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## Gilmanton Selectmen accept deed to town pound

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GILMANTON — Gilmanton selectmen on Monday accepted the deed to what is known as the "town pound," a well-known local landmark.

Ken Cegelski, owner of the property, presented a signed deed to selectmen, giving the town ownership of the property. Cegelski presented the property in honor of the Chalmers family.

The property, right off Route 106, is very small in size, only about 30 by 30 feet. But it has been preserved over the years as a historic site. In past decades, the pound was used to round up stray dogs, cattle and sheep which wandered from other properties in the town.

Many residents in Gilmanton have assumed that the town owned the property. However, the small plot was privately owned, with the town owning only the stone wall which surrounded the site. Gilmanton cemetery trustees have maintained the site over the years.

Selectmen heard from Planning Administrator Louise Knee, who informed them of two applications to come before the Planning Board.

One concerned The Corner Slice restaurant, located at the Four Corners intersection. The restaurant was formerly The Corner Store, a convenience outlet. The building has a new owner, who intends to turn it into a full service restaurant with tables and chairs.

The application before the planning board concerns having the business classified as a restaurant, and also deals with parking and renovations to the building. The new owner is seeking a special exemption from current zoning regulations. The planning board will consider changing the use of the building.

A public hearing on the change will take place at a joint meeting of the planning and zoning

board at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at the Gilmanton Town Hall.

Another planning board application was submitted by Casey Jones Bones, an all-natural dog food company out of Hudson. The company wants to construct a combined manufacturing and retail site on property located on Route 106. That request will be decided by the planning board only at the March 10 meeting at Town Hall.

Selectmen heard from Ron Troyer, a representative of TDS, a fiber optic company, regarding his company's interest in branching out by eventually providing internet, cable and phone service to the entire Gilmanton community.

TDS currently provides phone service to 1,200 homes in the Iron Works section of Gilmanton. Metrocast is the main provider of Internet and cable TV service within the town. Fairpoint is the main phone provider outside of the Iron Works section.

More details about TDS's plan will be presented at a public hearing at 6 p.m. Monday, March 21 at the Town Hall, which will be immediately followed by the regular selectmen's meeting.

Stephanie Fogg, the secretary and administrative assistant for the board of selectmen, updated the board about water buildup and drainage issues in the basement of the Academy Building.

Toward the end of the meeting, selectmen went into a non-public executive session dealing with a personnel issue that lasted about twenty minutes.

The only public comment at the end of the meeting came from resident Cindy Juneau, who expressed concerns about logging truck activity near her property on Meeting House Road, and debris left on the roadway. Logging trucks have been coming out of property located near Juneau's residence. She presented to selectmen a number of photographs of the roadway debris, and damage bordering the roadway.

Only two of the three members of the board were in attendance for Monday night's meeting — Donald Guarino and Michael Jean. The other board member, Rachel Hatch, did not attend. Hatch had a scheduling conflict, as she was participating in the regular Gilmanton school board meeting.