

Town of Gorham New Hampshire

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor Wednesday, January 31, 2022 5:45 p.m.

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Vallee, Town Manager, Austin (Buddy) Holmes, DPW Director

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; 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 - 5:45 p.m.

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 5:45 p.m.

3. New Business

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

None.

2022 Proposed Budget:

Discussion was had regarding a \$10,000 special warrant article to contribute toward the cost of fireworks for the 4th of July.

Director Holmes stated that he preferred to purchase the Caterpillar Backhoe. Less money, the equipment is the correct size to meet the department's needs, the attachments we have fit the machine. Selectman LeBlanc asked if service was done in Concord. Director Holmes responded that is. Selectman White inquired as to how many hours are on the machine. Director Holmes responded approximately 5,000. Selectman White recommended that the equipment be greased better, with high-quality grease. The Board was in support of leasing the Caterpillar backhoe.

MOTION:

Selectman LeBlanc moved that the articles in the Town Warrant be recommended as presented. It was seconded by Selectman White, with the exception of the article for the Family Resource Center, which he did not recommend. The vote on that particular article was changed to 2-1 in support of.

Selectman LeBlanc again moved that the articles in the Town Warrant, with the one revision in the Family Resource Center recommendation, be recommended. 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

The Assessing Software was discussed. It was suggested that Cindy Perkins be asked to do a demonstration of her program. TM Vallee will review the Patriot Properties contract for their support terms.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectman LeBlanc moved to adjourn at 6:17 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,

Denise Vallee

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

Michael Waddell, Chairman

Judith LeBlanc, Selectperson

Adam White, Selectman