

**AGENDA & PROPOSED ORDERS
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

August 4, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Gorham Municipal Center – Council Chambers

PLEASE NOTE: The proposed orders on this agenda are suggested orders only and may change without notice prior to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Acceptance of the minutes of the July 7, 2009 Regular Town Council meeting

Open Public Communications

Councilor Communications

Chairman's Report

Town Manager's Report

The Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD will provide a brief presentation to explain who they are and their purpose.

School Committee Report

Department Report – Code Enforcement Department

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing #1 Public Hearing to consider approval of a new liquor license application for YourSpace.

Item #7734 Action to consider approval of a new liquor license application for YourSpace. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7734 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled approve the application for a new liquor license for YourSpace.

Public Hearing #2 Public Hearing on a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code Chapters I, II and IV to allow Bed & Breakfast facilities in additional areas of the community.

Item #7735 Action to consider a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code Chapters I, II and IV to allow Bed & Breakfast facilities in additional areas of the community. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7735 **WHEREAS**, Bed and Breakfast facilities provide overnight accommodations, often reuse existing older housing, have relatively low neighborhood impact and contribute to and support a local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that providing more opportunities for the development of Bed and Breakfast facilities, with appropriate land use regulation, is beneficial for the community,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled to approve amendments to Chapters I, II and IV to provide more opportunities for the development of Bed and Breakfast facilities, as presented.

Public Hearing #3 Public Hearing to consider a proposal to amend the Administrative Code, Article IX-Land and Building Development Department, to update the article.

Item #7736 Action to consider a proposal to amend the Administrative Code, Article IX-Land and Building Development Department, to update the article. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7736 **WHEREAS**, the Town has an Administrative Code that was adopted in August 1970; and,

WHEREAS, Article IX appears to be the original language, unchanged in 49 years; and,

WHEREAS, the language is inaccurate,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine in Town Council assembled approve the amendment to the Administrative Code, Article IX-Land and Building Development Department, as proposed.

Item #7737 Action to consider an extension of an existing contract with Cumberland County for Communication Dispatch Services, as proposed. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7737 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled approve a 4 year extension of the contract with Cumberland County for Communication Dispatch Services, as proposed.

Item #7738 Action to consider voting for officers of the Maine Municipal Association. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7738 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled vote for the officers of the Maine Municipal Association as proposed by the Nominating Committee.

Item #7739 Action to consider a request for the Town to make health insurance coverage available to domestic partners. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7739 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled refer a request to make health insurance coverage available to domestic partners to the Appointments/Personnel Committee for their review and recommendation.

Item #7740 Action to consider a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code, Chapter II, Section III - Signs. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7740 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled refer a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development, Code, Chapter II, Section III - Signs, to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.

Item #7741 Action to consider making repairs to the roof of Robie Gym. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7741 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled ask the Capital Improvement Committee to review the condition of the roof at Robie Gym and make recommendations to the Town Council.

Item #7742 Action to consider authorizing Cumberland County to seek recovery of costs for the Haz-Mat team resulting from an acid leak in Scarborough on August 6, 2006. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7742 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled authorize Cumberland County, acting on behalf of the communities of Portland, South Portland, Scarborough and Gorham who are members of the Presumpscott Valley Haz-Mat Team, to pursue recovery of costs through a lawsuit against New England Motor Freight resulting from an acid leak that occurred on or about August 6, 2006.

Item #7743 Action to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841 (2) for the purpose of considering an application to abate taxes based on poverty. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7743 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled go into executive session, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841 (2) for the purpose of considering an application to abate taxes based on poverty.

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