

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL

November 29, 2007

Note: This meeting was conducted with the 2006-2007 Town Council as required by law for the purpose of conducting a recount hearing, with the exception of Norman Justice who is the incumbent candidate that has requested the recount.

Chairman Loveitt opened the meeting at 8:02 am.

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

Town Attorney, Bill Dale, explained the recount process.

Moved by Councilor Caldwell, seconded by Councilor Moulton, and **VOTED** to approve the Election Recount Procedures distributed by the Town Clerk. **6 yeas.**

ELECTION RECOUNT PROCEDURES

- 1) No food or drink will be allowed near where the recount is taking place.
- 2) The memory cards for each ward will be cleared to zero and used for each ward respectively for the recount.
- 3) The boxes of voted ballots will be processed in order by Ward. Each ballot may be viewed by the third and fourth place candidates and their representatives prior to being inserted into the Accuvote machine. No one except the Town Clerk and her staff will be allowed to physically touch any of the election materials.
- 4) If the capability of the machine to properly read a ballot due to faint markings is questioned, that particular ballot will be set aside to be hand counted. Ballots that are set aside for hand counting will be kept separate by ward.
- 5) A total report tape will be run on the Accuvote machine after all of the ballots for that ward have been processed through the machine.
- 6) The memory card will then be cleared to zero again and the ballots will be run through a second time by an Election worker and a second total tape will be run on the Accuvote machine.
- 7) Ballots for the next ward will be processed in another machine while the previously run ballots are being run through the second time by an Election worker.
- 8) The two tapes for each ward will be compared for consistency.
- 9) Two Election Workers will each complete a separate tally sheet for each ward using the Accuvote total report tape, any ballots that were set aside for hand counting, and the ballots that were segregated by the ballot box due to being totally blank or having a write in oval indicator filled in.
- 10) This is an open public proceeding. Any observers present are allowed to watch the proceeding but may not interfere.

- 11) Only green pens may be used during the recount. If you want to take your own notes, you must use a green pen. No other writing instruments will be allowed during the inspection.
- 12) If you have a question, direct your question to the Town Clerk. All other staff have been instructed not to answer any questions unless asked by the Town Clerk.

Town Attorney, Bill Dale, administered an oath to the Town Clerk, Christina Silberman.

Mr. Justice questioned the Town Clerk regarding the conduct of the Election and the Inspection process. Mr. Justice asked that the recount be conducted by hand instead of with the machine. Mr. Dale stated that he has advised the Town Clerk to conduct the recount by machine.

The Town Council recessed at 8:20 am and the Town Clerk began the recount.

The Town Council reconvened at 6:15 pm.

The Town Clerk gave the recount report. Moved by Councilor Caldwell, seconded by Councilor Moulton and **VOTED** to accept the Town Clerk's Election Recount report. **6 yeas.**

Official Recount of the Gorham Annual Town Council Election 11/06/2007

<u>Town Council</u>	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Central	Totals
CSOROS, PHILLIP A.	663	438	366	87	1,554
DUGAS, PHILIP A.	241	225	185	75	726
HOMA, DAVID J.	315	225	144	58	742
JUSTICE, NORMAN E. JR.	384	424	246	120	1,174
LOVEITT, BURLEIGH H.	429	478	277	121	1,305
MINER, NOAH F.	316	368	255	89	1,028
ROBINSON, MATTHEW J.	502	361	227	92	1,182
SPRAGUE RUSSELL C.	443	205	209	73	930

Town Clerk, Christina Silberman conducted the swearing in for the newly elected Town Councilor, Matthew J. Robinson.

Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Moulton, and **VOTED** to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

A TRUE RECORD OF MEETING

Attest: _____
Christina Silberman, Town Clerk