

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 6:00 PM
GORHAM TOWN HALL**

Gorham Selectmen present: Jeff Schall, Grace LaPierre, Terry Oliver

Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager; Kirstan Lukasak, Berlin Daily Sun; Chad Miller, EMS; Jarred Stewart, Eric Cornish, Mike Waddell, Henry Sanschagrin, Jeff Stewart, RD

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

2. Appointments:

a) Jarred Stewart – Senior Project: Jarred Stewart presented the Board with a document outlining his proposed flag disposal bin as his senior project as well as pictures of proposed bins. Mr. Stewart stated that he has received approval from the School but needed to receive approval from the Board as well. There is already a spot/cement slab on the Common next to the Information Booth. Mr. Stewart stated that he has been in contact with the local American Legion. They have expressed interest in assisting financially for this project. The Board questioned Mr. Stewart with regard to location, whether or not the current cement slab will be big enough and who will maintain the proposed bin. He stated that the Recreation Department has agreed to accept the responsibility of maintaining and bringing old flags to the Legion for proper disposal. If the bin does not fit on the current cement slab, it will be rebuilt to accommodate the bin. **Selectman LaPierre made a motion to accept Jarred Stewart's Senior Project with pride, Selectman Oliver seconded, voted unanimously.**

b) Eric Cornish – OHRV Use on Jimtown Road: Mr. Cornish informed the Board that he was wondering what the status is of the use of Jimtown Road. TM Frost stated that the Town has not heard from the State as of yet. She said that based on her communications with Mr. Gamache it was not going to happen this year. Mr. Gamache informed TM Frost that the Bureau of Trails is waiting for a formal written answer from NH DOT/DOS with regard to the intersection. Mr. Gamache stated that the Bureau of Trails will not move forward with the rail trail until the Department has received an official "no" from DOT/DOS. Mr. Cornish asked if it would help if he contacted someone and asked who might be able to contact with the State to check on the status of this matter. Henry Sanschagrin stated that this matter has been on-going since 2013. It has been four months since TM Frost sent a letter to the Bureau of Trails. He wants to know why no one is following up on this matter, noting his frustration. TM Frost and the Board stated that it had been followed up on with Mr. Gamache. After further discussion, the Board instructed TM Frost to prepare a letter of inquiry to NH DOT with regard to this matter.

c) Chad Miller – Ambulance Options: As requested, EMD Miller took a closer look at purchasing a new ambulance and spoke with the vendor. The Town can purchase a new, smaller ambulance for slightly less than \$130,000. EMD Miller said that every option is an add-on so would need to pull together all options to get a formal quote. He stated that if the Department is going to purchase a used ambulance, he would shop and stay within a \$50,000 budget. While he is open to purchasing a used ambulance, he feels there is a degree of risk. He feels the safest option would be to purchase a new one. EMD Miller and the Board had further discussion regarding purchasing new versus used, whether or not there is parking available in the Fire Station and the current issues/repairs for the two current ambulances. Selectman LaPierre made a motion to have EMD Miller move forward with pricing, building and purchasing a new ambulance, seconded by Selectman Oliver, voted unanimously.

3. New Business

a) Sign for Baseball Field – John Ellis: Chairman Schall stated that the Board has a sample of a proposed sign renaming the baseball field on the Common that would replace current sign. The Board spoke about the proposed renaming of the baseball field and all agreed that it needed further investigation. **Selectman Oliver made a motion to table this matter until the property restrictions with Federal Bureau of Parks and Recreation can be looked in to further, seconded Selectman LaPierre, voted unanimously.**

b) Emergency Operations Plan Approval: EMD Miller stated that the Operations Plan is still currently in a draft form, but approval needs to be included in original document when sent in. The Board was presented two documents for signature; Administrative documents and NIMS Resolution document. The Board signed the documents.

c) MS 1 – Valuation, MS 434 - Revenues: TM Frost stated that the Board had previously been sent the MS 1. TM Frost stated that the total valuation went up slightly. However, the value without utilities is down a little because the utility value is up slightly. TM Frost and the Board reviewed the estimated revenues, which have increased approximately \$80,000. The bulk of the increase is from the anticipated ambulance revenues. TM Frost will get information for the Board with regard to the increase in “miscellaneous”.

4. Old Business

a) Tinker Brook Project Update: TM Frost stated that she is currently working on bid packages. There is still one approval needed from NHDES. However, the project still remains on track.

b) Boston Post Cane: TM Frost stated that she needed a presentation date from the Board. It was agreed to include the month and year on the plaque to be attached to the cane. TM Frost will contact Christine Rhoderick, daughter of Mrs. Barnett with regard to presentation.

c) Randolph Police Agreement: TM Frost stated that the Town of Randolph has changed the Police Agreement to include Gorham PD and therefore, the agreement can be executed by the Board. The Board signed the Agreement. TM Frost stated that the Shelburne Agreement had also been changed and asked the Board to initial the document, which Select Board for Shelburne has already done so. The Board initialed the changes as instructed.

5. Public Comment:

Mike Waddell asked the Board if they have ever wondered why the State does not want to deal with the rail trail. TM Frost stated that we do know why, the State does not want to deal with that can of worms. Mr. Waddell suggested that the Board consider sending a letter to Randolph with regard to rail trail. He indicated that maybe the State was getting a great deal of pressure from Randolph because they do not want the State to open the rail trail to ATVs. TM Frost said that she would research the matter and look at pulling together something. Mr. Waddell suggested that the Town ask Randolph for support of the 300 feet of trail that we need in exchange for Gorham’s non-interest in opening the trail any further.

6. Other Business

a) Town Manager’s Update: TM Frost stated that Service Credit Union’s grand opening is tomorrow at 12:00 noon and that if any members of the Board would like to attend, they have been asked to speak, or she can

speak on behalf of the Board. Selectman LaPierre stated that she will attend but does not want to speak. TM Frost stated that the next Board meetings are scheduled for September 21st and October 5th. TM Frost will be gone on vacation for the October 5th and asked the Board how they would like to handle the meetings. The Board stated that they will have their meetings as follows: September 21st, September 28th and October 19th. The Board agreed to have the October 19th meeting at the Cascade Fire Department.

TM Frost stated that she had done some research on the request from Messrs. Dagesse and there is a mechanism in place with regard to a tax break. The Board would need to negotiate with the Dagesse and bring the negotiation forward at Town Meeting. The matter would need to be a detailed warrant that the residents would vote on at that time. TM Frost has spoken with Dan Dagesse, and he indicated that he is in no rush at this time. The Board indicated that they would like time to think this matter over.

b) Selectmen's Update: Selectman LaPierre asked if the mill been contacted. TM Frost stated that NH DES has been up to investigate the matter and is working with the Mill. It was noted that there has been some improvement. Selectman LaPierre asked if the Public Safety Committee is meeting again. TM Frost stated that they will be meeting again tomorrow night.

Chairman Schall asked TM Frost if she had spoken with anyone with regard to the Munce property. She stated that she is still waiting for the final report from NH DES. If the report comes back clean, she will look into it further.

TM Frost stated that PWD Holmes has delineated the property from Eversource and noted that the Town is actually using very little of their property.

Selectman Oliver asked if any of the Town street lights had been changed yet and whether or not we know what the lumens will be. He stated that the State has been changing over to LED lights on access road and they are extremely bright. TM Frost stated that none have been changed yet and will not be until after the first of the year. She will check on the lumens.

c) Approval of Minutes (August 24, 2015): Selectman LaPierre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2015, meeting, seconded by Selectman Oliver, voted unanimously.

d) Sign Manifest: All manifests were signed.

e) Sign Abatements and Exemptions (if necessary): All signed.

7. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-a:3, II e: On a motion by Chairman Schall, seconded by Selectman LaPierre, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to move into non-public session at 7:37 pm. Schall – Aye, LaPierre – Aye, Oliver – Aye.

On a motion by Chairman Schall, seconded by Selectman LaPierre, the Board came out of non-public session by unanimous roll call vote at 8:10 pm. Schall – Aye, LaPierre – Aye, Oliver – Aye.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Jeff Schall

Grace LaPierre

Terry Oliver