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MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, SECOND FLOOR

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

Also present: William H. Jackson, Former Town Manager; Robin L. Frost, Town Manager; Jeff Stewart, Recreation Director

Sarah Kinney, Intern, *Berlin Daily Sun*
David Peel, MEAP Energy Project Assistant
Members of the Public

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

2. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:2,1; RSA 91-A:3,II a,b,c,d,e

3. Public Session Agenda: 6:40 PM The Chairman announced that there were no decisions made in non-public session.

Approve minutes of 5/10/2010: On a motion by Selectman Graham, seconded by Selectman Oliver, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as prepared.

Approve and Sign Manifest: On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board unanimously approved the manifest. The Board members signed the manifest.

Sign Appointment Slip: Selectman Oliver moved that the Board sign the appointment slip for Robin Frost as Town Manager. Selectman Graham seconded the motion and the Board signed the form.

Sign Abatements: There were no abatements for the Board to sign.

Basketball Court Proposal: Recreation Director Jeff Stewart presented his plan for a half basketball court on the Town Common. This would be placed in the area where the skating rink used to be. There would be no additional cost to the taxpayers for the construction of the court. The court would be constructed with funds held by the Boosters' Club. Selectmen Oliver asked if there might be an opportunity to place another half court up town. Director Stewart said that for right now, this is the best place for the half court, considering the land and the visibility of the court when it is finished. Additionally, there is already a streetlight at the site. **The Board unanimously approved the plan for a half basketball court on the Town Common on a motion by Selectman Oliver, with a second by Selectman Graham.**

July 4th Permit Conditions & Sign NH Fireworks Permit: While Director Stewart was still present, the Board discussed the conditions for the use of the Town Common for the Fourth of July celebration. The Board stood firm in their desire to have no more than 3 campers on the common itself. They also felt that Miller Amusements should be responsible for any damages to the Town Common caused by them or their equipment. Director Stewart said that he had been in contact with the Fourth of July Committee and they agree to those conditions. The Board quickly reviewed the fireworks permit submitted by Chief Eichler. **On a motion by Selectman Oliver, Seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board authorized Chairman Robitaille to sign the NH Fireworks Permit.**

Adoption of 2009 All Hazard Mitigation Plan: EMD Heather Mortenson is asking the Board to sign the All Hazard Mitigation Plan which has been conditionally approved by FEMA. FEMA will send an official acceptance and confirmation once the plan has been adopted and signed by the Board of Selectmen. **On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board unanimously agreed to adopt the 2009 All Hazard Mitigation Plan.** The Board signed the plan which will be given back to EMD Mortenson for submission.

4. Other Business: The Board discussed the transition period for the new Town Manager. Retired Town Manager William Jackson has graciously offered his assistance, which has been gratefully accepted by New Town Manager, Robin Frost. The Board agreed that Jackson and Frost would determine the amount of time needed for the transition.

Chairman Robitaille has been approached by a Randolph Selectman about perambulating the Town line. It was suggested that he contact the Town Forester since the Town Forest crosses the Gorham/Randolph line and he would be quite familiar with the area.

David Peel was present to go over his findings with the energy audit he performed using the RGGI funds available to five towns in the North Country. His main concern was the electrical use at the Town Hall. It was thought that the construction might have some effect on the spike.

Selectmen Graham mentioned that he found reading the PWD Quarterly Report helpful.

Selectmen Graham reported that he thought the meeting of the North Country Council that he attended was interesting. Chairman Robitaille is currently the transportation rep for Gorham, but he would be willing to pass that on to Selectmen Graham, if he were interested. Selectmen Graham indicated that he would be, so **Selectmen Oliver made a motion to appoint Selectmen Graham as the Transportation Representative to NCC, seconded by Chairman Robitaille. Motion carried.**

Selectmen Graham reported a concern with the trash that is left outside the day care center in his neighborhood. The bears get into the trash and drag it all over the neighboring properties. TM Frost will send them a letter enclosing the Wildlife Ordinance to see if that would prompt them to take care of their waste more carefully.

In reference to a question about dog licensing, the Board was informed that the procedure was under the control of the Town Clerk and she has a very good handle on the enforcement.

5. Public Comment: Norman Provencher wondered if the MacFarlane Street issue had been addressed. Since no one really knew what that issue was, he explained that manholes and drainage had been paved over. TM Frost will discuss with PWD Holmes when he returns from vacation.

6. Date for Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 7, 2010.**

7. Non-Public Session: RSA RSA 91-A:2,1; RSA 91-A:3,II a,b,c,d,e

No decisions made nor action taken in Non-Public Session.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.