

Town of Gorham New Hampshire

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor Wednesday, January 12, 2022 3:00 p.m.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Michael Waddell; Judy LeBlanc; and Adam White.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Vallee, Town Manager; and Kathleen Frenette, Finance Director.

1. Non-Public Session - 3:00 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; and (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.*

2. Public Session Call to Order - 4:00 p.m.

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 3:55 p.m.

3. New Business

a. Announce action, if any, taken in nonpublic session

None.

b. 2022 Budget

The Board went through the proposed budget. Discussion was had regarding the Town Building Purchase and Repair CRF, which originally had a number of \$40,000 in it to be appropriated this year, while the recommendation is \$140,000 based on work that will eventually need to be done down at Public Works within three years.

Chairperson Waddell noted there were several discussions regarding projects to be done this year, including the website and the Town Code. Discussion was had regarding the proposal to complete the Town Code, utilizing overtime hours inhouse.

Denise Vallee went over the amendments made to the expenditures section. Discussion was had regarding the amortization payment for the backhoe. The Board concurred that it would stay in the budget but would come back to the Board of Selectmen once there are three quotes to review. Discussion

was had regarding the library line item in the budget. The library second floor or basement are possible sites for records storage.

Ms. Vallee indicated that the overall budget variance is \$411,810, which is going to be covered by the unrestricted fund balance.

MOTION: Selectman LeBlanc moved that the budget, to the extent possible, be brought to zero tax impact on the Town portion, using the unrestricted fund balance and applying it to reduce taxes. It was seconded by Selectman White.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye
Selectman White: 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.

None.

6. Other Business

Selectman White announced that he will not be running again for Selectman.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectman LeBlanc moved to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. It was seconded by Selectman White.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye
Selectman White: Aye
Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

Respectfully Submitted,

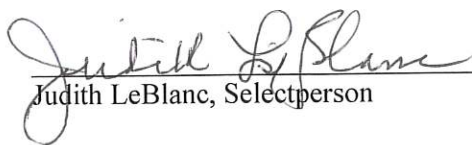
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Approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 14, 2022:

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Michael Waddell, Chairman

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Judith LeBlanc, Selectperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam White", written over a horizontal line.

Adam White, Selectman