

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING(work session with Shelburne Selectmen)
TOWN OF GORHAM
WEDNESDAY, September 19, 2012, 6:00 pm
SHELBURNE TOWN HALL

Gorham Selectmen present: Chairman David Graham, Paul Robitaille, Bill Jackson.
Shelburne Selectmen present: Stan Judge, Heidi Behling, Lucy Evans

Also present: Robin L Frost, Gorham Town Manager, Jo Carpenter, Shelburne Administrative Assistant

1. Worksession:

a) Police Contract: Selectman Judge talked a bit about the background of the contract. He wondered how providing service to Shelburne affects service in Gorham. The contract was somewhere around \$3000-3500 in 2011 and it jumped to \$14,000 in 2012. Everyone agrees that the goal is to find an amount that is fair to Gorham and Shelburne residents alike.

Selectman Jackson stated that he feels the cost for services before this contract was too low, but the cost for services in this contract is too high. Selectman Graham stated in the past this contract has been calculated on a per call basis. Consensus of the Gorham Board was that it was too low. Selectman Robitaille stated that we want to be fair to everybody. We need to consider infrastructure and training. He wondered what the cost to the Shelburne taxpayers would be if we were one town. Selectman Jackson is troubled with the "blanket" approach to the service.

Selectman Behling stated that the per call basis calculation seemed to work well and feels the contract should still be calculated that way. Selectman Judge wondered again how providing this service to Shelburne affects Gorham's budget and manpower.

Selectman Robitaille asked if Shelburne went back to their own constable, how much would that cost them? The Shelburne Selectman all stated those services cost them nothing in the past.

It was agreed that TM Frost would pull more figures together with Chief Cyr. The Boards decided to meet again on October 15th in Gorham.

2. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

David Graham

Paul Robitaille

William H. Jackson