



AGENDA

VIRTUAL/PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Non-Public Session 4:30 PM & Public Meeting 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 & 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>

The Public is also invited to participate remotely via Zoom.

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

As Chair of the Board of Selectmen, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

a) Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

We are utilizing Zoom for this electronic meeting. All members of the Board have the ability to communicate contemporaneously during this meeting through this platform, and the public has access to contemporaneously listen and, if necessary, participate in this meeting through the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91879691287?pwd=dUxJREZHUXY3YVhpTnVuakVuVWpuZz09>

or go to www.zoom.us and when prompted please enter the Meeting ID: **918 7969 1287** Passcode: **809894**. You may also access the meeting telephonically by dialing the following phone #1-929-205-6099. When prompted please enter the Meeting ID: **918 7969 1287** and Password: **809894**.

b) Providing public notice of the necessary information for accessing the meeting:

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, including how to access the meeting using Zoom or telephonically. Instructions have also been provided on the website of the Board: <https://www.gorhamnh.org/node/17/agenda/2020>

c) *Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access:*

If anybody has a problem, please call 603-466-2334.

d) *Adjourning the meeting if the public is unable to access the meeting:*

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.

Please note that **all votes** that are taken during this meeting shall be done by **roll call vote**.

Please submit any questions or public comments prior to 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 30th, 2020 to the Town Manager at dvallee@gorhamnh.org or by fax to 603-466-2463.

3. New Business:

- a. Budget Review: Library
- b. COLA and other Benefits
- c. Budget Review: Legal & Capital Reserve Funds
- d. Encumbrances for 2020
- e. Contracts for DTC Lawyers – BTLA Cases

4. Old Business/Updates, if any

5. Public Comment: Public Comments can be sent in via email to dvallee@gorhamnh.org or by commenting during the Zoom session. Any comments received via email will be read.

6. Other Business:

- a. Town Manager's Report

7. 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.*