

REPORT OF THE
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2016

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 10 members of the Public in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Roll Call: Chairman Robinson, Councilors, Roullard, Shepard, Benner, Phinney, Stelk and Hartwell.
Also present; Town Manager David Cole and Acting Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors.

Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting. 7 yeas

Open Public Communications

There were no comments from the Public.

Councilor Communications

Councilor Shepard reported that during the 1/25/16 Finance Committee meeting the Members met with the Town Auditors and received excellent reviews. The next Finance Committee meeting will be March 21, 2016.

Councilor Stelk welcomed new business Gorham Growl to Town. The Gorham Growl is a pet specialty store which recently opened in Gorham Village.

Councilor Roullard was appointed to the Cumberland County Council of Government and recently attended a meeting. The Committee is looking to consolidate duplicate services through out Cumberland County.

Chairman Robinson and several other Councilors recently attended the Aroma Joe Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and reported what a nice job that was done with the building. He also reminded us that there will be a 2016-17 Budget workshop on April 12, 2016 at 6pm that all Department Heads will attend and discuss their perspective department's budget.

Town Manger Report

David Cole reported that the Town's new Trash Bag Tag Program will be starting soon. The tags are in and will be available shortly. He also reminded Citizens that Volunteers are needed for various Town Boards and Committees. Applications can be downloaded on our website and are also available at the Town Clerks office. He was also pleased with the Bond rating that we received on our Bond Issues and bids will be opening sometime in mid-February.

School Committee Report

Darryl Wright reported the School Department has received their initial 279 from the State this week. The Superintendent will be presenting a first draft of their budget to the School Committee on February 22 and February 29. This is the first step in the budgeting process. He also thanked the Gorham Police and Fire Departments for their quick response to a suspected bus fire a few weeks ago. Gorham Savings Bank has funded a special new online Financial Literacy Class that is being piloted by GHS Students under the guidance of Scott Becker and with assistance from Jodi Mezzanotte. If all goes well with this pilot, Gorham Savings Bank will sponsor the full program next year. Recently, Superintendent Perry met with USM President Cummings to begin to make plans for a dual enrollment course to be offered on site at GHS for our students through USM. The next School Committee regular meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2016.

New Business

Chairman Robinson opened Public Hearing #1 on a proposal to issue a new liquor license to School Street Pub & Grill. There were no comments from the Public and the hearing was closed.

Item # 9015 Moved by Councilor Sheppard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council issue a new liquor license to School Street Pub & Grill, 29 School Street.
7 yeas

Item # 9016 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize a referendum for June 14, 2016 to borrow up to \$515,000 to purchase a new Tank 1 Fire Engine, to replace the current 26 year old Tank, and Be It Further Ordered, that the referendum question to replace Tank 1 be combined with order #8848, approved by the Town Council on January 5, 2016, which authorized a referendum to borrow up to \$850,000 to replace the 27 year old Ladder Fire engine, for a combined single referendum question to borrow up to \$1,365,000 to purchase a new Ladder Fire Engine and Tank 1 Fire Engine, and Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council schedules a Public Hearing on May 3, 2016.
7 yeas

- Item # 9017 Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council endorse a letter to the Maine Turnpike Authority supporting their continuing efforts to develop a new controlled access highway to provide sustainable mobility that will enhance the safety and effectiveness of the transportation system in the Portland to Gorham corridor. 5 years, 2 nays (Roullard, Stelk)
- Item # 9018 Moved by Councilor Roullard, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council, pursuant to Title 21-A MRSA Section 101 (2) appoint Laurie Nordfors as the Registrar of Voters. 7 years
- Item # 9019 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council amend Section 1.2 of the Rules of the Gorham Town Council, to have regular meetings of the Town Council start at 6:30pm instead of starting at 7pm, and Be It Further Ordered, that the 6:30pm start time shall begin with the regular Council meeting of March 1, 2016. 7 years
- Item # 9020 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Roullard and ORDERED, that the Town Council refer a proposal to amend Chapter II, Section III (E) (2) Projecting signs, to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to approve a projecting sign instead of requiring approval by the Town Council, to the Planning Board for their Public Hearing and recommendations. 7 years
- Item # 9021 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council refer a proposal to the Ordinance Committee to review the Town's Sign Ordinance and make appropriate recommendations to the Town Council of any changes. 7 years
- Item # 9022 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council endorse an application to PACTS for a Gorham Village Pedestrian Study, and
Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate \$4000 from account 204-09-50637-01, previously appropriated for an unsuccessful CDBG application, and appropriate \$4000 from account 203-10-50701-65 (Gorham Village Parking Improvements), for a total of \$8000 as the Town's share for a \$40,000 project. 7 years
- Item # 9023 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Roullard and ORDERED, that the Town Council appropriate \$2500 from the contingency account to replace and relocate all electrical panels at the old Elmwood School Building.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to postpone the Item until the March Town Council Meeting. 7 years
- Item # 9024 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council re-appropriate the remaining funds from the Little Falls Master Plan Reserve Fund, (603-63-50701-41) and appropriate \$797 to the Little Falls Tennis/Basketball Courts (603-63-50701-60) account with the balance appropriated into the Chick Property Master Plan (603-63-50701-42) account. 7 years

Item # 9025 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Old Dynamite Way, located in The Crossing at Tannery Brook Subdivision, off Gray Road (Rte. 202) as a Public road, and Be it Further Ordered, that Old Dynamite Way be locally classified as an Urban Sub-Collector Road. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Hartwell)

Item # 9026 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Hidden Brook Drive, located in The Crossing at Tannery Brook Subdivision, off Gray Road (Rte. 202) as a Public road, and Be It Further Ordered, that Hidden Brook Drive be locally classified as an Urban Access Road. 6 yeas, 1 nay (Hartwell)

Item # 9027 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED that the Town Council go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (C) to discuss the disposition of Town Property at 10 Preble Street. 3 yeas, 4 nays (Robinson, Benner, Roullard, Stelk)

Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to take an Item not on the Agenda. 7 yeas

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the Item to state not to sell either Property at 10 Preble Street. 1 yea, 6 nays (Hartwell, Shepard, Benner, Robinson, Stelk, Roullard)

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to Move the Question. 7 yeas

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the Item to read: Ordered, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manger to enter into an agreement with Peter Mason to sell the Town owned property at 10 Preble Street with the back portion of the lot to be retained by the Town and to list the property for sale at \$115,000 with the conveyance to be by Quit-Claim deed, and Be it Further Ordered that the Town Manger obtain a survey and establish a boundary line for the back lot line. 5 yeas, 2 nays (Stelk, Benner)

Amended Order was VOTED 5 yeas, 2 nays (Stelk, Benner)

Moved by Councilor Hartwell to take an item not on the Agenda. There was no second and the Item fails

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to adjourn. 7 yeas
Time of adjournment 9:30pm

A True Record of Meeting

ATTEST _____
Laurie Nordfors, Acting Town Clerk

