



AGENDA

VIRTUAL/PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, November 9, 2020

Non-Public **4:30 PM** and Public **6:00 PM**

Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room, 2nd Floor

1. **Non-Public Session 4:30 PM** per RSA 91-a:3, II, a, d & e

2. **Public Session Call to Order 6:00 PM**

The Public is invited to watch the live-stream video of the meeting.

At <https://townhallstreams.com/town.php?id=34>

and to either e-mail comments (before or during the Public Comment session)

or to call in during the Public Comment Session.

Please note: Live stream requires Chrome or Firefox be used as a web browser.

“It is possible, in light of COVID-19 pandemic situation and the state of emergency declaration in NH, that our board members will be unable to attend our Gorham public meetings in person because they are concerned about getting sick or perhaps are already sick. In cases where the presiding officer declares an “emergency” and the requirement of a physically present quorum is waived, a meeting of a public body may be conducted with most or all members participating electronically. As chairman of the board, I therefore declare an emergency for the purpose of this Gorham Board of Selectmen meeting and until the COVID-19 pandemic situation has subsided.”

Please submit any questions or public comments prior to 4:00 pm on Monday, November 9th, 2020 to the Town Manager at townmgr@gorhamnh.org or by fax to 603-466-2463.

3. **New Business:**

- a. Announce any action taken in Non-Public Session
- b. Swearing in of Police Lieutenant, Jimmy Willhoite
Ratify signing of Employment Agreement
- c. Mask Ordinance – Phil Cloutier, Fire Chief
- d. Public Safety Contract – Coos County
- e. Tax Rate Setting – Update & Signing MS-1 and MS-535

- f. Health Insurance – Plan Comparison
- g. Personnel Policy – Longevity / Dental / PWD On-Call Policy
- h. Award Bid – 1991 International Truck
- i. Coos County Broadband Committee

4. Old Business/Updates:

- a. Bus Policy – Revision (signature required)
- b. Cell Phone Coverage in Pinkham Notch -update

- 5. Public Comment:** There will be a 5-minute recess so that Public Comments can be sent in via email to townmgr@gorhamnh.org or by dialing in at the number above. Any comments received will be read.

Dial-In number: 1 (425) 436-6353

Access Code: 322665

Please call 603-466-2334 if there are any issues encountered.

6. Other Business:

- a. Town Manager’s Report
- b. Sign Contract for DTC Lawyers – BTLA Appeal
- c. Approve Minutes of October 26, 2020 (regular and non-public) and November 3, 2020 (non-public)

- 7. Non-Public Session:** RSA 91-a:3, II, a, d & e *Following Public Session if needed.*

8. Adjournment

Any motion to enter nonpublic session shall state on its face the specific exemption under paragraph II which is relied upon as foundation for the nonpublic session. The vote on any such motion shall be by roll call and shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of members present.

- (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.*
- (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*
- (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.*
- (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.*
- (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.*
- (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.*