

REPORT OF THE  
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 11, 2020

Chairperson Phillips opened the meeting.

Roll Call: Chairperson Phillips, Councilors Shepard, Hager, Hartwell, Pratt and Wilder Cross. Also in attendance were Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak, Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors and Attorney Durwood Parkinson.

Open public communications

Linda Pearson, Mighty Street, urged the Council to stand firm and vote against Item #2020-2-9.

**Order #20-26**                      Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Wilder Cross and VOTED to go into Executive Session. **6 yeas**

Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Hartwell and VOTED to come out of Executive Session. **6 yeas**

**Order #20-27**                      Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Hartwell and ORDERED, that the Town Council enter into a consent agreement for Janet Kuech, et al. vs. Town of Gorham.

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Pratt and VOTED to amend the order to read; ORDERED, that the Town Council enter into a consent judgement for Janet Kuech, et al. Vs. Town of Gorham. **6 yeas**

Attorney Parkinson read the judgement aloud. The judgement is as follows:

Wherefore the parties consent to this judgment in full and final resolution of this matter.

The following terms have been agreed to by the Gorham Town Council at its special meeting on February 11, 2020:

1. Janet Kuech is seated on the Gorham Town Council and can vote on all issues before the council with the following exception: Janet Kuech is presumed to be recused from any vote related to the Gorham Education Department unless the remaining councilors vote to allow Ms. Kuech to vote on a particular school related item. This conflict will be disclosed in accordance with the Town Council rules.
2. Janet Kuech agrees to resign from her employment as a part time librarian for the Town of Gorham before she is sworn in.
3. The Town will not hold its special Municipal Election to fill a Town Council vacancy scheduled on March 3 2020.
4. The provisions of the judgment may be enforced by and through the contempt procedures pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

5. This Judgment is the final resolution of this matter and covers all claims asserted or unasserted related to the November 5, 2019 election.

Wherefore, the Consent Judgment is now entered. The Clerk shall incorporate this order in the docket by reference pursuant to Rule 79 (a).

**Order #20-27 was VOTED as amended. 6 yeas  
Judgement is attached**

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Hartwell and VOTED to adjourn. **6 yeas**  
Time of adjournment, 6:45pm

A True Record of Meeting  
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ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_ 02/13/2020  
Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

