

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
TUESDAY, October 12, 2010
GORHAM TOWN HALL

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

Also present: Robin L. Frost, Town Manager

Craig Lyons, *Berlin Daily Sun*
Don Provencher

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Chairman Robitaille.

2. Appointments: There were no scheduled appointments.

3. New Business:

a) **Rail Service Discussion:** Selectman Graham mentioned that there is increased interest in rail service in the area. The Town of Bethel, Maine has been holding regular meetings to discuss economic development and a piece of this is revitalized rail service. There is another meeting in Bethel tomorrow morning and Selectman Graham and Don Provencher will be attending. Mr. Provencher stated that he was not representing the Genesee & Wyoming Railroad. He spoke about the importance of rail service throughout the North Country. This is a vital east/west link. There is a potential for passenger rail as well as freight rail. He suggested that the Town form an Economic Development Committee and have a transportation/rail service subcommittee. Mr. Provencher has contact information for people who could provide assistance. The Board agreed to discuss that suggestion. Selectman Graham mentioned that he has spoken with Mary Deppe, Transportation Planner for North Country Council. She is willing to participate in discussions.

4. Old Business:

a) **Discussion of Possible Revenue Sources:** TM Frost stated that she has made contact with Melinda Poore of Time Warner and she would like to meet during the day some time. It was agreed that TM Frost and Selectman Graham will meet with Ms. Poore and report back to the full Board.

Selectman Graham would like to look further into recycling fees. He knows there are some in place, but we should review and discuss.

5. Public Comment: Don Provencher thanked the Board for bringing the rail service issue to the forefront.

6. Other Business:

a) **Town Manager's Update:** TM Frost is reviewing the budget as it is submitted to her and so far there are no surprises. The budgets are looking flat.

Priscilla Blackburn has submitted a letter of resignation from her position as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. **On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board voted unanimously to accept, with regret, the resignation of Priscilla Blackburn from Trustees of the Trust Funds.**

The Board signed the official warrant for the November 2nd General Election.

TM Frost mentioned that the Board members have a copy of a letter sent to Robert Balon in response to his further questioning of the salt/sand issue. This was the third such letter and the response is somewhat strong in language due to the incessant accusations. TM Frost just wanted the Board to be informed.

b) Approval of Minutes (September 27, 2010): On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2010 as prepared. On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the non-public session of the meeting of September 27, 2010.

c) **Sign Manifest:** The manifest was signed.

d) **Sign Abatements:** There were two abatements for KGI Properties which the Board signed.

7. Set Date for Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010.

8. Non-Public Session (RSA 91-A:3,II (a), (c): On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board voted to go into non-public session at 7:30 pm. Robitaille – Aye, Oliver – Aye, Graham – Aye.

On a motion by Selectman Graham, seconded by Selectman Oliver, the Board voted to close the non-public session at 8:08 pm and return to the regular meeting. Robitaille – Aye, Oliver – Aye, Graham – Aye.

No decisions were made in the non-public session.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Paul Robitaille, Chairman

Terry Oliver

David Graham