

Town of Gilsum
Selectboard Meeting
Held in Gilsum Public Library
September 21st 2026, 6:00pm

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

Others: Deb Reilly, ^{CL}Jon Gaouette, Dee Denehy, Vicki Ayer, Dave Dauphin, Harlen Maguire, Patty Maguire, Chip Chapman, Jason Ballou, Sue Cadmus

6:00pm Chair Clem Louder calls meeting to order

Louder motions to approve 9/14/2026 minutes as amended

Murphy 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Murphy motions to accept 9/21/2026 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 \$5,025 from the Road Improvement Expendable Trust Fund for gravel from St. Pierre needed for the Hammond Hollow Road improvement project.

Gaouette 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Highway Department:

Chevy Duramax; Picked up plates for the truck, still running well.

Hammond Hollow; It is being worked on.

Fire Department: Denehy is working to come up with a definitive list of active members on the department. Denehy is also working on a policy for the fire department. There are around 16 volunteers that are signed up for and involved with the department and 5 volunteers that are signed up for the department but are not involved.

369 Route 10; Camper: No update

NHDRA 2024 Assessment Review: Hrabovsky read letter that she would send the DRA for outlined planned action items and a timeline. Selectboard approved Hrabovsky to go ahead and send letter.

Website Invitation to Bid:

Louder motions for invitation to bid for website accessibility remediation and compliance (ADA Title II)

Murphy 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Clean Energy NH Email: Hrabovsky read email. NHDES announced a new Recharge the Adventure New Hampshire Grant Program. This grant can fund the installation of publicly accessible Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers at travel- and tourism-oriented locations, business and commercial districts, and areas of high demand for public EV charging by town residents and visitors. Briefly discussed and decided this would not apply to our small town but to more of the bigger towns.

Town of Alstead Email: The Town of Alstead has formed a committee that is currently exploring options to optimize their local law enforcement coverage. As part of this research, they are looking at communities that have successfully implemented contracted or shared patrol shifts with outside police agencies or county departments. Hrabovsky to respond to the email sharing our positive outlook with the sheriff department.

Ayer states that the Budget Committee for the Town of Gilsum are actively looking to cut the budget for the sheriff department and rely on the state police instead. Discussed how while sheriffs are on-call, we get a faster response time than the state police. Many are outspoken about citizen safety and the town should not cut the budget for the sheriff department.

Jason Ballou: Chip Chapman has a close relative that has passed and they want to set up a private burial plot on Chip Chapman's land. There is an RSA for it and it is possible to do and there are guidelines. Murphy asks if this was for permission or a notice. Planning Board does not think there is anything in the zoning would prohibit it and to follow state regulations. Chapman provided documents and information on the death of family member and planned burial grounds. Need to get exact description written into deed for easement. Hrabovsky typed up permission letter for the Selectboard to sign.

Gaouette motions for the Selectboard to approve and sign letter for permission to Chip Chapman to create Private Family Burial Plot on his property Gilsum Tax Map 403 Lot 2, at 21 Smith Hill Road. In accordance with NH RSA 289:3- Location, under TITLE XXVI CEMETERIES; BURIALS; DEAD BODIES.

Louder 2nds

Vote: Unanimous

Motion passed

Brian Bazarnicki Services: Calling hours will be this Thursday, September 24th, 2026, 9am, at Cheshire Family Funeral Home. Prayer service is at 11am followed by Military Honors at 1pm.

MDS: Louder reached out to Matt but has not heard back. Louder was able to find out that the packer and containers are not owned by the town.

Veterans Fruit and Flower Basket: Ayer asked if anyone who like to be a part of the donations for the basket for veterans in town and their spouses. The total donations needed is \$180 and it is usually split between three people. The baskets typically go out in November.

Community Dinner: Saturday, September 26th, 2026 is the Community Dinner. There are about 20 to-go meals for people that will need to be delivered after the dinner if we can have some volunteers.

SWRPC Newsletter: Louder read letter about our road project. It details what they have done so far and plan to do going forward into the next phase.

Louder motions to adjourn
Gaouette 2nds
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Hailey Hrabovsky

Minutes approved

Signature

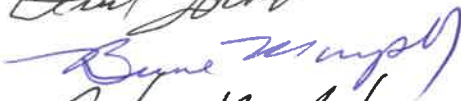
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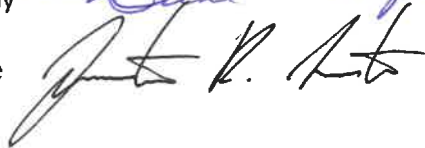
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