

**MINUTES OF SELECTMAN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Gorham Selectman present: Terry Oliver, Patrick Lefebvre, Mike Waddell
Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager, Austin Holmes, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 pm by Chairman Oliver.

The Board discussed future snow storage with PWD Holmes. Holmes stated that if he could continue storing snow where he is currently doing it, that would be the best solution for him. There was a discussion about what entity the Town would have to negotiate with to be able to continue the process as is. TM Frost will contact Shawn Southworth at Eversource to see if they still own the transmission lines and if they would be the ones to grant a continuing license to store snow in that right of way. The alternative to the current location is the new property adjacent to the salt shed. This would require tree removal and laying down some material to allow trucks to travel into the area. There was a short discussion about the encroachment on the new Town property by an abutter. This will be discussed at a later date.

PWD Holmes also mentioned that he would like the Board to think about ceasing transfer station operations at the Public Works Department. The location was never meant to be set up as a transfer station, but it has evolved over the years. Holmes feels that the Town is duplicating services already provided by AVRRDD, of which the Town is a member. Selectman Waddell stated that he feels this is a service that is appreciated by the residents of Gorham and he cautioned that ceasing that operation might not be well-received. He did, however, say that he would not be against placing an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to see how the voters feel. PWD Holmes felt this could save the Town as much as \$25,000 annually. More detailed numbers need to be determined and TM Frost and PWD Holmes will work on those for the Board.

The Board recessed the meeting to the downstairs conference room so another group, who had reserved this room could get on with their meeting.

The Board then discussed the form to be used for the Town Manager's performance review. There was a form that Chairman Oliver had suggested and Selectman Waddell had another form that he preferred. Both forms were received as part of TM Frost's search for other Administrative contracts. It was decided that TM Frost would tailor to the position the form suggested by Selectman Waddell. There was then a discussion about timeline and Selectmen Waddell stated that he agreed that the review needed to be done by the current Board. A discussion of an extension of the TM's contract grew contentious and drew no conclusion. The Board agreed to revisit the acceptance of the form at their next meeting.

The Board moved into non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, II-a at 10:30 AM on a motion by Selectman Waddell, seconded by Selectman Lefebvre. Roll call vote: Lefebvre – Aye, Waddell – Aye, Oliver Aye.


On a motion by Chairman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Lefebvre, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to come out of non-public session at 10:41 AM. Lefebvre – Aye, Oliver – Aye, Waddell - Aye.

The Board discussed personnel concerns.


There were no decisions made as a result of the non-public session.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 am.

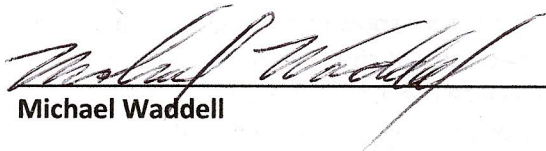
REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



Terry Oliver



Patrick Lefebvre



Michael Waddell