

AGENDA  
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
October 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm  
Burleigh H Loveitt Council Chambers

Item # 9136                      Action to authorize the purchase of a Rescue Vehicle. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed  
Order # 9136

Ordered, that the Town Council approve the purchase of a new Rescue Vehicle, as budgeted, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate supplemental funds of \$20,744.01 from the Rescue Reserve account and \$10,282 from the Rescue Savings Account towards the purchase for a total cost of \$236,025.06.

Item # 9137                      Action to consider the acquisition of property located off New Portland Road. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed  
Order #9137

Ordered, that the Town Council approve the purchase of 2 parcels of property(Tax Map 27, Lot 6 and Tax Map 27, Lot 6.1) located off New Portland Road, to conserve open space on land that could otherwise be developed as residential units, construct a trail and aid in protecting the Indian Camp Brook Watershed, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate funds from the Transfer Development Rights account for this purchase, and  
Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Manager is authorized to execute necessary documents to complete this purchase.

Item # 9138                      Action to consider a request from METRO Bus to contribute \$35,000 annually to expand METRO Bus Service in Gorham. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed  
Order # 9138

Whereas the Greater Portland Transit District (METRO) has been working collaboratively with the University of Southern Maine, the cities of Westbrook and Portland, and the Town of Gorham to develop new and improved regional transit services for the affected communities, and

Whereas METRO has provided a proposal for an expansion of transit services to the Town of Gorham that will provide a substantial public benefit to Gorham residents, and

Whereas, METRO has proposed to fund the recommended transit service expansion and improvements with a combination of special fare programs, general passenger fare revenue, federal funding and local funding including an annual contribution from the Town of Gorham in each of the first three years of the project, and

Whereas, the Gorham Town Council endorses METRO's transit service expansion plan as presented at the October 4, 2016 Gorham Town Council meeting and seeks to encourage METRO, the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS), the Maine Department of Transportation and the cooperating Cities and Towns to pursue the necessary funding requests and conduct a community planning process in order to refine and implement the proposed transit service levels and bus stops in fiscal year 2018-19, and

Whereas, the Gorham Town Council finds that an estimate of \$35,000 per year for each the first three trial years of the program (\$105,000 in total) represents a good value and worthwhile public expenditure in light of the scope of public transit service proposed for implementation, and

Whereas, the Gorham Town Council will have the option to exit the project at the conclusion of year 3,

Now Therefore Be It Ordered, that the Gorham Town Council endorse the proposed three year trial public bus service to be provided by METRO, contingent upon acquisition of all necessary funding, and subject to refinement through a community and stakeholder planning process is hereby endorsed, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Gorham Town Council and Staff shall work together with METRO, the Cities of Westbrook and Portland, and the University of Southern Maine to finalize plans, funding requirements, transit service levels, bus stop locations and infrastructure to be formally executed as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) subject to Town Council approval at a future date.

Adjourn