

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
TOWN OF GORHAM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013, 6:00 PM  
GORHAM TOWN HALL**

Gorham Selectmen present: Chairman David Graham excused, Bill Jackson, Paul Robitaille  
Also present: Robin L. Frost, Town Manager; Denise Vallee, Director of Finance, Will O'Brien, Ronald Carroll, Gail Scott, Berlin Daily Sun

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Selectman Robitaille.

**2. Appointments:** The Board swapped the order of appointments.

**a) Ronald Carroll – Red Eye Taxi:** Ronald Carroll came before the Board with an application to operate a taxi business within the Town limits of Gorham. Mr. Carroll informed the Board that this business will be an on call service that will operate 24 hours per day. After further discussion between the Board and Mr. Carroll, it was decided that Mr. Carroll will present the Town with rates for the taxi service. **Selectman Jackson made a motion to issue a license for the operation of Red Eye Taxi within the boundaries of Gorham and the initial license period to be for 1 year with a renewal option, seconded by Selectman Robitaille, voted unanimously.**

**b) Will O'Brien – Gorham Beautification:** Mr. O'Brien started by informing the Board that he has plans to create a butterfly garden around the moose on the Town Common. At this time, the Board stopped Mr. O'Brien to present him with a Volunteer of the Year Award. The Board thanked Mr. O'Brien for all of his hard work and dedication to the Town, noting that his efforts have made a huge difference. The Board also thanked Mr. O'Brien for not just his work on the gardens, but for his work at the theater.

**3. New Business:**

**a) Revaluation Manual:** TM Frost informed the Board that the USPAP Manual is now here for review, stating that the Manual is what KRT Appraisal used for revaluation.

**b) NRCS Project – Keenan:** TM Frost stated that the Keenan's experienced a water problem in their basement after the work had been completed on the property. TM Frost informed the Board that the Keenan's were concerned that something was done during the project to create this issue. The Keenan's spent approximately \$6,000 to clean out/up the basement area and are asking what NRCS can do. TM Frost stated that the perimeter drain can be opened up and looked at and possibly move the direction of outflow, if that is part of the problem. TM Frost went on to say that NRCS is discussing the situation with their counsel, and that the project is on hold until they hear from legal.

**4. Old Business**

**a) Review Recreation Department Information (Buildings, Fountain, Lighting):** A discussion took place between the Board and TM Frost regarding the fountain on the common. Selectman Robitaille stated that he would like more time to review the information presented.

**5. Public Comment:** There was none.

**6. Other Business:**

**a) Town Manager’s Update:** TM Frost reminded the Board that a discussion still needed to take place on the engineering work on the Public Works Garage.

**b) Selectmen’s Updates:** The Board and TM Frost discussed a letter that was received from the State of NH regarding shutting down one streetlight on Main Street at the Cascade intersection. After further discussion, it was agreed that TM Frost would check on accident history at this location, as well as how well the intersection will be lit without that light. TM Frost informed the Board that the State has a meeting planned in Lancaster on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am to review this matter.

**c) Approval of Minutes (February 11, 2013):** Selectman Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes noting that Selectman Robitaille’s absence should be marked as “excused”, seconded by Chairman Graham, approved unanimously.

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

**e) Sign Abatements (if necessary):** None presented for signature.

**7. Non-Public Session:** There was no need for non-public session.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED:**

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David Graham

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Paul Robitaille

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William H. Jackson