

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2015 6:00 PM
GORHAM TOWN HALL**

Gorham Selectmen present: Jeff Schall, Grace LaPierre, Terry Oliver Absent - Excused
Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager; Kirstan Lukasak, Berlin Daily Sun; Chad Miller, EMD; PJ Cyr, Police Chief; Wanda Tanguay, Keith Parent, Bill Dooan

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

2. Appointments:

a) Heidi Guinen – Prospect Terrace: Not attending meeting.

Prior to moving forward TM Frost asked the Board to allow EMD Miller and Wanda Tanguay to address the Board. EMD Miller presented the Board with a cardiac monitor, Zole E-Series, that has been donated to the Town by the EMS Association. He asked the Board if they would accept the donation so that it can be covered by the Town's insurance. Mr. Miller explained to the Board what the monitor is capable of doing and noted that it will be an asset to the department. **Selectman LaPierre made a motion to accept the Zole E-Series Cardiac Monitor, as a gift/donation from the EMS Association, seconded by Chairman Schall, voted unanimously.**

b) Keith Parent – Sign on Baseball Field: Mr. Parent stated that he was back before the Board in hopes to revisit and answer any questions the Board may have with regard to renaming the ballfield. He stated that \$750 has been received in donations since the placement of the monument and noted that there was a nice turnout for the dedication. Mr. Parent stated that he is open to sign size, placement location as well as the length of time it is being placed in the location. Selectman LaPierre stated that while she is okay with renaming the ball field, she said that she knows that Selectman Oliver has expressed his concern regarding renaming the field and it setting a precedence for other people wanting to rename Town property. Mr. Parent suggested that instead of placing a sign on the fence maybe a sign could be added to the field's scoreboard. Chairman Schall stated that he feels that the monument is enough and is concerned about naming things in Town and actually would rather see a moratorium in place against naming Town property. Chairman Schall stated that rather than make a motion this evening, he would rather hold off until Selectman Oliver was present. He stated that he would take a look at the possibility of placing a sign on the existing scoreboard.

3. New Business

a) Award Bid for Tinker Brook Bridge Replacement: TM Frost stated that she had spoken with both PWD Holmes and WSS Patry. PWD Holmes stated that he would not be in favor or comfortable with taking on a project of this size because the department does not have the necessary equipment and/or expertise. WSS Patry stated that he too does not feel that his department could take on this project as the department does not have enough equipment or manpower. Both department heads feel that it is beyond their department capabilities. **Selectman LaPierre made a motion to award the bid for the Tinker Brook Bridge Replacement project to Lee T. Corrigan, LLC contingent on receiving additional funding at Town Meeting, seconded by Chairman Schall, voted unanimously.**

b) Official Tax Rate: TM Frost stated that the official tax rate has been set at \$29.40. The tax bills have been prepared and are due December 7th.

c) Hazard Mitigation Grant – Spring Road Culvert: TM Frost stated that the grant application for the Spring Road culvert was submitted on Friday. She spoke with Beth Peck from the State, who reviews the grant applications, and Ms. Peck stated that this project will score high. TM Frost also spoke with Ms. Peck about the Arguin issue. Ms. Peck stated that the Town could apply, but it will not score high.

4. Old Business

a) Paramedic Hiring Update: TM Frost stated a conditional offer was going to be made to one of the two applicants. The offer is contingent to the applicant working at least every other Sunday. The applicant has a part time job that is being considered when looking at scheduling. TM Frost stated that if the offer does not work out, EMD Miller may start the application process over or will take another look at the other candidate.

b) New Ambulance Update: TM Frost stated that she has signed the order for the new ambulance. The price came in at approximately \$128,000 and estimated time of delivery is 180 days.

c) 20 Main Street Property: TM Frost stated that she spoke with PWD Holmes regarding the possibility of the Town purchasing the property. He feels that at this time it better serves being on the Town's tax rolls. He does not feel that the Town would need the additional property and the structure would be too big for his needs. The Board requested TM Frost to notify Ms. Remillard that the Town is not interested in her property.

5. Public Comment:

6. Other Business

a) Town Manager's Update: There were no updates.

b) Selectmen's Update: Chairman Schall stated that the Northern Border Regional Board of Grants will be opening up in June 2016. This committee awards grants for purchasing building, etc. He asked TM Frost to check with department heads regarding this matter to see what the needs may be. He also suggested taking a look at the funeral home property again.

TM Frost informed the Board that she has still not heard from Mr. Rajala regarding the request to the Historical Society. Also, TM Frost stated that the Town had not ever heard anything from the North Country Public Safety Association regarding their nomination for FC Eichler. She felt that the Town should have received some sort of acknowledgement and spoke with John Scarinza regarding the matter. FC Eichler did not win the award.

c) Approval of Minutes (September 21 and September 28, 2015): The minutes were passed over.

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: Not necessary.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Jeff Schall

Grace LaPierre

Terry Oliver