

AMENDED REPORT OF THE
GORHAM TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 1, 2016

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 12 members of the Public in attendance at the start of the meeting.

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

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Roullard and VOTED to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting. 7 yeas

Chairman Robinson called for a moment of silence for the passing of our Library Director, Pam Turner, who passed away last week after a long battle with Cancer.

Councilor Communications

Councilor Hartwell reminded citizens of the upcoming Presidential Caucuses being held on March 3 and 4, 2016.

Councilor Phinney congratulated the Gorham High School Girls Basketball team for winning the Class AA State Championship. He also reported that the Ordinance Committee met and discussed several issues.

Councilor Robinson also congratulated the Gorham High School Girls Basketball team. He reported that there will be a Special Town Council Meeting next Tuesday with the School Department and our Town State Representatives to discuss school funding. Councilor Robinson advised people if they have any concerns about what they are seeing on social media to contact one of the Councilors or the Town Manager.

Town Manager Report

David Cole reported that the winning bid for the bond issue will be Morgan Stanley. He also gave his condolences to the family of Pam Turner and reflected on some of his fondest memories of Pam.

School Committee Report

Darryl Wright congratulated the Girls Basketball team for their Class AA State Championship. He reported that the School Committee is still looking for people to participate in the Re-Visioning Survey that is out on the District Website. They will also be having Re-Visioning Public Forums on March 2, March 7 and March 8. The Gorham High School Drama department is busy with the one act play "Asylum" and the Musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie". Kindergarten registration and screening is coming up. There is more information on the School website. The budget process is continuing and the next school committee regular meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2016

Old Business

Item # 9023 Ordered, that the Town Council appropriate \$2500 from the contingency account to replace and relocate all electrical panels at the old Elmwood School Building.

Three members of the Lions Club spoke and gave their support to the item.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, Seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to take an item out of order. 7 yeas

Item # 9035 was moved by Councilor Phinney. There was no second so the item dies.

Item # 9023 was voted. 7 yeas

New Business

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Roullard and VOTED to table Public hearing # 1 and item # 9028. 7 yeas

Chairman Robinson opened Public hearing #2. David Alexander, Wilson Road, Jen Grant, Mighty Street and Steven Bibula, Orchard Ridge Farms spoke on the item. The hearing was closed.

Item # 9029 Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, Whereas, the Town of Gorham recently approved an ordinance that allowed seasonal signs for Farm Stands within a 5-mile radius of the farm, and Whereas, there have been some instances of conflicts when these seasonal Farm Stand signs have been located adjacent to property owners, and Whereas, the Town wishes to provide a fair process that is balanced between the applicant and adjacent property owners with an appeal process, Now Therefore, Be It Ordered that the Town Council approve the following amendment:

CHAPTER II: GENERAL STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE
SECTION III – SIGNS
E. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Farm Stand Directional Signs: Farms which sell produce at the site where that produce is grown are eligible for farm stand directional signs. The provision allows for a maximum of 4 signs to be installed within a 5 mile radius of the farm. The signs may not exceed 8 square feet, must be directional in nature, and must advertise only the agricultural product available for immediate purchase. Signs must be placed so they do not block sight distance for any road intersections or driveways and are not a traffic hazard. The signs cannot be illuminated by any means and must be removed once the agricultural produce advertised on the sign is no longer available.

A sign permit is required prior to placement of any Farm Stand Directional Signs. The sign permit **application** shall include a description and picture of the sign(s) being installed, **a written consent from the owner of the property adjacent to the sign location**, and a map which shows the locations for all signs being installed and the distances from the farm. The sign permit shall be renewed annually.

Councilor Hartwell asked the Council if he could be recused from the vote. 6 yeas

Moved by Councilor Benner, Seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to amend the order to add: written notification goes out 5 days before permit is issued. 2 yeas, 4 nays (Roullard, Phinney, Robinson, Shepard)

Moved by Councilor Phinney, Seconded by Councilor Roullard and VOTED amend the proposed order by accepting the Planning Boards recommended proposal. 4 yeas, 2 nays (Phinney, Benner)

Item # 9029, as amended, was then voted 6 yeas

Chairman Robinson opened Public hearing # 3 on a proposal to issue a renewal liquor license to The Blue Pig LLC. There were no Public comments and the hearing was closed.

Item # 9030 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a renewal liquor license for The Blue Pig, LLC, 29A School Street. 7 yeas

Chairman Robinson opened Public hearing # 4 on a proposal to issue a renewal liquor license to Spire 29 on the Square. There were no Public comments and the hearing was closed.

Item # 9031 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Roullard and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a renewal liquor license for Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street. 7 years

Chairman Robinson opened Public Hearing # 5 on a propose to issue a renewal Special Amusement permit for Spire 29 on the Square. There were no Public comments and the hearing was closed.

Item # 9032 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a renewal Special Amusement permit for Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street. 7 years

Chairman Robinson opened Public Hearing # 6 on a proposal to issue a new Special Amusement permit to 141, Inc., DBA School Street Pub & Grill. There were no Public comments and the hearing was closed.

Item # 9033 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a new Special Amusement permit for 141, Inc., DBA School Street Pub & Grill, 29 School Street. 7 years

Chairman Robinson opened Public hearing # 7 on a proposal to issue a new liquor license to Gorham Country Club. There were no Public comments and the hearing was closed.

Item # 9034 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Stelk and ORDERED, that the Town Council approve a new liquor license for Gorham Country Club, 93 McLellan Road. 7 years

Item # 9036 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manger to retain Human Resources Partners, LLC to conduct a compensation study, and Be It Further Ordered that the Town Council appropriate \$10,000 from the Compensation Study Reserve Fund for this project. 6 years, 1 nay (Hartwell)

Item # 9037 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to obtain a sales study for Town owned property located off Canal Street (Map 110, Lot 72). 7 years

Item #9038 Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Benner and ORDERED, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Paul Willis to sell Town owned property at 77 South Street (the McLellan/Sampson House) and to list the property for sale at _____ with the conveyance to be by quit-claim deed, and Be It Further Ordered, that the Town Manager obtain a survey and establish a boundary line for this lot consistent with the approved conditional zone.

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to insert the amount of \$75,000 as the sale price. 7 years

Item # 9038 was voted 7 yeas.

Item # 9039 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council accept the resignation of Damon Houk from the Conservation Commission and, Be It Further Ordered that the Town Council express its appreciation for his his service to the Gorham Community. 7 yeas

Item # 9040 Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, that the Town Council appropriate \$30,000 from Recreation Impact Fees to renovate a multi-purpose field and construct a multi-purpose field at the Little Falls Recreation Area in accordance with the Little Falls Recreation Area Master Plan approved by the Town Council on April 6, 2013. 7 yeas

Item # 9041 Moved by Councilor Benner, seconded by Councilor Phinney and ORDERED, that the Town Council appoint the following as Election Workers per Title 21-A MRSA Section 503, with terms to expire April 1, 2018

Republican Workers

Democrat Workers

Dorothy Burnham	Mary Kesselli	Marilyn Amoroso	Carol Mashburn
Brenda Caldwell	Elizabeth Labrecque	Dorette Amell	Michelle McCaffrey
Donna Carl	Janice Labrecque	Diane Caswell	Barbara McGarvey
Nancy Connolly	John Labrecque	Patricia Clay	Virginia Morrow
		Katharine Corbett	

Katherine Corbett	Jenifer McCullough	Nancy Craig	Harold Parks
George Deering	Rosamond Phinney	Geraldine Day	Susan Parsons
Linda Deering	Heidi Pratt	Melissa Deering	Cassie Pelletier
Rhonda Desrochers	Scott Pratt	Frances Doucette	Tina Ruel
Janice Edwards	Laurel Smith	Peggy Douglass	Robin Sanford
Susan Emerson	Martha Towle	Cynthia Doyle	Melinda Shain
Linda Frinsko	Janice Weed	John Ersek	Robert Skinner
Diane Godfrey	Norman Weed	Mary L Fraser	Helen Smith
Mary Golden	Virginia T Williams	Katherine Garrard	Mary Snell
Sharon Geer	Carol Wyman	Jen Greslick	Judith L Stevens
Nancy M Hawkes		Mary Holden	Kathleen Walsh
Mary L Jordan		Colleen Hoyt	Patricia M Weeks
Nancy Kenty			
		Carol Jordan	

Councilor Phinney asked the Council if he could participate in the vote. 6 yeas

Moved by Councilor Phinney, seconded by Councilor Stelk and VOTED to postpone the item until the April 5, 2016 meeting. 7 yeas

Item # 9042 Moved by Councilor Roullard, seconded by Councilor Shepard and ORDERED, That the Town Council go into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (C) to discuss the disposition of property at 10 Preble Street and pursuant to Title 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. 7yeas

Moved by Councilor Shepard, seconded by Councilor Hartwell and VOTED to come out of Executive Session. 7 yeas

Moved by Councilor Stelk, seconded by Councilor Benner and VOTED to adjourn. 7 yeas
Time of adjournment 9:11pm

A True Record of Meeting

ATTEST _____
Laurie Nordfors, Acting Town Clerk