



# Town of Gorham New Hampshire

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor**  
**Wednesday, July 27, 2022**  
**4:30 p.m.**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

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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; (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; and (i) Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.*

**2. Public Session Call to Order - 6:30 p.m.**

Chairperson Waddell called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

**3. New Business**

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

None.

**b. 2022 Tax Liens**

Denise Vallee stated that the second on their list, which is property at 370 Main Street, has to be removed from the list as there is no longer a lien.

**c. Public Works Air Compressor**

Ms. Vallee indicated she had spoken with Buddy Holmes and met with Francis Dalphonse regarding the purchase of a new air compressor. They informed her that the high volume of pressure produced by the size compressor proposed was required for sandblasting, the removal of rust with the needle scaler, and

using a ¾ impact to remove truck tires. Vice-Chair LeBlanc stated that this purchase would not affect the operating budget.

**MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to approve the purchase of the Air Compressor. It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.**

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

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

**d. Authorization for 91-A Response Expenditure**

Chairperson Waddell told Ms. Vallee that there was missing information. Ms. Vallee stated that she had it in her notes that he wanted the vote finalized at this meeting and wasn't aware that he wanted the additional work included in the same authorization. Chairperson Waddell requested that Ms. Vallee add it to the next meeting agenda.

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

**a. David Morrisette Request - Map U24, Lot 36-i**

Chairperson Waddell informed the members that he went out and looked at the half-acre property lot. He stated that the property butts up to multiple other lots. TM Denise Vallee stated that Mr. Morrisette told her that he wanted this property to create a buffer for his adjoining property, and that he had no plans to build on it.

Chairperson Waddell asked the members if they agreed that they should put this property out for bid. All agreed during a discussion.

Selectman Zornio added that they should advertise the sale of the property and take open bids on this lot but state that no building would be allowed on it. Chairman Waddell also asked that the abutters be notified as a courtesy in writing by regular mail that the property is up for bid.

Chairperson Waddell asked Ms. Vallee to write the advertisement and take care of it.

**b. Bronson Paradis - Special OT Report**

Vice-Chair LeBlanc stated that the bulletin board needs to be reorganized. Ms. Vallee agreed and added that it would be taken care of.

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

None.

**6. Other Business**

**a. Approve Minutes of July 19, 2022 (public and nonpublic) and April 11, 2022 (public).**

**MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2022 (public and nonpublic) and April 11, 2022 (public). It was seconded by Selectman Zornio.**

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

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

**b. Abatements, if any**

None.

**c. Town Manager's Report**

- Ms. Vallee mentioned that the Board owes a refund for taxes paid by property owner Mr. Pike for Property U-25, Lot 37, adding that the overage is \$2,963.70. Ms. Vallee stated that the Pike's had paid their taxes twice.

**MOTION: Selectman Zornio moved to approve the refund of \$2,963.70 to the Pikes. It was seconded by Vice-Chair LeBlanc.**

**Vice-Chair LeBlanc: Aye**

**Selectman Zornio: Aye**

**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

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

- Ms. Vallee distributed the Intent to Cut form for the Town Forest for the Board to sign.
- Ms. Vallee indicated that the NH Municipal Association posted the additional revenues to be paid to the Town for Highway funds of \$53,579.
- Ms. Vallee stated that additional revenues for Bridges from the State will be sent in the amount of \$60,540.
- Ms. Vallee noted that the Town will receive two land donations from Gorham Land Company, one at the beginning of Stony Brook and the other located between Moose Brook State Park and the Town Forest which totals 108 acres.

**d. Other**

- Chairperson Waddell mentioned the list of projects prepared by the Town Manager and requested that the board members review same.
- Chairperson Waddell began a discussion on an update on Central Rivers Power regarding Property Rights Issues. He indicated that Central Rivers Power had submitted a proposal to change the FERC boundary lines. He noted that the Town responded to Central Rivers Power with gratitude. However, a suggestion was made that they follow the center line of the ditch. He added that there is an existing Maintenance Agreement for the Town of Gorham to cut the grass and maintain their side of the ditch while Central Rivers Power will maintain the other side of the ditch and the dike. He went on to say that he hoped that Central Rivers Power would consider the suggestion.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Vice-Chair LeBlanc moved to adjourn. 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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Approved on August 8, 2022 by:



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Michael Waddell, Chairman

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Judith LeBlanc, Vice Chair



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Yves Zornio, Selectman