

REPORT OF THE
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
October 17, 2016

Roll Call: Chairman Robinson, Councilors Benner, Hartwell, Shepard, Roullard and Stelk. Also present Town Manager David Cole and Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors

Item # 9136 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve the purchase of a new Rescue Vehicle, as budgeted, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate supplemental funds of \$20,744.01 from the Rescue Reserve account and \$10,282 from the Rescue Savings Account towards the purchase for a total cost of \$236,025.06. 6 yeas

Item # 9137 Moved by Councilor Hartwell, seconded by Councilor Roullard and ORDERED,

that the Town Council approves the purchase of 2 parcels of property (Tax Map 27, Lot 6 and Tax Map 27, Lot 6.1) located off New Portland Road, to conserve open space on land that could otherwise be developed as residential units, construct a trail and aid in protecting the Indian Camp Brook Watershed, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate funds from the Transfer Development Rights account for this purchase, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Manager is authorized to execute necessary documents to complete this purchase.

Moved by Councilor Hartwell, seconded by councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the order to scratch the word "funds" and replace with \$139,333 and to scratch the phrase "Transfer Development Rights account" and replace it with open space impact fees. 6yeas

Item # 9137 VOTED as amended. 6 yeas.

Item # 9138 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to waive the reading of the order. 6 yeas

Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED,

Whereas the Greater Portland Transit District (METRO) has been working collaboratively with the University of Southern Maine, the cities of Westbrook and Portland, and the Town of Gorham to develop new and improved regional transit services for the affected communities, and

Whereas METRO has provided a proposal for an expansion of transit services to the Town of Gorham that will provide a substantial public benefit to Gorham residents, and

Whereas, METRO has proposed to fund the recommended transit service expansion and improvements with a combination of special fare programs, general passenger fare revenue, federal funding and local funding including an annual contribution from the Town of Gorham in each of the first three years of the project, and

Whereas, the Gorham Town Council endorses METRO's transit service expansion plan as presented at the October 4, 2016 Gorham Town Council meeting and seeks to encourage METRO, the Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG), the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS), the Maine Department of Transportation and the cooperating Cities and Towns to pursue the necessary funding requests and conduct a community planning process in order to refine and implement the proposed transit service levels and bus stops in fiscal year 2018-19, and

Whereas, the Gorham Town Council finds that an estimate of \$35,000 per year for each the first three trial years of the program (\$105,000 in total) represents a good value and worthwhile public expenditure in light of the scope of public transit service proposed for implementation, and

Whereas, the Gorham Town Council will have the option to exit the project at the conclusion of year 3,

Now Therefore Be It Ordered, that the Gorham Town Council endorse the proposed three year trial public bus service to be provided by METRO, contingent upon acquisition of all necessary funding, and subject to refinement through a community and stakeholder planning process is hereby endorsed, and

Be It Further Ordered, that the Gorham Town Council and Staff shall work together with METRO, the Cities of Westbrook and Portland, and the University of Southern Maine to finalize plans, funding requirements, transit service levels, bus stop locations and infrastructure to be formally executed as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) subject to Town Council approval at a future date. 6 years

Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to adjourn 6 years. Time of adjournment 6:10PM

At True Record of Meeting

ATTEST _____
Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

