

AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDERS
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2016
Burleigh H Loveitt Council Chambers

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Acceptance of the minutes of the February 2, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Open Public Communications

Councilor Communications

Town Manager Report

School Committee Report

Old Business

Item # 9023 Action to consider appropriating funds to replace and relocate the electrical panel at the old Elmwood School building. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9023 Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate \$2500 from the contingency account to replace and relocate all electrical panels at the old Elmwood School Building.

New Business

Public
Hearing # 1
On Item # 9028 Public Hearing on a preliminary draft to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9028

Ordered, that the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing for April 5, 2016 to obtain additional comment on the updated draft of the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

Public
Hearing # 2
On Item # 9029

Public Hearing on a proposal to amend the Farm Stand Directional Signs Section of the Land Use and Development Code to establish a review process for applications for Farm Stand Signs. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9029

Whereas, the Town of Gorham recently approved an ordinance that allowed seasonal signs for Farm Stands within a 5-mile radius of the farm, and
Whereas, there have been some instances of conflicts when these seasonal Farm Stand signs have been located adjacent to property owners, and
Whereas, the Town wishes to provide a fair process that is balanced between the applicant and adjacent property owners with an appeal process,
Now therefore, Be It Ordered that the Town Council approve the following amendment:

CHAPTER II: GENERAL STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE
SECTION III – SIGNS
E. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Farm Stand Directional Signs: Farms which sell produce at the site where that produce is grown are eligible for farm stand directional signs. The provision allows for a maximum of 4 signs to be installed within a 5 mile radius of the farm. The signs may not exceed 8 square feet, must be directional in nature, and must advertise only the agricultural product available for immediate purchase. Signs must be placed so they do not block sight distance for any road intersections or driveways and are not a traffic hazard. The signs cannot be illuminated by any means and must be removed once the agricultural produce advertised on the sign is no longer available.

A sign permit is required prior to placement of any Farm Stand Directional Signs. The sign permit **application** shall include a description and picture of the sign(s) being installed, **a written consent from the owner of the property adjacent to the sign location**, and a map which shows the locations for all signs being installed and the distances from the farm. The sign permit shall be renewed annually.

Public
Hearing # 3
On Order # 9030

Public Hearing on a proposal to issue renewal liquor license to The Blue Pig LLC, 29A School Street. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9030

Ordered, that the Town Council approve a renewal liquor license for The Blue Pig, LLC, 29A School Street.

Public
Hearing # 4
On Order # 9031

Public Hearing on a proposal to issue a renewal liquor license to Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9031

Ordered, that the Town Council approve a renewal liquor license for Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street.

Public
Hearing # 5
On Order # 9032

Public Hearing on a proposal to issue a renewal Special Amusement Permit for Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9032

Ordered, that the Town Council approve a renewal Special Amusement Permit for Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street.

Public
Hearing # 6
On Order # 9033

Public Hearing on a proposal to issue a new Special Amusement Permit for 141, Inc., DBA School Street Pub & Grill, 29 School Street. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9033

Ordered, that the Town Council approve a new Special Amusement Permit for 141, Inc., DBA School Street Pub & Grill, 29 School Street.

Public
Hearing # 7

On Order #9034 Public Hearing on a proposal to issue a new liquor license to Gorham Country Club, 93 McLellan Road. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9034 Ordered, that the Town Council approve a new liquor license for Gorham Country Club, 93 McLellan Road.

Item # 9035 Action to consider selling the Old Elmwood School Building and lot. (Councilor Phinney Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9035 Ordered, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to obtain a sales study from Demetria Chadbourn for the Old Elmwood School Building and lot.

Item # 9036 Action to consider authorizing a compensation study. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9036 Ordered, that the town Council authorize the Town Manager to retain Human Resource Partners, LLC to conduct a compensation study, and
Be It Further Ordered that the Town Council appropriate \$10,000 from the Compensation Study Reserve Fund for this project.

Item # 9037 Action to consider selling Town owned property located off Canal Street (.Map 110, Lot 72). (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9037 Ordered, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to obtain a sales study for Town owned property located off Canal Street (Map 110, Lot 72).

Item # 9038 Action to consider selling Town Property at 77 South Street (McLellan/Sampson House) (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed

Order # 9038 Ordered, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Paul Willis to sell Town owned properties at 77 South Street (the McLellan/Sampson House) and to list the property for sale at _____ with the conveyance to be by quit-claim deed, and
Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Manager obtain a survey and establish a boundary line for this lot consistent with the approved conditional zone.

Item # 9039 Action to consider accepting the resignation of Damon Houk from the Conservation Commission. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9039 Ordered, that the Town Council accept the resignation of Damon Houk from the Conservation Commission, and
Be It Further Ordered that the Town Council expresses its appreciation for his service to the Gorham Community.

Item # 9040 Action to consider appropriating funds for the construction of a multi-purpose athletic field at the Little Falls Recreation Area. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9040 Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate _____ from Recreation Impact Fees to renovate a multi-purpose field and construct a multi-purpose field at the Little Falls Recreation Area in accordance with the Little Falls Recreation Area Master Plan approved by the Town Council on April 6, 2013.

Item # 9041 Action to consider appointing election workers for a two- year term. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9041 Ordered, that the Town Council appoint the following as Election Workers per Title 21-A MRSA Section 503, with terms to expire April 1, 2018.

Dorothy Burnham	Mary Kesselli	Marilyn Amoroso	Carol Mashburn
Brenda Caldwell	Elizabeth Labrecque	Dorette Amell	Michelle McCaffrey
Donna Carll	Janice Labrecque	Diane Caswell	Barbara McGarvey
Nancy Connolly	John Labrecque	Patricia Clay	Virginia Morrow
Katherine Corbett	Jenifer McCullough	Katharine Corbett	Harold Parks
George Deering	Rosemond Phinney	Nancy Craig	Susan Parsons
Linda Deering	Heidi Pratt	Geraldine Day	Cassie Pelletier
Rhonda Desrochers	Scott Pratt	Melissa Deering	Tina Ruel
Janice Edwards	Laurel Smith	Frances Doucette	Robin Sanford
Susan Emerson	Martha Towle	Peggy Douglass	Melinda Shain
Linda Frinsko	Janice Weed	Cynthia Doyle	Robert Skinner
Diane Godfrey	Norman Weed	John Ersek	Helen Smith
Mary Golden	Virginia T Williams	Mary L Fraser	Mary Snell
Sharon Geer	Carol Wyman	Katherine Garrard	Judith L Stevens
Nancy M Hawkes		Jen Greslick	Kathleen Walsh
Mary L Jordan		Mary Holden	Patricia M Weeks
Nancy Kenty		Colleen Hoyt	
		Carol Jordan	

Item # 9042 Action to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (C) to discuss the disposition of property at 10 Preble Street and pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. (Admin. Spon.)

Proposed
Order # 9042 Ordered, that the Town Council go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (C) to discuss the disposition of property at 10 Preble Street and pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter.

Adjourn