

Town of Gorham New Hampshire

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor
Monday, August 14, 2023
4:30 p.m.

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Gagnon, Town Manager; Lieutenant Eoin Stapleton; and Chief Jimmy Willhoite.

ALSO PRESENT: Edith Tucker.

1. Non-Public Session - 2:00 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.

3. New Business

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

Selectmen Mike Waddell and Yves Zornio along with Town Manager Peter Gagnon toured the Patriot Hydro Facility (Gorham) and inspected the newly constructed dock and stairs near the facility.

b. Swear in Lieutenant Stapleton

Chief Willhoite introduced Lieutenant Eoin Stapleton. Lieutenant Stapleton was sworn in as a Police Officer for the Town of Gorham.

c. Review Paving Bids for Gordon Ave.

Peter Gagnon indicated he coordinated with HEB on the bid. He noted there were two bidders: Blacktop (\$33,285 with a contingency, if tack coat on the base is required, add \$450) and Central Asphalt (\$33,320). He added that the bids were so close. He went over the correspondence he had with Eric Grenier from HEB and what Mr. Grenier's recommendation would be, which is Central Asphalt.

MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to award the bid for paving on Gordon Avenue to Central Asphalt. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

Selectman Zornio: Aye

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

d. Police Grant Review and Sign

Mr. Gagnon indicated there are three \$850 grants (Drive Sober Initiative, Texting Safety Initiative, and one other unidentified grant). He spoke about his discussions with the Police Chief.

MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to approve the Police Grants. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

Selectman Zornio: Aye

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

4. Old Business/Updates, if any

None.

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

Edith Tucker inquired about the tour with Patriot to look at the new floating dock/raft and the granite steps constructed. Chairperson Waddell noted it was general information.

6. Other Business

a. Review and Approve Minutes: July 24, 2023.

MOTION: Selectman Zornio moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2023, as presented. 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

- **Road Projects**

Mr. Gagnon noted that the paving should be wrapping up in October.

- **New Grants**

Mr. Gagnon provided the highlights:

- DOT Highway Block Grants that have come in, where they will be receiving \$61,258.
- Department of Justice Grant to help out Fire EMS for \$426,000 focused on putting up repeaters. Discussion was had regarding the evolution of the grant.
- Fire Chief received a \$16,000 grant from TC Energy Build Strong.
- A lot of the Federal Grants are moving slowly but steadily in the right direction.
- NBRC is still proceeding along.

- **Updates**

Mr. Gagnon provided the last month's Building Permits and Driveway Permits.

- **Deed Waivers**

Mr. Gagnon indicated they were presented by Cindy Cole with two - 10 Norman Ave. & 6 Dublin St. for taxes that are owed to the Town. He read out the waivers. He noted that the Board is signing these because the back taxes are being funded. Discussion was had regarding the location of the two properties.

MOTION: Selectman Zornio moved to sign the two Deed Waivers, as presented. It was seconded by Vice-Chair LeBlanc.

Selectman Zornio: Aye

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

7. Adjournment

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

Selectman Zornio: Aye

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

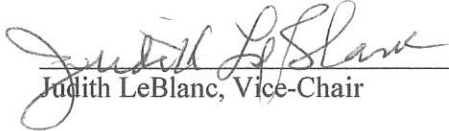
The motion carried. (3-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary

Minutes Approved August 28, 2023 by:



Michael L. Waddell, Chairman



Judith LeBlanc, Vice-Chair



Yves Zornio, Selectman

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