

**MINUTES OF SELECTMAN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2019, 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

GORHAM SELECTMEN PRESENT: Mike Waddell, Adam White, Judy Leblanc

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Mark Shea, Edith Tucker, Ray Bergeron, Paul Nault, Marie Duguay, Bruce Lary, Dennis Arguin, Diane Bouthot

1. Call to Order 6:00 PM

Chairman Waddell called the meeting to order at 6:00

2. New Business:

a) Discussion & Action on ATV 2019 Session House Bills: 498-FN, 592, 683-FN, and 699-FN

Chairman Waddell stated that this is not a public hearing but he would allow comment.

Ray Bergeron advised that a lot of the new bills are devastating to the new found tourism and economic boost. Chairman Waddell clarified that HB 498 would eliminate the town's authority to allow use of OHRV's on town roads. Selectman White felt that ATV's or not, the state should not be telling the town what they can do with their roads. Selectman Leblanc agreed.

Selectman White made a motion requesting Town Manager Shea express the board's opposition to HB 498-FN. No vote

The next bill discussed was 592, requiring people that operate an ATV on the road to be a licensed driver of at least 16 years old, instead of 12 years old with an OHRV safety permit. Selectman White advised he hadn't heard of any issues with kids operating on the road and felt it was a solution to a non-problem. Selectman Leblanc had mixed feelings, especially on Route 2 with the trucks that travel that route. Even though they are required to be supervised, it is difficult if they are on a different machine from their parents.

Selectman Leblanc made a motion requesting Town Manager Shea express the board's opinion that HB 592 should go to study. The motion was seconded by Selectman White. All voted in favor.

Chairman Waddell stated that HB 683-FN creates a process similar to getting a site plan review approved. The bill requires approval of 2/3 of abutting land owners. Chairman Waddell cautioned this bill could affect mountain bikes, hiking trails, and town events. Selectman

Leblanc is hopeful the bill dies in committee. Selectman White feels the bill is wrong on many levels, to include changing the decibel level below manufacturer and federal standards. Selectman White expressed concerned that it would drive a stake into the heart of the ATV business.

Selectman White made a motion that the town manager express that the board opposes HB 683-FN. The motion was seconded by Selectman Leblanc. All voted in favor.

Chairman Waddell explained 699-FN, the removal of the club discount on registrations, is estimated to result in a loss of \$651,000, with a 4 year expense of \$800,000. Ray Bergeron explained this bill went to committee last week. Paul Nault explained the club is non-profit so the money goes to the state anyway. Marie Duguay has been with the club for 7 years and explained that this year their budget was even due to the club discount, when in the past they have had to really look for funds to subsidize grants. She also works at the Royalty and ATVing has brought in a lot of income. The club was also able to get more grants and were able to hire out to local businesses for work that needed to be done to the trails. Chairman Waddell went through the costs associated with the bill. Bruce Lary explained that the need to belong to a club started years ago with snow machines registrations because the state wanted to increase registration revenue and tourism. The clubs maintained the trails at a benefit to the state. This year the Presidential Range Riders saw a significant increase in membership. Lary's advice to the board was to send a strong letter not only to the legislative body but the governor as well, and suggested getting the Coos County representative involved.

Selectman White made a motion that the town manager also express the boards opposition to HB 683-FN. The motion was seconded by Selectman Leblanc. All voted in favor.

b) Discussion & Action on Sansoucy contract as it relates to Town Forest.

Chairman Waddell explained they asked Sansoucy for a valuation of the land that the town owns in Randolph.

Selectman Leblanc made a motion that they approve the contract with George Sansoucy as it pertains to the town forest. The motion was seconded by Selectman White. All voted in favor.

Chairman Waddell also explained that the land does not qualify for current use, so he is requesting the board allow him to represent the select board in Randolph for discussions about the land value.

Selectman White made a motion to authorize Chairman Waddell to represent the board in Randolph for discussion of land the town owns. The motion was seconded by Selectman Leblanc. Both voted in favor.

c) Discussion & Action on Arguin Petition to Release from Servitude Pursuant to RSA 231:52-Broadway St

Chairman Waddell advised that Arguin is trying to do a lot line adjustment, asking the town to surrender its rights to the layout at the end of the street. The street layout goes all the way to the river and it was the recommendation of the attorney that someone petition the town to relinquish rights to the area that is not developed and not likely to be developed. The town will retain an easement for snow storage. The planning board is fine with it.

Selectman Leblanc made a motion to accept the petition. The motion was seconded by Selectman White. All voted in favor.

The board will notify the abutters. It will be on the agenda 30 days from now.

d) Discussion & Action on Reichert – Reestablish the boundary lines, limits, and locations pursuant to RSA 231:27 for Promenade Street-

There was a minor lot line adjustment presented to the planning board. It was discovered the town put water and sewer lines under the pavement and have maintained it, but the town doesn't own it. The owner is Gorham Land Company. The representatives of Gorham Land Company have expressed their support for the town taking ownership of the road.

Selectman Leblanc made a motion for the town manager to move forward establishing ownership of that part of Promenade Street using RSA 231:27. The motion was seconded by Selectman White. All voted in favor.

e) Discussion & Action on Grone – disposal of town property via lot line adjustment on Railroad Street-

Chairman Waddell advised it will be going to the planning board on the 21st. The property is located adjacent to the Genesis facility on Railroad Street. Grone owns the apartment building next to the property. The board needs to decide tonight if they will let the land go to Grone as surveyed and with the notes attached.

Selectman Leblanc made a motion to let the land go to Steve Grone as surveyed and with the notes attached. Selectman White seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

f) Discussion & Action on 2019 Randolph EMS agreement-

g) Discussion & Action on 2019 Shelburne EMS agreement-

Chairman Waddell explained the formula has not changed, but the amounts may have due to call volume. There is an EMS and Dispatch Contract that needs to be approved for each town.

Selectman Leblanc made a motion to accept the contracts. The motion was seconded by Selectman White. All voted in favor.

h) Discussion & Action on CAI Technologies GIS annual agreement-

Selectman Leblanc made a motion to accept the contract for tax map maintenance proposal. (No second could be heard on video) All voted in favor.

Chairman Waddell advised the cost is \$2250 with an additional \$15 charge for each building permit added.

i) Board of Selectmen Working session on a town Vision, Mission & Goals with department heads and a representative from Primex facilitating will be Friday February 15, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM.

Town Manager Shea presented the proposal of setting a mission, vision, and goals for what the board would like them to accomplish over the next year. This work session will include the board, the department heads, and the town manager. The department heads are eager to be part of it. All members of the board are available.

3. Old Business/Updates:

CMA snow storage/Action on Conservation Fund Real Estate Contract

Town Manager Shea directed the board to an email he sent regarding CMA's progress with contacting state agencies. There needs to be a meeting to find out what it will take to mitigate the wetlands and vernal pool to get a better idea on the cost. The board has not been given a cost as of this time. Town Manager Shea will be keeping an eye on the issue to ensure progress is being made.

Chairman Waddell discussed Icey Gulch mitigation and the overlay of deed restrictions at the end of the 2005 acre land deal. A discussion needs to be had with DES who are a contributor to this land.

Chairman Waddell signed the Real Estate Agreement with a commitment for \$1 for the 2005 acre land purchase.

4. Public Comment:

Paul Nault asked if the change that mentioned that was made to one of the ATV bills would change the number of the bill, and if that would affect the letter the town manager is sending out. Town Manager Shea will look into it and have the board review it before he sends it off. The impact on Main Street businesses was also discussed.

Diane Bouthot asked what the differences were in the Randolph and Shelburne EMS and dispatch contracts. Chairman Waddell explained the call volume numbers were different. Selectman Leblanc advised the contracts were about \$5000 more than before.

Dennis Arguin asked a question reference Item 2C. He asked if the town would be notifying the abutters. Selectman Leblanc answered they would but he would be responsible for the cost.

Edith Tucker went to the Easter Seals ride in event and was impressed with the condition of the sidewalks and all the work that had been done in Gorham for the parade.

5. Other Business:

a) Selectmen's Updates

Selectman White asked if the town manager had found out anything about the street light issue on Wilfred Street. Town Manager Shea directed him to his report, which included a report from the chief recommending a light in that area.

Selectman White made a motion that a light be put in that area on Wilfred Street. The motion was seconded by Selectman Leblanc. All voted in favor.

b) Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Shea advised the board he looked into the possibility of FEMA money to take care of the damage happening to Bangor Street. After speaking with an engineer, it was determined there is not. There is not enough documented damage. Some of the Bangor residents showed the town manager pictures of damage to their property but that does not qualify.

Town Manager Shea spoke about an economic development grant coming up. The grant will be open until mid-March. He will be meeting with someone who has a lot of experience in this on Thursday to discuss a strategy to put in for the grant in March. The town manager would like input from the board on infrastructure need that relate to economic development. Chairman Waddell discussed the need for sidewalk repair and off street parking. Selectman Leblanc suggested speaking with the businesses to find out how the sidewalks would affect them economically.

Selectman Leblanc asked if there was a light that could be moved to Wilfred Street. Chairman Waddell advised Buddy and Chief Cyr had already studied lights that could be removed.

Town Manager Shea spoke briefly about the public budget hearing.

Town Manager Shea discussed the weekly report and advised it is up on the website on the town manager's page on the town website. Chairman Waddell asked for a running total of the number of dump loads of snow.

Town Manager Shea discussed having the town administrative code updated and the organizational chart which outlines the order and hierarchy of the town. Town Manager She asked the board to review and accept the organizational chart.

Chairman Waddell advised that Chief Cyr has submitted some town ordinances for review. Chairman Waddell would like the noise ordinance revisited with decibel levels attached that is more enforceable. Town Manager Shea advised that his intent was for the board to review them and come back to it at a later meeting. Town Manager Shea asked if the police department has a decibel meter and if they are trained to use it. Chairman Waddell asked the board if the town should have a noise ordinance and a better ordinance on the books. Selectman Leblanc would like to do more research. Selectman White would like an ordinance that has measurable criteria. The current ordinance was adopted at a town meeting. If it was a warrant article, it will have to be changed by warrant article. Chairman Waddell does not have an issue with the other ordinances that Chief Cyr would like to be reviewed or amended, but there may be issues with the snow machine trails.

Town Manager Shea requested action on the organizational chart.

Selectman White made a motion to accept the organizational chart. The motion was seconded by Selectman Leblanc. All voted in favor.

Town Manager Shea advised the board that the independent auditor will be here starting March 20th for the town's audit.

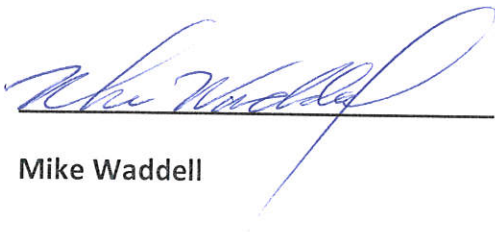
c) Approval of Minutes (January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting, January 28, 2019 Non-Public Session)

Selectman Leblanc made a motion to accept the public and non-public minutes for January 28, 2019. The motion was seconded by Selectman White. All voted in favor.

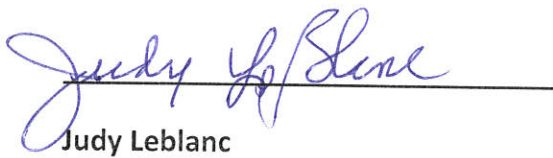
6. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-a:3, II, b, d, e (if needed)

Selectman Leblanc made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-a:3, II, b, d, e if needed. The motion was seconded by Selectman White. Selectman White-aye, Selectman Leblanc-aye, Chairman Waddell-aye.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



Mike Waddell



Judy Leblanc



Adam White

3/25/19