

**MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012 6:30 PM
GORHAM TOWN HALL**

Selectmen Present: David Graham, Chairman; Paul Robitaille and William Jackson

Also Present: Melissa Grima (Berlin Daily Sun), Michelle Lutz, Jeff Schall, Henry Sanschagrin, Ron Donato, and Denise Vallee

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Chairman Graham.

2. Appointments: Michelle Lutz presented the Board with the Preliminary Report from KRT Appraisers. The Report included the preliminary revaluation assessments for land and building for residential properties. The old assessed values totaled \$138,099,200, the new preliminary assessed values totaled \$111,805,500, for a reduction of \$26,293,700 in value. Michelle commented that the DRA had thought higher-end homes would go up. Michelle did not see an increase. Michelle also informed the board that she had reformatted the information she received to be pertinent for the selectmen's review, but that she could e-mail the entire file to the board if they would like it. Bill asked when the commercial figures would be ready and Michelle responded that she should have them Thursday for the August 6th meeting.

2. New Business:

a) ATV Update: Henry Sanschagrin was asked to give the board an update as to how the ATV Festival went. Henry said that the event was a huge success and that it was estimated that between 1500 and 2000 people were there. All the vendors were happy. Final numbers are not in yet as to how much money was generated from the event. There were some issues and there are still a lot of hoops to go through. Paul Robitaille received a call from a resident in one of Donald Bald's houses on Lancaster Road. She is unhappy with the ATVs and is going to the State. She has also hired a lawyer because she is unhappy with the dust, noise, and speeding. She would like to see Smitty's Trail closed. Henry responded that two locals and some folks from Massachusetts were causing the problems.

b) Cemetery Deed: On a motion by Bill Jackson with a second from Paul Robitaille, the deed to Irene and John Strout for a cemetery lot in Mt. Hayes Cemetery was approved and signed.

DAVID GRAHAM YES

BILL JACKSON YES

ROBITAILLE YES

c) Woodlands Credit Union: David Graham had received a letter from the Credit Union that they had merged with Northeast Credit Union. The letter did not refer to the Express Branch in Gorham and David is concerned that the Gorham branch may be closed. Bill Jackson commented that he didn't think the board should take a position one way or the other. Paul Robitaille had no comment.

d) Meetings and Agendas: Bill Jackson commented that the Agendas should have more meat in them and that a meeting should not be held while the Town Manager is not present. Also, there is a Planning Board meeting on Thursday and the Board has requested a legal opinion and they haven't received it as yet. He stated that he has questions that cannot be answered by anyone other than the Town

Manager and that it is ludicrous and unacceptable to be meeting for this agenda. Chairman Graham responded that his comments were noted.

3. Old Business:

There being no old business, the chairman moved on to Public Comments.

4. Public Comment:

Ron Donato asked to be off the record. He stated that he has been into the Assessing Clerk's office to check on deeds and rights of way for his property on Jimtown Road. He is having an issue with a neighbor that has a rooster, chickens, goat and two horses, while other neighbors had to go in front of the ZBA for their chickens. The neighbor posted a threatening sign, which he reported to the police. He is at his wit's end. He has requested a record of what action the police have taken regarding the criminal threat and has been waiting three weeks for a response. Bill Jackson asked that Michelle check with John Scarinza to see if the zoning application was ever filed and that Michelle let Mr. Donato know.

Michelle Lutz informed the board that Skip Sansoucy had five properties to go back through. They have scheduled from August 9th through the 17th to go out to the properties in order to have an answer to the board by September 1st.

5. Board of Selectmen Updates: There were no updates.

The manifests were signed.

There were no abatements to sign.

6. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3, II (a & c):

The Board remained in regular session as there were no issues for discussion in non-public session at this time.

None required.

7. Adjournment: A motion was made by Bill Jackson and seconded by Paul Robitaille to adjourn. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at **7:08 pm.**

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

David Graham, Chairman

Paul R. Robitaille

William H. Jackson