

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF GORHAM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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; Rich McClure, Henry Sanschagrín

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

**2. Appointments:** There were no scheduled appointments.

**3. New Business**

**a) Public Works 2015 Expenditures:** TM Frost presented the Board with a spreadsheet of snow removal expenses to date for Public Works. She stated that overall, approximately 30% of the budget had been used. While this is higher than normal for this time of the year, we will need to wait to see how November and December go. However, TM Frost said that she believes that the budget should be alright.

**b) Water and Sewer Department Assist in Berlin:** TM Frost stated that over the long holiday weekend, the City of Berlin had a substantial water main break. The crew from the Gorham Water/Sewer Department worked with Berlin to help them thaw lines. TM Frost stated that she was proud of our crew noting that it was a great showing of solidarity between the City and Town. She took it upon herself to prepare a letter on behalf of the Board commending the Water and Sewer Department for assisting the City of Berlin. The Board signed the letter.

**4. Old Business**

**a) KGI Gorham, LLC Abatement Update:** TM Frost stated that KGI's abatement case had been scheduled for trial in June and that BTLA wants to consolidate the years 2012 and 2013 into one case. TM Frost stated that we will continue to attempt to settle with KGI prior to the trial, but noted that at this time KGI is not cooperating. The Town has also ordered an independent appraisal for the property. Chairman Schall asked TM Frost to prepare a summary of litigation for the Board's review and information.

**b) OHRV Meeting with Chris Gamache:** TM Frost said the Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled with Mr. Gamache is being rescheduled for after Town Meeting. Chairman Schall asked TM Frost to supply the Board with a list of items that she would be discussing with Mr. Gamache. Selectman Oliver asked whether or not the meeting would be posted. TM Frost stated that this meeting is to get discussions going with the State. She will let the Board know when the meeting is scheduled.

**5. Public Comment:**

Henry Sanschagrín told the Board that he was happy to hear that the Gorham Water/Sewer Department went to Berlin to assist with their Water Department.

Rich McClure asked the Board if they planned to ask the State to extend the Gorham Trail hours to match the City of Berlin's OHRV trails. The Board stated that it is part of what the Town will discuss with Mr. Gamache. Chairman Schall stated that the Town is being proactive with regard to working with the State to discuss these matters.

## **6. Other Business**

**a) Town Manager's Update:** TM Frost informed the Board that the second USDA Grant that was applied for, for the Public Works Garage Roof, has been denied. She stated that the application will be forwarded to the national pool. The national pool selection will not take place until August. The money is available in capital reserves and she said that the project should move forward. TM Frost presented the Board a Capital Reserve expenditure request from Rick Eichler. He is looking to take \$494.10 from the FD Equipment CRF to purchase 9 helmets to be used in conjunction with the UTV. The Board signed the request.

**b) Selectmen's Update:** Selectman LaPierre asked whether or not the railroad crossing on the Berlin-Gorham Road could be exempt. TM Frost stated that she will put a call into the NHDOT to check on the status of her previous request. Selectman LaPierre stated that she had attended the last Medallion Opera House Committee meeting. At this meeting, the committee voiced concerns that the Board/Town should be supporting the Opera House. The committee also asked if the Board would consider giving them permission to allow wine for special venues. Chairman Schall expressed concern regarding this statement noting that when he sat on the committee he did not hear any complaints regarding support from the Board. TM Frost stated that she does not understand where this comment comes from because FD Vallee spends quite a bit of time during work hours doing work for Opera House performances, etc. Chairman Schall stated that the Board would be willing to take a look at the policy regarding alcohol in the building. Selectman LaPierre stated that the committee is not looking to have wine available at all functions, but would like to be able to offer it on occasion.

**c) Approval of Minutes (February 9, 2015):** Selectman LaPierre asked to have the EMS contract amounts for Shelburne and Randolph's contracts noted in the minutes, because this first year will be based on 15 months versus 12 months. **Selectman LaPierre made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2015, meeting with the noted change, seconded by Selectman Oliver, voted unanimously.**

**d) Sign Manifest:** All manifests were signed.

**e) Sign Abatements and Exemptions (if necessary):** None were presented.

**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 7:05 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 7:30 pm. Schall – Aye, LaPierre – Aye, Oliver - Aye.**

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED:**

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**Jeff Schall**

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**Grace LaPierre**

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**Terry Oliver**