.

Tribute to Bill Sargent (from the Selectmen): Bill Sargent has been an intricate part of the community in the years. Bill was known for his tractors and involvement with the Gilsum Rock Swap. Bill was a good neighbor and would take the shirt off his back to assist and will be sorely missed.

NHDES Email; RSA 485-A:5-b Municipal Responsibility, Septic Tanks: Hrabovsky read email from NHDES and will reach out to the current company who has been servicing our septic tanks for a written agreement to send to the state.

Mitchell motions to adjourn
Bazarnicki 2nds
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Hailey Hrabovsky

Minutes approved

Signature

Date

Clem Louder



10/27/25

Brian Bazarnicki



10/27/25

Bill Mitchell



10/27/25

Good Morning Chief Denehy,

Thank you for taking the time to share such positive feedback regarding the recent cardiac arrest response. It means a great deal to hear how smoothly the call went and how well both agencies worked together under difficult circumstances. Your recognition of our team's professionalism, communication, and cooperation is deeply appreciated.

I also wanted to share the feedback I received from Captain Cummings, who had nothing but praise for Gilsum Fire & Rescue. He reported that upon arrival, your crews had the code nearly complete to the AEMT level and that interoperability between GFD and CCEMS was seamless. CPR rotations were efficient, communication between your code lead and our medic was clear and effective, and everyone on scene contributed to the successful ROSC. He specifically noted how well-prepared and coordinated your team was, and how smoothly the transition into transport occurred—with GFD members continuing to assist en route.

Captain Cummings emphasized that the collaboration, mutual respect, and calm professionalism of your team were key factors in the patient's positive outcome. He and his crew were genuinely impressed by your department's readiness, leadership, and teamwork throughout the call.

We are proud to work alongside Gilsum Fire & Rescue and value the strong partnership that exists between our agencies. Please extend my thanks and appreciation to your members for their dedication, professionalism, and the outstanding cooperation displayed that evening.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Kreamer, NRP

Chief
Cheshire County EMS

Good morning:

So great to hear. It sounds like you all provided excellent care to this patient.

Dee – Gilsum has really moved the needle on EMS care in your community. We appreciate all you do!

Jim

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