

REPORT OF THE
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2016

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 15 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 Deputy Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors.

Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Phinney and VOTED to accept the minutes of the December 1, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting and the December 21, 2015 Special Town Council Meeting .

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the December 1, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting Minutes to read on Item # 8994; Restrict parking on State Street and College Avenue to 2 hours not 20 hours. 7 yays

VOTED to accept both Meeting Minutes. 7 yays

Open Public Communications

Phil Gagnon, Gordon Farms Road thinks that It would be a good idea if the Town could purchase a 30 acre lot adjacent to Queen Street and Queen Street Extension and develop a conservation project.

Councilor Communications

Councilor Benner thanked the Gorham Rec Department for a great job with the New Year's Eve Gorham Celebration. She also thanked GOCAT for the wonderful job with the update of the new TV equipment in the Council Chambers.

Councilor Phinney reported that the Ordinance Committee met last month and looked at the Files Road Item. They also discussed the re-zoning of Shaws Mill Road.

Councilor Robinson reported on the Council workshop that was held on December 21, 2015. Everything went well and the Council chose their top 5 goals of the year. He also would like to sponsor an Item for next month's agenda to change the Town Council Meeting start time to 6:30pm.

Town Manager Report

David Cole thanked the Rec Department for a job well done with the New Year's Eve Gorham Celebration. He also reported that they are close to rolling out the new trash bag tag system. He will have more information on it within the next few weeks.

School Committee Report

Darryl Wright reported that the School Committee has scheduled the dates for when School Committee members will meet with the PIE groups for each school. They are asking Planning Decisions to re-work the most recent enrollment study to try and get a handle on enrollments. The School Department recently purchased two new propane busses utilizing the MPERS funds that the Town had held for the District. The School Committee continues to negotiate with the Gorham Teacher's Association. Governor LePage has formally nominated Bill Beardsley to serve as the Commissioner of Education. The next School Committee regular meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2016.

Old Business

Item # 8848 Ordered, that the Town Council authorize a referendum for June 14, 2016, to borrow up to \$850,000 to purchase a new Ladder Fire Engine to replace the Town's 27 year old Ladder 1 Fire engine, and
Be it Further ordered, that the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing on May 3, 2016.
6 yays, 1 nay (Hartwell)

New Business

Chairman Robinson opened Public Hearing #1 on a proposal to divide Ward 1 into two voting districts and have registered voters who reside north of Queen Street/Gordon Farm Road vote at Little Falls Activity Center. Phil Gagnon of Gordon Farms Road spoke in opposition of the item. There were no other Public comments and the Hearing was closed.

Item # 9002 Moved by Councilor Hartwell, seconded by Councilor Roullard and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a proposal to divide Ward 1 into two voting districts with the boundary between the districts as Queen Street and Gordon Farm Road, and registered voters who reside North of these locations vote at the Little Falls Activity Center. 7 yays

Chairman Robinson opened Public Hearing #2 on a proposal to approve a renewal liquor license for Lucky Thai Restaurant. There were no Public comments and the hearing was closed.

Item # 9003 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a renewal liquor license for Lucky Thai Restaurant, 593 Main Street. 7 yays

Item # 9004 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and Ordered, that the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing for February 2, 2016 to consider amending Schedule C of the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance to close Files Road to thru truck traffic. 1 yay, 6 nays (Robinson, Hartwell, Shepard, Benner, Phinney, Roullard)

The Council took a 10 minute recess from 8:55-9:05pm

Item # 9005 Moved by Councilor Roullard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a request from the Historic Preservation Committee, to develop a Historic Preservation Ordinance, for the town Council to consider, and Be it Further Ordered, that the Historic Preservation Committee prepares the initial draft of said ordinance. 7 yays

Item # 9006 Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Tink Drive, located in Hawkes Farm Subdivision, off Main Street (Rte. 25) as a Public Road, and Be it Further Ordered, that Tink Drive, be locally classified as an Urban Access Road. 7 yays

Item # 9007 Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Stephanie Drive, located in Hawkes Farm Subdivision, off Main Street (Rte. 25) as a Public Road, and Be it Further Ordered, that Stephanie Drive be locally classified as an Urban Access Road. 6 yays, 1 nay (Hartwell)

Item # 9008 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept a recreation Trail Easement over the Cumberland and Oxford land Tow Path and located in part of the Simon Shores Condominium project in Little Falls. 7 yays

Item # 9009 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to list the property located at 10 Preble Street for sale, with Peter Mason as the Broker, with final approval for the listing sale price and conditions of sale, approved by the Town Council.

Moved by Councilor Roullard, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to postpone the item until further notice. 7 yays

Item # 9010 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manger to list the property located at 77 South Street, the McLellan/Sampson House, for sale, with Paul Will as the Broker, with final approval for the listing sale price and conditions of sale, approved by the Town Council and, Be it Further Ordered, that the Town Council accepts a proposal from Sylvanus Doughty to prepare an assessment of the restoration needs of the building for an amount, not to exceed \$8700.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Roullard and VOTED to amend the order to Strike out; Be it Further Ordered , that the Town Council accept a proposal from Sylvanus Doughty to prepare an assessment of the restoration needs of the building for an amount, not to exceed \$8700. 7 yays

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Roullard and VOTED to amend the order to add a deed restriction to read the house may not be torn down unless there is a catastrophic event which would require demolition. 7 yays

Item #9010 was voted 7 yays

Item # 9011 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council refer the following proposal to amend Chapter 7, impact Fees, of the Land Use and Development Code to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing, and their recommendations:

[Proposed Amendment to the Land Use and Development Code](#)

Be it ordained, by the Town Council, that Chapter VII, § 1(F)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

Chapter VII Impact Fees

Section I General

F. Refunds of Impact Fees

(2) Any fees collected that are not spent or obligated by contract for the specified improvement within a reasonable time period for the specific impact fee account by the end of the calendar quarter ~~immediately following ten (10) years from the date the fee was paid~~ shall be returned to the developer or its designee without interest.

Item # 9011 was voted 7 yays

Item # 9012 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Ordinance Committee to review Home Occupations and make appropriate recommendations for change, if any, to the Town Council. 7 yays

Item # 9013 Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Ordinance Committee to review the Narraganset Development District and make appropriate recommendations for changes, if any, to the Town Council. 7 yays

Item # 9014 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED that the Town Council, go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss the process of selecting a Town Clerk. 7 yays

Moved by Councilor Phinney, Seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to come out of Executive Session. 7 yays

Moved by Councilor Phinney, Seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to appoint Laurie Nordfors as Acting Town Clerk. 7 yays

Moved by Councilor Phinney, Seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to adjourn. 7 yays
Time of adjournment 10:26

A True Record of Meeting

ATTEST _____
Laurie Nordfors, Acting Town Clerk