

REPORT OF THE  
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 8, 2013

Chairman Gagnon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were nine (9) members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Gagnon, Councilors: Moulton, Benner, Phillips, Phinney, Pressey.  
Absent: Councilor Robinson. Also present was Town Manager, David Cole and Town Clerk, Connie Loughran.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to Accept the minutes of the December 4, 2012 Town Council Regular Meeting. 6 yeas

There were no open public communications.

#### Councilor Communications

Councilor Moulton stated that he was happy that Gorham House of Pizza has reopened.

Councilor Phillips reported that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the November financials and that there had been no major issues with the audit review.

Councilor Phinney reported that there had not been an Ordinance Committee meeting since the last Council meeting, however, tonight the Council would be reviewing the Committee's work schedule.

Councilor Pressey warned citizens to be careful of black ice.

Councilor Gagnon reported that on January 22<sup>nd</sup> he would be meeting with USM President, Theodora J. Kalikow and invited anyone interested to come and watch the women's game and enjoy refreshments.

#### Town Manager Report

David Cole reported that he had toured the old fraternity house on Preble Street and he congratulated the Wentworths on a terrific job in refurbishing the building.

#### School Committee Report

Chairman Currier reported that the School department expresses appreciation to Chiefs Shepard and Lefebvre during the recent threats at the high school. She reported that there would be a \$157,534 curtailment of State funds to education in Gorham and that school districts would be receiving even less in the future. A needs assessment has been completed and request for renovations and expansion of the High School is expected to go to referendum in November 2013.

Tom Ellsworth was not present to report for the Gorham Economic Development Corporation.

## Old Business

Moved by Councilor Pressey, seconded by Councilor Phinney and Voted to take up Item #8225 after Item 8246. 6 years, for continuity it will be reported on in its proper order.

Item #8225 The Order as previously Moved and seconded at the October 2, 2012 Town Council meeting was voted and FAILED OF PASSAGE, to appoint (3 Council Members) and 2 community members to the Little Falls Building Committee, and that the Town Manager and Recreation Director shall serve as Ex Officio members of the Committee. 6 nays (Pressey, Phinney, Phillips, Gagnon, Benner, Moulton)

Item #8207 As previously Moved and seconded at the September 4, 2012 Town Council meeting it was ORDERED that the Town Council appropriate \$175,000 from the remaining Capital Part 2 funds for the purpose of conducting any environmental cleanup necessary and the subsequent demolition of the White Rock School. 6 years

## New Business

Item #8246 Moved by Councilor Pressey, seconded by Councilor Phinney, MOVED by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Benner to AMEND the proposed order. 6 yeas The Order as amended was voted resulting in the following ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize a Referendum on June 11, 2013 asking the voters to approve a project and funding to develop a Public Safety Facility for Fire and Police in Little Falls, that would incorporate the reuse of the former Little Falls School (and listed as option 4 in the preliminary Report from the Public Safety Building Committee prepared from the December 18, 2012 Town Council Workshop) at a cost of \$6.3 million, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Council schedule a public hearing on this Referendum for May 7, 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the referendum question to appear on the ballot shall be as follows:

### **REFERENDUM QUESTION NO.1**

Shall a capital expenditure not to exceed \$6,300,000 be approved to pay for costs of expansion renovation, improvement or replacement and equipping of the former Little Falls School for use as a Police Station and Fire Station, such amount to be raised by the issuance of general obligations bonds and/or notes of the Town, hereby authorized, with the bonds and notes to have such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rates(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premiums) as said Municipal Officers shall determine; with the current building at 270 Main Street to be used for a community center and recreation?

(Total estimated debt service of \$8,284,500 of which the maximum principal amount is \$6,300,000 and estimated interest thereon at 3% over 20 years is \$ 1,984,500)

Notes: The Town Council recommends a "Yes" vote. and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Council asks the Public Safety Building Committee to develop plans to reuse space within the current building at 270 Main Street to be used for a community center

and recreation that that will be vacated if Police and Fire move to Little Falls. 4years, 2 nays (Gagnon, Phillips)

Item #8247 Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council rescind order #8223, previously approved by the Council on September 21, 2012, that authorized a referendum for \$4 million to make repairs to the Public Safety Building. 6 years

Item #8248 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Pressey and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Timothy Drive, located in Winslow Road Subdivision, off Winslow Road, as a public road, and

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

Item #8249 Moved by Councilor Moulton, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a Construction Over Limit Permit for a Maine Department of Transportation project (Project No. 019121.00) on New Portland Road. 6 years

Item #8250 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council remove the following items from the Ordinance Committee's work schedule.

1. Develop a policy for use of snack shacks.
2. Develop an Ordinance to regulate medical marijuana.
3. Review of Recreation and Open Space Impact fee.
4. Develop an Ordinance to regulate dumping and littering.

Item #8251 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council support and endorse the concept of having the Westbrook Gorham Chamber of Commerce organize and administer the annual Founders Festival, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Manager is authorized to meet with the Chamber for the purpose of discussing, planning and developing an agreement for the Town Council to consider. 6 years

Item #8252 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Pressey and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve the Memorandum of Participation in the Minerva System for Baxter Memorial Library and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Library Director is authorized to sign the Memorandum on behalf of the Town. 6 years

Item #8253 Moved by Councilor Pressey, seconded by Councilor Phinney. Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to AMEND the proposed Order by adding "to come from the Planning Department Reserve Account" 6 years The order as amended was voted resulting in the following: ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Town to submit an application for a CDBG Planning Grant for amount not to exceed \$25,000 to update the Village Master Plan with a local match of \$4,000 to come from the Planning Department Reserve Account. 6 years

Item #8254 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Pressey and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Finance Committee to meet with the School Boards' Finance Committee and discuss Capital needs and financial issues and report back to the Town Council. 6 years

Item #8255 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Phillips and ORDERED, that the Town Council go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., Section 405 (6) (c) to discuss the acquisition of property. 6 years

Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Moulton and VOTED to come out of Executive Session. 6 years

Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Moulton and VOTED to ADJOURN. Time of adjournment 8:33 PM. 6 years

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Attest:

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Cornelia C Loughran, Town Clerk