

GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

April 3, 2012

Gorham Municipal Center – Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers

Chairman Caldwell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There were 9 members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

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

Moved by Councilor Gagnon, seconded by Councilor Mattingly and VOTED to accept the minutes of the March 5, 2012 Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting as printed and distributed. 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Phinney)

Open Public Communications

Representative Jane Knapp congratulated everyone who participated in the Gorham Market Place event. She reminded everyone about the Senior Fresh Produce Program. Representative Knapp also reminded anyone with an older home and thinking about renovations that there could be lead paint in their home. There are testing kits available for sale at hardware stores, paint stores and most home improvement centers. She also spoke about the Certified Business Friendly Community Program.

Hans Hansen read a letter he has written to the Department of Economic and Community Development outlining his reasons he feels Gorham is business friendly.

Councilor Communications

Councilor Phillips reported for the Founders Festival to be held May 25th and 26th ending with fireworks on May 26, 2012 at 9:00 pm. She thanked those that have become sponsors already.

Councilor Mattingly reported that the Gorham Market place was very well attended and congratulated the Business and Civic Exchange for sponsoring this annual event. Reporting for the Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee Councilor Mattingly stated that they had very good discussions on items that have been sent to the committee; the Mobil gas station, White Rock school facility also separating the school bus drop loop; with interest rates as low as they are it would be timely to review capital needs during this upcoming budget season.

Councilor Pressey making a personal statement thanked several individuals and groups for their prayers and support since the automobile accident. Reporting for the Appointments/Personnel Committee Councilor Pressey stated that there are several Board or Committee seats that are being presented to the Council tonight for approval and after completing the interview process for others they will be ready to make their recommendations.

Councilor Robinson speaking to Councilor Pressey was glad to hear that his son is progressing. He thanked Hans Hansen for his kind words. Councilor Robinson reported that the Appointments/Personnel Committee had conducted 7 interviews today and they were meeting tomorrow night and should be ready to make recommendations shortly.

Town Manager's Report

Mr. Cole welcomed Chairman Caldwell back from vacation. He reported that the Town of Gorham is planning to file an application to receive the designation of Business Friendly Community. Mr. Cole spoke regarding meeting with a group called the Maine Military Authority; they refurbish a lot of vehicles or rebuild them. We will have them look at some of our vehicles and make an initial inspection. It may very well cause us to rethink also how we manage our fleet in the long run. They are actually a bureau of the Maine National Guard. Mr. Cole reported that there was a steady flow of people all day long at the Gorham Market Place. He especially thanked Councilor Phillips for coming and helping to "man" the Town's booth. He stated that he has passed out the budget this evening to the Council and as proposed it would increase the mil rate by \$.03. Budget workshops will be held April 5 and April 10 and he read the schedule of accounts to be taken up. There is a tentative date of May 22 set to meet with the School Committee. Hopefully the Council will be ready to approve the Budget at the June regular Council Meeting.

School Committee Report

School Committee Chairman, James Hager gave a School Department budget update; he reported that the 2012-2013 incoming Kindergarten Screenings were being held this week. Mr. Hager stated that the Great Falls School hosted an Autism Outreach night earlier this evening. April vacation would be the week of April 16 and the next School Committee meeting would be April 11th at 7 pm.

New Business

The meeting recessed for a Public Hearing on the proposed Community and Economic Development Guide for the Gorham Economic Development Corporation. Tom Ellsworth explained the Guide. Hans Hansen stated that he felt that Gorham was going in the right direction. The Public Hearing closed at 7:41 pm.

Item #8152 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Gagnon and ORDERED that the Town Council adopt the Community and Economic Development Guide, dated November 2011, as a plan to assist and guide the activities of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation. 7 years

Item #8153 The proposed order was moved by Councilor Gagnon, seconded by Councilor Phinney; Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Pressey and VOTED TO POSTPONE to April 10 action that the Town Council authorize a referendum vote to be held on June 12, 2012 to acquire fire engines. 7 years

Prior to the above vote a motion to amend the prepared order to state 1 fire engine FAILED OF PASSAGE. 3 years, 4 nays (Gagnon, Robinson, Phillips and Pressey) Also a motion to amend the order into two questions FAILED OF PASSAGE for lack of a second.

Item #8154 Moved by Councilor Gagnon, seconded by Councilor Pressey and ORDERED that the Town Council approve a construction over limit agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation for Project No STP-1799(500)X located on Route 22 starting at the intersection of Route 114 and extending 3.32 miles to the Buxton Town Line, allowing the contractor to use overweight equipment and loads on municipal ways. 7 years

Item #8155 Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED that the Town Council ask the Finance Committee to review Rescue fees and report back to the Town Council with any recommendations for adjustments to the fees. 7 years

Item #8156 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Phillips and ORDERED that the Town Council refer a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code, Chapter VII, Impact Fees (F) by allowing the retention of impact fees consistent with a reasonable schedule, to the Ordinance Committee for their recommendation. 7 yeas

Item #8157 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED that the Town Council make appointments to various Town Boards and Committees as recommended by the Appointments Committee, as follows:

BOARD OF HEALTH

Lori Rumery 2015

BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Linda Frinsko 2015

Nancy Kenty 2015

FAIR HEARING BOARD

DeDe Perkins 2015

Johanna Hanselman-to fill an unexpired term to expire in 2013

PARKS AND CONSERVATION

Dale Rines 2015

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Jane Knapp 2015

Scott Firmin 2015

PLANNING BOARD

Edward Zelmanow 2015

7 yeas

Item #8158 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Pressey and ORDERED that the Town Council accept perpetual care funds as follows:

Cynthia B. Leavitt, West Gorham Cemetery, Section B, Lot 1 gravesite A	\$ 600.00
Franklin Clinch, Hillside Section R, Lot 30 gravesites A & B	\$1,100.00
Jason Noble, Hillside Cemetery, Section R, Lot 32 gravesites A & B	\$ 700.00
Jacquelyn Taylor, Hillside Cemetery, Section R, Lot 32 gravesites C & D	\$ 700.00
Harry Harris, West Gorham Cemetery Section D, lot 4 gravesites B, C and D	\$ 900.00
Julie Stickney, North Street Cemetery, Section 56, gravesite E	\$ 300.00
Debra and Edward Gale, Hillside Cemetery, Section N, lot 3, gravesites A,B,C, & D and Section N, lot 10 gravesites A, B, C, & D,	\$2,000.00
Christopher Stickney, North Street Cemetery, Section 57, gravesites G and H	\$ 600.00

Item #8159 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson to WAIVE the reading of the Proposed Order due to its length. 7 yeas Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED that the Town Council appoint the following as Election Workers, per Title 21-A M.R.S.A., sec 503, with Terms to expire April 1, 2014:

Republican Workers:

Janet Bell
Dorothy Burnham
Brenda Caldwell
Donna Carll
Gladys Carter,
Nancy Connolly
Kenneth Curtis
George Deering
Linda Deering
Rhonda Desrochers
Janice Edwards
Susan Emerson
Linda Frinsko
Diane Godfrey
Mary Golden
Sharon Geer
Ann Hall
Martha Harris
Nancy M. Hawkes

Madelyn Hunt
Mary L. Jordan
Nancy Kenty
Mary Kesseli
Elizabeth Labrecque
Janice Labrecque
John Labrecque
Marina Lewis
Jenifer McCullough
Raymond Mitchell
Mary Nelson
Rosamond Phinney
Heidi Pratt
Scott Pratt
Kristen Smith
Laurel Smith
Martha Towle
Janice Weed
Virginia T. Williams

Democrat Workers:

Judith Arsenault
Marilyn Amoroso,
Patricia Clay
Katharine Corbett
Nancy Craig
Geraldine Day
Frances Doucette
Peggy Douglass
Cynthia Doyle
Anne Emerson
Mary L. Fraser
Katherine Garrard
A. Merrill Henderson
Christopher Hourcle
Colleen Hoyt
Christine Kimball
Barbara McGarvey
Nicholas McKenny
Adelle Neuwirth
Virginia Morrow

Harold Parks
Susan Parsons
Cassie Pelletier
Asher Platts
Ethel Robillard
Thomas Rootes
Tina Ruel
Robin Sanford
Melinda Shain
Barbara Skinner
Robert Skinner
Helen Smith
Mary Snell
Judith L. Stevens
Mary E. Sturtevant
Ellen Vellieux
Kathleen Walsh
Patricia M. Weeks
Michael Wojtal

Item #8160 The Order as read was moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Gagnon. Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson to AMEND the proposed order by adding the second paragraph. 7 yeas The amended order was voted resulting in the following: ORDERED that the Town Council pursuant to Title 15, MRSA, Section 5824(3) accept a transfer of assets in a criminal case, Unified Criminal Docket Number: CR-5371 and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council, pursuant to Title 15, MRSA, Section 5824(3) accept a transfer of assets in a criminal case, Unified Criminal Docket number: CR-11-8473, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the said assets be deposited in the DEA Recovery Funds Account.
7 yeas

Item #8161 Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED that the Town Council go into Executive Session pursuant to Title1, M.R.S.A., Section 405(6)(D) to discuss labor negotiations.

Moved by Councilor Mattingly, seconded by Councilor Caldwell to come out of Executive Session.
7 yeas

Moved by Councilor Phinney, Seconded by Councilor Mattingly and VOTED to ADJOURN. 7 yeas.
Time of adjournment 9:14 pm.

A True Record of Meeting

ATTEST:

Cornelia C Loughran, Town Clerk