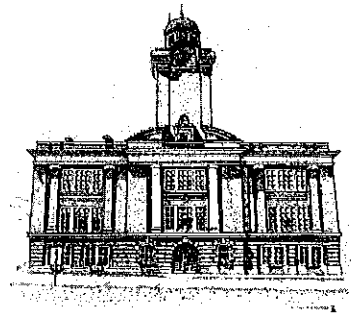


# Town of Gorham New Hampshire



## VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2nd Floor Monday, March 8, 2021 5:00 p.m.

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA VIDEO:** Edith Tucker, Reporter, Berlin Sun.

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### 1. Non-Public Session - 5:00 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. 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 - 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Waddell called the public session to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 3. New Business

#### a. Action Taken in Nonpublic Session

Action was taken, but cannot be discussed in the public forum.

**MOTION:** Selectman LeBlanc moved to seal the Minutes from the Non-Public Session of March 8, 2021 until May 5th. It was seconded by Selectman White.

**Selectman LeBlanc:** Aye

**Selectman White:** Aye

**Chairperson Waddell:** Aye

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

**b. Ratify Sale of 2013 Interceptor Cruiser**

Chairperson Waddell indicated they have received four bids for the 2013 Ford Interceptor cruiser, for which the highest bidder was Dana Brouillette at \$1,251.00. Denise Vallee read off the other bids.

**MOTION: Selectman White moved to accept Dana Brouillette's bid of \$1,251 for the 2013 Ford Interceptor cruiser. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.**

**Selectman LeBlanc: Aye**

**Selectman White: Aye**

**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

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

**c. Town Meeting 2021 - March 9th at 7:00 p.m., GM/HS Gym**

Ms. Vallee announced that masks will be required, and provided to those who do not have one. She laid out the PPE accommodations for the meeting. She noted that voting will be from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2021 in the Medallion Opera House. Chairperson Waddell added that the room is set up so people can socially distance. Ms. Vallee provided details regarding seating.

**4. Old Business/Updates**

Ms. Vallee indicated that the Board of Selectman has drafted a letter in response to Mark Lutter, the Tax Representative's Letter to the Editor that was in the paper on February 2, 2021. She noted that she will be sending it to Ms. Tucker this evening. Discussion was had regarding the initial letter in the paper, as well as the response from the Board of Selectmen.

- 5. Public Comment:** There will be a 5-minute recess so that Public Comments can be sent in via email to [dvallee@gorhamnh.org](mailto:dvallee@gorhamnh.org) or by commenting during the Zoom session. Any comments received will be read.

Edith Tucker inquired regarding the State not desiring off-road vehicles on Route 16. Ms. Vallee corrected that it's Route 2. Chairperson Waddell responded that the State of New Hampshire can at any time close the State Road. Selectman LeBlanc clarified that this question is outside the purview of the Select Board and should be posed during a Planning Board meeting. Chairman Waddell stated that he was fine with discussing it and the discussion continued regarding the question posed by Ms. Tucker.

**6. Other Business**

**a. Approve Minutes of February 22, 2021 (Regular and Nonpublic Meeting)**

**MOTION: Selectman LeBlanc moved to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2021 regular and nonpublic meeting. 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**

- **Police Department Update**

Ms. Vallee noted that Matt Cassford has successfully passed the New Hampshire Law Package, and is now certified to work in New Hampshire and in Gorham. She added that the Police Union has agreed to change their health insurance, along with the rest of the Town, to the Anthem site-of-service plan, wherein there will be an Addendum tacked onto the Union Contract stating that agreement.

- **TAP Grant**

Ms. Vallee indicated that she is still working on the letter of support from the Selectman and laid out the importance for possessing such an item in order to receive the grant. She stated the grant application is due March 19, 2021.

- **NH Bureau of Trails Public Hearing**

Ms. Vallee announced that this will be scheduled for the second Monday in April, April 12, 2021. She went over what the Town will be requesting at the meeting.

- **NBRC Grant**

Ms. Vallee noted that she was on a call today with Annie Kuster, as the NBRC grant round opened today and the Application is due May 14, 2021. She informed the Board that they are looking to apply for the sidewalks, as they had done in the previous year. Discussion was had regarding circulating the grants to all the State Senators and Representatives, as well as any amendments they will be making this application in response to feedback received last year.

- Ms. Vallee distributed certificates of appreciation for the Board to sign, which will be awarded at the Town Meeting.

**c. Abatements**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Selectman White moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. It was seconded by Selectman LeBlanc.**

**Selectman LeBlanc: Aye**

**Selectman White: Aye**

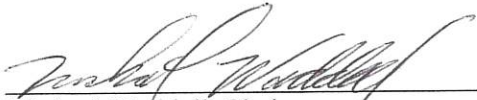
**Chairperson Waddell: Aye**

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

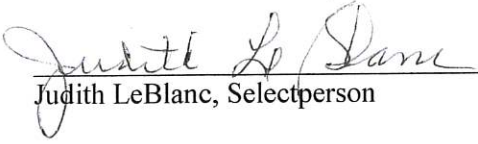
Respectfully Submitted,

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Minutes approved on March 22, 2021 by:



Michael Waddell, Chairman



Judith LeBlanc, Selectperson



Adam White, Selectman

**BID RESULTS – March 1, 2021**

Present: Denise Vallee & Bronson Paradis

Vehicle: 2013 Ford Interceptor 4-Dr Sedan

Francis Dalphonse	\$ 511.00
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Keith Lord	\$ 905.00
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Karen Willhoite	\$ 911.00
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Dana Brouillette	\$1,251.00
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Bid awarded to Dana Brouillette.