

REPORT OF THE
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 3, 2018

Chairman Hartwell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 8 members of the public in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Roll Call: Chairman Hartwell, Councilors Benner, Shepard, Stelk, Hager, Smith and Phillips. Also in attendance were Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak and Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors.

Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2018 Council Meeting. **7 yeas**

Councilor Communications

Councilor Phillips congratulated the Gorham Business Exchange on a successful Market Place this year at USM. She noted that there were a lot of new booths and she thanked all that attended. She also noted that if Businesses did not get a chance to attend the meeting last week on Personal Property Tax, do not hesitate to contact the Town Assessing Department for more information on Personal Property Tax.

Councilor Benner announced that as Gorham's Representative for Eco-Maine, she is excited to report that they are beginning to sort out food waste from the rest of the trash. If anyone has any questions on what is recycle and what is trash, you can go to www.ecomaine.org/recyclopedia and enter the name of a waste item and it will tell you how to recycle or dispose of the item. There is also an APP on your Smartphone. She also reported that the METRO Bus Service in Gorham should be rolling out busses by the end of August.

Councilor Stelk reported that as the Town Council Representative to the Greater Portland Council of Government Executive Committee she has been working with their Senior Land Use Planner discussing the need for some kind of software program to help us understand the impact of our current codes and ordinances and what software we should have for a better strategic approach to the growth of Gorham.

Councilor Hager reported that the Finance committee met to review the budget to date and noted that the Town is slightly ahead on revenue and slightly under on expenses. They plan to meet again soon.

Town Managers Report

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak noted that with winter behind us and as we transition into spring, Public Works will be out cleaning up sand and the Rec Department will be out getting fields ready for play. If you see a posted sign on one of the fields, please stay off it to give the field time to dry out. The MDOT will be accepting bids on the Main Street road project and will then proceed with the project. He also noted that the Town Budget was delivered to Council and is looking forward to the upcoming Budget workshops on April 6th and April 24th.

School Committee Report

Chairman Wright noted that Kindergarten open house was held across the three elementary schools and as of right now, there are 214 students signed up for kindergarten for next year with a projected 245 students by the fall. He congratulated Ryan Chicoine and the JMG students, who competed against 700 other high school students from across the State in the categories of public speaking, job interview skills and college admissions, among other events. The students came home with three trophies. On April 2nd, the School Committee completed its 5th full budget workshop meeting with the District Leadership team and completed the budget development process. The School Committee will be voting on the proposed budget at the next regular meeting on April 11th. The joint meeting with the Town Council is scheduled for May 15th. The GHS building committee and athletic capital campaign committee held their latest meeting on March 27th where they reviewed information collected by Harriman through their stakeholder interviews. They looked at a draft of the programming needs at the High School based on these interviews. They also were updated on the latest conversations with Shawn Moody regarding a parcel of land near the high school, where the process stands with the National Park Service and the next steps. A survey will be sent out in the future to collect information from staff, students, parents and community members through Thought Exchange. At the next meeting on April 10th, the Committees will be reviewing the program document in preparation for it being presented to the School Committee at the April 25th workshop. The Committee is also visiting three area High Schools as part of the process. The School Committee has asked the Superintendent to provide an overview of their policies and procedures in regard to dealing with issues of bullying in our schools. This information will be provided on camera at the April 11th meeting for those interested.

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

Item # 9322 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council make appointments to various Town Boards and Committees, as recommend by the Appointments Committee, as follows:

PLANNING BOARD

LEE PRATT

ED ZELMANOW

BOARD OF APPEALS

ANTHONY BUTTS

KARI BEAULIEU

MARK JONES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP

SARAH JACKSON

KATHY GARARD

CHRIS KELLEY

CONVERSATION COMMISSION

ERNIE WELLS

STEPHANIE STRAZALKOWSKA

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MARSHA WEEKS TRAIL

DAWNA LAMSON

BOARD OF TRUSTEES-BAXTER LIBRARY

LINDA FRINSKO

NANCY KENTY

FAIR HEARING BOARD

LINDA MCLEAN

7 yeas

Councilor Phillips noted that she did not agree with the BOA appointments.

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to waive the reading of Item # 9323.
7 years

Item # 9323 Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Smith and ORDERED, that the Town Council appoint the following people as election workers per Title 21-A MRSA Section 503, with terms to expire April 1, 2020:

Democrat Workers:

Diane Caswell	Patricia Clay	Katharine Corbett	Laurie Corbett
Thomas Corbett	Nancy Craig	Geraldine Day	Melissa Deering
Renee Deering	Peggy Douglass	Cynthia Doyle	Joh Ersek
Rachel Flynn	Mary L Fraser	Katherine Garrard	Jen Greslick
Barbara Guimond	Joanne Hachey	Colleen Hoyt	Carole Jordan
Connie Loughran	Linda Maclean	Carol Mashburn	Michelle McCaffrey
Barbara McGarvey	Janet Miliano	Virginia Morrow	Susan Parsons
Denise Quint	Judith Ringo	Kimberley Ross	Teresa Sanborn
Robin Sanford	Melinda Shain	Robert Skinner	Paula Smeltzer
Mary Snell	Judith L Stevens	Mary E Sturtevant	Sheryl Towle
Kathleen Walsh	Wendy Clark	Stephen Nelson	

Republican Workers:

Marilyn Amoroso	Janet Bell	Bruce Bishop	Kathy Bruni
Louis Calabaro	Brenda Caldwell	Donna Carll	Nancy Connolly
Kenneth Curtis	George Deering	Linda Deering	Rhonda Desrochers
Susan Emerson	Linda Frinsko	Diane Godfrey	Sharon Geer
Mary Golden	Maynard Hincks	Carolyn Hodgkins	Thomas Hodgkins
Nancy Kenty	Mary Kesseli	Elizabeth Labrecque	Janice Labrecque
John Labrecque	Joann Means	Carlene Petersen	John Petersen
Jenifer McCullough	Rosamond Phinney	Heidi Pratt	Scott Pratt
Marlene Scholl	Nancy Shaw	Laurel Smith	Pat Surette
Martha Towle	Janice Weed	Norman Weed	Virginia T Williams
Carol Wyman			

Item # 9323 VOTED 7 years

Item # 9324 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Hager and ORDERED, that the Town Council appropriate \$10,000 from the Open Space Impact Fee Fund, for the purpose of assisting the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust in acquiring a parcel of land off Flaggy Meadow Road for permanent conservation. **7 years**

Item # 9325 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Hager and ORDERED, that the Town Council accepts the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee, that no action be taken to amend the sprinkler ordinance.

Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the item as follows:

Ordered, that the Town Council refer this item back to the Ordinance Committee with Direction to review and propose adding additional language for sprinkler systems for occupancies not currently addressed in the Town's Ordinances. 7 years

Item # 9325 VOTED as amended. 7 years

Item # 9326 Moved by Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Hager and ORDERED, that the Town Council ask the Ordinance Committee to review the Senior Property Tax Relief Ordinance to consider amending the standards on eligibility.

Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to table item # 9326 until next Council meeting. **7 yeas**

Item # 9327 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council ask the Ordinance Committee to review adding requirements to the Land Use & Development Code for drinking water testing. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Hager)**

Item # 9328 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Smith and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Carnation Drive, in the Allen Acres Subdivision, as a Public Road, and
Be It Further Ordered, that this road be locally classified as a Rural Access Road.

Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to amend the item to read:
Be It Further Ordered, that this road be locally classified as an Urban Access Road. 7 yeas

Item # 9328 VOTED as amended. 5 yeas, 2 nays (Hartwell, Stelk)

Item # 9329 Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Smith and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Geranium Drive, in the Allen Acres Subdivision, as a public road, and
Be it Further Ordered, that this road be locally classified as a Rural Access Road.

Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Hager and VOTED to amend the item to read:
Be It Further Ordered, that this road be locally classified as an Urban Access Road. 7 yeas

Item # 9329 VOTED as amended. 5 yeas, 2 nays (Hartwell, Stelk)

Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Benner and VOTED to adjourn. **7 yeas**
Time of adjournment: 8:25pm

A True Record of Meeting
4/4/2018

ATTEST _____
Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk