



# Town of Gorham New Hampshire

## **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN** **Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor** **Monday, February 28, 2022** **4:00 p.m.**

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

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Denise Vallee, Town Manager.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Edith Tucker, Reporter, Berlin Sun

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### **1. Non-Public Session - 4:00 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.*

### **2. Public Session Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.**

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 6:01 p.m.

### **3. New Business**

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

None.

#### **b. Tax Deed Property Update**

Denise Vallee indicated that she spoke with Cindy, and she's been working with Charity over in Lancaster, who is the Tax Collector there, who provided a whole list of things for Gorham to look at regarding the three properties they've been wanting to Tax Deed. She went over the instructions that were received from Charity and what Cindy has done after receiving those. Discussion was had regarding a timeline for everything to take place, as well as which three properties are being looked at in particular.

Chairperson Waddell noted that the Board never received any feedback from Burke York on the lot without location in Spring Road that they presumed to be all the remaining right-of-ways that hadn't been sold. He requested more information regarding the status of that property.

**c. Representation Agreement, DTC Lawyers - Carol & Leonard Lacroix, Abatement**

**MOTION:** Selectman White moved to approve the Representation Agreement with DTC Lawyers regarding the abatement being sought by Carol & Leonard Lacroix. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman White: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

**d. Town Elections & Town Meeting, March 8, 2022**

Ms. Vallee said Town Elections will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8. She noted that voting will take place in the Medallion Opera House at Town Hall. She added that Town Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on that same evening at the gymnasium at the high school. Chairperson Waddell requested that all the information she just stated be placed on the website, to which Ms. Vallee responded that it's already on there. Discussion was had regarding when the Selectmen will be available throughout the day.

**e. Facemasks**

Ms. Vallee stated that the CDC sent out new Guidelines on Friday, and that she received a County Check COVID-19 app over the weekend to check the community level of COVID-19 in real time. She went over the updated guidelines and how this impacts Town Elections and Town Meeting. Discussion was had regarding current mask-wearing practices in Town buildings.

**f. Letter, Re: Short-Term Rentals - Update**

Ms. Vallee stated she put this on here due to a bill that is moving through the legislature and that she recommends waiting on sending out the letters to the STR owners until after the Legislature acts on the bill and the Governor signs. She added that this would require the Board to adjust the dates on the Proposed Ordinance.

**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. Approve Minutes of February 14, 2022 (regular and nonpublic) and February 25, 2022 (regular).**

**MOTION:** Selectman LeBlanc moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 (regular and nonpublic) and February 25, 2022 (regular), as written. It was seconded by Selectman White.

Selectman LeBlanc: Aye

Selectman White: Aye

Chairperson Waddell: Aye

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

**b. Town Manager's Report**

\*\*\*Town Hall Stream video feed stopped working - will be added if there was anything said during this portion as an amendment\*\*\*

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Selectman White moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.**

**Selectman LeBlanc: Aye**

**Selectman White: Aye**

**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**


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


Respectfully Submitted,

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Approved on March 14, 2022 by:

  
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Michael Waddell, Chairman

  
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Judith LeBlanc, Selectperson

  
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