

**MINUTES OF SELECTMAN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2019, 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Mark Shea, Police Chief PJ Cyr, Fire Chief James Watkins, Buddy Holmes, Michelle Lutz, Denise Vallee

1. Call to Order 6:00 PM-

Chairman Waddell called the meeting to order at 6:00.

2. New Business:

a) Discussion on the Vision, Mission, & SMART Goals exercise with the Selectboard, Town Manager, and Department Heads

Primex held a workshop for the department heads, select board, and town manager last Friday. Town Manager Shea felt the exercise went well and for the most part the department heads did also. Time limits were also set for goals that were discussed. Primex will have a written report in 6 to 8 weeks. Selectman Leblanc reviewed the report from the last time this exercise was done and many of the goals were the same. Chairman Waddell and the board discussed getting Gorham NH featured in a tourist magazine put out by Salmon Press. Selectman Leblanc discussed marketing the town on the town's website and getting more pictures on the website. Denise Vallee advised the new town website will have a slide show. Chairman Waddell also discussed getting the town listed as an Appalachian Trail town. Chief Cyr pointed out that part of the marketing effort for the town should include the empty buildings that are available for new businesses.

b) Follow up on ATV 2019 Session House Bills: 498-fn, 592, 683-FN, and 699-FN

Town Manager Shea is planning to go to Concord tomorrow to testify against the passage of the bills. Chairman Waddell advised the two bills that he felt would be most harmful to Gorham are HB683 and HB498. Town Manager Shea advised Selectman Leblanc that he had sent letters out and received responses. Selectman Leblanc requested that he email the board an update on the hearings upon his return.

c) Discussion & Action on a Moose Revitalization on the Town Common

Chairman Waddell advised there is a proposal to replace the moose and another proposal coming. There should be something for the board to act on at the next meeting.

d) Discussion & Action Policies (7): Snowmobile access to Main Street; Town Code Revisions (Heavy Traffic Prohibited; Wild Animal Ordinance; Stop Intersections; Yield Intersections; Violation and Penalties, and Overnight Parking)

Chief Cyr explained there are ordinances that needed to be updated. Chief Cyr provided the board with a history of how the ordinances came to be and what he felt needed to be changed or updated.

Chief Cyr discussed a 2006 ordinance prohibited certain vehicles from going into Cascade Flats. The ordinance is included in ordinance 210 and needs to be enumerated on its own so officers can cite the specific ordinance when issuing a violation.

Before accepting a motion to accept the change, Chairman Waddell suggested putting the ordinance changes on the town website and giving people an opportunity to comment before voting to adopt the changes.

Chief Cyr is suggesting changing the wording for parking violation ordinance to read a fine not less than \$50 and not more than \$100 for each violation.

Chief Cyr suggested adding a fine section to the winter parking ban ordinance. First offense will be \$100, second offense \$200, third offense \$500. Selectman White asked if there should be an addition that the vehicle could be towed. Chief Cyr advised there may be a section that states that already.

Chief Cyr advised the board that schedule 2 and 3 of chapter 210 are not up to date. Some of the stop and yield intersections are not up to date. Chief Cyr has gone through and updated schedule 2 and 3. Selectman Leblanc questioned the need for a stop sign at the corner of Cross and McLeod street.

Chief Cyr advised that there should be an ordinance regarding use of snow machines. Chief Cyr found 3 different maps authorizing access to Main Street for snow machines. Chief Cyr drafted

an ordinance governing use of snow machines with a map and provided it to the board for their review.

3. Old business/Updates:

a) CMA/ Snow Storage

Town Manager Shea advised nothing has changed since his last update. The town has been invited to a meeting with DES regarding mitigation at Icey Gulch. Chairman Waddell advised there is also another meeting coming up regarding the town forest and the watershed.

4. Public Comment- None

5. Other Business-

a) Selectmen's Updates- Chairman Waddell spoke about the magazine earlier in the meeting.

b) Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Shea advised he received a letter from a public works employee stating he would be retiring February 28th.

Town Manager Shea advised the board that he has been meeting with business owners, staff, and neighbors as part of his open door policy. Beginning in March he will be setting time aside on Friday mornings to meet informally to get to know more residents and business owners. The first one will be March 8th at 9:00 am.

Town Manager Shea thanked the department heads for the work they have done on the weekly report and reminded people that the weekly report is available on the town website.

Town Manager Shea advised the board that he received a letter on February 22nd accepting him into the Municipal Management Association of New Hampshire.

Chairman Waddell asked the town manager to put a copy of his town manager's report with his weekly report.

Chairman Waddell asked what the cost is for the municipal association. Town Manager Shea advised the membership fee is \$50.

c) Approval of Minutes (February 11, 2019 Regular and Non-Public)-

Chairman Waddell requested that the first motion on page 1 be amended to reflect that there was a vote taken, and the board voted in favor.

Chairman Waddell asked that on page 2 a typo be corrected on the motion for HB699.

Chairman Waddell asked that on page 3, a vote authorizing him to represent the town in Randolph be amended to read that all voted in favor.

Selectman Leblanc made a motion to pass over the public meeting minutes for February 11 and to approve the non-public meeting minutes for February 11. Selectman White seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Chairman Waddell advised the board the town is filing an abatement on the Randolph land bill, which needs to be filed before March 1.

Selectman White made a motion to sign the Taxpayers RSA 76:16, abatement application to municipality. The motion was seconded by Selectman Leblanc. All voted in favor.

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

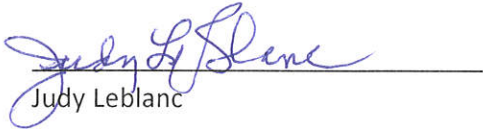
Selectman White made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-a:3, II, b, d, e. The motion was seconded by Selectman Leblanc. Selectman White-aye, Selectman Leblanc-aye, Chairman Waddell-aye.

7. Adjournment-

REVIEWED AND APPROVED



Mike Waddell



Judy Leblanc



Adam White

3/11/19

