

AGENDA & PROPOSED ORDERS
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.
Gorham Municipal Center – Council Chamber

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call of the 2008-2009 Town Council

Acceptance of the minutes of the October 6, 2009 Regular Town Council Meeting

Open Public Communications

Councilor Communications

Chairman's Report

Town Manager's Report

School Committee Report

Department Report: Finance Department

A representative from the Maine Power Reliability Project, a Central Maine Power Co. project, will update the Town Council on the status of the project.

Election Report

Swearing in of the newly elected Town Councilors

Roll Call of the 2009-2010 Town Council

Old Business (Note: Old Business will be taken up after Item #7770)

Item #7759 Action to consider authorizing a road project and reallocating funds. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7759 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled accept a bid from R. J. Grondin for a road project on Barstow Road; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council reallocate funds from the Vacuum Truck Reserve Fund and the Capital Reserve Fund to combine with road project funds for this project.

New Business

Item #7767 Action regarding the election of the Council Chairman for 2009-2010. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7767 **VOTED** to elect _____ as the Chairman of the Gorham Town Council for 2009-2010.

Item #7768 Action regarding the election of the Council Vice-Chairman for 2009-2010. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7768 **VOTED** to elect _____ as the Vice-Chairman of the Gorham Town Council for 2009-2010.

Item #7769 Action regarding appointment of members to the following Town Council Committees for 2009-2010:

Finance Committee
Ordinance Committee
Appointments/Personnel Committee
Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee
Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments
Ad Hoc Representative to the Recreation Advisory Board
Ad Hoc Representative to the Cable TV Committee (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed
Order #7769**

VOTED to appoint members as presented to the following Council Committees for 2009-2010: Finance Committee; _____, Chairman, _____ & _____, Ordinance Committee; _____, Chairman, _____ & _____, Appointments/Personnel Committee _____, Chairman, _____ & _____, Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee; _____, Chairman, _____ & _____, Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments; _____, Ad Hoc Representative to the Recreation Advisory Board; _____, Ad Hoc Representative to the Cable TV Committee; _____ (Adm. Spon.)

**See Old
Business**

Item #7770

Action regarding acceptance of the Council Rules for 2009-2010. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed
Order #7770**

ORDERED that the Town Council adopt by reference the same Council Rules as were adopted for the year 2008-2009 as the Council Rules for 2009-2010.

**Public
Hearing #1**

Public Hearing to consider approval to renew a liquor license for Sebago Brewing Company.

Item #7771

Action to consider approval to renew a liquor license for Sebago Brewing Company. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed
Order #7771**

ORDERED that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled approve the renewal of a liquor license for Sebago Brewing Company.

**Public
Hearing #2**

Public Hearing to consider adopting revisions to the General Assistance Ordinance.

Item #7772

Action to consider adopting revisions to the General Assistance Ordinance. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed
Order #7772**

Whereas, the State establishes maximum levels of assistance for local General Assistance Ordinances; and,

Whereas the Town's local ordinance must be adjusted annually to reflect the new maximum levels of assistance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled amend the Town's General Assistance Ordinance to reflect the new state maximum levels of assistance.

Item #7773

Action regarding asking the Finance Committee to review the provision in the agreement between the Town of Gorham and the First Parish Congregational Church that requires the Church to provide annual maintenance on the Town Clock. (Councilor Miner Spon.)

Proposed

ORDERED that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town

- Order #7773** Council assembled ask the Finance Committee to review the requirement for the First Parish Congregational Church to provide annual maintenance on the historic E. Howard Tower Town Clock found in Town Council Order #7399, approved March 6, 2007 and the March 26, 2007 letter from the First Parish Congregational Church that collectively detail the agreement between the Town and the Church regarding the historic Town Clock and make any appropriate recommendations to the Town Council.
- Item #7774** Action to consider a proposal to amend the Urban Commercial and Village Center Districts of the Land Use and Development Code to require that the principle buildings meet the “build to” requirements of the Code. (Adm. Spon.)
- Proposed Order #7774** **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 I to require that the principle buildings meet the “build to” requirements of the Code, to the Planning Board for public hearing and their recommendation.
- Item #7775** Action to consider a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to have certain applications and approvals expire after a period of inactivity. (Adm. Spon.)
- Proposed Order #7775** **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, Chapters I, III and IV to have certain applications and approvals expire after a period of inactivity, to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.
- Item #7776** Action to consider amending the Land Use and Development Code to allow smaller lots for sewage pumping stations within subdivisions. (Adm. Spon.)
- Proposed Order #7776** **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 I, to allow smaller lots for sewage pumping stations within subdivisions, to the Planning Board for public hearing and their recommendation. (Adm. Spon.)
- Item #7777** Action to consider amending the Land Use and Development Code to allow open space areas that do not meet minimum lot size requirements in the Development Transfer Overlay District. Adm. Spon.)
- Proposed Order #7777** **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 I, to allow open space areas that do not meet minimum lot size requirements in the Development Transfer Overlay District to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.
- Item #7778** Action to consider amending the Land Use and Development Code, Chapters I and II, regarding signs. (Adm. Spon.)
- Proposed Order #7778** **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 I and Chapter II, Section III, paragraphs C, D, E and G and add a new paragraph, M, regulating signs, to the Planning Board for public hearing and their recommendation.

Item #7779 Action regarding authorizing the Town to submit an application for a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Project. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #7779 **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled authorize the staff to submit an application for a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Project up to a maximum of \$85,000 with a 10% local match.

Item #7780 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 #7780 **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.

ADJOURN