Town of Gilsum
Selectboard Meeting
Held in Gilsum Public Library
October 19th 2026, 6:00pm

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

Others: Deb Reilly, Dee Denehy, Harlen Maguire

6:00pm Chair Clem Lounder calls meeting to order

Gaouette motions to approve 10/5/2026 minutes as amended
Murphy 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Murphy motions to accept 10/19/2026 check manifest
Gaouette 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 $3,704 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

Lounder motions to transfer $150 from the Road Improvement Expendable Trust Fund, for supplies from Carroll Concrete needed for the Hammond Hollow Road improvement project.
Murphy 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Gaouette motions to approve paying the sum of $292,873.00 to assess the Polls and Estates for Gilsum.
Lounder 2nds
Vote: Lounder – yes, Gaouette – yes, Murphy – abstain
Motion passed

Avitar Exemption Recommendations: Hrabovsky brought the recommendations made by Avitar for properties that filled out the A-9 and A-12 applications to receive exemptions for this year. Discussed to continue the exemptions and that we will do better next year by making sure the applications are received by their due date of April 15th annually.

Website Bid: Tabled for next meeting.

Highway Department:
Hammond Hollow Road Project; Maguire needs a letter for permission from landowners on Hammond Hollow Road to take down some trees. Hrabovsky to type up letter.
Hammond Hollow Road Bridge; Seal Master is scheduled to come this Friday to seal the joints on the bridge.
Cargill; The company we get our salt from, have not seen costs yet. Maguire will reach out to them.
Budget; The budget for the Selectboard is to be in November 2nd, 2026.

Trucking Winter Sand Bid: The Town of Gilsum received only one bid during the posted time on the website. The link for the proposal was on the town websites home page between September 28th, 2026 through October 12th, 2026. Maguire Construction submitted a bid proposal on 10-1-2026, which was opened during this meeting. The proposal met the criteria, in the amount of $6000; the Selectboard negotiated the cost and was able to bring it down to $5000. Accepted the bid at $5000 from Maguire Construction.

Gaouette motions to approve the bid proposal, submitted by Maguire Construction, granted the cost to be dropped from $6000 to $5000.
Murphy 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Fire Department: Denehy still has not heard back from the person about the mailed letter. Denehy to resend letter through certified mail.
Denehy reports that there have been 115 calls as of today for 2026 so far. The total for last year (2025) was only 104 calls.

Whitebrook Road/Route 10; Trees: Emily Canfil sent an email update that NHDOT scheduled the tree work to be done this week to help alleviate sight distance concerns.

369 Route 10; Camper: Hrabovsky showed an affidavit showing that Andrew Hayes received the letter at the Sheriff's Office. Jason O'Dell stopped by in lieu of Andrew Hayes before the meeting to let us know that no one has been living in the camper, O'Dell would sometimes spend the night there after work. O'Dell lives elsewhere, off the property. Camper is to be winterized this week.

911 Address Update: Concerns were brought up that the street numbering on Belvedere Road that we passed this summer, are not accurate. Hrabovsky showed Denehy the concerns and are going to work on getting accurate street number updates for the GPS system.

Elections: Discussed that there is no need to appoint someone in place of Bruce Murphy. Lounder and Gaouette have the day covered. Set up will be Monday, November 2nd, 2026 at 4:30pm at the school. Elections will be held Tuesday, November 3rd, 2026.

SWRPC; Trainings, Meetings:
SWRPC is passing along an invitation from Keene Mayor Jay Kahn for a Personal Electric Vehicle (PEV) Safety & Enforcement Training, developed by the NH Office of Highway Safety and the Bike-Walk Alliance of NH. It covers e-bikes, e-scooters and other PEVs, including NH law, crash and battery fire safety, and tools for local ordinances and infrastructure decisions.
SWRPC sent an invitation to a Road Manager's Meeting with UNHT2 & SWRPC. Hrabovsky to forward the emails.

Lounder motions to approve the COLA rate at 3.6% beginning January 2027.
Gaouette 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

NHDES Letter: Received a response letter for an approved Forestry Statutory permit-by-notification for Trails Unlimited, for Map 409 Lot 64.

Lounder motions to adjourn
Murphy 2nds
Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Hailey Hrabovsky

Minutes approved Signature Date 10/7/26

Clem Lounder

Bruce Murphy 10/26/26

Jon Gaouette 10/26/26