

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2014, 6:00 PM
GORHAM TOWN HALL**

Gorham Selectmen present: Jeff Schall, Grace LaPierre, Terry Oliver
Also present: Robin Frost, Town Manager; Denise Vallee, Director of Finance and Administration;
Austin Holmes, Director of Public Works; Jeff Stewart, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Budget Committee members: Mike Waddell and Glen Eastman

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

2. Appointments:

a) Austin Holmes – Director of Public Works: PWD Holmes reviewed the portions of his budgets that changed. The Cemetery budget stayed about the same. In the Highway budget there was a decrease in heating oil and a slight increase in rentals and leases. The largest increase was due to the change in the price per ton for salt. We saw a significant decrease last year, but this year it went back up. In the Sanitation budget, there was a decrease of \$9250, all due to the completed payment of a one-time assessment for the Cates Hill landfill.

There was significant discussion about the failure of the double culvert over Tinker Brook in Cascade Flats. PWD Holmes sought and received an estimate of about \$160,000 to replace those culverts with a pre-cast bridge. For the interim, the Public Works Department has sured up the area, but PWD Holmes cautioned that this was a very temporary fix.

b) Jeff Stewart – Director of Parks and Recreation: RD Stewart highlighted the changes in his budget, mostly due to moving more program expenses to the Recreation Revolving Fund. There were short discussions about the Moose Tours and the revolving fund. Chairman Schall asked for a more detailed accounting of the Moose Tours.

For Capital Improvements, RD Stewart is looking to purchase a new bus in 2015 using the available funds in the Bus Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance coming from the Recreation Revolving Fund. A new bus costs between \$40K and \$50K. The other capital improvement is repairs to the Information Booth. It needs new bathrooms, a new roof and repairs to the siding. This is estimated to cost approximately \$12-\$17K and would be paid for with the Field Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (The purpose of this fund was reviewed and was deemed to be appropriate for these improvements.)

RD Stewart also mentioned the trailer --which houses his office. He still would like to move and his preferred place would be the library, but since they do not want to give up their meeting room, he would like to be in this building. He realizes that this is not going to happen right away, but would like to keep the discussion going.

There was a short discussion about scheduling for the Budget Review and Budget Committee meetings. It was worked out and the Board will meet with the Budget Committee on Wednesday, November 19th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Jeff Schall

Grace LaPierre

Terry Oliver