

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

Chairman Hartwell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 6 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 Benner and VOTED to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting. **7 yeas**

Councilor Communications

Councilor Phillips reported that the High School Building Committee and Athletic Capital Committee met last month and will meet again on August 10th.

Councilor Benner reminded the public that the Senior Property Tax Assistant Program is now available.

Councilor Stelk remarked that the Gorham Village Alliance is making headway and moving forward to develop a plan with the Downtown area.

Councilor Hager reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the upcoming Town audits.

Town Manager Report

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak reminded citizens that a permit is needed for fireworks in the Town. He also thanked Finance Director Sharon LaFlamme for another year of receiving the Excellence Award in Town Financial Reporting. He reported that the DOT is working on the Main Street Plan and it will be moving forward soon. Ephrem reminded Citizens that the Senior Property Tax Assistant Applications are available in the Town Clerks Office, online at our Website, at the Senior Center in the Little Falls Rec Building or in the Rec Department. You may call with questions, 222-1656 and someone will return your call. The deadline to submit an application is August 1st.

School Committee Report

Vice Chairman Stewart McAllister thanked all of the administrators, teachers and other staff for a great year. He reported that the first day of School will be August 29th for K, 6 & 9th grade and August 30th for all other students. There are a lot of projects going on this summer, including the installation of two new portable classrooms, one at GHS and one at Village. The two portables will likely not arrive until late September. The Scholl Committee is grappling with the issue of the Middle School Heat Pumps. The system is now 15 years old and in need of repair or replacement. The School Committee is working to try

and figure out the best path to move forward. Superintendent Perry will be reaching out to the Town Manger and the Town Council within the next few weeks to request an item to be placed on the November Referendum concerning the creation of a Regional Service Center. The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12th.

Item # 9349 Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Smith and Ordered, that the Town Council instruct the Town Manager to prepare a cost benefit analysis through staff on the feasibility of contracting certain winter time maintenance routes for Council review. **5 yeas, 2 nays (Hager, Shepard)**

Item # 9350 Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Stelk and Ordered, that the Town Council adopt the amended Town Procurement Policy effective July 1, 2018. **7 yeas**

Item # 9351 Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Shepard and Ordered, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to dispose of via a Quitclaim deed property located at 148 Burnham Road for the sum of \$300 to resolve a tax acquired property issue. **7 yeas**

Item # 9352 Moved by Councilor Benner, Seconded by Councilor Hager and Ordered, that the Town Council instruct staff to bring to the Council an amendment to the contract zone of Hans Hansen in south Gorham allowing one single family dwelling unit use and to expand the commercial application square footage allowed in the zone.

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Phillips and VOTED to postpone item #9352 until the August Town Council Meeting. **6 yeas, 1 nay (Benner)**

Item # 9353 Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Stelk and Ordered, that the Town Council refer a request to amend the Land Use & Development Code to allow for form based codes in the Village Center & Urban Commercial Districts to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation. **7 yeas**

Item # 9354 Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council go into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) for a performance evaluation. **7 yeas**

Moved by Councilor Phillips, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to come out of executive session. **7 yeas**

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to adjourn. **7 yeas**

Time of adjournment; 8:47pm

A True Record of Meeting
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ATTEST _____
Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk