

Town of Gorham New Hampshire

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN **Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room, 2nd Floor** **Monday, February 27, 2023** **4:30 p.m.**

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Vallee, Town Manager; and Peter Gagnon, Town Manager in Training.

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Connell, Berlin Sun Reporter.

1. Non-Public Session - 4:30 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; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; and (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.*

2. Public Session Call to Order - 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Waddell called the public session to order at 5:32 p.m.

3. New Business

a. Announce Action, if any, Taken in Nonpublic Session

None.

b. Stony Brook Development Road Projects - Bid Award

Denise Vallee stated that she did not get the summary of bids from HEB today. Discussion was had regarding any changes in assumptions from the Engineer, as well as the bids received. Chairman Waddell indicated that since Eric Grenier, the Engineer, has not provided any feedback on the bids, that the Board should table this item for a future meeting. He went on to lay out the next steps in the bid process.

c. 2023 Town Meeting - March 14th

Ms. Vallee announced that Town Elections will take place the same day, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in the Medallion Opera House. She noted that the Town Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., at the Gorham Middle/High School Gym. She added that Amy Bousquet will be singing the National Anthem.

d. Warrant from Town Clerk

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

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman Zornio: Aye

Chairman Waddell: Aye

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

e. Town Reports

Ms. Vallee indicated that they were ready and had been delivered around to the different spots in Town today so that residents can pick them up. She added that Michelle had put a list of where they are available on the Town's website, and that the full Town Report is also available in color on the Town's website.

f. Warrant Article Regrouping

Discussion was had regarding the way that the Warrant Articles are normally grouped, to include motions made at the time of the Town Meeting, and suggestions on what to provide to the Moderator to facilitate in the voting process.

4. Old Business/Updates, if any

None.

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

Lisa noted she wanted to clarify that if all the items on the budget, including the Petition Articles are approved, that the tax rate impact would be \$1.48. Ms. Vallee confirmed her assumption.

6. Other Business

a. Review and Approve Minutes: February 13, 2023 (public and nonpublic) and February 2, 2023 (public)

MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023 (public and nonpublic) and February 2, 2023 (public). It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman Zornio: Aye

Chairman Waddell: Aye

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

b. Abatements, if any

• **Shooting Range**

The Board signed the previously approved Abatement.

c. Town Manager Report

- **Railroad Street Parking / HOP Grant**

Ms. Vallee stated that the HOP Grant has been awarded, and that the Grant Agreement has been signed and sent along. She announced that the first meeting will be March 23, 2023, at a regular Planning Board meeting. She noted that she's been instructed to compile a list of would-be interested parties in order to provide notice regarding the meeting.

- **Broadband Funds**

Ms. Vallee stated that Kathleen Kelly notified her that the Broadband Contract was approved unanimously by the Executive Council. She noted that interested residents can obtain up to 3GB via fiber at a cost of approximately \$70 a month within the next year and a half to 20 months. Discussion was had regarding how residents can participate and which Towns in the county will be impacted.

- **CDBG Grant Update - Northwoods Child Care Center**

Ms. Vallee indicated this is scheduled for a closing Wednesday at Town Hall.

d. Other

Chairman Waddell mentioned that he's been receiving a lot of inquiries on the ATV case which was recently decided. He noted that the Court's decision was issued that the Town of Gorham owes nothing, including attorneys' fees to the Plaintiffs. Selectman Zornio added that the State of New Hampshire was also not liable to pay anything. Chairman Waddell stated that he instructed the Town Manager to put that Decision on the Town's website.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.

Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman Zornio: Aye

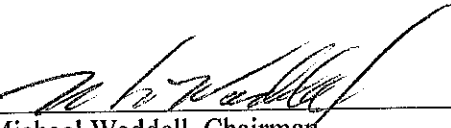
Chairman Waddell: Aye

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

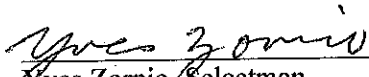
Respectfully Submitted,

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Reviewed and approved on March 27, 2023 by:


Michael Waddell, Chairman


Judith LeBlanc, Vice-Chair


Yves Zornio, Selectman