

REPORT OF THE
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 3, 2017

Chairman Phinney opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 16 members of the Public in attendance at the start of the meeting.

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

Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and VOTED to accept the minutes of the December 6, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting. 7yeas

Councilor Communications

Councilor Shepard reported that he received a letter from the President of the Gorham Lions Club requesting that the town help pay for the expense of putting up the flags around Gorham. He estimates that the expense would be somewhere around \$750.

Town Manager Report

David Cole noted that the Gorham Comprehensive Plan was consistent with the Sate Plan. He also reported that he issued a 5 year services pin to Barbara Taylor of the Library, a 10 year service pin to Derrick Littlefield and Jeff Grant of Public Works, and a 15 year service pin to Nate Herrick of Public Works. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the Town of Gorham.

School Committee Report

Darryl Wright thanked the Gorham Communities as a whole for their caring and support that was shown to our schools as the tragic events just before the Holiday break unfolded. He also noted that the potential impacts of Question 2 that passed in November will not impact the FY 18 Budget. Due to the increasing enrollments at Narragansett School Administration has made the decision to add an additional teacher to begin at the end of January. The School Committee is scheduled to meet with the different PIE groups at each of the schools over the next month. The meetings are scheduled for Jan. 9 at 6:30pm at Narragansett, Jan 11 at 5:30pm at GHS, Jan 17 at 6:00pm at Great Falls and Jan 19 at 6:00pm at GMS. The next School Committee regular meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2017.

Norm Justice gave a presentation on the Capital Projects that were completed with bond funds approved by the Voters in a referendum on November 3, 2015.

Heather Perry reported on the ongoing efforts to have more engagement between GHS and USM, facilitating student internships, developing Coop and job shadowing programs with businesses and developing programs to educate Teachers and other educational staff about businesses.

Tom Ellsworth, President of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation gave a presentation on the current business growth in Gorham and Kathy Garrard, member of the Board of Director's updated the Town Council on the Corporations progress to join the Maine Downtown Network.

- Item # 9171 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept Phase 2B of Old Dynamite Way located in the Crossing at Tannery Brook Subdivision, located off Gray Road (Rte. 202) as a Public road, and Be It Further Ordered, that this road be locally classified as an Urban Sub-Collector. 6 years, 1 nay (Hartwell)
- Item #9172 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council ask the Appointments Committee to solicit applications from people interested in serving on the Town's Historic Preservation Commission and to bring fourth the Committees recommendations as soon as possible. 7 years
- Item # 9173 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to exchange quit-claim deeds with Hans C Hansen, INC to clarify boundaries and ownership of a portion of the South Gorham Cemetery and adjacent land. 7 years
- Item # 9174 Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council appropriate \$150,000 of Recreation Impact Fee funds to construct a playing field and associated infrastructure and support facilities at the Little Falls Recreation area, in accordance with the Little Falls Recreation Area Master Plan approved by the Town Council on August 6, 2013. 7 years
- Item # 9175 Moved by Councilor Hartwell, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council ask the Ordinance Committee to review the Sprinkler Ordinance and consider putting some limitations on what is defined as a structure, and report back to the Town Council with their recommendations. 5 years, 2 nays (Stelk, Shepard)
- Item # 9176 Moved by Councilor Hartwell, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council refer a request from Norm Justice, to amend the Land Use & Development Code to add Agricultural Events Centers as a permitted use and redefine Agricultural Buildings allowing replacement or additions of Agricultural Buildings in the Rural Zone, to the Ordinance Committee for their recommendations.

Moved by Councilor Hager, seconded by Councilor Shepard and VOTED to amend the order to send the item directly to the Planning Board. 7 years

Item # 9176 VOTED as amended. 7 years

Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and VOTED to adjourn. Time of Adjournment: 7:55pm

A True Record of Meeting

ATTEST _____
Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk