

## PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gorham town Hall, Public Meeting Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Wednesday December 27, 2023

4:30 p.m.

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Gagnon, Town Manager; Bronson, Paradis Financial Director; Jeff Stewart, Parks and Recreation Director; John Bijeau, Public Works Director

### **Public session Call to Order – 4:30pm**

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order.

### **Budget Review- Recreation Department**

Jeff Stewart outlined the budget for 2024. He asked for a \$5.00 an hour increase for the summer maintenance position to make their hourly wage increased to \$20.00 an hour for 29 hours per week. Phone and internet costs are down \$570.00 from last year due to a new contract. Heating costs are down \$780.00 from last year. Over the past couple of years, the water cost has gone up \$100.00. General Supplies are up 500.00 Maintenance Repairs up \$200.00. Overall salary and benefits went down \$13,407.00. Recreation Budget is down \$9752.00.

### **Budget Review- Parks Department**

Parks salary and benefits are up \$1927.00. Maintenance repairs are up \$500.00. Park Maintenance is up \$2430.00 but the total from taxation is down \$7322.00 with both budgets being combined.

### **Budget Reviews- RRF**

Salary and benefits line up \$10,765.00 this is the cost to run the summer program. Program line is up \$10,000.00. Special trips and events up \$4000.00 Senior programs up \$3000.00. Funding raising is up to \$3000.00. Senior programs are sent out to Gorham residence first then will proceed to non-residents. Revenue will offset the increase. Information and moose tours salary and benefits are up \$1404.00. maintenance is down \$98.00. Moose tour driver budget is up \$2538.00. Rates for 2024 will remain the same for special trips, moose tours, senior programs and recreation passes. A new moose tour bus will be arriving in June 2024. Old tour bus will be put out to bid. Revenue for 2023 is \$185,304.00

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### **Libby's Pool-**

Libby's pool had a lot of damage from the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, storm. Jeff Stewart will be working on getting the ice rink refilled. The select board and rec department discussed how to fix the piping of water into Libby's which was destroyed.

### **Budget Review- Public Works**

Salary and benefits increased by \$2000.00. Telephone and internet are down by \$487.00. Electricity decreased. Heating oil price has decrease. The water stayed the same. Rental and leases decreased. General supplies stayed the same. Salt went down due to being purchased at a cheaper price. IIT increased due to new security systems. Coal Patch stayed the same. Vehicle repairs stayed the same. Sand and gravel decreased by \$62.00 Culvert and catch basin line increased \$500.00 due to the company increase. Machinery and equipment increased \$1000.00. Travel decreased and uniforms stayed the same. Line painting increased \$300.00. Discussed hauler fees. Grants for the solar panels have changed the guidelines to a more structured process. We have readjusted our paperwork for the DOE. The DOE is 2 months backed up on processing paperwork. We are hoping to have the solar panels going up by early summer. The woodshed is not being used due to structure and mold issues. Discussion of tearing it down was discussed and a decision will be made at a later date. Budget went up \$54,833.00 which includes the salary and benefits. The new dump truck will be here in 2024. The public works director will discuss with the board which roads they will be resurfacing. Water and sewer will be working on a project in Cascade Flats. John Bijeau will work with water and sewer to see if the grant can be extended to the town for public works to resurface the roads. This will be discussed further in a future meeting.

### **Budget Review – MSW/Cemetery**

Vehicle maintenance and repairs up both recycling trucks need new tires. Printing and general supplies all stayed the same. Discussed disposal fees. Cemetery budget said the same. Discussion on sending the cemetery employee for training on straightening the headstones.

Discussion on the River Maintenance Capital Reserve and Road Resurfacing and Reconstruction CRF.

The board will meet again on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. 2024

### **Adjournment**

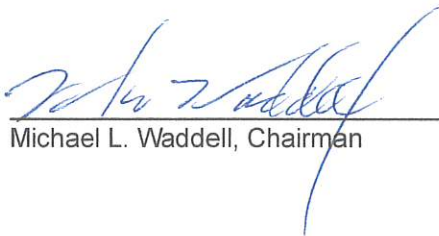
**Motion: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio. At 7:05pm**

**Seletmen Zornio: Aye  
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye  
Chairperson Wadell: Aye**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Alimandi, Recording Secretary  
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Minutes Approved on February 5, 2024 by:



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Michael L. Waddell, Chairman

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Judith LeBlanc, Vice-Chair



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Wes Zornio, Selectman