



# Town of Gorham New Hampshire

## **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN** **Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor** **Wednesday, January 5, 2022** **4:30 p.m.**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Michael Waddell; Judy LeBlanc; and Adam White.

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Denise Vallee, Town Manager; and Kathleen Frenette, Finance Director.

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### **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; and (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.*

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

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 5:33 p.m.

### **3. New Business**

#### **a. Announce action, if any, taken in nonpublic session**

None.

#### **b. 2022 Budget Discussion / Capital Reserve Funds**

Denise Vallee distributed the updated printouts to the Board. She stated that the three positions for nighttime EMS and the library budget are both in the sheets. Discussion was had regarding the various adjustments that were made. Further discussion was had regarding the schedule and location for Budget Committee meetings.

Chairperson Waddell has indicated that the budget is currently a work in progress reflecting the worst-case scenario. Discussion was had regarding when the Board can discuss the budget exclusively and what items should be reviewed at that meeting.

The Board went over the capital reserve items listed on the spreadsheet. Discussion was had regarding the Town Building Purchase & Repair Capital Reserve amount and what the want list entailed.

4. **Old Business/Updates, if any**

None.

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

None.

6. **Other Business**

a. **Town Manager's Report**

- **Warranty Deed - Town of Gorham to Richard Poulin**

**MOTION:** Selectman White moved to accept the Warranty Deed to Richard L. Poulin, as presented. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman White: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

- **Certificate of Appointment - Anne Marie Demers, Town Clerk**

**MOTION:** Selectman LeBlanc moved to appoint Anne Marie Demers as the Gorham Town Clerk until the March 2022 election. It was seconded by Selectman White.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman White: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

- **Certificate of Appointment - Brian Ruel, Conservation Commission**

Chairperson Waddell asked for it to be amended to March 8, 2023.

**MOTION:** Selectman LeBlanc moved to appoint Brian Ruel to the Conservation Commission until March 8, 2023. It was seconded by Selectman White.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman White: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

7. **Non-Public Session**

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**MOTION: Selectman LeBlanc moved to reenter nonpublic session at 6:46 p.m. It was seconded by Selectman White.**

**Selectman LeBlanc: Aye**

**Selectman White: Aye**

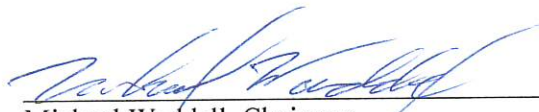
**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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Minutes approved on March 14, 2022 by:

  
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Michael Waddell, Chairman

  
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Judith LeBlanc, Selectperson