



PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gorham town Hall, Public Meeting Room, 2nd floor.

Monday, January 8th 2024

5:30 p.m.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Michael Waddell; Judy Leblanc; and Yves Zornio

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Gagnon, Town Manager; Phil Cloutier Fire Chief; Bronson, Paradis Financial Director Jimmy Willhoite Chief of Police; Eoin Stapleton Lieutenant of Police; residents Doug Arguin; Ronald Coulombe; Tom McGrath; Steve Sheridan; and Wayne Micucci

Public session Call to Order – 5:30pm

Michael Waddell called the public session to order.

Review of December 18th 2023 storm damages

Fire Chief Phil Cloutier discussed the damages of the rainstorm on December 18th 2023, HEB Engineering was out with Phil and Town manager Peter Gagnon going over damages. The board would like a list made of all the damage and what damage has been addressed. Phil Cloutier said the town has fixed what could be fixed at this time. Homeland Security let the town know that any berms made that are older then 20years old are considered a natural feature and is not their responsibility. FEMA has been issued paperwork from the town for reimbursement on overtime expenses. The town is working with FEMA and Homeland Security on getting a declaration. Residences are concerned about the river damage and future issues if the river is not fixed immediately. Denis Arguin from 14 Water Street spoke about the riverbanks behind his house. He states that there are 3 to 4 houses on Water Street that are in danger of being a loss to the river if not addressed. Wayne Micucci of 7 Broadway Street spoke of his multiple properties on this street that had been damaged from the rainstorm. He thanked the Gorham Fire Department for their assistance in pumping out their basements. Ronald Coulombe of 8 Cross St stated his concerns about the bridges around his property that were jammed up causing thousands of dollars of damage to his property. Steve Sheridan of 2 Bangor Street suggested some thoughts and plans to the board for fixing the berms bridges and culverts. The town is working on fixing as much of the river as they can.

New Business

Northwood Childcare Center CFA grant.

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Motion: Selectman Zornio moved to approve the signature on the CFA grant for Northwood Childcare Center. It was seconded by Selectperson Leblanc.

**Selectmen Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**

The Polaris Razor lease was provided to us by Northeast Rentals which was very appreciated by the town. Polaris doesn't allow leases for long term so recalled it back. The fire department asked if we could purchase the Razor. The purchase must be made through a dealership. MOMS dealership set up the sale of the razor for the town for \$11,199.00 which monies came from the CRF. That the police already have there is no tax impacted. Jimmy Willhoite thanked Northeast Rentals for the lease of the Razor.

Motion: Selectman Zornio moved to approve the purchase of the Razor. It was seconded by Selectmen Leblanc.

**Selectmen Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**

Eoin Stapleton asked for permission to take part with the Operation of Highway Safety this grant helps with purchases for equipment Lt. Stapleton has asked for an increase in grant monies for an additional office to help with driver that are distracted while driving DUI check points new NDT unit for 2 cruisers. Which will also help with radio communication until the repeater project is complete. Currently officers are using their cell phones for communication with dispatch which is unsafe. Total project cost is \$32,640.46 town's responsibility would be \$6806.04 Project highway safety will cover \$24,390.46.

Motion: Selectperson Leblanc moved to approve the increase in the grant. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

**Selectmen Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**

Abatements there are 3.

420 Main Street for taxes \$587.70 we are paying taxes while we work on purchasing that property.

Motion: Selectperson Leblanc moved to approve the abatement of 420 Main Street. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

**Selectman Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**

The old police shooting range which is no longer there this will be the last abatement on this property to Gorham Land Company for \$123.01

Motion: Selectperson Leblanc moved to approve the abatement to Gorham Land Company R3-1-1. It was seconded by Selectmen Zornio.

**Selectman Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**

275 Gorham Hill Road our system didn't pick up a veteran and disabled credits, so we need to adjust the amount and apply the credit.

Motion: Selectperson Leblanc moved to approve the abatement of 275 Gorham Hill Road U22-5. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

**Selectman Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**

Approval of December 27th minutes.

Motion: Selectperson Leblanc moved to approve the December 27th minutes. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

**Selectman Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**

Adjournment

MOTION: Selectmen Zornio moved to go back into Non-Public Session. It was seconded by Vice-Chair Leblanc.

**Selectman Zornio: Aye
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye
Chairperson: Aye**


The motion carried. (3-0-0)

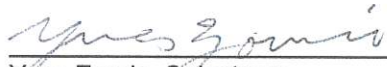
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Respectfully submitted,
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Minutes Approved on January by:


Michael Waddell, Chairman


Judith LeBlanc, Vice-Chair


Yves Zornio, Selectman