

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
July 15, 2008**

Chairman Loveitt opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a salute to the Flag.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Loveitt, Councilors Caldwell, Csoros, Moulton, Phinney, and Robinson: Town Manager, David Cole and Deputy Town Clerk, Connie Loughran.

Also present were School Committee Chairman, James Hagar, Superintendent, Ted Sharp, School Business Manager Leighton O'Connor, and Lyndon Keck of Portland Design Team. There were two members of the public present.

Chairman Loveitt acknowledged the excellent road work being done in Gorham this year, citing the following projects: Little Falls Sewer Conveyance and paving, Fort Hill Road, the bypass, Day Road, Bracket Road, and upcoming projects on Osborne Road and Finn Parker Road.

OLD BUSINESS

Lyndon Keck of PDT Architects presented an overview of the school project, explaining the site selection, design, infrastructure, and energy technologies being used. Superintendent Sharp stated that through the Play Gorham Sports Committee discussion has been held with Cindy Hazelton, Director Gorham Recreation Department regarding athletic field needs in the Town. Presentation of the project has been made to the Army Core of Engineers, Department of Environmental Protection and the Gorham Planning Board. Chairman Loveitt thanked Norman Justice and Jane Knapp for serving on the School Building Committee. He especially thanked the Stevens family whose cooperation and generosity allows this project to happen.

Item #7590 Prior to the following vote it was Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Knapp and **Voted** to waive reading of the proposed order. 7 YEAS.

The order as amended at the July 1, 2008 Town Council meeting was Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Csoros and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled conduct a Referendum Election on September 16, 2008 in accordance with Section 901 of the Gorham Town Charter on the referendum question set forth below;

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1

Shall a capital expenditure for school construction purposes by the Municipal Officers of a sum of money not to exceed \$25,833,908.00 be approved to construct, equip and acquire land for a new elementary school and related facilities and site improvements at Stevens Drive in Gorham, said sum of money to be raised by the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes of the

Town, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as said Municipal Officers shall determine?

(Total estimated debt service of \$3,673,085.00 of which principal is \$2,480,000 and estimated interest at 5.07% over 20 years is \$1,317,085.00)

The estimated amount of the additional operating costs during each of the project's first two years is \$0 for the first year and \$0 for the second year.

The Town is responsible for the local share of annual principal and interest payments for this school construction project included in the total cost of education appropriated pursuant to section 15690, subsection 1, if any, and for the annual principal and interest payments for the non-state funded portion of this school construction project; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that a statement appear on the ballot to indicate the Town Council recommends a vote in favor and that a statement appear on the ballot to show the impact of the bond on the tax rate; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council call a public hearing for this referendum question for September 2, 2008. 7 YEAS.

NEW BUSINESS

Item #7599 Moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Csoros and **VOTED** to go into executive session, pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 841 (2) for the purpose of considering an application to abate taxes based on poverty. 7 YEAS.

Moved by Councilor Phinney seconded by Councilor Robinson AND **VOTED** to come out of Executive Session. 7 YEAS.

Moved by Councilor Phinney seconded by Councilor Robinson AND **VOTED** to deny the application of A08-005, for an abatement of taxes pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 841 because the applicant has assets and is able to contribute to the public charge. 7 YEAS,

Moved by Councilor Phinney seconded by Councilor Moulton and **VOTED** to adjourn. Time of adjournment 8:05 pm. 7 YEAS.

A True Record of Meeting
Attest

Cornelia Loughran, Deputy Town Clerk