

AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDERS
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 4, 2012, 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 August 7, 2012 Regular Meeting, and the August 22, 2012 Special Meeting as printed and distributed.

Open Public Communications

Councilor Communications/Committee Reports

Town Manager's Report

School Committee Report

Old Business

Item #8207 Action to consider appropriating funds for the environmental cleanup and demolition of the White Rock School. (Councilor Gagnon Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8207 Ordered that the Town Council appropriate \$175,000 for the remaining Capital Part 2 funds for the purpose of conducting any environmental cleanup necessary and the subsequent demolition of the White Rock School.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #8216 Action to consider soliciting bids for a new Fire Engine (Admin Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8216 Ordered that the Town Council authorize the Fire Chief to solicit bids for a new Fire Engine as approved by the voters in the referendum on June 12, 2012, and

Be it further ordered, that the solicitation provide for an alternate bid to purchase a second Fire Engine with substantially the same specifications as the first Fire Engine, provided that, if the Referendum for a Fire Engine, to be held on November 6, 2012, should not be approved by the voters, the alternate bid to purchase a second Fire Engine would be withdrawn.

Item# 8217 Action to consider a request form the Windham Historical Society for the South Windham/Little Falls Library building. (Admin Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8217 Ordered, that the Town Council approve a request from the Windham Historical Society for the Town to donate the South Windham/Little Falls Library building to Windham Historical Society

for use in their history park as described in their letter of August 21, 2012, provided the building is removed from its current site by October 31, 2012, and

Be it Further Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate \$3,000 from the Capital Part 2 account to close and remove the Little Falls/South Windham Library and towards the cost of moving the building, and creating a foundation, which would otherwise be approximately the cost of demolishing the building.

Item #8218 Action to consider authorizing the Town Manager to negotiate the sale or lease of a portion of the Town of Gorham's unused sewer treatment capacity at the Portland Water District Treatment plant located in Westbrook. (Admin Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8218 Ordered the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to meet with officials from the Town of Windham to negotiate the sale or lease of a portion of the Town of Gorham's unused sewer capacity at the Portland Water District Treatment Plant, located in Westbrook, and

Be It Further Ordered, that if a suitable proposal is negotiated, it shall be brought back to the Town Council at a future Council meeting for their consideration, or if a tentative agreement cannot be reached, the Town Manager will report these results to the Town Council.

Item #8219 Action to consider appropriating funds to develop an overall downtown parking plan for the potential utilization of the newly acquired lots. (Mattingly Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8219 Ordered that the Town Council appropriate \$7,500 from unallocated Capital Part 2 funds for the purpose of developing an overall downtown parking plan for the potential utilization of the newly acquired lots and utilize concepts outlined in the downtown master plan and,

Be It Further Ordered that the process of developing the plan involves local businesses, residents, community stakeholders and representatives from the Gorham Economic Development Corporation and the Town Council.

Item #8220 Action to consider authorizing the Planning Board to create a committee to re-catalog and re-organize the Land use and Development Code and its subsequent chapters. (Gagnon Spon.)

Proposed
Order #8220 Ordered that the Town Council authorize the Planning Board to create a committee to re-catalog and re-organize the Land Use and Development Code and its subsequent chapters.

Be It Further Ordered that the Zoning Administrator and Town Planner will provide the resources necessary to the committee to complete the project.

Be It Further Ordered that the Town Council will consider the changes recommended by the Planning Board.

Item #8221 Action to consider authorizing the Town Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to organize and implement various methods of educating and informing the public regarding the upcoming referendum vote regarding the Public Safety Building on November 6, 2012.

Proposed
Order #8221 Ordered that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief to organize and implement various methods of educating and informing the public regarding the upcoming referendum vote regarding the Public Safety Building on November 6, 2012.

Be It Further Ordered that up to \$1,000 be allocated from the contingency fund to aid in the organizing, implementing, educating and informing the public. The Town Manager will have the administrative discretion to utilize the funds for other reasonable requirements to convey the Council's position of support for passage of the referendum.

Be It Further Ordered that PDT Architect refocuses their efforts to utilize the existing Public Safety Building for both Police and Fire uses, and cease the other requests made from the August 7th, 2012 Council meeting. The Town Manager will have the administrative discretion to utilize PDT Architect in order to furnish concept plans for the discussion purposes, and the visual aids.

Be It Further Ordered that several "Open House" tours will be provided to the public for educational and informational purposes, and that Educational and Information workshops can be held and televised in the Council Chambers.

Be It Further Ordered that the Town Manager will have the administrative discretion to add any other reasonable requirements to convey the Council's position of support for the passage of the referendum.

Item #1822 Action to consider asking the Ordinance Committee to provide guidance to staff on allowing denser development.

Proposed
Order #1822 Ordered, that the Town Council ask the Ordinance Committee to discuss the principles of denser residential development, and provide guidance to the staff for possible future amendments to the Land Use and Development Code.

Possible reconsideration of Order 8213.

Adjourn