

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF GORHAM  
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015, 3:00 PM  
GORHAM TOWN HALL**

Gorham Selectmen present: Jeff Schall, Grace LaPierre, Terry Oliver  
Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager

Mike Waddell, Rich McClure

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Chairman Schall.

**2. New Business:**

**a) Randolph Ambulance Contract Proposal** – Chairman Schall reviewed the information provided by the Randolph Board of Selectmen. The Board spoke about the need for police coverage. Selectman Oliver suggested that the Board sign the contract and work on a separate agreement for police coverage. Chairman Schall mentioned that the respective Boards would have to negotiate further with regard to cost. All agreed that keeping Gorham employees safe is of the utmost importance. EMS crews should retreat if they feel unsafe. EMSD Miller said that the crew is sometimes already in the midst of the event when they realize that they are in an unsafe situation.

Mike Waddell suggested that the Board should sign the contracts with the other Towns without the police coverage reflected in the wording. He feels that Gorham is losing too much revenue, if the contracts are not signed.

TM Frost suggested that the Board revise the contracts to remove the cost of the police coverage and place, in that section, a sentence that speaks to a committee negotiating the police coverage when necessary. This committee would be a representation of all three boards, the service providers, TM Frost and AA Carpenter. The target date for completion would be May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mike Waddell stated that he feels this is a “poison pill.” He would not want the contract to fail for lack of agreement on the police coverage. TM Frost stated that there could be a simple clause that extends the target date by mutual agreement of the parties. It’s not a hard and fast deadline, but rather a way to keep all of us on track. The Board agreed. Chairman Schall said he would attend the Randolph Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday evening to share this information with them.

**b) Letter from Shelburne re. Ambulance Services** – The Board discussed Shelburne’s letter to them regarding the contract. TM Frost stated that she and EMSD Miller went to Shelburne that afternoon and had a very productive conversation with Jo Carpenter. Ms.

Carpenter was on board with continuing talks with a smaller committee and no ad hoc discussions. While she couldn't speak for her Board, she thought they would welcome the opportunity as well. The Shelburne Board will not meet again until April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**3. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-a:3, II a - On a motion by Chairman Schall, seconded by Selectman LaPierre, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to move into non-public session at 3:46 pm. Schall – Aye, LaPierre – Aye, Oliver - Aye.**

**On a motion by Chairman Schall, seconded by Selectman LaPierre, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to move back to the public meeting at 4:15 pm. Schall – Aye, LaPierre – Aye, Oliver - Aye.**

**4. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED:**

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**Jeff Schall**

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**Grace LaPierre**

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**Terry Oliver**