

Town of Gilsum
Selectboard Meeting
Held in Gilsum Public Library
February 9th, 6:00pm

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

Others: Vicki Ayer, Deb Reilly, Dee Denehy, Bruce Murphy, David Dauphin, Harlen Maguire, Patty Maguire, Henry Underwood

6:03pm Chair Clem Louder calls meeting to order

Bazarnicki motions to approve 2/2/2026 minutes as amended

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Mitchell motions to accept 2/9/2026 check manifest

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bill Signing – Financial

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

NO MEETING 2/16/2026, Presidents Day

Louder motions to purchase a refurbished computer for \$1,600 for the Deputy Town Clerk.

Bazarnicki 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions to transfer \$1000 for each full-time employee for a total of \$2000 from the Health/Savings Trust Fund.

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Dee Denehy; Hazard Mitigation Plan: "The Town has completed an update to its Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is reviewed and updated every five years to ensure that it reflects current conditions and remains effective in reducing risks to our community. A Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies natural and human-caused hazards such as flooding, severe storms, or wildfire, and outlines strategies to reduce the potential impacts of these events. Having an approved plan not only helps keep people and property safe, it also makes the Town eligible for certain state and federal grants that can fund improvements before or after a disaster. A draft of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan is now available for public review

and comment. Community input is an important part of the process, and we encourage all residents to take a look and share their thoughts. The draft plan and comment form can be found on the Town website, and a hard copy will be available at the Town Offices. The public comment period will remain open until February 20th. Please take this opportunity to review the plan and provide feedback. Your input will help ensure the plan reflects local knowledge and priorities as we prepare for future hazards. Feedback may be submitted via the link on the Town Website or submitted at the Town Offices by February 20th." Briefly discussed.

Town Lawyer Discussion: The town lawyer we had, retired. Bazarnicki presented information on a potential lawyer that is well versed in municipal law, Mitchell Municipal Group, P. A. out of Laconia. Discussed the conditions and terms of the contract shown. Another lawyer was also mentioned, Cordell Johnson, will to look more into them. Deb Reilly plans to reach out to the Town of Nelson as they had the same lawyer as us and would have needed to get a new one as well.

SWRPC, Henry Underwood; Road Mapping: Underwood presented proposals for culverts and roads. Discussed information and the tools used for road mapping. The road mapping would assess the roads and/or culverts that we already have to create suggestions for timelines on maintenance and repairs and would assist us in planning for the budgets and funding. This is a project that comes as first come first serve, and some of it is paid for by a grant that SWRPC already has. Will need to discuss more if we want to move forward with this.

Highway Department: Maguire brought up more information on moisture in salt and winter sand with percentages. Maguire explained the breakdown of the sand that he gets. Salt is getting hard to come by now, we should save our salt and use it on the roads where is really needed. Maguire asked the selectboard their opinion on not salting certain roads but instead adding more sand than he typically would such as the flat roads. More discussion on Hammond Hollow Road.

SWRPC Email; Flood Planning Tool: Hrabovsky read email. It is an email to register for a statewide webinar introducing a Flood Planning Tool designed to help communities make informed decisions about stream crossings, wetlands, and flood resilience. Briefly discussed and Hrabovsky will send link to others who are interested.

Community Project Funding Email: Hrabovsky read email. It is to fill out a proposal form for Members of Congress to request direct federal funding for specific projects benefiting the communities they represent. The government funds would finance a wide variety of public projects and activities, including the construction and renovation of facilities, the expansion of existing programs, and the planning and design of future initiatives. Briefly discussed, to think on it and discuss more next meeting.

NHDES Email; Clean Energy and Efficiency Projects: Hrabovsky read email. It is asking for information on what our town and waste facility is doing to adopt clean energy initiatives and if we currently have any in place.

Monadnock 250 Press Release; Independence Day Celebration: Hrabovsky read email. The town was sent information on City of Keene's Celebration so that others towns can coordinate accordingly whether it be our own celebration or joining theirs.

Xfinity; Annual Customer Notice: Hrabovsky read notice.

Bazarnicki motions to adjourn
Lounder 2nds
Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Hailey Hrabovsky

Minutes approved

Signature

Date

Clem Louder



3/2/26

Brian Bazarnicki



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Bill Mitchell

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