

**MINUTES OF SELECTMAN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017 6:00 PM
MEDALLION OPERA HOUSE/TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Gorham Selectman present: Terry Oliver, Patrick Lefebvre, Mike Waddell

Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager; Kirstan Knowlton, Berlin Daily Sun; Jeff Stewart; Chief PJ Cyr; Michelle Lutz; Arthur Perry; Diane Bouthot; Derek Eastman; Judy LeBlanc; Heidi Gray; Jennifer Cloutier; Michelle MacKay; Janet MacKay; Lee Carroll; Jay Guilmette; Doug Lavigne; Mary White; Adam White; Abby Evankow; Sandy Lemire; Richard McClure; Sarah Blais; Dennis Wade; Gina Saladino; Sue Demers; Robert Demers; Glen Eastman; Vicki Tennis; Keith Roberge; Debra Ouellette; Jen Howard; Pete Girard; Shelley Corrigan; Brian Lamarre; Pete Gagnon; Doug Gralenski; Kim Gallant; Todd Lamarque; and others

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Oliver at 6:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING – Recreation Department

Sue Demers stated that if they are looking for ideas of things to do, an exercise program or yoga would be suggestions. Demers also suggested a board game night for the kids. Judy LeBlanc suggested senior cribbage tournaments. Diane Bouthot mentioned family movie nights. Selectman Lefebvre suggested a Minecraft night.

Shelley Corrigan stated that what the town needs is something for middle school aged children, during the summer or throughout the year. They are too old for the summer program now offered, but too young to apply for jobs.

Keith Roberge asked what the function of the building is now. Jeff Stewart advised that in April they had had balance classes for seniors, Appalachian Mediation, Community Service lunches, Cal Ripken meetings, uniform pickup, and softball meetings. In May they have scheduled movies and cards for the seniors and a stained glass class. In June, they will have adult painting classes. Judy LeBlanc asked if there was a basement in the building and Stewart advised there was not. Gina Saladino asked if these activities were posted anywhere and Stewart advised they were on the Facebook page. LeBlanc suggested that the schedule be included in the Berlin Daily Sun. Abby Evankow mentioned that the town of Gorham has a Facebook page, and TM Frost advised it was not run by the town. Diane Bouthot suggested that there be a spot on the town's webpage to list things being offered at the Rec.

Glen Eastman noticed that there were no young people at the meeting and that every time they have tried a teen center or a rec center in town it has failed. Eastman asked if a survey had been done with the kids to see what they wanted. Stewart advised that the statistics class at GHS did a survey and found that there was interest in a youth center, especially among middle school kids. Stewart advised that the survey included information such as; when it should be open, times it should be open, and what should be offered. Eastman stated that supervision would be needed and that volunteers would be required for this. Abby Evankow stated that some people who wanted to come were unable to attend the meeting due to softball games that were scheduled at the same time.

Jay Guilmette mentioned that the issue is not the building or adding programs, but that the Recreation Director does not attend activities. Guilmette stated that more programs without more help does not fix the department. Todd Lamarque stated that adding programs is great, but what is needed is to strengthen the current programs.

Derek Eastman stated that he has friends in other communities who are Recreation Directors and that they attend all the games and special events. Eastman is concerned that Stewart is not present at these events. Eastman stated that it is hard for the director to put together teams when he does not know the kids and would be in favor of shifting schedules so that there is more of a presence by Stewart, as the kids should recognize him. Eastman also stated that there should be committee in charge of the Revolving Fund, who would oversee the appropriate use of the money, which should be spent on the kids.

Keith Roberge mentioned that there needs to be more support for the volunteers that are helping to run the programs. He stated that the director should be checking in with the volunteers to be sure they are all set, not waiting for the volunteer to call him if there is a problem. Roberge pointed out some recent issues, such as bases not being on the field for opening day of Cal Ripken and no key available to get equipment for the umpire. Roberge asked if there was a mission statement for the department and Stewart advised there was not.

Jay Guilmette stated that nobody expects Stewart to work 60 hours a week, but rather than adding additional programming, we need to focus on the current schedule and staffing issues. Gina Saladino asked what the expectation is for the recreation director and if there is a yearly review. Saladino suggested that someone should be asking the coaches for information on how things are running and that the hours for the director should not be just 8am-3pm.

Mary White stated that before anything is added for programming at the Rec Department, we should be checking to see what else is offered in town, through the school, the after-school program, or the library, to be sure we are not duplicating services.

Dennis Wade asked if there was money in the budget for the fields, as they need a lot of work, especially the baseball field at the common. Wade suggested that there are parents that would be willing to help with the work if asked.

Pete Girard mentioned that it is not Stewart that people are upset with, but the position. Keith Roberge asked if there was a job description and TM Frost advised there is and that most were updated about a year ago.

Robert Demers suggested that the building should be used to entertain the young people during the evening hours. Demers stated that this was done at the Ed Fenn School about 30 years ago and was run by volunteers. Eastman again said that the older people in town were trying to make decisions for the kids, and felt that although the efforts are great in principle, they are poor in results. Eastman sees no use for the building and stated that he would have to be convinced otherwise. Eastman felt that kids were no longer interested in programs such as these, since they are on their electronics.

Judy LeBlanc mentioned that what she was hearing was that the volunteers need direction from the Rec director. Gina Saladino stated that the volunteers get burned out, the not only are needed to coach, but also end up running the clock, setting up, cleaning up, and refereeing, and they need more support.

Todd Lamarque stated that the current programs should continue, but more effort needs to be put into making them special to keep kids involved here.

Shelley Corrigan stated that all the games are scheduled between 4 and 8pm and this is right in the middle of mealtime. Corrigan stated that a concession stand would be a good idea. Jen Howard

suggested that concessions at least on opening day would make it fun. Todd Lamarque suggested that groups who are fundraising be given the opportunity to provide concessions at the games.

Pete Girard mentioned that other directors have a more flexible schedule so that they can adjust their hours to attend games or events. Jay Guilmette asked if there was a possibility of combining the Athletic Director position at the school with the Recreation Director to make one position. Sue Demers stated that the Recreation Department is covered by the municipality and the Athletic Director is part of the GRS Coop.

Selectman Waddell asked about the fees currently charged and if there were kids from Randolph and Shelburne are in the programs. Stewart advised they are and are charged a non-resident fee. Gina Saladino mentioned that in Berlin if a parent coaches their child plays for free, she stated this is a good way to get parents involved and give them a little something for their time.

Selectman Waddell asked how much it would cost to bring the fields up to an acceptable standard and Jay Guilmette said that this would be a question for the Town Manager or Department Head to answer. Keith Roberge said that the talent at the town garage should be utilized to help with the work that needs to be done to the fields, as it would not cost a lot for silt and grass seed.

Adam White asked about the Recreation Revolving fund, which has a current balance of \$116,000, and stated that should be used to replace any equipment or uniforms that are needed. Stewart responded and advised that the broken helmet was already replaced, and the uniforms are almost all brand-new. Stewart stated that the work on the baseball field cannot be done now, as they are currently using it. Stewart stated there has been a lot of misconception, and that there are more programs and the equipment is in better shape since he has been in charge.

Gina Saladino mentioned that the issue is in Stewart not showing up for events. Stewart advised that you do get burnt out and that he feels that being there is not serving a purpose. Saladino mentioned that the AD is at every game, as that is part of his job. Stewart advised that he could go to more. Saladino advised that his clients are the kids and that he is not serving them by being in his office while they are at school. Mary White stated that Stewart does have the choice as to whether to be a spectator or an active participant at the games, as he could help with pitching, help in the field, and communicate with the kids. White stated that he is crucial to the kids and the volunteers.

Derek Eastman stated that he wanted to share an example and Chairman Oliver asked him to stop, as he felt there was some bashing going on. Doug Lavigne asked the Board what they thought and Oliver advised that the Town Manager reports to them and she is in charge of the department heads. Selectman Waddell stated that Oliver should reconsider listening to what Eastman had to say, as it was not bashing. Todd Lamarque shared that people have been very respectful and this is a forum so that the Board can hear what is going on because they do not know. Lamarque stated shutting it down is counterproductive. Stewart advised that he did not feel that anyone had been disrespectful and that there were a lot of good ideas, he just wishes that people would have come to talk to him directly with concerns. Doug Lavigne stated that people are here for the kids and to help Stewart do a better job, he stated that parents are willing to help to get things done. Selectman Lefebvre stated that the meeting was put together for this purpose, as several people have shared concerns. Eastman then continued by sharing that he has coached a couple of teams and there were things, such as the sizes of uniforms, that Stewart would have noticed if he had been present. Eastman also stated that his children, like the others in his neighborhood, are not on iPads, but are outdoors playing.

In reference to the condition of the fields, Michelle MacKay stated that her father took care of the fields for years, and they were always immaculate. MacKay wondered why others couldn't volunteer. Bob Demers clarified that MacKay's father was a town employee.

PUBLIC HEARING – Police and Dispatch Studies

Chief Cyr spoke about the study and how local government needs to be accountable and transparent. Cyr went through the history of how the study came about, starting with Rich McClure suggesting to the Budget Committee that Gorham should combine with Berlin for police and dispatch services. Two articles were put on the warrant for the study and questions asked at the town meeting were how much it was going to cost, which the answer was nothing, and who would conduct the study, which was answered that it would be in-house. The taxpayers voted in the affirmative to do the study based on this. Cyr stated we now have three ideas: what was proposed at the town meeting, a private contractor to do the study for a cost of \$6000, and a panel of law enforcement professionals. Bob Demers corrected Cyr in saying that the panel can be any taxpayers. Selectman Waddell stated that the original warrant had morphed into something else, and Cyr agreed saying that it is not fair that what was voted on is now something different. Cyr suggested that the Board go back to the original plan of him getting the information with the help of Chief Morency and others as needed. Cyr suggested that at a minimum, the coverage requested from Berlin should be 24/7, with double coverage between the hours of 4pm-2am on Wednesday through Saturday. Cyr stated that there has been zero progress from the town meeting until now and the budget committee will start meeting in August. Cyr stated that there are other events coming up that will need attention, such as Camp RZR, and that employees have been asking about progress so that they can plan to seek other employment opportunities if necessary and he would like to be able to give them answers.

Doug Gralenski agreed that the idea for the study originally came up at a budget meeting. Gralenski stated that there are only so many options to research. He suggested coming up with 5 or 6 options. He stated that we are not in crisis mode and people should not currently be worried about their jobs.

Chairman Oliver asked the group what they want. Adam White stated that there are a couple factors, but they want less money for taxes. White questioned whether seven officers were needed, as other communities similar in size are able to get by with 5.

Judy LeBlanc stated that part of the original discussion was the retention of officers in Gorham. She stated that a contract is risky. Selectman Lefebvre agreed, stating that we are going to have to pay for services provided to us, just like we charge other communities, and the price we pay stands to be raised to help pay for infrastructure. LeBlanc stated that it could be a shared service, with one department and one chief, and an expanded patrol area, similar to Lyndeborough. Lefebvre stated that we still don't know what we want for services, and LeBlanc stated that we shouldn't zero in on one thing, but look at the process as a shared service. Lefebvre addressed Rich McClure and asked him, as someone who has worked in both departments, if what Berlin would be looking to know is how often we would want patrols in Gorham. McClure stated that was exactly what they would want. McClure stated that calls are minimal in Gorham and double coverage would not be needed, especially after 2 am.

Abby Evankow asked how the coverage we have now was determined and if anything has changed. Chief Cyr advised that it is math for the most part, as if you have 24/7 coverage, you have 168 hours each week. 160 hours could be covered by 4 full-time officers, but a fifth would be needed for the 8 left over. Cyr advised that when you factor in sick time, vacation time, court hours and training, you need more. They tried 6 full-time officers with 2 part-time positions, but decided to eliminate the two part-

time positions and go with a 7th full-time officer. This provides a healthier work environment with a more constant schedule. Cyr stated that they have never been fully staffed, though, as they lost another officer before everyone was trained. Cyr stated that at least 5 officers would be needed for a 24/7 department, and he would like to see a schedule for a department with 5 officers. He stated that Gorham is at the junction of Route 2 and Route 16, has Walmart, many recreational opportunities, the only city in Coos County is just 9 miles north, and both a State and Federal prison are nearby, which make it busier than other communities the same size.

Shelley Corrigan stated that they are not qualified to give an opinion as to how it should be staffed, as they do not have that information. She asked why we are not trusting our town officials to move forward on what we voted on. Chairman Oliver stated that right now we have 24/7 coverage and asked if that is what people want. Selectman Lefebvre advised Oliver that she is asking why the Board is not doing this. Waddell stated that with the merger of the Fire and EMS departments there was a difference of opinion on what the written report said. Corrigan stated that we are not talking about the fire department. Waddell stated that what was discovered with that study is that there were a lot of hidden agendas and the numbers were not correct. Waddell went on to say that he has not been given a lot of the information that he needs, such as with the MRI study and with information about the current police chief looking for another job. Waddell stated that after having our own police department for more than 50 years, he wondered if going to Berlin would be a good decision and maybe we could do things better here. Waddell stated that he is being kept in the dark and believes the Board knew about the police Chief before town meeting. Corrigan suggested that if the Chief does the study, and you look at the numbers and they don't make sense, you could choose to do something else then. Oliver responded that the Board did not know anything before town meeting and Corrigan added that it is a small town where everyone knows everyone else's business. Corrigan again stated that the taxpayers are not qualified to make decisions about what coverage is needed and it was voted to do the study, so it should be done. Lefebvre stated that they have not been able to come up with a committee to get it done, as everyone has a different opinion as to who should be involved. Michelle Lutz stated that Chief Cyr was 100% correct, that what was discussed at town meeting is that it would cost nothing and be done in-house. Lutz stated who knows better what is needed than the person who runs the department, and the general public does not know and should not know when coverage is needed. Lutz stated that if the Fire/EMS committee did not work, then what would make you think this committee would. Mary White stated that the taxpayers are looking for a reduction in cost, not just in the police department, but across the board. White stated that there are people with skills and gifts to offer on a committee, and that it should be people who are not directly affected by the recommendations.

Chief Cyr advised that he did look for another job at the end of March. Cyr stated that he did not feel valued by the community, or feel that he was part of the solution. Cyr advised that he did move to Shelburne due to the high cost of taxes in town. Cyr advised that he could sit down with Chief Morency in Berlin and discuss a way to provide services at the lowest possible cost. Cyr stated that if we continue on the path we are on, with trying to decide about a committee or MRI, we will not get an answer. Cyr stated that we just need to move in a direction.

Doug Gralenski stated that a committee could give options to the Board and then the public could have input. He stated that this forum was not the place to break it down, but the public needs a broad view of the pros and cons.

Arthur Perry suggested that we could keep our own department, but bring the cost down. Cyr stated that the reason they want seven officers is to combat the retention issue, a consistent schedule,

training, and no forced overtime. Cyr suggested that maybe the Chief could be the dayshift officer. Cyr stated there is money to be saved, but how much would it be, and would it be worth it.

Lee Carroll stated that he vote at town meeting was definite, and there is no money appropriated for this study. He also advised that the discussion at the meeting was that it would be done in-house and it is time to get going.

Dennis Wade stated that you will never decide at this meeting what you need for coverage. He stated that we have people in law enforcement and with financial knowledge in town that could do this without having to pay someone. Wade stated that if we cannot come up with a committee, then the town has bigger problems, as that is why the Board was elected. Wade stated that he is comfortable with the law enforcement the town currently has, and that if it is reduced, we will not be preventing burglaries, we will be trying to solve them. He stated that you will never know how many crimes you have prevented with the presence of law enforcement. Wade stated there are times when an officer will have a nightshift with no calls, but that happens. Wade stated that he is totally against this, but is willing to look at options, but stated that the Board needs to decide what they want, as we are two months into this and nothing has been started.

Selectman Lefebvre stated that there has been so much back and forth of who should be involved. Chairman Oliver asked Chief Cyr who he would suggest to do the best job for the town. Chief Cyr stated that he is capable of getting answers. Cyr suggested that he bring a proposal to Chief Morency for 24/7 coverage with one officer, and double coverage Wednesday-Saturday from 4pm-2am. Cyr stated is will not be a regional department, but Berlin providing the service to Gorham. Cyr stated that he will make decisions for the good of the town, not just himself, but asked to just move forward.

Sue Demers stated that the small cost of MRI is really not an issue, but it could be done in-house as it is just s study to look at options. Demers stated that the current cost of \$3.91 per thousand is a lot of money to spend on the police department, and maybe we could reduce what we currently have and keep it here. Demers felt that seven officers in a town this size is a lot. Demers stated that Berlin will charge their cost, plus.

Adam White asked Chief Cyr, the Board, and TM Frost if they thought they have done a good job for the town and all responded that they did feel they had. White stated that if they do the study, there will be nothing different, as they have the best intentions, but we need to see different choices from people who did not put the current system in place. Chief Cyr asked White what choices he would like to see and White responded less on his tax bill. Chief Cyr asked how much less, and TM Frost advised that you need to save \$272,000 to save \$1 on the tax rate. Jen Howard stated that we want to be safe, but also want a tax break. Howard stated that she appreciated the job that the police are doing, and hates the idea of not having coverage between 2-6am.

Bob Demers stated that with a population under 3,000, we could use state police. Dennis Wade stated that there are times when people wait over an hour for state police to respond, as sometimes there is only 1 trooper on duty in all of Coos County. Abby Evankow responded by saying that it is not just a small town, it is a tourist town and there are many businesses, which changes it dramatically. Doug Gralenski stated that as a taxpayer, he was comfortable with where we currently are with the police department. Gralenski stated that is we reduce cost, we reduce service. Gralenski also stated that if we disbanded the department, and have to rebuild later, it would be a worse situation.

Selectman Waddell suggested that Chief Cyr do the study, with a report due by Octboer 1 at the latest, which the Board will have full access to. Once that is done is where a committee will come in. Chairman

Oliver asked if dispatch would be included in this and Waddell stated that the studies are one and the same. Chief Cyr stated that so far no progress has been made, and that he can move it along more quickly. Cyr stated that he can start with a baseline of 24/7 coverage and double coverage 4p-2am Wednesday through Saturday. Cyr stated that he would not recommend less than that. Cyr stated that Berlin also has a detective division, a juvenile officer, and a full-time prosecutor, so they can provide a high quality service. Mary White asked if we have a prosecutor, and Chief Cyr advised it is a collateral duty for Cpl Woodworth. White stated that many departments contract with an attorney for this service. She stated we will need to look at ways to reduce cost and think outside the box to save money.

Chairman Oliver closed the public hearing at 8:20 pm.

2. Appointments:

There were no appointments scheduled.

3. New Business:

a) Munce Properties Disposal – Advertisement – Selectman Waddell asked if the advertisement was reviewed by counsel and TM Frost advised it was. All three Board members stated that they were fine with it.

4. Old Business/Updates:

a) Munce Properties – Nothing new other than the advertisement.

b) Fairpoint Poles in Cascade – Chairman Oliver advised nothing new had been done as Spectrum has not done the work they need to do.

c) Eversource Dam/Dike Update – TM Frost advised there is nothing to report in public session. Selectman Waddell stated that if Eversource was going to give any reassurances about where we could put snow, compost, or dirt piles, they would have done it by now. Waddell stated that we need to secure the easements they are willing to give us. Waddell also stated that we need to quantify what the problem is, of which he sees three. First is what to do about yard waste, which the town may no longer be able to take. AVRRDD has a program to take it and that may be where it needs to go. The second is what to do about clean fill, which is not hazardous waste, but is a mixture and does contain garbage. The third issue is the snow, which you can't define what you need for space unless you know how much snow you have. The area on the map is about $\frac{3}{4}$ acre, but about $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres is needed when the public works department is working during a storm. Selectman Lefebvre asked if possibly Eversource is not giving us an answer because it will affect the sale. Waddell stated that the next step is to come up with options based on having to find an alternative for those three things. Waddell stated that the land the town currently owns, Promenade Field, the common, and Libby Pool, are not rational options. Waddell stated that the map that FERC drew, shows that whoever bought the dam will end up with the dyke, but the town would end up with the drainage. Waddell stated that the land they are selling has no use, but they will keep a right of way for their power lines, which they will maintain ownership of. Waddell stated that it would make more sense to keep ownership of the land that the transmission lines are on. Waddell also questioned whether the public works garage should continue to take compost and fill, without knowing if it will need to be moved. Waddell suggested talking with our state senator or legislator about some relief for Gorham on this. Waddell mentioned that maybe someone could talk to the PUC, and TM Frost advised that she spoke with Chris Boldt, who said no, and not to involve the PUC

with any changes to the property at this time. Waddell stated if this is not an option, then the town needs to find other land to use. Frost stated that compost and fill could be brought to AVRDD. Selectman Lefebvre suggested that if the Gleason property was not tied up by the IRS, that would have the acreage needed, but Waddell stated that you would be sending trucks up a steep hill through a residential neighborhood. One of the Munce properties at the end of Ray Street was also suggested, but it is not big enough. Waddell suggested that if the town could buy the property, they could clear the land behind the salt shed and would not be near the lines at all. Lefebvre asked about melting and if that would be a problem, as some residents in Cascade Flats complain about flooding on their property from the snow melting there. Waddell stated it would need to be figured out. A work session, in which Burke York and Chris Boldt, were invited to take part in to discuss this issue was suggested, but TM Frost stated it would not be a good use of the attorney's time or our money. TM Frost advised she has raised the concerns with Eversource and was supposed to receive an email by last Friday, but that did not happen. TM Frost will check with York to see if he would be available to attend a work session on Wednesday the 24th at 5pm.

d) Trails Committee – Selectman Lefebvre stated they are going to begin meeting once a month, to give people time to get things done in between. Lefebvre stated that they came up with some good ideas at the last meeting to help alleviate traffic at the bigger events. Lefebvre stated that there is no easy, quick solution, but they are working on the problems of noise and traffic at the Route 2 parking area. Waddell also mentioned the noise ordinance, which is too subjective at this point, and should be looked at using a measurable standard. Lefebvre also noted that the rules of the road and rules for the trails are two different things, and that Main Street and Route 2 are considered trails. TM Frost advised that the Board could vote to revise the ordinance after a public hearing.

e) Stony Brook Roads Project – TM Frost advised that Phil Corbett will be at the May 30 meeting. Selectman Waddell asked if there was any progress on the fire hydrant issue, and TM Frost advised nothing had been found in the records yet, and if nothing is found it will be on the town. Someone has been hired in the past to plow out the hydrants, and the town did the dredging a couple years ago. Waddell suggested having Libby Land Company draw something up giving them the authority to take it over. Lefebvre asked if they are mandatory and Waddell stated they were required by the planning board based on the recommendation of the fire chief. Lefebvre suggested having the current fire chief look at it and see if three are still needed.

f) Spring Road Project Update – TM Frost advised that we are still waiting on DOT.

5. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

6. Other Business:

a) Town Manager's Update – TM Frost had copies of the Public Safety and EMS agreements with Coos County for the Board to sign. The Board signed both copies.

b) Selectmen's Updates –

Selectman Waddell asked about the tax rate. TM Frost will send the information in an email.

Waddell asked about the EMS revenues and if we could get a time frame on that information. TM Frost advised that they have a new person for billing and he should have it by the end of June.

Waddell asked again for the PDF for Burke's Eversource drawing.

Selectman Waddell asked about the applications for the tax break for new construction or improvements and if we are ready to receive applications for it, and TM Frost advised we are. Waddell asked if the town should be promoting it, and Lefebvre stated that was the reason behind his request for an Economic Developer. Waddell asked what would be the best way to get the word out that this is available and only in Coos County, and mentioned the suggestion of NCIC. Lefebvre stated that they only help businesses that have already agreed to come, they do not solicit new business. TM Frost advised that Mike Scala from CEDC may be able to let businesses know about the incentive if he has anyone who mentions wanting to come to the area. Waddell suggested putting together a pamphlet to send out to agencies or real estate agents and also putting the information on the website. Waddell also brought up a concern about businesses wanting the tax break after the work is done, without having applied before the work started. TM Frost stated that the information will be given to people when they apply for the building permit. Lefebvre asked if it could be put on the agenda for the next meeting to brainstorm ideas for a flyer, TM Frost will add it.

Selectman Waddell asked if Sally Manikian and the Town Forest Committee could also be added to the agenda for May 30th reference to the letter of intent from the Land Conservancy about the 2050 acres.

Selectman Lefebvre asked if there was any news about the land for the Cascade playground. TM Frost advised it is in their attorney's hands.

Selectman Lefebvre asked about the sign for the southern entrance of Cascade Flats letting people know the mill entrance is ahead. TM Frost advised it will need to be sent to Bill Lambert for approval since it is on a state road, and Lefebvre asked if Frost could get information from him as to guidelines so that they can request a larger sign.

Selectman Lefebvre stated that he was meeting on Wednesday at 3:30 with the person who poured the slab for the Bikes Not Bombs building, the crane operator, Bronson Leclerc, and Matt Saladino. TM Frost advised she would also be attending.

Selectman Lefebvre stated that the Board didn't give a direction tonight about the Police and Dispatch Studies and stated that they need to make a decision.

Selectman Waddell made a motion that Chief Cyr be allowed to go forward with what he suggested at the public hearing, using any means he finds expedient, and bring back a proposal to the Board.

Selectman Lefebvre asked if he could sit in on the meetings and Waddell advised as long as it was available to anyone. TM Frost cautioned that if Board members were going to start sitting in on meetings, they were going to start having to post them as meetings.

Selectman Lefebvre seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Selectman Waddell mentioned the suggestions that were made about the Recreation Department and asked that it be put on the agenda. TM Frost advised that she would come up with something, and Lefebvre stated it would be part of the job description. Waddell stated that he would like to see some accountability to the Board.

Selectman Lefebvre brought up the issue of communication with the Board, and stated that he respects the work everyone does, but he does not question the research Selectman Waddell does for the divestiture and does not expect him to question the research he did on the Police Study by contacting

MRI. Waddell stated that he had no issue with what Lefebvre did, he would just like him to ask first. Waddell asked about Chief Cyr looking for another job and when the Board found out. Chairman Oliver stated that he had only found out two weeks ago. Selectman Waddell brought up concerns about information being given to members of the Board and concerns over how it is done. TM Frost advised if there are going to be accusations of sandbagging, they will follow the letter of the law, and there will be no complaints, and if we don't, shame on us. Waddell stated that if a department head is out looking for another job, the Board should be told. Selectman Lefebvre stated that he does not feel it is their right to know if someone is looking for another job. Waddell felt it was important for the Board to know so that they could plan for a significant change. Lefebvre suggested that it would be a good question for the NHMA meeting next week. TM Frost stated that the Board should also question why Chief Cyr was looking to leave to begin with, which he did share tonight. TM Frost also shared that NHMA will be presenting a class on the Right to Know Law if anyone was interested in attending.

Selectman Waddell also brought up the Balon case and how it is all over town that we settled. Selectman Lefebvre stated that it was posted on Facebook. TM Frost advised that Balon received his copy, but the town has not received a copy yet. Waddell advised that the whole settlement agreement is not posted, and the settlement was Primex's decision, not ours, since they pay the attorney fees and court costs.

c) Approval of Minutes (April 17, 2017 Public/April 17 and May1, 2017 Non-public) – On a motion by Selectman Waddell, seconded by Selectman Lefebvre, the Board voted to accept the minutes of April 17 with the correction of “a non-conforming lot to a more non-conforming lot”. All voted in favor.

On a motion by Selectman Waddell, seconded by Selectman Lefebvre, the Board voted to accept the non-public minutes of April 17 and May 1 as presented. Selectman Waddell and Chairman Oliver voted in favor. Selectman Lefebvre abstained from the May 1 vote.

d) Sign Manifest; Abatements and Exemptions (if necessary) – TM Frost had an abatement for the airport hangar formerly owned by Eugene Berry that the town purchased. The abatement is for \$320.68.

On a motion by Selectman Lefebvre, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the board voted to approve the abatement for Eugene Berry in the amount of \$320.68.

TM Frost also had an abatement for Portland Pipeline, which was part of the settlement agreement, in the amount of \$35,468.27. This is for the first half bill of 2017.

On a motion by Chairman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Waddell, the board voted to approve the abatement for Portland Pipeline in the amount of \$35,468.27.

7. Non-public Session: RSA 91-A:3, IId

On a motion by Chairman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Lefebvre, the Board unanimously voted by roll call to move to non-public session at 8:53 pm to discuss the Eversource divestiture. Oliver - Aye, Lefebvre – Aye, Waddell – Aye.

On a motion by Selectman Waddell, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to come out of non-public session at 9:50 pm. Oliver – Aye, Waddell - Aye.

8. Adjournment: On a motion by Chairman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Lefebvre, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Terry Oliver

Patrick Lefebvre

Michael Waddell