

REPORT OF THE  
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 5, 2019

Vice Chairman Phillips opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Officer Wayne (Pooch) Drown and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 12 members of the public in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Roll Call: Vice Chairman Phillips, Councilors Shepard, Hager, Smith, Pratt and Wilder Cross. Also in attendance were Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak and Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors.

Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Wilder Cross and VOTED to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2019 regular Town Council meeting. **6 yeas**

**Public Communications**

Lisa Bolduc, Sylvan Road expressed her concerns about the GHS Expansion project and Robie Park.

Kathy Garrard, Gorham Village Alliance, invited the Public to a community workshop at Gorham Middle School on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00pm.

**Councilor Communications**

Councilor Pratt reflected upon the tragic loss of Police Officer Wayne (Pooch) Drown. He remembered being in the 1<sup>st</sup> DARE class with Pooch and noted that he will be missed by all.

Councilor Shepard also touched upon the tragic loss of Pooch and remembered the many years of service he had with him. He also and reported that the Ordinance committee met on March 5th and discussed impact fees, municipal road acceptances and an invasive plant species ordinance. They are still discussing these issues and waiting on input from the Planning Board.

Councilor Wilder Cross reported that the Appointments Committee met several times and filled all vacancies for various Town Boards and Committees. She also congratulated everyone involved with the USM Musical Unlock'd which was held last weekend and continues this coming weekend. Councilor Wilder Cross attended an Elected Officials workshop recently and learned a lot about municipalities. She also attended the METRO Regional Coalition meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> which involved a discussion on expanding housing choices with Dan Brennan.

Councilor Hager remembered Officer Drown by quoting him in saying that “all kids are good kids, some kids just make bad decisions”. He noted that he met with Pooch on many occasions and he will be sadly missed.

Councilor Phillips echoed the other Councilors in remembering Pooch and acknowledged how wonderful the community was to come together to honor him. She noted all the different generations that attended his service. Councilor Phillips reported that the High School Building Committee met on February 19<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on March 12<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a joint Town Council/School Board meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

### **Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Paraschak thanked the whole community for coming together to honor Office Wayne (Pooch) Drown and expressed his condolences on the loss of a great man. He reported that there will be a second Planning Board meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup> and a Finance Committee meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that the Gorham Market Place will be held at USM on March 30<sup>th</sup> and invited all to attend. Town Manager Paraschak also reminded residents of the road postings throughout the town and asked all heavy trucks to abide by the closings.

Councilor Hager asked the Council if there could be a public comment taking out of order.

Bruce Flaherty, president of Maine Spirit of America, asked the Council to pick Office Wayne Drown to receive the 2019 Gorham Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service. The Council will get back to him at a later date with their decision.

### **School Committee Report**

Darryl Wright, Chairman, gave a big “shout out” to all members of the Gorham PD, Gorham FD, and others within the town of Gorham for their help in celebrating the life of Officer Wayne (Pooch) Drown last Thursday. He reported that it was an incredible lesson for the students to see how a community came together to support one another in grieving for the loss of a great man. He pointed out that Parent teacher conferences will be occurring across all schools next week. Chairman Wright reminded people If you haven’t already participated in the most recent GHS Building Project “Thought Exchange” please be sure to do so. You can access it though the schools website at [www.gorhamschools.org](http://www.gorhamschools.org) and click on the “About Us”, then click on “Gorham High School Building Project” and scroll to the bottom of the page for the link. He congratulated Kate Tugman who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the New England Championship Indoor Track Meet on Saturday in Boston. Kate received the highest score ever for Gorham in the New England meet. The School Committee held a full day budget workshop this past Saturday. The next budget meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and all Councilor and the public are invited to attend. The GMS Musical, The Addams Family will be happening this weekend at 7pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and at 2pm on Sunday at the Middle School Auditorium. The next School Committee regular meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Vice Chairman Phillips opened public hearing #1. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Chairman Hartwell arrived and joined the meeting.

**Item # 9421** Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Wilder Cross and ORDERED, that the Town Council repeal the Town of Gorham's Coin Operated Amusement Device Ordinance, last updated June 3, 1997. **7 yeas**

Chairman Hartwell opened public hearing #2. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

**Item #9422** Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Hager and ORDERED, that the Town Council issue a renewal Liquor License to Gorham Country Club, 93 McLellan Road. **7 yeas**

Chairman Hartwell opened public hearing #3. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

**Item #9423** Moved by Councilor Wilder Cross, seconded by Councilor Pratt and ORDERED, that the Town Council issue a renewal Liquor License to MK Kitchen, LLC, 2 School Street. **7 yeas**

Chairman Hartwell opened public hearing #4. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Moved by Councilor Wilder Cross, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the item to correct the spelling of Natalie Poulins name. 7 yeas

**Item #9424** Moved by Councilor Wilder Cross, seconded by Councilor Hager and ORDERED, that the Town Council issue Massage Licenses to Christina M. Downs, 510 Main Street Group, Chelsea Jackson, Theriault Chiropractic & Massage of Gorham, Natalie Poulin, Skin & Body of Gorham, Elizabeth Berks, Liz Berks Massage Therapist, Audrey Austin, 510 Main Street Group, Christeen Christensen, Theriault Chiropractic & Massage of Gorham and Cheron Pillsbury, Theriault Chiropractic & Massage of Gorham. **7 yeas**

## **Old Business**

### **Item # 9419**

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Phillips and ORDERED, that the Town Council reconsider Order #9419 as approved on the February 5, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting, appropriating \$245,000 from Account # 621-71-40630-71 for the purposes of constructing a parking lot and baseball field on the Chick Property as outlined in Phase I of the property's master plan.

Ernie Wells, Gorham Conservation Commission, addressed the Council on the Clair Drew Trails.

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Smith and VOTED to Table Item #9419 until the April meeting. **1 yea, 6 nays**

**Item #9419 VOTED 6 yeas, 1 nay (Smith)**

## **New Business**

### **Item # 9425**

Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Pratt and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept the resignation of Ed Zelmanow from the Planning Board, to be effective immediately, and Be it Further Ordered, that the Town Council express its appreciation for his service on the Planning Board and to the Gorham Community. **7 yeas**

### **Item # 9426**

Moved by Councilor Wilder Cross, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council make appointments to various Town Boards and Committees as recommended by the Appointments Committee as follows:

Planning Board:	George Fox Scott Firmin Molly Butler Baily Jim Anderson (term expires 2021)
GEDC:	Brenda Caldwell Arthur Handman Brian Rancourt
Board of Appeals	Charles Haws Christine Hume Craig Sterling
Fair Hearing Board	Johanna Hanselman Charles Athansion
Conservation Commission:	Rob Lavoie William Moreno Thomas Mazza

Board of Voter Registration  
Appeals:

Sharon Grant  
Joseph Grumbach

Board of Trustees Baxter  
Memorial Library:

David Arthur Fogg  
Gerry Day  
Barbara McLean

Historic Preservation  
Commission:

Michael Towle  
Marylee Dodge

Board of Assessment Review: Kathy Feldman

Revolving Loan Fund  
Committee:

Brenda Caldwell, term expires 2020  
Brian Rancourt, term expires 2020  
Dan Nichols, term expires 2020  
Rebecca Winslow, term expires 2021  
Edward Doyle, term expires 2021  
Jeremy Hanken, term expires 2022  
April Edwards, term expires 2022

**Item # 9426 was VOTED 7 yeas**

**Item # 9427**

Moved by Councilor Wilder Cross, seconded by Councilor Smith and ORDERED, that the Town Council instruct staff to standardize the appointment process of all Council appointed boards and committees to align to the first regular meeting in April each year, and  
Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council instructs staff to provide information on available trainings and Freedom of Access laws to committee members. **7 yeas**

Moved by Councilor Pratt, seconded by Councilor Wilder Cross and VOTED to adjourn. **7 yeas**

Time of adjournment: 8:00pm

A True Record of Meeting  
03/06/2019

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk