

**MINUTES OF SELECTMAN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Gorham Selectman present: Terry Oliver, Patrick Lefebvre, and Mike Waddell

Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager; Edith Tucker, Berlin Daily Sun; Patti Stolte, Family Resource Center; Diane Bouthot; Judy LeBlanc

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Oliver at 6:01 pm.

2. Appointments:

a) Patti Stolte, Family Resource Center – Stolte updated the Board on the programs that the Family Resource Center provides to the community, including Operation Backpack, the Veteran's Dinner, Art Show, Trunk or Treat, Holiday Baskets, Coats for Kids, Project Youth, and Family Support Programs. Stolte advised that the current lease with the town will be up in June of 2018 and requested that they have a meeting to discuss the renewal of the lease. Stolte stated that there are some repairs needed on the building, such as the heat tape on the roof and a sign that needs to be removed. Stolte also mentioned that it might be beneficial for the town, SAU, and FRC to work together to obtain contracts for services like they do for fuel now. Stolte advised that they will be holding the 20th Anniversary celebration at the Town and Country on Friday, November 3 at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$20 to attend and everyone is welcome.

3. New Business:

a) Disposal of Town Property – Fire Department and Police Department – TM Frost advised that Chief Watkins has recommended that Engine 2 and Ambulance 1 be taken out of service and disposed of. He also recommended the same for the snowmobile and trailer. Engine 4 would be moved to Cascade and the Tanker would need to be replaced or retrofitted. TM Frost advised that Chief Cyr has requested that the 2008 Crown Victoria be moved to the range to be used for training. The Board requested that Cyr request permission from the landowner to leave the car there. TM Frost also advised that the Police Department is planning to purchase new duty weapons and that the officers would like to purchase their old ones for the trade-in price. Selectman Waddell advised that he would like to know the particulars on the price and trade-in allowance. Selectman Lefebvre asked if they can legally sell the weapons and TM Frost advised there is nothing that says they can't. Waddell stated that if they went out to bid, only someone with a Federal Firearms License would be able to purchase them. Lefebvre asked if it was an absolute necessity to replace them at this point and Waddell agreed, saying that it was an inopportune time to upgrade anything until the question about contracting services with Berlin is answered. Frost advised that the Board were the agents to expend from the CRF, but if Cyr found another way to purchase them, he could. Waddell stated that finding ways to not spend would be a better choice at this point.

4. Old Business/Updates:

a) Gorham Paper & Tissue Payment Agreement – TM Frost advised she was supposed to hear back from them by noon today on how they intend to catch up on the payments they will be missing, but she did not. Frost stated that their last payment to the town was on August 7, and that they are 8 weeks behind as of today. Selectman Lefebvre stated that they have had ample time to come up with a plan

and expressed concern that they don't seem to be serious about upholding the agreement. Selectman Oliver suggested sending a letter advising them that since they were not abiding by the agreement, the interest that was waived would be added back in. The total amount owed, without interest, is \$566,068.44. Frost will call them again tomorrow and Selectman Waddell asked that it be put on the agenda for the meeting on October 13.

b) Fire Ponds in Stony Brook – TM Frost advised that the Fire Chief evaluated the fire ponds in Stony Brook and that all three need to stay. Watkins is working on getting a price on repairs that are needed on one of them.

c) Cascade Playground – TM Frost advised that there is nothing new to report.

d) Complete Road Improvement Plan – TM Frost advised there is nothing new to report. Selectman Waddell asked when the report was due and Frost stated it was due on December 1. A progress report is expected this week.

e) Jimtown Crosswalk Request – TM Frost advised she has heard nothing back.

f) Eversource Divestiture – TM Frost advised there is nothing new to report.

g) Alternative OHRV Trailhead – TM Frost advised there is nothing new to report.

5. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

6. Other Business:

a) Town Manager's Update – TM Frost advised that representatives from Maggie Hassan's office were here Thursday afternoon. Frost advised that Patti Stolte and Paul Robitaille spoke with them about the need to continue federal funding for the programs provided in the community.

b) Selectmen's Updates – Selectman Lefebvre asked about the right-of-way next to Irving and the entrance, and expressed concern over the hole there. TM Frost advised it was owned by Irving and the town has a right-of-way for access to the cemetery. Frost will give them a call about filling this in. Frost also advised that Burke York was working on the survey to show who owns what. Judi LeBlanc asked if this could be a Code Enforcement issue since it has to do with safety for pedestrians and TM Frost advised that she usually handles calls and letters to the businesses about issues like these.

c) Approval of Minutes (September 18, 2017, public and non-public) –

On a motion by Selectman Waddell, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of September 18, 2017, and the non-public minutes of September 18, 2017 for both the regular meeting and the meeting with the treasurer as presented.

d) Sign Manifest; Abatements and Exemptions (if necessary) –

The refund for the abatement that was approved at 8 Mount Carter Drive was signed.

The deed and disbursement sheet for the Munce properties that were sold to Robert Chapman were signed.

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

On a motion by Selectman Lefebvre, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the Board unanimously voted by roll call to move to non-public session to discuss the Eversource Land and MRI Report at 7:17 pm. Oliver – Aye, Lefebvre – Aye, Waddell – Aye.

On a motion by Selectman Waddell, seconded by Selectman Lefebvre, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to come out of non-public session at 8:17 pm. Oliver – Aye, Lefebvre – Aye, Waddell - Aye.

Minutes of non-public session are available separately.

8. Adjournment: On a motion by Selectman Lefebvre, seconded by Selectman Waddell, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Terry Oliver

Patrick Lefebvre

Michael Waddell