

**AGENDA & PROPOSED ORDERS  
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 5, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.  
Gorham Municipal Center – Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call of the Town Council

Acceptance of the minutes of the March 1, 2011 Regular Town Council Meeting and March 28, 2011 Special Town Council Meeting

Open Public Communications

Gorham Founders' Festival Update

Councilor Communications

Chairman's Report

Town Manager's Report

There will be a brief presentation by the Maine Rail Transit Coalition

There will be a brief presentation on the 2011/2012 Budget

School Committee Report

**New Business**

**Item #7988**      Action to consider authorizing a referendum vote on June 14, 2011 to seek voter approval to issue general obligation bonds for up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to construct public safety site improvements at Narragansett School, a synthetic turf competition field and related facilities. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7988**      **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled, authorize a referendum vote on June 14, 2011 to seek voter approval to issue general obligation bonds in an amount up to three million dollars (\$3,000,000) to construct public safety site improvements at and near the Narragansett School, a synthetic turf competition field and related facilities; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Town Council schedule a public hearing on the referendum question for June 7, 2011; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Town Council approve the following referendum question;

**REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1**

Shall a capital expenditure for school construction purposes by the Municipal Officers of a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000,000 be approved to construct (a) public safety site improvements at and near the Narragansett School and (b) a synthetic turf competition field and related facilities and site improvements, with any funds remaining after completion of such projects to be used to pay costs of capital improvements to the public safety building and/or the Narragansett School, such \$3,000,000 amount to be raised by the issuance of general obligations bonds and/or notes of the Town, hereby authorized, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as said Municipal Officers shall determine? (Total estimated debt service of \$\_\_\_\_\_ of which principal is \$3,000,000 and estimated interest at \_\_\_\_% over 20 years is \$\_\_\_\_\_)

Notes:

1. The estimated amount of the additional operating costs during the project's first two years is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the first year and \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the second year. The estimated impact on the tax rate is \_\_\_\_\_ the first year and \_\_\_\_\_ the second year.
2. The Town is responsible for the local share of annual principal and interest payments for this school construction project included in the total cost of education appropriated pursuant to title 20-A, section 15690, subsection 1, if any, and for the annual principal and interest payments for the non-state funded portion of this school construction project. *Note: The Town shall be responsible for all of the principal and interest payments on the bonds issued for this school construction project under this Referendum Question No. 1 because the State is not providing any funding for this project.*
3. The Town Council recommends a "Yes" vote. The School Committee recommends a "Yes" vote.

**Financial Statement**

The issuing of bonds by the Town of Gorham is one of the ways in which the Town borrows money for certain purposes. The following is a summary of the bonded indebtedness of the Town of Gorham as of the date of this referendum election:

Bonds Now Outstanding and Unpaid:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Interest to be Repaid on Outstanding Bonds:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total to be Repaid on Bonds Outstanding:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Principal Amount of Bonds Authorized But Not Yet Issued:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued If Question 1  
Is Approved By Voters:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimate of Potential New Interest on such Additional Bonds  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Additional Bonds To Be Issued & Estimated Interest  
If Approved By Voters:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

When money is borrowed by issuing bonds, the Town must repay not only the principal amount of the bonds but also interest on the bonds. The amount of interest to be paid will vary depending upon the rate of interest and the years to maturity at the time of issue. The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the estimates made of the costs involved, including varying interest rates, the estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity.

**Item #7989** Action to consider a request from Hans Hansen to develop a contract zone on a lot off County Road (Tax Map 3, Lot 22.402) (Phinney Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7989** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled, refer a request from Hans Hansen to develop a contract zone on a lot off County Road (Tax Map 3, Lot 22.402) to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.

**Item #7990** Action to consider a request from Barry King and Sons to rezone land on County Road (Map 6, lot 43.001) from the Suburban Residential Zone to the Rural Zone. (Pressey Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7990** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled refer a request from Barry King and Sons to rezone property on County Road (Tax Map 6, lot 43.001) from the Suburban Residential Zone to the Rural Zone to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.

**Item #7991** Action to consider adopting an updated Fund Balance Policy. (Finance Committee Spon. 3-0)

**Proposed Order #7991** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled adopt the new Fund Balance Policy, as presented, as a replacement for the Fund Balance Policy adopted by the Town Council on January 2, 1996.

**Item #7992** Action to consider setting an application fee for Large Outdoor Events. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7992** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled pursuant to Section 4 of the Large Outdoor Event Ordinance, establish an application fee of \$100.00 for Large Outdoor Events.

**Item #7993** Action to consider authorizing a Police Officer to represent the Town in District Court in prosecution of alleged violations of local ordinances that the Police Department is empowered to enforce.. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7993** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled pursuant to Title 30-A, M.R.S.A., Section 2761 (3), authorize Police Officer Todd Gagnon to represent the Town of Gorham in District Court in the prosecution of alleged violations of those local ordinances that the Police Department is empowered to enforce, if duly certified in accordance with Title 25, M.R.S.A., section 2008 A (8) or successor statute.

**Item #7994** Action to consider authorizing funds to support the Gorham Founders Festival. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7994** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled, appropriate \$6,000 from the contingency account to support the Gorham Founders Festival ; and,  
**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the balance of any unused funds from this appropriation as of June 30, 2012, be returned to the contingency account.

**Item #7995** Action to consider a request from the Planning Board to clarify when construction or expansion of a paved area needs site plan review by the Planning Board. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7995** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled refer a request from the Planning Board to amend the Land Use and Development Code, Chapter IV to clarify when construction or expansion of a paved area needs site plan approval from the Planning Board to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.

**Item #7996** Action to consider authorizing the Town Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to allow staff to assist FEMA in updating the Town's floodplain maps. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7996** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled authorize the Town Manager to sign a Memorandum of

Understanding with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to allow staff to assist FEMA in updating the Town's floodplain maps, provided that the Town is not precluded from appealing any future decision made by FEMA regarding the Town's designated floodplain or floodplain maps.

**Item #7997** Action to consider having the Capital Improvement Committee review the concepts developed for the Public Safety project and report back to the Town Council. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7997** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled ask the Capital Improvement Committee to review the concepts developed for the Public Safety Project and report back to the Town Council.

**Item #7998** Action to consider a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to allow a "caretaker" dwelling unit as an accessory use in the Narragansett Development District. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order # 7998** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled refer to the Planning Board for public hearing and their recommendation a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to allow a "caretaker" dwelling unit as an accessory use in the Narragansett Development District, Roadside Commercial, Urban Commercial District and Industrial District.

**Item #7999** Action to consider accepting the resignation of Stephanie Publicker from the Parks and Conservation Commission. (Adm. Spon.)

**Proposed Order #7999** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham Maine in Town Council assembled accept the resignation of Stephanie Publicker from the Parks and Conservation Commission, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Council expresses their appreciation for her services to the community.

**Item #8000** Action to consider reviewing opportunities for providing a public bus transportation service to Gorham. (Miner Spon.)

**Proposed Order #8000** **ORDERED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine in Town Council assembled ask the Finance Committee to review the opportunities for providing a public bus transportation service to Gorham and report back to the Town Council

**ADJOURN**