

AMENDED AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDERS
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 1, 2015
Burleigh H Loveitt Council Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Acceptance of the minutes of the August 4, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the August 4, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Open Public Communications

Councilor Communications

Town Manager Report

School Committee Report

Public

Hearing # 1

on

Item # 8858 Public Hearing on a proposal to update the Town's Main Street Master Plan. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 8858 Ordered, that the Town Council approve the update of the Town of Gorham Main Street Master Plan.

New Business

Item # 8859 Action to consider a request for Sebago Brewing Company, for a contract zone on property located at the intersection of Mosher Road (Rt. 237) and lower Main Street (Rt 25). (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 8859 Ordered, that the Town Council refer a request for Sebago Brewing Company, for a contract zone to allow a production facility, events center and restaurant, with reduced setbacks and parking in front of property located at Mosher Road (Rt 237) and lower Main Street (Rt25) to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and the Board's recommendation, and

Be It Further Ordered, that Staff is authorized to draft a contract substantially consistent with this order for the Planning Boards recommendation and Town Council consideration.

Item # 8860 Action to consider a request from Wanda Desrosiers to amend Chapter II, Section III, Signs of the Land Use and Development Code by requiring the abutting property owner's written permission to install a Farm Stand Directional sign.

Proposed

Order # 8860 Ordered, that the Town Council refer a request from Wanda Desrosiers, to amend Chapter II, Section III, Signs, of the Land Use and Development Code by requiring the abutting property owners written permission to install a Farm Stand Directional sign.

Item # 8861 Action to consider a proposal to amend Chapter II, Section III (Signs) of the Land Use and Development Code to allow an off-premises sign and dimensional variation in limit situations in Gorham Village. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 8861 Ordered, that the Town Council refer a proposal to amend Chapter II, Section III (Signs) of the Land Use & Development Code, to allow an off premises sign and dimensional variation in limited situations in Gorham Village, to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and their recommendation.

Item # 8862 Action to consider a proposal to adopt a residential transfer overlay district off New Portland Road, near the Gorham/Westbrook Town line. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 8862 Ordered, that the Town Council refer a proposal to adopt a residential transfer overlay district off New Portland Road, near the Gorham/Westbrook Town line, to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and their recommendation.

Item # 8863 Action to consider accepting a road and sidewalk easement for vehicle and pedestrian connections between parking lots in a contract zone on County Road. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 8863 Ordered, that the Town Council accept an easement in a contract zone to provide connections between parking lots for roads and sidewalks, from Maine Automation, Inc.

Item # 8864 Action to consider an abatement of taxes to Gorham Country Club, Inc. because of an error. (Admin.Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 8864 Ordered, that the Town Council abate the following taxes for Gorham Country Club, Inc. (Map 7, Lot 18) because of a clerical error, for FY 2012-13, an abatement of \$6164.66 and for FY 2013-14, an abatement of \$6542.86.

Item #8865 Action to consider selecting a Real Estate Broker to use for a 2-year period when selling Town owned property. (Finance Comm. Spon. 3-0)

Proposed

Order #8865 Ordered that the Town Council accept a recommendation from the Finance Committee to select a Real Estate Broker, to list property for sale and represent the Town, when the Town sells property, with the following initial screening criteria:

1. The Broker must live in Gorham and pay property taxes in Gorham.
2. The Broker must have held an active Maine Real Estate Broker license for the past 10 year.
3. The Broker must have sold at least 20 properties, in Gorham, during the most recent two calendar years.
4. The Broker must be willing to accept a commission no greater that 6%.
5. The Broker must be willing to accept all properties provided by the Town, without a guarantee that any properties will be made available for sale, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the selection process will be:

1. The Town will solicit letters of interested from Real Estate Brokers.
2. Town Staff will initially screen the letters of interest against the above criteria and forward all letters that pass the initial screen to the Finance Committee.
3. The Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Town Council.
4. The Town Council will select the Broker for a 2-year period.

Item #8866 Action regarding the November 3, 2015 State General Election and Annual Municipal Election. (Admin Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 8866 Ordered, by the Town Council that the polls be open for the November 3, 2015 State General Election and the Annual Municipal Election between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the absentee ballots will be processed on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 10:00am and on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 9:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm and 8:00pm, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Register of Voters is in session between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2015; 8:00am and 4:00pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2015; 8:00am and 7:00pm on Thursday, October 29, 2015; 8:00am and 1:00pm on Friday, October 30, 2015; 8:00am and 4:00pm on Monday, November 2, 2015 and 8:00am and 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, for the purpose of registering Citizens to Vote, correcting the voter list and accepting Absentee Ballots, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council appoint the following Wardens and Ward Clerks for the November 3, 2015 State General Election and Annual Municipal Election and the the Town Clerk is authorized to make changes to these appointments as needed:

Ward 1 Warden: Susan Emerson,
Ward 2 Warden: **Martha** Towle
Central Warden: Laurie Nordfors

Ward Clerk: Laurel Smith
Ward Clerk: Nancy Kenty
Ward Clerk: **Paula** Nystrom

Adjourn