

**REPORT OF MEETING  
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2014**

Chairman Phinney opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 20 members of the public present at the start of the meeting.

Roll Call: Chairman Phinney; Councilors: Roullard, Moulton, Phillips, Benner, Hartwell. Town Manager David Cole and Town Clerk Jennifer Elliott. Absent: Councilor Robinson.

Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Benner and VOTED to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Town Council meeting. 6 yeas

**Open Public Communications**

There were no communications from the public.

**Council Communications**

Councilor Benner reported that she had attended her first meeting of the Noise Advisory Committee and found it very informative. The airport is changing flight paths and adding bigger planes to help reduce noise and frequency of flights.

Councilor Phillips reported that the Gorham Historical Society will hold its annual Antiques Roadshow presentation at the Gorham Savings Bank offices on Monday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and encouraged all to attend. It is a great opportunity to bring something to see what it may be worth and also to see what others are bringing. She also wanted to mark the anniversary of the death of Martha Harris, and stated that she is truly missed. She reported that next a Council Workshop is scheduled for next Tuesday, March 11, at 6 pm to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilor Moulton reported that the Finance Committee met on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and all departments are doing well, including the Public Works budget despite the weather and many storms. He complimented Bob Burns, Public Works Director, for the Department's hard work.

Councilor Roullard reported that he attended the Greater Portland Council of Governments meeting. They are considering having one new committee with fewer members so that there will not be duplication of services.

**School Committee Report**

Chairman Dennis Libby reported that they have been going through the recommendations of the Gorham High School Building Committee to gather questions for the next workshop scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

He reported that the School Board had an all-day school budget meeting this past Saturday. The schedule for upcoming meetings/workshops for budget matters are as follows: March 12, regular School Committee meeting, March 26<sup>th</sup>; Public Hearing on the School Budget 6:30-7:30 pm, workshop at 7:30 pm; April 9<sup>th</sup>, School Committee meeting with vote on the FY15 budget, May 20<sup>th</sup>, tentative joint workshop with the Town Council and June 3, Tentative Public Hearing on the School/Town Budget . He congratulated the High school boys hockey team for winning the Western Maine Finals and stated that they will be playing in the Class B Championships on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Town Manager's Report

David Cole reported that the Council workshop on March 11<sup>th</sup> will include a discussion on the Capital Improvements Plan as well as the Comprehensive Plan. He will be attending the Gorham Marketplace at USM on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 3 pm and encouraged the Council to stop by. He introduced Andy Hyland from Port City Architecture.

Andy Hyland presented a power point of many of the Fire and Police stations in Maine that his firm has taken part in. He gave an overview of the aspects that go into the projects for Public Safety buildings.

Chairman Phinney opened Public Hearing #1 on a renewal of a Golf Club Liquor License in the name of Gorham Country Club. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

Item #8426 Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Benner and Ordered, that the Town Council approve a renewal liquor license in the name of Harold and Kathy Hawkes d/b/a Gorham Country Club located at 93 McLellan Road. 6 years

Chairman Phinney opened Public Hearing #2 on a new Restaurant Liquor License in the name of the Blue Pig Diner. Paul Kennedy, applicant, stated that he is trying to open the business and is looking for it to be successful. In response to questions from the Council, he stated that he does not have all required permits from the Town, including Code, Police and Fire but is working on obtaining those. There were no further comments and the Hearing was closed.

Item #8427 The proposed order was Moved by Councilor Roullard, Seconded by Councilor Phillips. Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Phillips to AMEND the order to make approval conditional on receipts of all required permits from Code, Police and Fire Departments. 6 years The Order as Amended, reads as follows; Ordered that the Town Council approve a new Restaurant Liquor License for Paul Kennedy d/b/a the Blue Pig Diner, located at 29 School Street, with the condition that he receives all required permits from the Code, Police and Fire Departments in the Town of Gorham. 6 years

Item # 8428 Moved by Councilor Hartwell, Seconded by Councilor Phillips and ORDERED that the Town Council request consulting services from Stacy Benjamin, of the Maine Farmland Trust, to assist the Town in developing the Farming and Agricultural aspects of the Town's Comprehensive Plan update, at no cost to the Town. 6 years

Item #8429 Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council refer a request from Avesta Housing, to amend an existing Contract Zone to allow the development of 24 new Senior Housing apartments at 99 School Street, to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and the Planning Boards' recommendation. 6 years

Item #8430 Moved by Councilor Hartwell, Seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council ask the Ordinance Committee to review Chapter II, Section XII, the Keeping of Farm Animals, and develop a different system for determining the number of animals that may be kept and review the Section for any other suggested changes and report back to the Council on the Committees' recommendation. 6 years

Item #8431 Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Roullard and ORDERED that the Town Council accept the resignation of Corey Theriault from the Planning Board, and Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council thank Mr. Theriault and express its appreciation for his service to the Gorham Community. 6 years  
Prior to the above vote, Chairman Phinney read aloud Mr. Theriault's letter of resignation and thanked him for his hard work.

Item #8432 Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Phillips and ORDERED, that the Town Council endorse an application for funding to PACTS for drainage improvements on approximately 2400 feet of Gray Road with an initial estimated project cost of \$298, 000 and a local funding requirement of twenty-five(25%) percent, or \$81,950. 6 years  
The Town Manager emphasized that the Town's share is an estimated amount as of this date.

Item# 8433 Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED that the Town Council endorse an supplication for funding to PACTS for improvements to traffic signals on Main Street with an initial estimated project cost of \$198,000 and a local funding requirement of twenty five percent, or 54,450. 6 yeas  
The Town Manager emphasized that the Town's share is an estimated amount as of this date.

Item #8434 Moved by Councilor Roullard, Seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED that the Town Council establish a Committee of 7 people to study the feasibility of developing a Historic Preservation Ordinance with the Committee asked to assess the potential impact to businesses and individual residential owners who own, reside or are located within buildings, to identify the buildings that could be impacted by the Ordinance and to examine how current building codes are applied to these buildings , and  
Be It Further Ordered, that upon completion of their work, the Committee provide a report to the Council with a recommendation about whether to develop a Historic Preservation Ordinance or not and if is recommended to develop an Ordinance, whether it should apply to residential and/or business property, and  
Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council ask Councilor Roullard to work with other Council members and prepare a recommendation of people to serve on the Committee for the Council to consider. 6 years

Item #8435 The Proposed Order was Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Roullard. Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to POSTPONE the order asking Council to consider appropriating \$11,500 from the Little Falls bond funds to provide engineering services for the project to upgrade the heating system at the former Little Falls School to the April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Town Council Meeting. 6 years

Item #8436 Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept a gift of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from the Clarence and Myrtle Smith Family Charitable Trust, to be used by Baxter Memorial Library for general purpose, and Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council express its sincere appreciation for the thoughtful gift. 6 yeas

Item #8437 Moved by Councilor Moulton, Seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED that the Town Council go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, MRSA Section 405 (6) (D) and (E) to discuss labor negotiations with the Fire and Rescue Department Union and discuss litigation. 6 yeas  
Moved by Councilor Benner, Seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to come out of Executive session. 6 yeas

Moved by Councilor Benner, Seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to ADJOURN. 6 yeas  
Time of adjournment 9:38 PM.

A True Record of Meeting

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Elliott, Town Clerk