



Town of Gorham New Hampshire

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor
Monday, November 13, 2023
3:30 p.m. NON PUBLIC, 5:30 PUBLIC

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Gagnon, Town Manager.

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa Connell

1. Non-Public Session - 3:30 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 5:35 p.m.

3. New Business

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

None.

b. Review DPW Truck Body Bids

Peter Gagnon spoke about John Bijeau, the Public Works Director's actions putting together the 2 bids for the DPW Truck Body. The two bids are as follows:

- i. Viking - \$98,902
- ii. Donovan - \$119,685

Discussion was had regarding whether this was a scheduled purchase, as well as the material of the body.

a. Review and Approve Minutes: October 10, 2023 & October 23, 2023

MOTION: Selectman Zornio moved to approved the public meeting minutes from October 10, 2023 and October 23, 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

- **Insurance NTE %**

Mr. Gagnon provided the not-to-exceed number from Interlocal Trust: 9.91%
Discussion was had regarding the relationship history with Interlocal Trust and the Town. He provided other rates he received. Further discussion was covered under the insurance.

- **Project Updates**

Mr. Gagnon indicated he received a request from the Sons of American Legion regarding maintaining the Veteran's Monument. He noted that the work had been complete and that he subsequently received a letter from the Sons of American Legion, which he read out to the Board.

Mr. Gagnon pointed out the digging going on in the Common, which is the playground being installed. He noted the hard rubberized surface that will not be installed until the spring, nor will any equipment that need a cement slab.

- **Grants**

Mr. Gagnon brought up the Wayfinding Grant for the kiosks and granite steps, as well as the floating dock.

Mr. Gagnon mentioned the fact that some of the Grants are held up due to the lack of a Federal Budget for 2024.

Mr. Gagnon spoke about the Repeater Grant and gave recognition to those who made it happen. He went over the challenges that were faced and how they were addressed. He added that Randolph and Shelburne are supportive of this project.

- **Road Projects**

Mr. Gagnon stated that they are wrapping up. He went on to say that HEB informed him that all of the pavement work is wrapped up for the season, that they'll let it settle and that, next spring, a wear coat will be applied.

- Mr. Gagnon announced the passing of Tanner Grone and the circumstances surrounding it.

- Chairperson Waddell spoke about the Community Forest Agreement with Bayroot. He went over the current situation, including the available funds and agreements locked on certain parcels. He provided some history on previous acquisition of the Town Forest, as well as the benefits of the Town retaining ownership on the land. He added that the P&S Agreement will be a Town Warrant Article to be discussed and voted upon at Town Meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

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

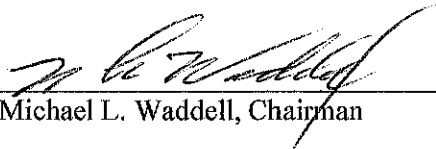
Selectman Zornio: Aye

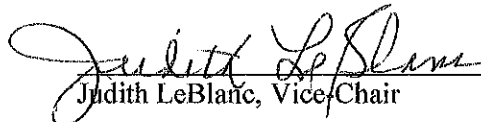
Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

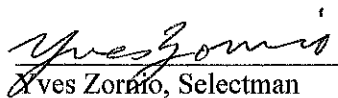
Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

Minutes Approved on December 11, 2023 by:


Michael L. Waddell, Chairman


Judith LeBlanc, Vice Chair


Yves Zornio, Selectman

Respectfully Submitted,

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