

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
April 14, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.**

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

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

Open Public Communications

Susan Duchaine, owner of Design Dwellings, spoke against the proposed budget cuts to the Code Enforcement office.

New Business

Item #7708 Moved by Councilor Loveitt, seconded by Councilor Phinney, and **ORDERED** that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled grants approval, pursuant to Title 15, M.R.S.A, section 5824 (3) & 5826 (6), to the transfer of any portion of assets, currently anticipated to be \$21,000 from one forfeiture and \$2,350 from another forfeiture. **7 yeas**.

Item #7709 The order was moved by Councilor Caldwell and seconded by Councilor Loveitt. Councilor Phinney disclosed that his family owns land in the vicinity of the West Gorham Fire Station. Moved by Councilor Loveitt, seconded by Councilor Phinney and **VOTED** to amend the proposed order to change the public hearing date to June 2, 2009 and to add “; and, BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council appropriate \$2,500 from the contingency account to produce concept drawings for the shared fire station with Buxton” to the proposed order. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Miner)**.

ORDERED that the Town Council of the Town of Gorham, Maine, in Town Council assembled authorize a referendum election for June 9, 2009 to seek approval from the voters to obtain a grant to renovate the Little Falls School into a fire station and to consolidate the West Gorham Fire Station and the Chicopee Fire Station in Buxton into a new fire station at an estimated cost of \$8,700,000 without borrowing any additional funds or raising local taxes; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council call a public hearing for June 2, 2009 on this referendum; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council approve the following wording for the referendum question; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council appropriate \$2,500 from the contingency account to produce concept drawings for the shared fire station with Buxton. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Csoros)**.

Referendum Question #1

Shall a capital expenditure of a sum of money not to exceed \$8,700,000 be authorized to finance costs of construction, development, acquisition of land for and equipping of two new fire stations in the Town, one of which will be located in the Little Falls area of the Town, and the other of which at a location to be determined (which fire station may be used in cooperation with the Towns of Windham and/or Buxton on terms to be determined by the Town Council), with the details of the proposed fire station projects to

be determined by the Town Council, said sum of money to be funded by: (a) grants from federal and/or state sources in the amount of at least \$6,500,000, and (b) the reallocation, hereby authorized, any surplus, unexpended funds from previously issued General Obligation Bonds of the Town, in such amounts as determined appropriate by the Town Council; and (c) existing reserve funds of the Town?

[Explanatory note: If passed, this project will not involve any new borrowing by the Town.]

(The Town Council recommends a "Yes" vote.)

Moved by Councilor Miner, seconded by Councilor Caldwell and **VOTED** to adjourn the meeting. **7 yeas.**

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Attest: _____
Christina Silberman, Town Clerk