Town of Gilsum
Selectboard Meeting
Held in Gilsum Public Library
November 9th 2026, 6:00pm

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

Others: Lenoir Law, Dee Denehy, Deb Reilly, Vicki Ayer, David Dauphin, Jason Ballou, Karen Hastings, Heidi Bukoski, Sue Cadmus

Vicki Ayer is recording the meeting. Please reach out to her if you need a copy of the video.

6:00pm Chair Clem Lounder calls meeting to order

Lounder motions to approve 11/2/2026 minutes as amended
Murphy 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Lounder motions to accept 11/9/2026 check manifest
Murphy 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 rescind the motion made on 11/2/2026 to transfer $4,285 from the Bridge Maintenance and/or Replacement Fund previously to seal the bridge expansion joints on Hammond Hollow.
Gaouette 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Lounder motions to transfer $5,056 from the Bridge Maintenance and/or Replacement Fund previously to seal the bridge expansion joints on Hammond Hollow.
Gaouette 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Tax Collector: A resident sent in a request about Veteran's Tax Exemptions inquiring what we currently have adopted. Hrabovsky to reach out to resident with relevant information.

Fire Department: Denehy shares that a neighboring fire department may be closing. Denehy wants to make the Selectboard aware and could add more calls for us. Denehy reached out to mutual aid for more information, as it wouldn't be mutual aid if there is no fire department. During the day there are 2-3 people available in the Town of Gilsum.

Murphy motions to rescind motion made on 7-13-26 for Map 405 Lot 23-4, for the assigned street number.
Gaouette 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Murphy motions to assign Map 405 Lot 23-4 the street number 155.
Gaouette 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Trees:
Hammond Hollow; Trees are set to go.
Cemetery Trees; Jason Ballou sent tree pictures to Hrabovsky. Hrabovsky to reach out to Road Agent about trees. Jason Ballou requested to have a Cemetery Trustee present when the trees are to be cut down.

Conservation Commission:
Gaouette motions to appoint Heidi Bukoski as a member of the Conservation Commission, for a 3-year term.
Lounder 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Website Bid: Discussed more on costs and subscription fees. Selectboard decided the costs should go into the 2027 budget. Law shared information from the recent training from NHMA on ADA compliance for websites, it is not something we need to rush into, it is something that will be actively worked on.

Avitar; Payment Processing: Cadmus presented information on how the town can upgrade the tax collector kiosk capabilities through Avitar. There are two versions we could upgrade to, one is Expanded and the other is Comprehensive. Expanded includes invoice summary and balance, online payment capability. Comprehensive includes invoice summary and balance, online payment capability, downloadable PDF invoices, and paperless notification. The information also includes costs of set up and continuation of each version.

Gaouette motions to purchase Lenoir Law a new desk.
Murphy 2nds
Vote: Unanimous
Motion passed

Budget: Selectmen will go through the budget and discuss their recommendations November 23rd, 2026 and November 30th, 2026.
Welfare; Discussed costs of living and its increases as of lately. Discussed not limiting assistance as we went over budget this year, that we should place the request for $10,000. Discussed other lines under Welfare.
Highway Department; Hrabovsky to reach out to Harlen Maguire for a brief timeline and costs for the Hammond Hollow Road Project. Hrabovsky is going to have a more detailed meeting with the Road Agent on Hammond Hollow and other work to discuss timelines, in December.

Planning Board Ex-Officio: Discussed Jon Gaouette to take over the position for Bruce Murphy. Jon Gaouette will now be the Selectboard Representative for the Planning Board.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Hailey Hrabovsky

Minutes approved	Signature	Date
Clem Lounder		11/16/26
Bruce Murphy		11/16/26
Jon Gaouette		11/16/26