

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MONDAY, July 22, 2019, 6:00 PM

GORHAM TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

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

ALSO PRESENT: Denise Vallee, Edith Tucker, Tim Bradstreet, PJ Cyr, Mark Santos, Jay Watkins

1. Call to order 6:00 PM

2. New Business

- a. Mark Abatiel of Consolidated Communications gave an overview of their company and their proposal for the Town of Gorham.
- b. Chairman Michael Waddell discussed correspondence the town received with regard to the glider association that uses the Gorham Airport every fall. Discussion took place between Water and Sewer Commissioner Lee Carol and Superintendent Jeff Tennis and the Board of Selectmen about the matter. The Water and Sewer Department stated the camping activity that occurs with the gliders endangers the Water Protection Area of the water shed. The Board inquired why after 20 years of permitted access the Water and Sewer Department now wanted to prohibit access. After discussion, the Board instructed Denise Vallee to draft a letter to the association with use requirements/restrictions prior to their arrival.
- c. Chief PJ Cyr and Sgt. Mark Santos provided the Board with an overview of the Fourth of July Celebration events. Sgt. Santos gave a payroll breakdown for police coverage.
- d. Chief Jay Watkins gave an overview of the Fallen Seven collision that occurred in Randolph. He also made the Board aware of the after-action Critical Incident Stress Management he coordinated for the emergency responders that were on scene. Chief Watkins provided the Board with an overview of the development of, and response to, the Fallen Seven Motorcycle Memorial Ride that had been organized. He also requested support of the Board for him to pursue grant opportunities for mobile communication repeaters for his department's emergency response vehicles. The Board gave full support of his plan to upgrade the department's vehicles with repeaters.

3. Old Business/Updates

a. Stony Brook Road

Jay Poulin from HEB provided the Board with an update on the Stony Brook Road Project. Jay stated that he was hopeful that he would be able to obtain additional mitigation funding to address culvert deficiencies. Jay also provided a summary of the additional 750 feet of road construction that would be funded by the Town of Gorham. Discussion took place between Jay and the Board on the cost breakdown of the project.

Selectperson Judy Leblanc made a Motion to authorize Denise Vallee to sign the management contract for the FEMA contract and the Change Order of Work with Burke Construction. Selectman Adam White seconded the Motion. All Selectmen voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

Jay Poulin provided a brief update on the Libby Pool Culvert Project. He offered that the Wetlands Permit had been submitted. He also informed the Board that the Spring Road Project was complete. HEB had conducted their final inspection and had signed off on the project.

b. CMA/snow storage

Denise Vallee informed the Board that the CMA site visit and the Public Hearing were scheduled for the following Monday, July 29th.

4. Public Comment

Edith Tucker offered that the CMA plan should be in view of the video camera at the Public Hearing. The Board stated they would make efforts to make it available for public view.

5. Other Business

a. Selectmen's Updates

Chairman Michael Waddell

Discussion took place about interest on property taxes that were in the abatement process. Chairman Waddell requested that when the Board is presented with an abatement that it includes the interest so that when the abatement is approved the action is complete.

Selectperson Judy Leblanc

Informed the Board that she spoke to Carol about the tax deeded properties. She received a list and she suggested the Board review the list at a future meeting.

Selectman Adam White

Inquired if Public Works Director Buddy Holmes had been contacted about the crosswalk markings that were discussed at the prior meeting. Interim Town Manager Denise Vallee stated that she did speak to Buddy about the crosswalks. The matter will be discussed further and the town will comply with state law.

b. Town Manager's Report

Denise update the Board on the weekly report submission by her office and all departments. She updated the Board on the legal action against the town with regard to OHRV use.

Denise stated that she attended a mediation meeting and a Motion to Stay was granted that essentially allowed 90 days for all parties to work out a settlement.

- c. Approval of Minutes (May 28, 2019 and June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting)

Chairman Michael Waddell made a Motion to accept the June 24, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. Selectperson Judy Leblanc seconded the Motion. All Selectmen voted in favor of the Motion. Selectman Adam White abstained. Motion passed.

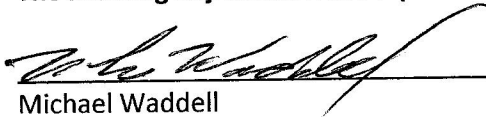
Chairman Michael Waddell made a Motion to accept the amended May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. Selectperson Judy Leblanc seconded the Motion. All Selectmen voted in favor of the Motion. Selectman Adam White abstained. Motion passed.


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


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

At 9:37 pm, Selectman Waddell re-opened the Public Meeting. On a motion by Selectman LeBlanc, with a second from Selectman White, the Non-Public Minutes of June 10, 2019 were approved and they will remain sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.


Michael Waddell


Judy Leblanc


Adam White