

GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
REPORT OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
December 6, 2011  
Gorham Municipal Center Burleigh H Loveitt Council Chambers

Chairman Caldwell opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; there were 14 members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Caldwell, Councilors: Gagnon, Mattingly, Phillips, Phinney and Robinson; Town Manager, David Cole and Town Clerk, Connie Loughran.  
Absent: Councilor Pressey.

Moved by Phinney, seconded by Gagnon and VOTED to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2011 Town Council Regular Meeting. 6 yeas

#### Open Public Communications

State Representative Jane Knapp spoke regarding the new Drivers Licenses, LIHEAP grants and she warned consumers to keep receipts and check statements and gift card requirements during this holiday season.

#### Councilor Communications

Councilor Gagnon congratulated the Recreation Department on a successful tree lighting ceremony, saying it was a very well organized and attended event. He noted that the tree lighting ceremony had been moved to Robie Park this year.

Councilor Phillips reported that Gorham residents, Carl and Marcena Phillips, are driving the Oakhurst Dairy truck delivering wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery. They will be returning to Gorham on Monday, December 12, 2011 and at 8:00 AM will be at the Public Safety Building on Main Street if anyone would like to welcome them back.

Councilor Robinson reported that he had heard from a citizen, Mr. Kent, who was interested in the Shoreland Zoning in Gorham that someone from the State had come to Gorham and spent the day with Town Planner, Tom Poirier, and Councilor Robinson mentioned that every property in Gorham except 2 the zoning had changed.

#### Chairman's Report

Chairman Caldwell also congratulated the Recreation Department regarding a very successful Burn Off the Turkey Race and the equally successful tree lighting ceremony and parade of lights. Chairman Caldwell also requested that the Chairman's Report item be removed from the agenda and if she had something to report she would do so under Councilor Communications.

#### Town Manager's Report

Reporting for the Town Manager, Chief Robert Lefebvre reported on the Rescue Billing for the city of Westbrook which Gorham took over just under a year ago. Chief Lefebvre reported that they are at an 86% collections rate for both Gorham and Westbrook. Police Chief Ronald Shepard reported that the impact from the Ordinance Regulating Fraternities and Sororities has been positive. There has been one call to a fraternity and one call to a sorority since the Ordinance was instituted. At a recent Neighborhood Meeting held by the University of Southern Maine there were no neighbors in attendance and he felt this was also a positive sign.

## School Committee Report

James Hager, Chairman of the School Committee, congratulated the new School Committee members. He also reported on the School District enrollment figures and that the School Department website is a good resource for information regarding all the Gorham Schools. In the future Mr. Hager will be contacting Councilors in advance of their meetings if there is a specific topic they would like explained during his report. The next School Committee meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

Item #8102 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Gagnon and VOTED that

Whereas, Cindy Gray is a resident of Gorham and a 1976 graduate of Gorham High School, where she was a member of the band, chorus and a varsity athlete, and  
Whereas she obtained a commercial driving license in 1982, became a commercial truck driver and for the last 5 years has worked for Hannaford Brothers Distribution System servicing stores from as far away as New York and up to Northern Maine while logging over 500,000 accident free miles of driving, and

Whereas, in May 2011 she entered Hannaford Truck Driving Rodeo and qualified to compete in the State truck driving rodeo competition in Bangor in mid-May and then qualified to compete in the Delhaize Rodeo held in Butner, North Carolina on June 10-12, 2011, and

Whereas in Butner, North Carolina, she competed against fellow drivers representing Delhaize America (the parent company of Hannaford Brothers) in a competition of knowledge and driving skills and placed 1st out of the 29 drivers competing in the event, qualifying her to compete in the International Food Service Distribution Association National Truck Driving Championship held in Orlando, Florida on September 22-26, 2011, and

Whereas, Cindy competed in the International Truck Driving Championship in Orlando, and came in 1st out of 53 drivers, in the 5-Axle class, with competitors representing 40 different States and a Canadian Province in the 5-Axle class, and

Whereas, this was the 25th anniversary of the International Food Service Distribution Association National Truck Driving Championship, and

Whereas, Cindy Gray was the first women to ever win the National Rodeo Championship, and

Whereas, Cindy was voted the Maine Motor Transport Driver of the month for the month of December 2011,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Gorham, Maine hereby recognizes Cindy Gray, for her dedication to her profession and congratulates her for her success in winning the 25th International Food Service Distribution Association National Truck Driving Championship. 6 years

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Gagnon and VOTED to take up an Item not on the agenda. 6 years

Item #8109 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and VOTED that,

Whereas, the Town Council is aware that R. J. Grondin is considering an option for disposing of the waste, from the Plan-It-Recycling site, to the Commercial Landfill Site in Old Town, Maine, and

Whereas, the Town Council agrees that disposing of the waste material at the Commercial Landfill site in Old Town is the option that is preferred by the Town Council, providing it remains a viable option, and  
Whereas, the determination of the Gorham Town Council made on October 18, 2011 is still an option in the event that the Commercial Landfill site in Old Town is not a viable option,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the Town Council supports the efforts of R. J. Grondin to have the waste from the Plan-It Recycling Site taken to the Old Town Commercial Landfill, with the understanding that the Plan-It Recycling Site will have a restriction placed on its real estate title, subject to Town Attorney approval, that prohibits the property from ever being used to process, store or transfer commercial or residential waste. 6 years

Item #8103 The Order as read aloud was moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Gagnon, Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and VOTED to POSTPONE a request to do a contract zone for property located at 34 County Road until the Ordinance Committee reports to the Council or more contiguous properties come forward with a request to rezone. (Tax Map 6, lot 14). 6 years

Item #8104 The Order as read was moved by Councilor Mattingly, seconded by Councilor Gagnon, Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and VOTED to POSTPONE action on the Town Council scheduling a meeting of the members of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation to discuss the goals, purpose and mission of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation and to schedule a workshop of the members, tentatively for January 17, 2012. 5 years, 1 nay (Mattingly) Prior to the above vote a motion to send the proposed order to the Capital Improvements Committee FAILED OF PASSAGE. 3 years 3 nays (Phinney, Robinson, Caldwell)

Item #8105 The prepared Order was moved by Councilor Mattingly, seconded by Councilor Gagnon, Moved by Councilor Mattingly, seconded by Councilor Gagnon to AMEND the prepared order to strike out the words "both the Finance Committee" 5 years, 1 nay (Robinson) MOVED by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson to POSTPONE action until the next Regular Town Council meeting and charge the Town Manager with having a conversation with the owner regarding the property located on the corner of Main Street and New Portland Road formerly known as the Mobile Gas Station. 6 years

Item #8106 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED, that the Town Council ask the Ordinance Committee to investigate, and if appropriate, develop a policy on the extension of natural gas for Town Council consideration. 6 years

Item #8107 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Justice Way, located off Route 237 and part of the entrance into the Great Falls Elementary School, and further delineated on Record Drawings for Justice Way, November, 2011 by Deluca Hoffman, as a public road, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Justice Way be classified as an Urban Sub Collector. 6 years

Item #8108 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Pond Road, located off Justice Way and part of the road system serving the Great Falls Elementary School, as delineated on Record Drawings for Justice Way, November 2011, by Deluca Hoffman, as a public road and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that Pond Road be classified as a Rural Access Road. 6 years

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and VOTED to ADJOURN. Time of adjournment 8:37 pm. 6 years

A TRUE RECORD OF MEETING

Attest:

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Cornelia C Loughran, Town Clerk