



**CORRECTED REPORT OF THE GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
June 18, 2013
Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers**

In accordance with Section 2 of the Rules of Council, Vice Chairman Philip Gagnon opened the Special Meeting at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 19 members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Gagnon; Councilors: Benner, Moulton, Phillips, Phinney, Pressey, Robinson. Town Manager David Cole, Town Clerk Connie Loughran and Town Attorney William Dale.

Item #8313 As previously moved and seconded, Chairman Gagnon reopened the Public Hearing and three (3) members representing the Lakes Region Seniors spoke regarding their organization being part of the Little Falls building renovation project. The Public hearing closed at 7:04 PM.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED to Amend the Proposed Budget to reflect that the State Revenue Sharing we would expect to receive is \$752,607. 7 years

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Gagnon and ORDERED to close the Town Clerk's office 1 day a week. 5 years 2 nays (Moulton, Robinson)

Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED to remove \$500.00 from the Recycling Committee. 7 years

Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED to add \$1,425 into the Solid Waste line for 4 Brush Collection Days per year. 4 years 3 nays (Benner, Moulton, Phillips)

Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED to change the amount appropriated for acquisition of an excavator in Capital Part 2 funds from \$135,000 to \$30,000 with the intent that it will be the first year's lease payment for an excavator. 6 years 1 nay (Gagnon)

Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED to remove the \$1,000 contribution to the SnoGoers. 5 years 2 nays (Phillips, Gagnon)

Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Robinson and ORDERED to appropriate \$105,000 of Capital Part 2 monies to supplement road projects. 7 years

Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED to remove \$100,000 from the Capital Projects line. 6 years 1 nay (Robinson)

Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Gagnon and ORDERED to reduce the Council's pay for the first 2 pay periods in the new fiscal year to \$75.00 each. 6 years 1 nay (Phinney)

Moved by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Phinney to Move the Question. 5 years 2 nays (Phillips and Gagnon)

The Order as AMENDED was VOTED resulting in the following:

ORDERED that the Gorham Town Council vote to adopt the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget with the following departmental totals:

General Government	\$	1,382,912
Public Safety	\$	3,670,159
Public Works/Solid Waste/Engineering & Insp Services	\$	2,345,681
Health & Welfare and Social Service Agencies	\$	83,900
Recreation/Community Center/Cable	\$	376,175
Libraries and Museum	\$	446,712
Development	\$	65,000
Debt & Interest	\$	1,378,404
Capital Items	\$	138,250
Insurance and Employee Benefits	\$	2,024,213
Other Town Services and Unclassified	\$	180,150
Subtotal	\$	12,091,556
Cumberland County Property Tax	\$	888,144
Total	\$	<u>12,979,700</u>
Non-Property Tax Revenues	\$	5,582,294

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Education budget as finally approved by the Gorham Town Council and subsequently approved by the voters of the Town of Gorham be incorporated into a final Municipal budget; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Council vote to adopt the Capital Budget Part II in the amount of \$466,806 to be funded from the town's undesignated fund balance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that all taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable upon approval of this Order and that one-half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on November 15, 2013 shall commence bearing interest on November 16, 2013, and that the final half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on May 15, 2014, shall commence bearing interest on May 16, 2014 at the interest rate of 7.0% per annum as authorized by Maine Law until paid and collected and the Tax Collector and Treasurer are authorized to collect and receive thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Gorham Town Council authorizes the Finance Director to accept prepayment of real estate and personal property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 506A, the Gorham Town Council establishes an interest rate of 3.0% per annum to be paid on all real estate and personal property taxes rebated due to overpayment of taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Title 36, M.R.S.A., Section 906, the Gorham Town Council hereby requires and directs that any tax payment received from an individual as payment for any property tax be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill, provided, however, that no such payment shall be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless approved in writing by the taxpayer. This order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Municipal Officers.
4 yeas 3 nays (Gagnon, Phillips, Robinson)

Prior to the above vote a motion by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Phillips to amend the budget by eliminating the silver bullets at the Public Safety Building and Public Works FAILED OF PASSAGE. 3 yeas 4 nays (Benner, Gagnon, Pressey, Robinson) Also a motion by Councilor Robinson, seconded by Councilor Phinney to cut \$500 from Parks and Conservation FAILED OF PASSAGE. 2 yeas, 5 nays (Benner, Gagnon, Phillips, Phinney, Pressey) Also a motion by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Phillips to remove \$9,257 from the Robie Gym line and close it FAILED OF PASSAGE. 2 yeas 5 nays (Benner, Gagnon, Phinney, Pressey, Robinson) A motion by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Robinson to Move the Question FAILED OF PASSAGE. 2 yeas 5 nays (Benner, Gagnon, Moulton, Phillips, Pressey) A motion by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Benner to reduce the Public Works budget by \$13,000 FAILED OF PASSAGE. 3 yeas 4 nays (Gagnon, Phillips, Phinney, Robinson)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #8321 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Moulton and ORDERED that the Town Council postpone the July 2, 2013 Regular Town Council meeting to July 16, 2013. 7 yeas

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to ADJOURN. 7 yeas
Time of adjournment 9:21 PM.

A TRUE RECORD OF MEETING

Attest

Cornelia C Loughran, Town Clerk