

Town of Gilsum
Selectboard Meeting
Held in Gilsum Public Library
September 14th 2026, 6:00pm

Board Present: Clem Lounder, Chair; Bruce Murphy, Member; Selectboard Asst. Hailey Hrabovsky

Others: Deb Reilly, Jon Gaouette, Dee Denehy, Lenoir Law, Vicki Ayer, Dave Dauphin

6:00pm Chair Clem Lounder calls meeting to order

Moment of Silence for Brian Bazarnicki. Brian passed away on September 13th, 2026.

Lounder motions to approve 8/31/2026 minutes as amended

Murphy 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Murphy motions to accept 9/14/2026 check manifest

Lounder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Bill Signing – Financial

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

Lounder motions to transfer \$5,533.50 from the Road Improvement Expendable Trust Fund for gravel from St. Pierre needed for the Hammond Hollow Road improvement project.

Murphy 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Lounder motions to appoint Emily Canfil for Library Alternate Trustee, 1 year term.

Murphy 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Murphy motions to put town website out for bid for a new host.

Lounder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Highway Department:

Grader; Ordered new tires.

Hammond Hollow; It is slow going. There is the water issue still that we have discussed previously.

Maguire is working with engineer and they agree to put underdrain in.

Fire Department:

Dee Denehy wrote up a Letter of Recognition for Josh at MDS. Selectboard read letter and agree to send it to him. There are now brand-new first aid kit at attendants' station as well.

NHMA had a presentation on Class VI roads. Hrabovsky to send information to Selectboard.

NHMA had a presentation on Lithium-Ion batteries as well and Denehy spoke on it.

369 Route 10; Camper: Property owner Andrew Hayes, is reported to be living in Marlow but his legal address is in Gilsum.

NHDRA 2024 Assessment Review: Hrabovsky provided documents of the review from NHDRA.

Hrabovsky to respond with a timeline of planned actions to fix findings.

SBA Disaster Loan Deadline Info.: Hrabovsky read email. The U.S. Small Business Administration reminds eligible small businesses and private nonprofit organizations in New Hampshire impacted by drought occurring July 8, 2025, through Dec. 31, 2025, to apply for an economic injury loan before the Oct. 9 deadline. To be posted on the board.

GoNorth Email: Hrabovsky read email. Governor's Office of New Opportunities & Rural Transformational Health (Go-North) wanted to let us know that they have planning grants available for rural municipalities that have sustainable transformational ideas and could benefit from help with the costs associated with developing a plan or idea.

Letter from Avitar: Hrabovsky read letter. Avitar recommends for Map 409 Lot 64 Sub 1, to continue receiving their charitable exemption.

Clean Energy Email: Hrabovsky read email. Clean Energy NH reached out because Eversource is offering a limited-time enhanced incentive to replace transformers owned by the customer. Replacing old transformers can bring major cost savings.

Appointment for Selectmen: Jon Gaouette and Stan Shaw have volunteered to replace Brian Bazarnicki as Selectmen for the rest of his term. Vicki Ayer would like to be considered as well; she plans to run in the spring election too. Lounder does not plan on running again after his term is completed.

Lounder motions to appoint Jonathan Gaouette as Selectmen for the remainder of 3/2027 term until elections.

Murphy 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Brian Bazarnicki: Reilly has a meal train set up for this week. The selectboard and residents told stories about how they met Brian, spoke on his character and how much he affected them and the town.

Lounder found that Brian was very honest and followed through with everything that he said he was going to do and always had a joke for us. Sometimes you didn't know if he was joking or not because he'd look at you with a stone face, but he kept us on our toes. Learned a lot about military with him. Brian earned Clem's respect.

Hrabovsky talked about how Brian was the one who reached out to her about being a Selectmen's Assistant, what we needed for the town and that she would be good for it.

Dauphin said it was interesting how he chose not to resign. That Brian was planning to continue being on the Selectboard and that he was not a quitter. He wanted to finish his term until spring elections.

Denehy spoke on how he was a proud man all the way to the end.

Brian was always asking how everyone was doing and if he could be of help, but never did he expect anything in return. Brian was a committed and hard worker. Even from the hospital, he called into the meetings and wanted to be a part of it. We think that he looked forward to the meetings each week.

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Apparel Impact: Vicki Ayer[↑] asked if when the Planet Aid bins go back to the school, if the Apparel Impact bin can be moved to the parking lot of the Library/Town Office. It was discussed and decided best to keep the Apparel Impact bin where it is currently for the winter, as we do not want pests or for them to be in the way of plowing the parking lot.

MDS: The transfer station has been sold to a new owner. Discussed getting ahold of Matt to talk to him to get more information about cost changes and if the town owns any of the equipment.

Louder motions to adjourn
Murphy 2nds
Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Hailey Hrabovsky

Minutes approved

Signature

Date

Clem Louder



9/21/26

Bruce Murphy



9/21/26

Jon Gaouette



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