



Town of Gorham New Hampshire

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor
Monday, September 27, 2021
5:00 p.m.

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Vallee, Town Manager; and Chief Adam Marsh.

OTHERS PRESENT: Edith Tucker, Reporter, Berlin Sun.

1. Non-Public Session - 5:00 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. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.

2. Public Session Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 6:04 p.m.

3. New Business

a. Announce Action, if Any Taken in Non-Public Session

None.

b. Chief Adam Marsh - Fire Hydrant Signage

Chief Adam Marsh discussed the situation regarding people parking within 15-feet of fire hydrants around the Town, and the necessity for signage to indicate the no-parking zone around the hydrants. Discussion was had regarding the requested signage.

MOTION: Selectman White moved to approve the requests of Chief Marsh regarding the fire hydrants. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman White: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

c. Personnel Policy Discussion

MOTION: Selectman White moved to table this item until it's reviewed by the pertinent people. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.

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

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

4. Old Business/Updates

None.

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

Edith Tucker inquired if Ms. Vallee had the Press Release ready, to which Ms. Vallee responded that it won't be ready until Wednesday, at the earliest, and that she would send it to her.

6. Other Business

- a. **Approve Minutes of September 13, 2021 (Regular & Nonpublic Meeting); September 16, 2021 (Nonpublic Meeting); and September 20, 2021 (Nonpublic Meeting)**

MOTION: Selectman LeBlanc moved to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2021, regular meeting and nonpublic meeting, as presented, as well as the Minutes of September 16, 2021, and September 20, 2021, nonpublic meetings. It was seconded by Selectman White.

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

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

b. Abatements, if needed

None.

c. Town Manager's Report

• **Common Kiosk Update**

Ms. Vallee provided an update on the kiosk. She spoke about the visit that occurred last week and noted that the Town has grant money for the kiosk on the Common, which she would like to utilize to revamp the current kiosk. She detailed the plans for the kiosk, including the addition of the new trails map and a zoomed-in smaller map that's more detailed for the downtown area, showing the amenities.

• **Town Code**

Ms. Vallee indicated she just got a quote in from Municode. She noted that she does have some questions regarding the quote, which she will discuss with Tracy from Municode and provide both the quote and the responses at the next meeting.

- **10-Yr Transportation Plan - Main Street Sidewalk Infrastructure Project GACIT Hearing - Link for Public Comments**

Ms. Vallee indicated that she attended that meeting last Thursday morning and spoke about the Main Street Sidewalk Infrastructure Project to them, stressing the need for it economic-development wise, esthetic wise, etc. She went over what Edith Tucker and Paul Robitaille spoke about. She stated that she has a link to post on Facebook and the Town's website that residents in Town can go on and put comments in favor of the Main Street Project. Chairperson Waddell suggested putting together a set of bullets for the residents to cover on the comment link.

7. Adjournment

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. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.*

MOTION: Selectman White moved to reenter nonpublic session at 6:23 p.m. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman White: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Minutes reviewed and approved on October 13, 2021 by:


Michael Waddell, Chairman


Judith LeBlanc, Selectperson


Adam White, Selectman