

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MONDAY, July 29, 2019, 6:00 PM

GORHAM TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

GORHAM SELECTMEN PRESENT: Chairmen Michael Waddell, Judy Leblanc, Adam White

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Schmidt, Gregory Howard, Denise Vallee, Buddy Holmes, Edith Tucker, Tim Bradstreet, Helen Beausejour, Jim and Linda Reichert

1. Call to order 6:00 PM

2. Public Hearing – Snow Storage Project

Chairman Michael Waddell opened the Public Hearing and summarized the history of Gorham snow storage and the development of the snow storage project.

Paul Schmidt of CMA Engineers provided an overview of the engineering considerations and subsequent site plan for the snow storage project.

Gregory Howard of North Country Soil Services provided an overview of the wetland delineation investigation that he conducted and subsequent report that was used to protect the wetland areas and vernal pool.

Chairman Michael Waddell opened the Public Hearing for public input and/or questions.

Tim Bradstreet inquired if consideration was given as to whether the drainage channel from the vernal pool to the Androscoggin River would allow for backflow during high water events. Paul Schmidt responded to the inquiry. Tim Bradstreet also offered that any existing visual or acoustic buffer should be preserved. He specifically made a reference to a “big pine” that is 4 to 5 feet in diameter that should not be removed as it provides a buffer to his property. Paul Schmidt and Michael Waddell informed him that every effort would be made to preserve the tree if plans permitted. Tim Bradstreet offered that this site plan was a “huge improvement” over the previous site plan.

Helen Beausejour inquired if existing buffer would be preserved. Chairman Michael Waddell and Gregory Howard explained where natural buffer barriers would be preserved. Helen Beausejour expressed approval of their explanations.

Chairman Michael Waddell stated that this site plan is the first time the site had a water management plan and provided for a more stable setup for operations.

Chairman Michael Waddell asked for any remaining public input. Hearing none he closed the public hearing.

3. Old Business

Denise Vallee gave an update on the phone/internet system. The Water and Sewer Commission were going to talk about the contract and at present are included in the contract. They will have the option to back out if necessary. Denise Vallee signed and mailed the contract.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Other Business

a. Selectmen's Updates

Chairman Michael Waddell – No update.

Judy Leblanc – No update.

Adam White inquired on the town crosswalks and requested Denise send him information via email. Denise Vallee informed the Board that North Country Council will offer assistance with the development of a crosswalk map and a parking map.

b. Town Manager's Report

Denise informed the BOS that she attended a Federal Resources Round Table that was held at White Mountain Community College. She stated that multiple federal agencies made presentations on funding opportunities.

Denise informed the Board that the Town Hall air conditioning unit recently had maintenance. The unit needs parts that are not available and the cost to replace the unit would be \$18,000. The unit has been repaired for the short term.

Denise presented the Board with a calendar that was part of a fund-raising initiative by First Impressions. The proceeds will help purchase Main Street banners and be used for the mosaic mural on the band stand.

The Board and Denise discussed the progress of the moose on the Town Common. Denise will follow up.

Denise informed the Board that the current unassigned fund balance is \$1,392,983.

c. Approval of Minutes (July 8, 2019 and July 22, 2019 Non-Public Meeting)

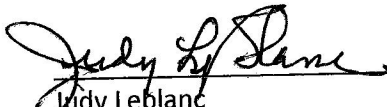
Selectperson Judy Leblanc a Motion to accept the Non-Public meeting minutes of July 22nd, 2019 as written. Selectman Adam White seconded the Motion. All Selectmen voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

Selectperson Judy Leblanc a Motion to accept the amended Non-Public meeting minutes of July 8th, 2019. Chairman Michael Waddell seconded the Motion. Selectman Adam White abstained. Selectperson Judy Leblanc and Chairman Michael Waddell voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

6. Non-public Session NH RSA 91-A:3, II, a, e

Selectman Adam White made a Motion to enter Non-public Session in accordance with NH RSA 91-A :3, II, a, e. Selectperson Judy Leblanc seconded the Motion. All Selectmen voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed


Michael Waddell


Judy Leblanc


Adam White