

**AMENDED REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
JANUARY 2, 2007**

Chairman Justice opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

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

Moved by Councilor Willett, seconded by Councilor Dugas, and **VOTED** to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2006 Regular Meeting. 7 yeas.

**Open Public Communications**

There were no public communications.

**Councilor Communications**

Councilor Phinney reported that the Ordinance Committee met last month and they spent time setting up priorities for the committee.

Councilor Willett reported that the Finance Committee met on December 14th and they reviewed an issue with a mobile home in Friendly Village. The Finance Committee has invited the Gorham Women's Club to make a presentation about the banners. The next meeting will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Justice reported that he continues to attend the White Rock Building Committee meetings and their primary activity is the land search and there is a related item on tonight's agenda. There is a meeting of the White Rock Building Committee here tomorrow evening at 5:30. On Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm the White Rock Building Committee will meet here with the public to share ideas.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> Nappi Distributors held a groundbreaking ceremony that was well attended. Nappi Distributors expressed their appreciation to the town personnel for their efforts.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Manager and Chairman Justice attended the COG presentation on transportation. Boyd Marley, the Legislative Transportation Committee Chair, moderated the meeting. They expressed the town's continued interest in collaborative resolutions. There are a lot of needs out there that are backlogged and not funded.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> several Councilors and the Manager met with Representative Chris Barstow to discuss issues.

**Town Manager's Report**

The Town Manager had nothing to report and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**New Business**

Moved by Councilor Loveitt, seconded by Councilor Phinney and **VOTED** to waive the rules and add an item to the agenda. 7 yeas.

**Item #7380\*** Moved by Councilor Loveitt, seconded by Councilor Phinney and **VOTED** that the Town Council endorse this letter to the State Legislature delegation; We are writing to ask you to support a joint legislative rule that would require the Legislature to agree by at least a two-thirds margin in both the House and Senate before the State exceeds the spending limit established for the Legislature by LD 1.

The Maine Municipal Association, Maine State Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Education Association, the Maine Service Center Coalition, and the Maine Hospital Association are supporting "The Responsible Government Spending and Investment Act". This Act will impose stronger requirements to the LD 1 procedures for overriding Municipal, State, and County spending limits, and we believe that all levels of Government, including the Legislature, should be subject to a similar spending limitation system. Spending increases by the State have exceeded spending increases by the Town of Gorham, and the Legislature should set an example by imposing similar enforceable procedures on itself as will be imposed on the Town of Gorham.

Sincerely, GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL. 7 yeas.

\*This item number is out of sequence because it was added during the meeting.

**Item #7371** was moved by Councilor Dugas and seconded by Councilor Phinney. Ann Kennedy, of Laurel Pines Dr., expressed her appreciation for considering this item and spoke about the two educators, Nina Bailey and Lynn Silcox. The proposed order was then voted. **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled, in accordance with a request from the School Board, name the Middle School auditorium the Bailey-Silcox Auditorium. 7 yeas.

**Item #7372** was moved by Councilor Phinney and seconded by Councilor Willett. Moved by Councilor Caldwell, seconded by Councilor Loveitt and **VOTED** to amend the proposed order and strike the words "about Ridgeway Avenue" and insert the words "the terminace of the existing sidewalk on the southerly side of Route 114, South Street". 7 yeas. The amended order was then voted. **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled, pursuant to the bid specifications, accept a bid from Gorham Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$109,499 to construct a sidewalk from the terminace of the existing sidewalk on the southerly side of Route 114, South Street, to Weeks Road. 7 yeas.

**Item #7373** concerns hiring an additional Police Officer and assigning an Officer to the Drug Enforcement Agency. Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Dugas and **VOTED** to postpone this item until next month's meeting. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Willett).

**Item #7374** was moved by Councilor Loveitt and seconded by Councilor Phinney. Chairman Justice, Councilor Phinney, and Town Manager, David Cole, had questions about this item. The Town Planner, Deborah Fossum, responded. The proposed order was then voted. **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled accept Jordan Drive, located in Jordan Meadows subdivision off Wood Road, as a public road; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that Jordan Drive be classified as a Rural Access Road. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Justice).

**Item #7375** Moved by Councilor Willett, seconded by Councilor Phinney, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled accept a Quit-Claim deed from Blackwood Estates, LLC; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the Town Council authorize the Town to issue a Quit-Claim deed to Blackwood Estates, LLC for the purpose of establishing the location of the old Wescott School lot located off Fort Hill Road (Route 114). 7 years.

**Item #7376** Moved by Councilor Dugas, seconded by Councilor Moulton, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled refer a proposal to develop an impact fee to help pay the cost of the Little Falls Sewer Conveyance project to the Ordinance Committee for their recommendation. 7 years.

**Item #7377** was moved by Councilor Phinney and seconded by Councilor Loveitt. Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Dugas and **VOTED** to amend the proposed order by replacing the term “water line” with the term “utility line”. 6 years, 1 nay (Willett). The amended order was then voted. **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled endorse a letter to the Planning Board to encourage utility line extensions along roads instead of across land. 7 years.

**Item #7378** Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Dugas, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled refer a proposal to study and designate a Right-of-Way for a future road to facilitate traffic from the Gorham By-Pass, to the Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee for their recommendation. 7 years.

**Item #7379** Moved by Councilor Dugas, seconded by Councilor Phinney, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled refer a proposal to review the impact of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Development Code on School Construction, to the Ordinance Committee for their recommendations. 7 years.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Dugas, and **VOTED** to adjourn at 7:46 pm. 7 years.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Christina Silberman, Town Clerk