

REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL DECEMBER 4, 2007

Chairman Loveitt opened the meeting at 7:06 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Loveitt, Councilors Caldwell, Csoros, Moulton, Phinney, Robinson & Willett, Town Manager, David Cole, and Town Clerk, Christina Silberman.

Moved by Councilor Willett, seconded by Councilor Phinney, and **VOTED** to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2007 regular meeting as printed and distributed. **7 yeas.**

Open Public Communications

Phil Dugas spoke about the placement of the Town Clock. The clock repair company recommends that the clock be kept in a controlled environment. If the clock is placed within the building then people will miss the bell. Mr. Dugas encouraged citizens of Gorham to write to him or the town office regarding if they would like the clock located within the tower or inside the church.

Councilor Communications

Councilor Robinson thanked the voters of Gorham, and he thanked the Town Council for being present at the recount. He thanked Norman Justice and his wife Tody for helping to make the best of this situation. Mr. Robinson also thanked his attorney, Brian Dench and clarified that he personally paid his attorney fees and no town funds were used for his attorney.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Loveitt welcomed Councilor Robinson. He recognized former Councilors Phil Dugas and Norman Justice and asked the citizens of Gorham to recognize their service.

Chairman Loveitt reported that Council committee appointments will be made this evening and that the Town Council will hold a goal setting session soon.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager, David Cole, announced that he has issued a 5 year service pin to Sandra Berry of the Fire Department and 10 year service pins to Scott Anastasoff, Fred Lambert, & Mike Mercier all of the Public Works Department. Mr. Cole thanked all four of them for their years of service.

School Committee Report

School Committee Chairman Jim Hager reported on the following;

- Annual Audit
- New Elementary School Project Committee
- School Committee appointments

Old Business

Item #7492 Shonn Moulton nominated Matthew Robinson for Vice-Chairman and Councilor Phinney seconded the nomination. Moved by Councilor Phinney and seconded by Councilor Moulton to close nominations. **VOTED** to elect Matthew

Robinson as the Vice-Chairman of the Gorham Town Council for 2007-2008. Moved Phinney second Moulton to close nominations. **7 yeas.**

Item #7493 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Willett, and **VOTED** to appoint members as presented to the following Council Committees for 2007-2008:

Finance Committee: Shonn Moulton – Chairman, Jane Willett, and Phillip Csoros

Ordinance Committee: Michael Phinney – Chairman, Brenda Caldwell, & Matthew Robinson

Appointments/Personnel Committee: Brenda Caldwell – Chairman, Jane Willett, & Matthew Robinson

Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee: Phillip Csoros – Chairman, Michael Phinney, & Shonn Moulton

Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments: Jane Willett

Ad Hoc Representative to the Recreation Advisory Board: Matthew Robinson

Ad Hoc Representative to the Cable TV Committee: Matthew Robinson

Municipal Center Building Committee: Brenda Caldwell, **7 yeas.**

Item #7494 was moved by Councilor Moulton and seconded by Councilor Phinney. Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Csoros and **VOTED** to amend section 28 by adding the following at the end of the paragraph “All Committees of the Town Council, including standing committees and special committees, shall keep recorded minutes of their meetings, except that portions of meetings held in executive session may be exempt from this provision except where required by law. **7 yeas.** The amended order was then voted. **ORDERED** that the Town Council adopt by reference the same Council Rules as were adopted for the year 2006-2007 with the exception to amend Section 28 by adding the following at the end of the paragraph “All Committees of the Town Council, including standing committees and special committees, shall keep recorded minutes of their meetings, except that portions of meetings held in executive session may be exempt from this provision except where required by law.” as the Council Rules for 2007-2008. **7 yeas.**

New Business

Public Hearing #1 Chairman Loveitt opened the Public Hearing on renewal of Massage Therapist / Establishment Licenses to expire December 31, 2008. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Loveitt closed the Public Hearing.

Item #7507 Moved by Councilor Willett, seconded by Councilor Robinson, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled approve the renewal of Massage Therapist / Establishment Licenses, pending final approval from the Police Department, to expire December 31, 2008 for the following; Julie Brown, Carolyn D. Parker, & Linda A. Morris. **7 yeas**

Public Hearing #2 Chairman Loveitt opened the Public Hearing on an amendment to the Town’s Personnel Policy regarding inclement weather. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Loveitt closed the Public Hearing.

Item #7508 The proposed order to amend the Town’s Personnel Policy by adding a new section called “Inclement Weather” was moved by Councilor Phinney and seconded by Councilor Willett. Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor

Willett and **VOTED** to refer this item to the Personnel Committee. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Csoros).**

Item #7509 Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Phinney, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled appoint Jane Willett as the Town Council's representative to the White Rock School Project Building Committee (a/k/a Gorham Elementary School Project). **7 yeas.**

Item #7510 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Willett, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled authorize the Town Manager to execute release deeds for easements associated with a vacated subdivision on Wood Road as recommended by the Town Attorney. **7 yeas.**

Item #7511 Moved by Councilor Caldwell, seconded by Councilor Moulton, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled accept the bid of Floyd Brown in the amount of \$2,050.00 for the sale of tax acquired property located on Mosher Road, tax map 49, lot 21; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town issue a quit claim deed for said parcel. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Robinson).**

Item #7512 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Willett, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled ask their Personnel Committee to meet with the Police Chief and assess the personnel needs of the Police Department and report back to the Town Council with the Committee's recommendation; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council ask the Fire Chief to continue working on recommendations 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 from the Fire & EMS Study Committee Report that do not require monetary appropriations and periodically report progress to the Town Manager. **7 yeas.**

Item #7513 was moved by Councilor Moulton and seconded by Councilor Caldwell. Moved by Councilor Willett, seconded by Councilor Phinney and **VOTED** to amend the proposed order to also consider a traffic light at the intersection of Libby Ave, Brackett Road and New Portland Road. **7 yeas.** Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Willett and **VOTED** to further amend the proposed order and add the following at the end "and, Be It Further Ordered to refer a request for a study of exhaust, noise, and speed mitigation to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Willett).** The amended order was then voted. **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled ask the Maine Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the need for a traffic light and consider installing one at the intersection of Libby Avenue and Main Street (Route 25) and the intersection of Libby Ave, Brackett Road, and New Portland Road, as part of the Libby Avenue/Brackett Road construction project, PIN 8460.00 and 10541.00; and,

Be It Further Ordered to refer a request for a study of exhaust, noise, and speed mitigation to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation. **7 yeas.**

Item #7514 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Willett, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled refer a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code, Chapter II, Section V, Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets and Ways to the Planning Board for Public Hearing and their recommendation. **7 yeas.**

Item #7515 Moved by Councilor Willett, seconded by Councilor Moulton, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled go into executive session pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 841(2) to consider 2 applications for abatement of property taxes based on poverty. **7 yeas.**

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Willett, and **VOTED** to come out of executive session. **7 yeas.**

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Csoros, and **VOTED** to deny the application (A07-001) for an abatement of taxes based on poverty. **7 yeas.**

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Moulton, and **VOTED** to deny the application (A07-002) for an abatement of taxes based on poverty. **7 yeas.**

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson, and **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. **7 yeas.**

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Attest: _____
Christina Silberman, Town Clerk