

Town of Gilsum
Selectboard Meeting
Held in Gilsum Public Library
March 23rd, 6:00pm

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

Others: Vicki Ayer, Deb Reilly, Harlen Maguire, Patty Maguire, Dee Denehy, Sue Cadmus, Jeremy Hockensmith, Lieutenant Sean Eaton, Dwayne Nettleton

6:00pm Chair Clem Louder calls meeting to order

Louder motions to approve 3/16/2026 minutes as amended

Bazarnicki 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions to accept 3/23/2026 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.

Louder motions to transfer \$1,725 from the Office Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund for a new computer for the Deputy Town Clerk.

Murphy 2nd

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions to sign MS-232, Report of Appropriations Actually Voted.

Louder 2nd

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Town Lawyer Discussion; Jeremy Hockensmith: Shaneen and Gordon got back to Bazarnicki and they are not able to help us. Hockensmith is here to discuss his credentials for us, he currently represents Walpole and used to represent Marlow. Hockensmith has a good background in municipal law. Costs would be \$250/hour and travel costs can be discussed. Discussed how accessible Jeremy would be for the town and a response from him would be within 48 hours. Hockensmith is willing to represent the Town of Gilsum. Ayer asks if Hockensmith has worked with welfare laws, he has some experience.

Bazarnicki motions to hire Hockensmith and Dowd to be our Town Lawyer.

Murphy 2nd

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Letter of Understanding; State Trooper: Lieutenant Sean Eaton, the Commander for State Police Troop C has come to the meeting to discuss more details of the letter. Eaton is the one who sent the letter to let us know they are here for us if we need them for other options for policing. Eaton explains the Memorandum of Understanding. There would be a trooper assigned to our town and they would be working overtime as it would be addition to their normal work time. The costs associated are only paying the overtime of the trooper, overtime costs do vary by trooper; the average is around or less than \$80/hour. The support agency is there if needed. The town would assign date/time that we want. As Gilsum is a part of their area that they police, they are already here and this would be an addition for a set number of hours. Discussed how this would be helpful for the Gilsum Rock Swap.

Murphy motions to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the State Police.

Louder 2nd

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Highway Department: Maguire provided a quote from an auto repair shop for everything that needs to be done with the Dodge. Discussed how we have made the truck last longer than the projected 10 years. Louder mentioned doing the minimal things we can to get it on the road again.

Bazarnicki motions to approve to get the minimal repairs done to the 2011 Dodge Ram, to get it back into compliance which are 5 items on the quote.

Murphy 2nd

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions to accept Highway Road Agent Contract and appoint Harlen Maguire as Highway Road Agent.

Louder 2^{nds}

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

SWRPC; State Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan: Hrabovsky presents letter. Briefly Discussed.

Gilsum Village Store; Advertising Sign Application: Hrabovsky presented application. Discussed. Will not approve location, discussed other options and locations.

Bazarnicki to deny application for sign based on location applied for per zoning ordinance Article 4 Section G1-4.

Louder 2nd

Vote: unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions to approve and sign Intent to Excavate; 26-173-01-E.

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions the Electronic Accessibility Policy.

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bazarnicki motions to approve the debit card payment request form for Zoom.

Murphy 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motions passed

Library; Downed Trees: Tree branches fell down outside in the library. Discussed about planting trees and who would be responsible for it. Louder would like a recommendation from the Conservation Commission.

SWRPC; Road Mapping: Bazarnicki reports that we can move forward. Bazarnicki to talk more details with Henry Underwood. It will be a 5-month project.

Bazarnicki motions to accept Southwest Regional Planning Commissions request to proceed for the inventory of the towns paved Class V roads as part of a road management system, for approximately \$4300.

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Sue Cadmus: Cadmus is here alone for approximately 45 min on Monday's when she in comes in at 5pm. Cadmus would appreciate having someone here at the same time. Louder also prefers for Cadmus to not be alone. Tuesday nights are busiest for the Town Clerk. Discussed adjusting hours and to take some time for thoughts.

Gordon Sand and Gravel: Nettleton made a complaint with speeding dump trucks. Nettleton brought to the Selectboard that there are two mud strips on Route 10 coming out of the pit and down the road. Ayer says that it is slick and the road should be cleaned daily. Ayer asked the Lieutenant, Eaton said that it would be a part of DOT and he does not know the enforcement for that kind of thing. Discussed which Troop groups Nettleton has talked to. It was mentioned that Gordon trucks also use Route 123. Bazarnicki says he hears the trucks every day. There was a call about a rock in the road, Bazarnicki went and picked it up.

Ayer talks about the water testing. ~~Spring Street levels started climbing~~ ^{AP 26/26} and Badger is still under the limit. Base levels were fine, the tests after blasting show increase in levels, some exceeding limits. Discussion of nitrates and nitrites. Most recent test was in February and the water testing failed then. If water tests failed, according to the blasting agreement, we are told that bottled water is supposed to be provided. Ayer says this is a red flag for her and she stopped getting water at Spring Street. Selectmen are not interfering with a private well, G2 holdings would be responsible. If it is out of compliance, it should be posted to not use. The spring is on private land even though the public uses it.

Louder asks for a copy of the state regulation. Bazarnicki is going to look at the reports. Louder says a sign should go up for people not to use. Bazarnicki is going to call Gordon tomorrow to talk about the results and talk about remediating the situation. Murphy believes the permit should be pulled after being out of compliance for multiple things from prior discussions.

Nettleton requests a fence for safety where the cliffs are. On the engineering plans, "Best Management Practices for Blasting" should have been followed as it State regulated. More discussion about the seismic sensors and how they are not being done correctly. Talked more on the groundwater results from the engineering plans as it has now been out of compliance for two months. Bazarnicki noted the comments and concerns from this meeting and about the ground water monitoring. Bazarnicki plans to discuss with Gordon.

Louder motions to adjourn
Bazarnicki 2nds
Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Hailey Hrabovsky

Minutes approved

Signature

Date

Clem Louder



3/30/26

Brian Bazarnicki



3/30/26

Bruce Murphy

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