

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, October 11, 2011, 6:30 pm
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

Selectmen present: Terry Oliver, Chairman; Paul Robitaille. David Graham excused.

Also present: Robin L. Frost, Town Manager

Don Provencher

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Oliver.

2. Appointments: There were no appointments scheduled.

3. New Business:

a) **Emergency Expenditure** – TM Frost reported that the expenditures for the storm damage would have to go to DRA as an emergency expenditure. The Board was asked to approve this request and a letter will be prepared for them to sign. Selectman Robitaille asked that TM Frost work with the local newspaper to get the word out about where the repairs stand. **On a motion by Selectman Robitaille, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the Board unanimously approved requesting an emergency expenditure of \$510,000, which will be offset by FEMA funding of \$434,000. The remainder of \$76,000 will come from undesignated fund balance.**

b) **NH Bureau of Trails Permission** – The NH Bureau of Trails provided forms for the Board to review and approve allowing snowmobile, ATV and trail bike access to the small portion of trail that goes through the Town Forest. Since this was agreed upon at a previous meeting, the Board agreed to sign the forms allowing permission for one year. They will review and discuss again in a year's time.

4. Old Business:

a) **Website** – TM Frost stated that The site is not yet up for the public to see, but should be before the next Selectmen's meeting.

b) **TS Irene Update** – TM Frost reported that work is ongoing with the engineering for the repairs to White Birch Lane and Libby Field. The road bed where the "trench" is will be filled in very soon and work will begin on the other areas as soon as the design is completed and the project goes out to bid. There will be a meeting with the engineers, Emergency Management Director, Public Works Director, Water and Sewer Superintendent and Town Manager this week. NRCS has also determined that there are a couple of sites which are considered "exigent" and therefore would qualify for funding through their program. So there is a chance that some of the private properties which were damaged could receive some assistance through the Town through NRCS.

5. Public Comment: Don Provencher said that they are doing good work out at the bridge on Route 16 near third hole. There is a Promotional marketing Train Ride from Laconia to Plymouth on October 29th, which is being done through Councilor Burton's office. He encouraged anyone who could to attend. Mr. Provencher echoed Selectman Graham's comments about the successful Rail Rally in Bethel, ME a few weeks ago.

6. Other Business:

a) Town Manager's Update: TM Frost was approached by Sylvia Saladino about a crosswalk near their establishment on Main Street. The Board members remembered that there was one some time ago. They have no objection to a crosswalk being re-established in that area, but would like to make sure it fits in with other plans for parking spaces, etc. TM Frost will get a plan pinned down.

EMD Chad Miller is getting the sandbags to be used at the end of Water and Broadway Streets. Placing them where the banking drops down will keep water from going into the properties which abut the Moose River.

The Board revisited the proposal for abating the asbestos at the Fur, Feather and Fin building. They will approve an expenditure of just under \$5000 to complete this task and will then re-evaluate the building and what further steps to take.

Selectman Robitaille mentioned that the Family Resource Center's 9th Annual Dinner Auction is on October 21st. He has attended in the past and it is a very good time for a good cause. He also received notice that the Northeast Resource Recovery Association Annual Meeting/Luncheon is on November 9th at noon at the Red Blazer in Concord.

b) Approval of Minutes (September 26, 2011): On a motion by Selectman Robitaille, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of both the regular session and the non-public session of the meeting of September 26, 2011, as well as the minutes of the non-public session of the meeting of September 12, 2011.

c) Sign Manifest: The Board signed the manifest as prepared.

d) Sign Abatements (if necessary): There were no abatements.

7. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:3, II (a): On a motion by Selectman Robitaille, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to move into Non-Public Session at 7:12 pm. Robitaille –aye, Oliver – aye.

On a motion by Selectmen Robitaille, seconded by Chairman Oliver, the Board voted unanimously by roll call to return to public session at 7:46 pm. Robitaille –aye, Oliver – aye.

There was no action taken as a result of the non-public session.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Terry Oliver, Chairman

David Graham

Paul Robitaille