

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
OCTOBER 16, 2007**

Chairman Justice opened the meeting at 7:02 pm.

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

**Item #7490** was moved by Councilor Phinney and seconded by Councilor Dugas. Superintendent Sharp gave an explanation of this item. Lyndon Keck of PDT Architects provided additional information. Mr. Sharp and Mr. Keck answered questions from the Town Council.

Harold Parks, 17 George St., asked if the Council were prepared to use eminent domain to obtain the previously considered site if that is a better site and a better location than the Chick Property site.

Kellie Battaglia, North Gorham, stated she is upset about the lack of public notice for this item. White Rock residents were assured that the school would be in their community. North Gorham will be a growth area. She is not in favor of the Chick Property location.

Allene Bowler indicated that she supports having the new school in the White Rock area and not on the Chick Property.

Jim Hubbard, North Gorham, stated that the children in his child's class are concerned about the school not being in their neighborhood.

Kelly Battaglia asked why the Little Falls area isn't being considered.

The proposed order was then **VOTED**.

Whereas, the Gorham School Department has demonstrated, to the State, the need to address issues at the White Rock School, and

Whereas the School Department has been developing a project to address those needs and been conducting a thorough search for an appropriate site, and

Whereas, the School Department has been having difficulty finding a site that meets all of the State and local criteria and time is of the essence, and

Whereas, the Town Council approved a Master Plan for the Chick Property on June 6, 2000 that included a school expansion, recreation facilities, expanded municipal center and supportive infrastructure, and

Whereas, the Chick property is considered a good prospect for the location of a school facility,

Now Therefore Be It Ordered, that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled authorize the Gorham School Department to do a preliminary site investigation and Master Plan on the Chick Property for the construction of a new school. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Loveitt)**.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Dugas and **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 pm. **7 yeas**.

A TRUE RECORD OF MEETING

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