

# Town of Gorham New Hampshire

## **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor Monday, February 2, 2023 4:00 p.m.**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Michael Waddell; Judy LeBlanc; and Yves Zornio.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Denise Vallee, Town Manager; Bronson Paradis, Finance Manager; and Peter Gagnon, Per Diem Town Manager.

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### **1. Public Session Call to Order - 4:08 p.m.**

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 4:08 p.m.

### **2. New Business**

#### **a. 2023 Budget Recommendations**

Denise Vallee indicated that the only change to the previously seen Budget was a placeholder, the new number 8, for a Petition Warrant Article on the Veteran's Credit that she is expecting to come in. She noted that the only change to the Budget was a change in the Legal category under the General Expenditures, which dropped \$32,000, reflecting \$72,000 overall. She added that the Assessing Budget, which dropped \$32,000, is now at \$62,000. Discussion was had regarding what other line items in the Budget reflect.

Vice-Chair LeBlanc inquired whether the change in the two line items affected the final operating costs total, to which Ms. Vallee replied in the affirmative, stating that the new amount was \$4,793,830. Discussion was had regarding the tax rate difference compared to the rate of inflation.

**MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to approve the 2023 Budget, as presented. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.**

**Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye**

**Selectman Zornio: Aye**

**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

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

Chairperson Waddell opened the floor for discussion regarding the Warrant Articles. Selectman Zornio mentioned the order and inquired the possibility of grouping together some of the items. Ms. Vallee indicated that they follow the order of the AccuFund software budget. Discussion was had regarding regrouping possibilities.

Chairperson Waddell stated that they would not approve the order of Warrant Articles until the meeting on February 13, 2023, so that Ms. Vallee would have time to make the adjustments discussed during the meeting. Vice-Chair LeBlanc requested that the Board go over the content of each Warrant Article so that any amendment recommendations can be made to them for the next meeting. Discussion was had regarding the Warrant Articles.

**MOTION: Selectman Zornio moved to support the Warrant , as presented. It was seconded by Vice-Chair LeBlanc.**

**Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye**  
**Selectman Zornio: Aye**  
**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

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

Selectman Zornio requested clarification regarding the difference between a Capital Reserve Fund and a Trust Fund. Ms. Vallee responded that it all depends on the purpose that the fund was set up for, and she went into examples. Furthermore, in-depth discussion was had regarding the inquiry, including responses from Google.

3. **Public Comment:** Those in attendance will have the opportunity for public comment of two (2) minute or less. There were no comments from the public.

None.

4. **Other Business**

None.

5. **Adjournment**

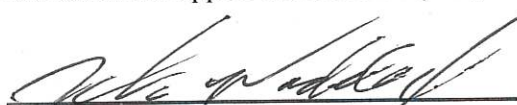
**MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:34 p.m. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.**

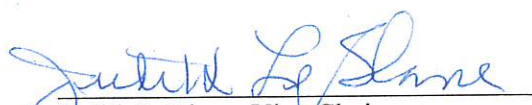
**Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye**  
**Selectman Zornio: Aye**  
**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**


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

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Reviewed and approved on February 23, 2023 by:

  
Michael Waddell, Chairman

  
Judith LeBlanc, Vice-Chair

  
Yves Zornio, Selectman