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# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday, August 3, 2009

Town Hall Meeting Room 2nd Floor

(Handicap accessible)

In Attendance: Selectmen

Yves Zornio, Chairman

Paul Robitaille

Terry Oliver

William H. Jackson, Town Manager

Member of the Press

1. Call To Order (6:00 PM)
2. Non-Public Session (RSA 91-A:2, 1) (RSA 91 -A:3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). (6:00 PM)
3. Public Session Agenda (6:37 PM)
  - a. The Chairman announced that no action had taken place in non-public session.
  - b. The Board approved the minutes of June 20, 2009.
  - c. The Board signed the weekly manifest.

Agenda Items -

- ↳ **TIGER Funds** – American Recovery & Reinvestment Act - The Town Manager explained that there are funds available under this Act specifically for paving and road repairs. Up to \$20,000,000 might be secured for the North Country. An initiative being led by the City Manager in Berlin to use a regional area bounded in the North by Dummer, in the South by Gorham, in the East by Shelburne and, in the West by Randolph will be submitted as a project area. The initial cost for the assessment will be \$5,000 to be shared by the participating municipalities. At this time, Berlin, Gorham, and Shelburne have committed. A letter of interest was received by the Town of Colebrook asking to be included in the project, as well. Originally, the State of NH was going to participate but pulled out at the last moment fearing that this application would jeopardize their other application for the Portsmouth Bridge. The TM stated he would keep the Board informed as things progressed.
- ↳ **26 Spruce Street – Fire Cleanup** - The Town Manager presented the Board with a letter from the Town's Attorney stating that the Board had the authority to expend funds from the Emergency Disaster Capital Reserve Fund for the demolition and removal of the burned out structure on 26 Spruce St. His opinion is based on the fact that the structure has known asbestos contamination and presents a health hazard in its current condition. The Town has received an Order from the Berlin District Court on a Motion for Summary Enforcement Pursuant to NH RSA 155-B. **On a motion from Selectman Robitaille with a second from Selectman Oliver, the Board voted to allow the costs associated with this Court Order to be taken from the Emergency Disaster Capital Reserve.**

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Zornio	YES
	Selectman Robitaille	YES
	Selectman Oliver	YES

- ↳ **Hanger Lease (Lettre)** – The Town Manager informed the Board that he had received a final approved draft from the Water & Sewer Commission and would forward this “draft” to Mr. Letter.
- ↳ **Proposed “Wild Animal Ordinance”** – The Town Manager gave each member of the Board a copy of a proposed Ordinance dealing with how trash is handled within the Town of Gorham. While the ordinance is based on a similar one in Lincoln, NH, it has been adapted to conditions present in Gorham. A summary description is as follows: commercial dumpsters used in the Town of Gorham must be of the “Bear Proof” variety; outside enclosures must be “wildlife resistant” (plans can be obtained from NH Fish &

Game); residential trash cannot be placed at curbside until 5 AM on the day of pickup. After notification by law enforcement, a violation will entail a \$100.00 fine. This will be reduced to \$25.00 if paid within 48 hours. A third violation in any calendar year will automatically be brought to District Court and a \$100.00 fine will be assessed. Speaking in favor of the ordinance was Police Chief P.J. Cyr and a Representative of NH Fish & Game. Chief Cyr stated that bear complaints for the same period last year totaled 19 calls. This year the number has increased to 56 calls. 90% of these calls are for improperly stored waste materials. On a motion from Selectman Robitaille with a second from Selectman Oliver, the Board approved the new Wild Animal Ordinance.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Chairman Zornio</b>	<b>YES</b>
	<b>Selectman Robitaille</b>	<b>YES</b>
	<b>Selectman Oliver</b>	<b>YES</b>

4. Other Business: None

5. Public Comment: None

6. Date for Next Meeting: **August 17, 2009 - Non-Public RSA 91-A 3, II (b)**

7. Non-Public Session: (RSA 91-A: 2, 1) (RSA 91 -A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). [Not Required]

8. Adjournment - On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Robitaille, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. All voted in the affirmative.