



# AGENDA

**MEETING OF THE GORHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN s**  
**Monday, March 11, 2019, 6:00 PM**  
**Gorham Town Hall Public Meeting Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

1. **Call to Order 6:00 PM**
2. **New Business:**
  - Public Hearing - 6:00pm**
    - a) Discussion on the revision of administrative Policies/ Town Code revisions (7): Snowmobile access to Main Street; Heavy Traffic Prohibited; Wild Animal Ordinance; Stop Intersections; Yield Intersections; Violation and Penalties, and Overnight Parking)
    - b) Discussion and Action on the vehicle purchase proposal for the fire department chief.
    - c) Discussion on Primex<sup>3</sup> summary report on the Vision, Mission & SMART Goals exercise with the Selectboard, Town Manager and Department Heads
    - d) Property valuation appeals
3. **Old Business/Updates:**
  - a. CMA/snow storage
4. **Public Comment-** In consideration for all please limit comments to 2 minutes
5. **Other Business:**
  - a) Selectmen's Updates
  - b) Town Manager's Report
  - c) Approval of Minutes (February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting, February 28, 2019 Regular Meeting, February 28, 2019 Non-Public Session)
6. **Non-Public Session:** RSA 91-a:3, II, b,d,e [If Needed]
8. **Adjournment**

(b) Any motion to enter nonpublic session shall state on its face the specific exemption under paragraph II which is relied upon as foundation for the nonpublic session. The vote on any such motion shall be by roll call, and shall require the affirmative vote of the majority of members present.

(d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.

(e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TOWN OF GORHAM, N.H.

### REVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES/TOWN CODE

The Town of Gorham's Board of Selectmen will hold two consecutive Public Hearings on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM and on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Town Hall on 20 Parker Street, Public Meeting Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Gorham, N.H. to hear public comments on the following revision of administrative Policies/Town Code:

1. Snowmobile access to Main Street;
2. Heavy Traffic Prohibited;
3. Wild Animal Ordinance;
4. Stop Intersections;
5. Yield Intersections;
6. Violation and Penalties, and Overnight Parking Plan;

Interested persons are invited to attend and comment on the proposed application and planning documents. Please contact the Town of Gorham at (603) 466-3322, five days in advance if you need assistance to attend or participate in the hearing. Anyone wishing to submit written comments should address them to the Town of Gorham, Town Manager's Office, 20 Park Street, Gorham, New Hampshire.

Public Posting Place:

1. Gorham Town Hall (bulletin board). 20 Park Street, Gorham, N.H.
2. Gorham Town website at <http://www.gorhamnh.org>

Code of the Town of Gorham, NH

Part II General Legislation

Chapter 95

Operation of Snowmobiles

**95-1. Purpose**

The Town of Gorham, NH is a tourism community that welcomes recreational snowmobile activities. To enhance snowmobiling activities, the Town offers access to downtown Main Street for dining, lodging, shopping and other offerings. This ordinance is intended to identify permitted access travel routes in the Town of Gorham.

**95-2. Authority**

NH RSA 31:39	Purpose and Penalties
NH RSA 41:11	Regulation of Use of Highways. Etc.
NH RSA 215-C:8	Operation of Snowmobiles
NH RSA 215-C:31(I)	Regulations of Political Subdivisions
NH RSA 236:56, II(e)	Prohibition of Certain Vehicles Within Highway Rights of Way

**95-3. Definitions**

"Public way" means any public highway, street, sidewalk, avenue, alley, park or parkway, or any way that is funded by state, city, town, county, or the federal government, or laid out by statute, or any parking lots open for use by the public or vehicular traffic, or any frozen surface of a public body of water; provided, however, the off highway portion of any trail established specifically for snowmobiles shall not be a public way.

"Snowmobile" means any vehicle propelled by mechanical power that is designed to travel over ice or snow supported in part by skis, tracks, or cleats. Only vehicles that are no more than 54 inches in width and no more than 1200 pounds in weight shall be considered snowmobiles under this chapter.

"Snowmobiles" shall not include OHRVs as defined in RSA 215-A.

**95-4. Permitted travel routes (See Appendix 1)**

- A. Snowmobiles are permitted to gain access to the south side of Main Street (Routes 2 and 16) from Corridor 19 of the Presidential Rail Trail by way of the following streets:
  - i. Glen Road
  - ii. Church Street
  - iii. Bellevue Place
  - iv. Lary Street

Amendment Notes:

- B. In accordance with NH RSA 236:56, snowmobiles are authorized to travel on the southern sidewalk of Main Street from the Moose Brook Motel on the Lancaster Road to Bangor Street on Lower Main Street.
- i. The operator of any snowmobile that approaches a pedestrian using the sidewalk shall reduce speed, pull to the extreme right of the sidewalk and stop until the pedestrian has passed the snowmobile.
  - ii. Snowmobiles may access the north side of Main Street in accordance with the following provisions of NH RSA 215-C8 X:
    - (a) The crossing shall be made at an angle of approximately 90 degrees to the direction of the public way and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;
    - (b) The operator shall bring the snowmobile to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or, if none, the public way, before proceeding;
    - (c) The operator shall yield the right of way to all motor vehicle traffic on such public way which constitutes an immediate hazard to such crossing;
    - (d) The operator shall possess a valid motor vehicle driver's license or shall have successfully completed the approved snowmobile or OHRV safety training course.

#### **95-5. Prohibitions**

- A. No person shall operate a snowmobile the length of sidewalk located on the north side of Main Street to gain access to a business or residence.
- B. No person shall operate at a speed greater that is reasonable and prudent under the existing conditions and without regard for actual or potential hazards. In all cases, speed shall be controlled so that the operator will be able to avoid collisions with any person, vehicle or object.
- C. No person shall operate a snowmobile on a public way at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour.

#### **96-6. Penalties/Enforcement**

- A. Any person that violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and fined \$150.
- B. Enforcement of this ordinance will be in accordance with NH RSA 31:39.

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Code Amendment:

Part II           General Legislation  
Chapter 210     Vehicles and Traffic  
Article II        Traffic Regulations

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***210-25-a Heavy Traffic Prohibited***

*No person shall Drive or operate trucks, truck tractors, truck and trailer combinations or truck-tractor combinations exceeding 20,000 pounds licensed gross weight on the following routes:*

- a. Cascade Flats (South entrance only) from US Route 16 to southerly entrance to River Street. If one or more routes set forth above are the only means of accessing a business-related destination or delivery point, trucks subject to the prohibitions of this section may use only the shortest and most direct portions of such routes as is necessary to access and exit such destination or delivery point.*
- b. This section shall only apply to commercial vehicles whose licensed gross weight is in excess of 20,000 pounds.*

**Amendment Notes:**

**Effective March 12, 2019**

The amendment substituted "Heavy Traffic Prohibited" with "2010-25-a Heavy Traffic Prohibited".

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Code Amendment:

Part II           General Legislation  
Chapter 210    Vehicles and Traffic  
Article III     Parking Restrictions

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*210-26 Violations and penalties*

*Unless otherwise provided, any person who violates this Article shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one-hundred dollars (\$100). Each violation of this Article shall constitute a separate offense.*

**Amendment Notes:**

**March 12, 2019**

The amendment substituted “not less than five dollars (\$5) nor more than ten dollars (\$10)” with “not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one-hundred dollars (\$100”).

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Code Amendment:

Part II           General Legislation  
Chapter 210    Vehicles and Traffic  
Article III      Parking Restrictions

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*210-28 All night parking in winter*

*No vehicle or trailer shall be parked on any public street or public parking lot between the hours of 11:00 PM and 6:00 AM from November 15 to April 15<sup>th</sup>. Any person who violates this Article shall be fined:*

*\$100   First Offense  
\$200   Second Offense  
\$500   Third Offense*

*Each violation of this Article shall constitute a separate offense.*

Amendment Notes

Effective March 12, 2019

The amendment added "Any person who violates this Article shall be fined: \$100 First Offense, \$200 Second Offense, \$500 Third Offense".