

Town of Gorham New Hampshire

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor
Monday, October 23, 2023
4:30 p.m.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Michael Waddell; Yves Zornio; and Judy LeBlanc.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Gagnon, Town Manager.

ALSO PRESENT: Ryan Byrne, Lisa Connell and Peter Esterbrook.

1. Non-Public Session - 4:30 p.m.

Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant; and (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

2. Public Session Call to Order - 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 5:34 p.m.

3. New Business

a. Announce Action, if any, Taken in Nonpublic Session

None.

b. Current usage application

Peter Gagnon provided the current use application to the Board. Discussion was had regarding the minimum 10-acre requirement. Current use applicant was short .17 acres to meet the 10-acre minimum. The current use applicant, Mr. Appleton, will move the .17-acres on Hemlock Lane to current use to meet the requirements. It was agreed Mr. Appleton meets the requirements by moving the .17-acre to current use, using 3-acres of

Mr. Gagnon provided a brief reasoning to why the MS-1 was revised, and it was submitted to the Board for signatures.

MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to approve the revision of the MS-1. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

Selectman Zornio: Aye

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

The motion carried. (3-0-0).

f. Review of Budget

A discussion was had regarding the newest budget report (75% YTD). All departments look to be on track. GPW department budget was brought up regarding snow removal expense and it was agreed that there was money in the budget for the upcoming winter months. Overall bottom-line total is on track.

4. Old Business/Updates, if any

a. RR Street Parking Update

Chairperson Waddell requested an update on the Railroad Street parking that was to be discussed at the public hearing to be held on October 23, 2023. That discussion was postponed. Mr. Gagnon stated that the Town is working on a HOP grant, Housing Opportunity Program. Mr. Gagnon introduced the draft submitted to the grant and discussed how to increase parking. The RR Street discussion is now set for the public meeting in November.

5. Public Comment: Those in attendance will have the opportunity for public comment of two (2) minute or less.

Public member asked if the plan for Railroad Street parking would be available on the website. Mr. Gagnon informed him they were still in the draft phase, but it will be updated on the website.

Peter Esterbrook discussed the Gorham Hydro property. Stating how it used to be a nice area to have a cup of coffee and watch the Waterfalls. Brookfield has since put up a yellow chain across the road. Mr. Esterbrook intends to meet with Brookfield to have them remove the Chain. Chairperson Waddell advised Mr. Esterbrook that it was private property.

6. Other Business

a. Review and Approve Minutes: September 11, 2023.

MOTION: Chairperson Waddell moved to approved the public meeting minutes from September 11, 2023. It was seconded by Vice-Chair Leblanc.

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

The motion carried. (3-0-0).

b. Town Manager Report

- **GPW- Brush**

Mr. Gagnon indicated that the brush at the GPW department was chipped and has all been cleaned up.

- **Veterans Wall**

Mr. Gagnon mentioned the Veterans wall was in disarray. The wall and the benches were all cleaned.

- **Clay Brook Road**

The paving project on Clay Brook Road and is just about finished with the primary roadway surface.

- **Randolph/Shelburne EMS Contract**

Mr. Gagnon and Fire Chief Phil Cloutier met with the Randolph & Shelburne Select Boards recently to present the new EMS contracts. The meeting went well. The new communication system (Repeater Grant) was also discussed with both Randolph and Shelburne.

- **Traffic around Ed Fen and GMHS**

The bust traffic around the schools during the morning and afternoons is being addresses. Mr. Gagnon has met with the Chief of Police and SAU#20 Superintendent.

- **GPW – Solar Array Project**

The Solar Array project has been put on hold due to Federal DOE Review. It is now planned for the Spring of 2024.

7. Adjournment 6:35 p.m.

MOTION: Selectman Zornio moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Vice-Chair LeBlanc.

Selectman Zornio: Aye


Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

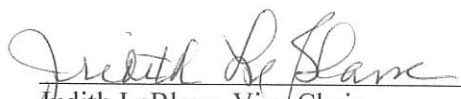
The motion carried. (3-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

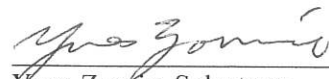
Minutes Approved on November 13, 2023 by:



Michael L. Waddell, Chairman



Judith LeBlanc, Vice-Chair



Yves Zornio, Selectman

Jessica Paradis
Payroll/ HR Specialist
Town of Gorham