

AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDERS
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 5, 2012 7:00 pm
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 May 1, 2012 Regular Meeting

Open Public Communications

Councilor Communications

Town Manager’s Report

School Committee Report

Steve Linnel will present his report regarding options for providing public bus service to Gorham.

New Business

Public

Hearing #1 A Public Hearing on the proposed budget for the Town, including the School Department for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Item #8177 Action to consider the proposed budget for the Gorham School Department for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed

Order #8177 Ordered that the Gorham Town Council vote to approve the School Budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 as follows:

***NOTE:** Pursuant to Section 405 of the Council-Manager Charter of Town of Gorham, “The Town Council, after reviewing the proposed budget, may change the total appropriation prior to approving the final budget.” Pursuant to State law, 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 2307, “In charter municipalities where the municipal charter confers upon a municipal council or other municipal legislative body the authority to determine the total amount of the school budget and confers upon the school committee or school board the authority to direct the expenditure of those funds for school purposes, the municipal council or other municipal legislative body shall determine the total amount of the school budget to be submitted to a budget validation referendum and the school committee or school board shall determine the allocation of the approved school budget among the cost centers of the cost center summary budget format.” Pursuant to section 15671-A(5 of Title 20-A of the Maine Revised Statues, when the Council approves a school budget exceeding the State’s EPS funding model, a separate recorded council vote is required to approve the funds raised. Consequently, a separate Order follows this Order for that purpose.*

Ordered, that the following school budget items be adopted and approved for fiscal year 2012-2013:

- That \$12,913,288 be authorized to be expended for Regular Instruction;
- that \$5,118,367 be authorized to be expended for Special Education;
- that \$534,045 be authorized to be expended for Career and Technical Education;
- that \$570,543 be authorized to be expended for Other Instruction;
- that \$2,069,560 be authorized to be expended for Student and Staff Support;
- that \$829,595 be authorized to be expended for System Administration;
- that \$1,735,670 be authorized to be expended for School Administration;

that \$1,670,349 be authorized to be expended for Transportation and Buses;
that \$2,905,280 be authorized to be expended for Facilities Maintenance;
that \$3,628,705 be authorized to be expended for Debt Service and Other Commitments; and that
\$0 be authorized to be expended for All Other Expenditures.

Be It Further Ordered:

1. That **\$31,975,402** appropriated for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and that **\$11,012,849** be raised as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

Explanation: The municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.

2. That **\$681,599** be raised and appropriated for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the municipality's legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality's long-term debt for major capital school construction projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.

Be It Further Ordered, that the school committee be authorized to expend **\$31,975,402** for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 from the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town will appropriate **\$239,928** for adult education and raise **\$121,928** as the local share; with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest and for the well-being of the adult education program.

Item #8178 Action to approve a School Budget that exceeds the State's funding model for fiscal year 2012-2013. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed

Order #8178 Ordered that \$1,873,688 be raised and appropriated in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,256,777 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$1,873,688 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,256,777. The State's funding model does not support all of the costs of the schools because it includes only those costs considered essential by the new State Essential Programs and Services (EPS) model.

Explanation: - The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the municipality's local Contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the School Department budget for educational programs.

Item #8179 Action to consider the proposed budget for the Town of Gorham for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed Order #8179 Ordered that the Gorham Town Council vote to adopt the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget with the following departmental totals:

General Government	\$	1,381,898
Public Safety	\$	3,552,620
Public Works/Solid Waste/Engineering & Insp. Services	\$	2,366,361
Health & Welfare and Social Service Agencies	\$	98,835
Recreation/Community Center/Cable	\$	359,290
Libraries and Museum	\$	441,050
Development	\$	65,000
Debt & Interest	\$	1,327,207
Capital Items	\$	367,000
Insurance and Employee Benefits	\$	2,017,000
Other Town Services and Unclassified	<u>\$</u>	<u>157,202</u>
Subtotal	\$	12,133,463
Cumberland County Property Tax	<u>\$</u>	<u>843,230</u>
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>12,976,693</u>

Be It Further Ordered, that the Education budget as finally approved by the Gorham Town Council and subsequently approved by the voters of the Town of Gorham be incorporated into a final Municipal budget; and

Be It Further Ordered that the Town Council vote to adopt the Capital Budget Part II in the amount of \$1,721,034 to be funded from the town's undesignated fund balance; and

Be It Further Ordered, that all taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable upon approval of this Order and that one-half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on November 15, 2012 shall commence bearing interest on November 16, 2012, and that the final half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on May 15, 2013, shall commence bearing interest on May 16, 2013 at the interest rate of 7.0% per annum as authorized by Maine Law until paid and collected and the Tax Collector and Treasurer are authorized to collect and receive thereof; and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Gorham Town Council authorizes the Finance Director to accept prepayment of real and personal property taxes; and

Be It Further Ordered, that pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 506A, the Gorham Town Council establishes an interest rate of 3.0% per annum to be paid on all real estate and personal property taxes rebated due to overpayment of taxes; and

Be It Further Ordered, that pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 906, the Gorham Town Council hereby require and direct that any tax payment received from an individual as payment for any property tax be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill, provided, however, that no such

payment shall be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless approved in writing by the taxpayer. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Municipal Officers.

Item #8180 Action to consider a resignation from the Planning Board. (Adm. Spon)

Proposed
Order #8180 Ordered, that the Town Council accept the resignation of Andy McCullough from the Planning Board, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council expresses its appreciation for his service to the Town and its citizens.

Item #8181 Action to authorize the Town to accept a proposal from the Gorham SnoGoers for one (1) portable building. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8181 Ordered, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to accept a proposal from the Gorham SnoGoers for one (1) portable building subject to the following conditions:

1. The building will be removed at the expense of the Gorham Sno Goers.
2. The specific building to be provided is subject to the final approval of the Town Manager.
3. The details of moving the portable building are subject to the approval of the Public Works Director with the intent to minimize any disruption to municipal services.
4. The moving of the building must be completed by August 1, 2012. The Town Manager may extend the deadline for good cause.

Item #8182 Action to consider making a nomination to MMA's Legislative Policy Committee. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8182 Ordered, that the Town Clerk nominate _____ to serve on the 2012-2014 Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee.

Item #8183 Action to go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, Section 405 (6) (D) to discuss a proposed labor contract with the Maine Association of Police. (Adm. Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8183 Ordered, that the Town Council go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA, Section 405 (6)(D) to discuss a proposed labor contract with the Maine Association of Police.

Adjourn