

**CORRECTED REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
September 2, 2008 - 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Loveitt opened the meeting at 7:01 pm.

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

Absent: Councilor Phinney

Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Knapp and **VOTED** to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2008 Regular Town Council meeting. **6 yeas.**

Open Public Communications

There were no communications from the public.

Councilor Communications

There were no Councilor communications.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Loveitt reported that we have made great progress on the Town Clock. The conditions of the contract with the First Parish Church to house the clock have been met. Citizens from the church have worked with Chairman Loveitt and he made special mention of Clyde Grant and Mark Founce for their work. Very generous donations have been made to fund this project with non-taxpayer dollars. The funds are available. The Town will handle the funds and will disburse them as needed. The wording of the insurance policy to add the clock to the church's policy is under review at this time by the Town Attorney and looks to be in order. The maintenance issue has been resolved. Chairman Loveitt expects that the Clock should be working by the time the snow flies.

Chairman Loveitt stated that a letter of concern has been received regarding the unavailability of a pathway previously used by students of the Middle School and the Council will look into this.

Chairman Loveitt offered a special thank you to Town Manager, Mr. Cole, and the Public Works Department for improvements on the Hillside Cemetery.

A letter of thanks was received from the Town of Cape Elizabeth for Gorham's Public Safety personnel who donated their time to help with the Beach to Beacon event.

Letters of thanks have been sent from the Town of Gorham to the Town of Scarborough and to the City of Portland for the loan of some equipment for the microburst cleanup.

Chairman Loveitt asked the Town Clerk to review voter registration eligibility.

Councilor Robinson asked if the Town Clock issue will come back to the Town Council before the clock is placed in the church. Chairman Loveitt answered that it will not.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager, David Cole, reminded everyone that nomination papers are still available for three seats on the School Board and two seats on the Town Council.

Nomination papers have to be filled out and returned by the close of business on September 19th.

Mr. Cole reported that current insurance policies are mostly through Maine Municipal Association (MMA). The Town works hard to maintain a very good loss ratio and has received a dividend from MMA of \$17,258.00 for the Town's good loss record in the prior fiscal year.

Mr. Cole recently issued a 20 year service pin to Steven Rines, a paramedic for the town, and thanked Steve for his service to the Town of Gorham.

School Committee Report

The School Committee report was included with Public Hearing #1.

New Business

Public Hearing #1 Chairman Loveitt opened the Public Hearing on the project to build a new elementary school off Route 237. School Committee Chairman Jim Hager introduced Superintendent Ted Sharp and Lyndon Keck, PDT Architects' design lead for the proposed new elementary school. Mr. Hager reported that the White Rock Project Committee meeting is September 3rd at 6:00 pm. Mr. Keck gave a presentation on the plans for the proposed new elementary school. Supt. Sharp recognized the members of the Building Committee. Chairman Loveitt offered thanks to former Town Councilor Norman Justice for his work in coordinating this project, to the Stevens family for their cooperation and to Supt. Sharp. Supt. Sharp thanked the School Committee for their work and reviewed the financing for the proposed new elementary school. David Kent - Fort Hill Rd, Norman Justice - Wood Road, Cynthia Simon - White Rock, & Joe Staples - White Rock, all spoke in favor of the proposed elementary school. Chairman Loveitt closed the public hearing.

Item #7611 Moved by Councilor Knapp, seconded by Councilor Robinson and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled authorize the Town Clerk to post the warrant for the Special Referendum Election to be held on September 16, 2008; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled appoint the following persons as Wardens and Ward Clerks for the designated voting districts and if any of the following should fail to serve the Town Council hereby gives the Town Clerk the authority to appoint substitutes;

	<u>Warden</u>	<u>Ward Clerk</u>
District 1	Linda Deering	Laurel Smith
District 2	Pat Clay	Nancy Kenty
Central	Connie Loughran	Christina Silberman

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Registrar of Voters be in session during regular office hours on Monday, September 8, 2008, Tuesday, September 9, 2008, Wednesday September 10, 2008, Thursday, September 11, 2008, Friday September 12, 2008, and Monday, September 15, 2008 and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk be authorized to process absentee ballots at the Gorham Municipal Center on Tuesday September 16, 2008 at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm and at 8:00 pm. **6 yeas.**

Public Hearing #2 Chairman Loveitt opened the public hearing regarding issuance of Junkyard and/or Automobile Graveyard Permits. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Loveitt closed the public hearing.

Item #7612 Moved by Councilor Csoros, seconded by Councilor Knapp and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled approve issuance of the following Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard permits that will expire on October 1, 2009. Chet's Auto Sales, Inc., Dumbo Enterprises, Hopkins Salvage, LKQ Corporation, M & D Realty, Inc., Moody's Collision Centers, Reichert's Auto Body, South Street Auto Body, Inc., & Young's Auto Salvage. **6 yeas.**

Public Hearing #3 Chairman Loveitt opened the public hearing on a proposal to update the Chick Property Master Plan. Mr. Cole explained this item. Mike Wing - Wood Rd. and Tim DeLuca - 11 Park Ln. spoke in support of this item. Allene Bowler - 190 Mosher Rd., asked about the foot paths currently located on the Chick Property. Mr. Cole replied that the foot paths will remain. Chairman Loveitt closed the public hearing.

Items #7613 Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Knapp and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled amend the Chick Property Master Plan that was originally approved on June 6, 2000, as presented and substantially detailed in the Master Plan Chick Property (concept 9) by Deluca-Hoffman Associates, Inc. dated August 2008; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the 4 primary conceptual uses of the Chick Property are;

1. The Chick Property is designated for future expansion of Public Safety functions.
2. The Chick Property is designated for future expansion of the Narragansett School.
3. The Master Plan includes an access road from Route 25 to Route 202 and includes a connecting access for Public Safety vehicles.
4. The Chick Property is designated for future development of multi-use recreational fields and recreational facilities. **6 yeas.**

Chairman Loveitt called for a ten minute recess. Chairman Loveitt called the meeting back to order.

Item #7614 was moved by Councilor Moulton and seconded by Councilor Csoros. Norman Justice - Wood Rd., Mark St. Germain - Aspen Ln., spoke against this item. Moved by Councilor Csoros, second by Councilor Caldwell and **VOTED** to amend the proposed order to ask the Ordinance Committee to review all impact fees in the Town of Gorham. **4 yeas, 2 nays (Knapp & Robinson).** The amended order was then **VOTED. ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled ask the Ordinance Committee to review all impact fees in the Town of Gorham. **4 yeas, 2 nays (Knapp & Robinson).**

Item #7615 Moved by Councilor Caldwell, seconded by Councilor Knapp and **VOTED** to waive the clerk reading of the entire order. **6 yeas.** The proposed order was moved by Councilor Moulton and seconded by Councilor Caldwell. Melinda Shain - Timber Ridge, Mike Wing - Wood Rd., David Kent - Fort Hill Rd., Barry Edward - No. Gorham, & Norman Justice - Wood Rd. spoke against this item. Moved by Councilor Moulton to postpone action on this item. (Motion fails for lack of a second.) The proposed order was then **VOTED. ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled, pursuant to M.R.S.A. Title 30-A, sec. 2104, call a public hearing on the proposed Town Charter amendment to be held at the Gorham Municipal Center on September 17, 2008 at 7 pm, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to cause notice of said public hearing to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Gorham not less than seven days before the date of said public hearing. **0 yeas, 6 nays – motion fails.**

Item #7616 Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Knapp and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled appropriate \$10,000 from the Contingency Account for cleaning, repairing and maintenance of grave markers in cemeteries managed by the Town of Gorham when the Town has received all perpetual care funds. **6 yeas.**

Item #7617 Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Csoros and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled appropriate \$16,000 from the Capital Improvement Reserve Account to repair a fence at the North Street Cemetery. **6 yeas.**

Item #7618 Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Knapp, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled accept Shamrock Drive, located in Gorham Meadows Subdivision off Main Street, as a public street; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that Shamrock Drive be classified as an Urban Access Road. **6 yeas.**

Item #7619 to consider replacing boilers at the Public Safety building was moved by Councilor Csoros and seconded by Councilor Caldwell. Moved by Councilor Csoros, seconded by Councilor Robinson and **VOTED** to postpone action on this item. **6 yeas.**

Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Csoros and **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 pm. **6 yeas.**

A TRUE RECORD OF MEETING

Attest: _____
Christina Silberman, Town Clerk