

## 2011 TOWN MEETING

**March 8, 2011**

The annual Town elections were held for the very first time in 19 years at the Gorham Town Hall Auditorium. The last time town elections were held in the Auditorium was in March of 1992. The Auditorium looked wonderful after all the new renovations. It felt good to be back home.

The polls were opened at 10:00 am on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 for the purpose of voting for Town & School officials, by Moderator Lee Carroll reading Article 1 & 2. Motion by David Graham and seconded by Terry Oliver to accept Article 1 & 2 as read. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #1** To elect one (1) Selectman for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Water and Sewer Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Library Trustee for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Library Trustee for a term of two (2) years, one (1) Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of one (1) year; two (2) Planning Board Members for a term of three (3) years, one (1) Planning Board Member for a term of one (1) year, three (3) Budget Committee Members for a term of two (2) years, three (3) Budget Committee Members for a term of three (3) years. (To be voted on by written ballot while the polls are open for receipt of same.)

**ARTICLE #2** Shall we permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment? (Total amount received in 2010 is approximately \$1,100.00.) (To be voted on by written ballot while the polls are open for receipt of same.)

Results of Article 2 were: **YES – 201; NO - 34.** Article 2 was approved.

All the other warrant articles were dispensed with until the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm at the Gorham Middle/High School Gymnasium.

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Janice Eastman, Chairperson  
Joan Bennett  
Dorothy Ferrante

### **BALLOT CLERKS**

Carol Rich  
Pamela Hall  
Diane Nadeau

### **MODERATOR**

Lee F. Carroll

### **TOWN CLERK**

Grace E. LaPierre  
Susan J. Enman, Deputy

The official 2011 Town Meeting was opened at 7:05 pm by Moderator Lee Carroll. Miss Hailey Bowie, Miss Berlin-Gorham's Outstanding Teen for 2010, led us in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem. Moderator Carroll then gave the results of the election (see results attached to the end of the report), as well as the "rules of order" and explained the card system.

**ARTICLE #3** To see if the Town will vote to adopt and enact a Noise Ordinance proposed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to NH RSA 31:39,I(n).

Paul Robitaille: I so move on Article 3 as presented. Seconded by Tad Michaud. (See proposed Noise Ordinance attached at the end of the minutes.)

Jay Holmes: I would like to make an amendment to Article 3. I would like to see “a” and “b” removed in its entirety from the proposed ordinance and put the time, that is included in “b”, under part “c”, and change the time to 9:00 pm to 6:00 am. Seconded by Robert Balon.

Town Manager Frost gave us an overview of what this ordinance was all about and how the Selectmen came up with this proposal. Concerned citizens came forth to discuss different annoyances, such as truck traffic, especially engine brakes, barking dogs, and loud vehicles and music. This was what this ordinance was designed for. It wasn't meant to be restrictive. We reviewed other communities and came up with what we thought was best for the Town of Gorham. Each instance would be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Police Department. The Selectmen thought it would be a good idea to bring this matter forth to you, the voters, to get your input rather than adopt this ordinance, which they can do by statute. There was a public hearing, with about 20 citizens in attendance, with the outcome being most in support of the ordinance. One of the concerns was the \$1,000.00 fine. The ordinance says “could” not “shall” for each violation. By taking away section “a” totally, you would be taking away some of the broadness that this section represents, so that the Police Department could handle each complaint on a case by case basis.

There was much discussion pro and con for this ordinance. Tad Michaud moved the question to cease debate. Seconded by James Andrews. The Moderator then reminded everyone that this ordinance is an advisory vote to adopt. Moderator Carroll then called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment was defeated and called a vote. The floor was now open to discuss Article 3 as presented.

Roger Goulet: I would like to make an amendment to change the time in section “b” to 9:00 pm to 6 am. Seconded by Tad Michaud. The Moderator called for vote on this amendment. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

Yves Zornio: I would like to make an amendment to change the wording in Article 3 to read “recommend” instead of “adopting”. Seconded by Paul Robitaille. This amendment just modifies the wording. The Moderator called for the vote. Being that it was too close to call, a standing vote was taken. The results were as follows: **YES – 74; NO – 68**. This amendment was passed.

Michael Waddell: I make a motion to cease debate and for no further amendments to this article. Seconded by Roger Goulet. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

We are now ready to vote on Article 3 as amended. A standing vote was taken with the results: **YES – 74; NO – 70**. Article 3 was voted in the affirmative to recommend to adopt and declared a vote.

Ron Donato: I move not to reconsider Article 3. Seconded by Ron Dagesse. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #4** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,837,797.00** for the general Town operations and charges.

General Government	\$ 1,277,822
Public Safety	\$ 1,058,710
Highways, Streets & Bridges	\$ 741,127

Municipal Solid Waste/Recycling	\$ 321,129
Health Purposes	\$ 1,700
Welfare	\$ 30,000
Recreation, Parks	\$ 182,474
Information Booth	\$ 32,016
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 14,141
Debt Purposes	\$ 178,678
Total	\$ 3,837,797

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-3.)**

Paul Robitaille: I so move on Article 4 as presented. Seconded by David Graham.

Mark St. Germaine said that in these economic times, it is time for us to just say “NO”. The general Town operations budget is up \$57,879.00, which Denise Vallee explained was mainly due to health benefits. Most of all the other departments were down. It was asked if the two members of the budget committee that voted against this article could explain why they did so. Steve Roy explained that his main reason for voting no was because he wanted to see the Recreation Department moved back into the Town Hall, where it should be, and the old trailer, that is now used for the Recreation Department use, torn down. It is costing the Town too much money to operate. John Losier said that the economy is terrible, and I felt that I didn’t want to micro manage, which I feel is not the Budget Committee’s job.

Jay Holmes: I want to make an amendment to reduce Article 4 by \$837,797.00 bringing the total to an even \$3,000,000.00. Seconded by Mark St. Germaine.

Paul Robitaille explained that this is a very lean budget. The department heads, selectmen, along with the Town Manager, and the budget committee worked very hard to bring forth this budget to you, the voter. Jay Guilmette thought this arbitrary cut is very irresponsible. Dana Horne asked where would these cuts be made. Has anyone given any thought to that? I believe we elected the budget committee, and they have worked very hard to come up with this \$3,837,797.00 workable budget figure, and we should have some faith in their judgment.

Bill Jackson: I move the question. Seconded by Bruce Lary. Voted in the affirmative to cease debate.

The Moderator then called for the vote on the amendment. The amendment was defeated. Bill Jackson then moved the question on the original warrant Article 3. Seconded by Tad Michaud. This was voted in the affirmative. Being no further debate, Moderator Carroll called for the vote on Article 4 in the amount of \$3,837,797.00. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #5** To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Gorham and the members of AFSCME – Local 3657, which calls for the following increases in benefits at the current staffing levels:

<b>YEAR 2011</b>	<b>\$1,828.00</b>	<b>Estimated Increase – Health Insurance</b>
Police Department		\$1,581.00
Dispatch Department		247.00

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,828.00 for the fiscal year 2011, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Bruce Lary: I so move on Article 5 as presented. Seconded by Jean Lary. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

Wayne Micucci: I so move we combine Articles 6 & 7. Seconded by Bill Jackson. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$451,810.00** for the operation of the Sewer Department. *(This amount will be offset by user fees and Sewer funds. It will not affect general taxation.)* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #7** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$514,886.00** for the operation of the Water Department. *(This amount will be offset by user fees and Water funds. It will not affect general taxation.)* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Ted Miller: I so move on Articles 6 & 7 as presented. Seconded by Roger Goulet. Voted in the affirmative and declared votes.

**ARTICLE #8** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$122,432.00** for the operation of the Gorham Public Library. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-1. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 4-4.)**

Jean Lary: I so move on Article 8 as presented. Seconded by David Graham.

David Graham said that there was no increase in the Library's budget, but rather it is the same as the previous year. I believe they do a great job. Walt Wintturi reiterated that same feeling, saying that this is the best operation he has seen in 32 years. The Library serves this community well. The increase in the director's salary is fair. Paul Robitaille stated that we elect the Trustees to oversee the Library, and they use their judgment in the day-to-day operations. Bruce Lary said that the reason he did not vote for this budget, as a member of the Budget Committee, was that he just couldn't get the answers he needed to justify this budget. It wasn't because he was against the Library.

Rufus Ansley, Library Trustee, said that he was new to this position, and he felt he did the best he could to answer the questions presented to him. The Assistant Director's hours were changed last year from 20 hours a week to 32 hours. The Director is working 40 hours per week. The Director has the lowest pay for a department head in the Town of Gorham. So the Trustee's thought we should be responsible and bring her salary up to par. Even with this change, our budget is still the same as 2010, and we are level funded.

Denise Vallee: I make a motion to move the question to cease debate. Seconded by Austin Holmes, Jr. Voted in the affirmative.

The Moderator then called for the vote. Article 8 was voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #9** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$60,000.00** for the purpose of highway and sidewalk asphalt repaving and curbing projects. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Paul Robitaille: I so move on Article 9 as presented. Seconded by David Graham. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #10** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,960.00** as Gorham's share of the Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District budget for fiscal 2011. This amount is the Town's prorated share based upon 2010 solid waste tonnage. The District's 2011 net budget is \$232,213.00. Gorham's assessment for 2011 totaled \$41,919.99, of which 50% is to be paid from the Mt. Carberry Landfill Fund. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Paul Robitaille: I so move on Article 10 as presented. Seconded by Denise Vallee. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,500.00** for the purpose of funding Home Health Care Services. (By petition Zulma M. Vien and others.) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Glen Eastman: I so move on Article 11 as presented. Seconded by Bill Jackson. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #12** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the purpose of funding the D.A.R.E. Program. **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Denise Vallee: I so move on Article 12 as presented. Seconded by Paul Robitaille. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

Bruce Lary: I make a motion to combine Articles 13 – 16. Seconded by Paul Robitaille. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$68.93.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #14** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** to be added to the Town Building Purchase and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$27,382.10.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1.)**

**ARTICLE #15** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,000.00** to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$1,966.34.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be added to the Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$43,104.71.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Bruce Lary: I so move on Articles 13 – 16 as presented. Seconded by Glen Eastman.

Sue Demers asked why we needed \$30, 000.00 in the Town Building Purchase and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund. The Town Manager, Robin Frost, replied by saying that there is major repair work that needs to be done down at the Highway Building.

Being no further questions, Moderator Carroll called for the vote. Articles 13 – 16 were voted in the affirmative and declared votes.

Bruce Lary: I make a motion to combine Articles 17 – 21. Seconded by Roger Goulet. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #17** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$70,000.00** to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$66,709.98.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #18** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$65,000.00** to be added to the Sanitation/Recycling Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$101,724.38.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1.)**

**ARTICLE #19** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000.00** to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$0.10.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #20** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** to be added to the Recreation Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$21,626.22.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1.)**

**ARTICLE #21** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to be added to the Multi-Modal Route Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$54,323.46.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1.)**

Bruce Lary: I so move on Articles 17 – 21 as presented. Seconded by Bill Jackson. Voted in the affirmative and declared votes.

Bruce Lary: I make a motion to combine Articles 22 – 25. Seconded by Bill Jackson. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #22** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the Emergency Energy Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$10,610.77.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #23** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be added to the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$18,466.81.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #24** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$50,000.00** to be added to the Assessment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$5.21.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #25** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** to be added to the Fieldstone Road Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$50,340.56.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Bruce Lary: I so move on Articles 22 – 25 as presented. Seconded by Glen Eastman. Voted in the affirmative and declared votes.

Bruce Lary: I make a motion to combine Articles 26 – 29. Seconded by Ted Miller. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #26** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$8,734.38.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #27** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be added to the Dredging Maintenance Trust Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$56,418.77.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee 7-1.)**

**ARTICLE #28** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000.00** to be added to the Special Insurance Trust Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: \$2,860.00.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

**ARTICLE #29** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** to be added to the Longevity Trust Fund as previously established. *Balance as of December 31, 2010: 18,277.33.* **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Bruce Lary: I so move on Articles 26 – 29 as presented. Seconded by Glen Eastman. Voted in the affirmative and declared votes.

**ARTICLE #30** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,700.00** for the purpose of supporting the Tri-County Community Action Programs: Senior Wheels \$3,000.00; Senior Meals \$2,700.00; Youth Alternatives Program \$5,000.00; and Community Contact Office \$3,000.00. (By petition Pauline Gagnon and others) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-0-1. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Michelle Lutz: I so move on Article 30 as presented. Seconded by Jean Lary. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #31** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purpose of supporting Economic Development through partial funding of a Housing & Economic Development Director position at Tri-County Community Action Program. (By the Gorham Board of Selectmen) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 3-5.)**

David Graham: I so move on Article 31 as presented. Seconded by Terry Oliver.

This article asks us to support the salary of Max Makaitis, as the Housing & Economic Development Director, who comes to us with a lot of experience. The county, as well as surrounding communities have been asked to support this important position. Our share would be two cents on the tax rate. Mr. Makaitis was asked what we would get for our \$5,000.00 in the next year. He responded by saying that he has been diligent in getting the mill up and running; filling positions at the new Federal prison; and the BioMass plant. His #1 priority is to retain jobs as well as create them. We have several small business that are looking into setting up their businesses in Gorham. For these reasons, I hope you will support this article.

Moderator Carroll called for the vote. Article 31 was voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #32** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,895.00** for the support of emergency and outpatient mental health services provided by Northern Human Services – The Mental Health Center. (By petition Christina M. Ross and others.) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 8-0.)**

Bruce Lary: I so move on Article 32 as presented. Seconded by Glen Eastman. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #33** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the purpose of supporting the Family Resource Center at Gorham. (By petition Judith Tremer and others)

**(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-0-1. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 5-3.)**

Bill Jackson: I so move on Article 33 as presented. Seconded by Jean Lary.

Mary White, a paralegal who works as a Guardian Ad Litem, is here representing the FRC Board and retired Judge James Michalik, Director, who couldn't be present, gave a detailed description of what the Center supports. We have brought forth this article to the surrounding Towns for their approval at their Town Meetings, because the Center works for these communities as well. Gorham represents about 60% of the students. Naomi Levesque, who runs the After School Program, gave us a description of the program and how it operates.

Being no further discussion, Moderator Carroll called for the vote. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #34** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the support of the Gorham Historical Society. (By petition Reuben Rajala and others) **(Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 2-1. Recommended by the Budget Committee by a vote of 7-1.)**

Paul Robitaille: I so move on Article 34 as presented. Seconded by Terry Oliver.

Several people came forward and explained what a great job the Gorham Historical Society has done in preserving our Town's railroad history. Rueben Rajala, President, of the society gave us an overview of all the accomplishments that the volunteers have achieved over the past several years. The \$3, 000.00 requested from the town represents only about 30% of our operating budget.

Wally Corrigan, Sr.: I make a motion to cease debate. Seconded by Jean Lary. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

Moderator Carroll called for the vote on Article 34 as presented. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #35** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the support of the Gorham Community Learning Center. (By petition Crystal Lutz and others) **(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen by a vote of 3-0. Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.)**

Jean Lary: I so move on Article 35 as presented. Seconded by David Graham.

Josh Kimball, a volunteer on the board of the Gorham Community Learning Center, gave a synopsis of the center. It is a non-profit organization that has been self sustaining. We have never come before the Town asking for anything before, and I apologize for not being at the public hearing, but this is all new to me, and I didn't realize that someone needed to be there. Steve Roy asked how many children are involved in this program and what are the revenues? Josh said that he should have been better prepared, but was afraid he wasn't. All I can tell you is that the Learning Center is operating in the red. Our costs exceed what is being brought in. Our quality ratio is 6 to 1, meaning one teacher per 6 students.

Bill Jackson: I move the question to cease debate. Seconded by P. J. Cyr. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

Moderator Carroll then called for the vote on Article 35 as presented. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #36** To hear any reports of any Town Officers, Agents, and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any votes related thereto.

Paul Robitaille: I so move on Article 36 as presented. Seconded by Terry Oliver. Voted in the affirmative and declared a vote.

**ARTICLE #37** To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Bill Jackson: I make a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Denise Vallee. Voted in the affirmative and the 2011 Town Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. LaPierre  
Town Clerk

## TOWN OF GORHAM

### Noise Ordinance

Pursuant to NH RSA 31:39, 1(n), the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Gorham hereby enact the following ordinance, effective the original date of signing.

**NOISE PROHIBITED:** It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any excessive, unnecessary loud noise or may noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of reasonable persons of normal sensitivity in the Town of Gorham.

This shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) The operation or maintenance of any device, instrument, vehicle, or machinery causes discomfort or annoyance or endangers the comfort, repose, health or peace of residents in the area.
- b) The generation of any noise from construction activity or from a construction site that is clearly audible at a dwelling in any zone between 7:00 pm and 6:00 am.
- c) The operation of a motor vehicle so as to make any loud, unusual, or unnecessary noise occasioned by any one or more of the following:
  - 1) Misuse of power, exceeding tire traction limits in acceleration, sometimes known as “laying down rubber” or “peeling rubber,” or excessive acceleration where there is no emergency.
  - 2) Misuse of braking power exceeding tire traction limits in deceleration where there is no emergency.
  - 3) Rapid acceleration by means of quick upshifting or transmission gears with either a clutch or manual transmission or an automatic transmission.
  - 4) Rapid deceleration by means of quick downshifting or transmission gears with either a clutch or manual transmission or an automatic transmission.
  - 5) Racing of engines by manipulation of the accelerator, gas pedal, carburetor, or gear selection whether the vehicle is in motion or standing still.
  - 6) The use of misuse of engine brakes where there is no emergency.
- d) Dogs or other owned animals making excessive and unreasonable noise, such as barking, howling, crowing, etc.
- e) The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to persons operating vehicles, machinery or equipment while engaged in snow clearance or snow removal
- f) operations, nor to agricultural or forestry operations as exempted under RSA 432:33.

**ENFORCEMENT AND FINES:** Any duly sworn law enforcement officer, whether local, county or state, is authorized to enforce the terms of this ordinance. Any violation of this ordinance could carry a fine of up to \$1000 per violation. Each complaint could constitute a separate violation of this ordinance. For the purposes of this ordinance, law enforcement personnel are assumed to be reasonable persons of normal sensitivity.

## ELECTION RESULTS

March 8, 2011

### Selectman for 3 Years

Vote for One

Paul Robitaille	227	Votes
Terry Rhoderick	164	“

### Town Clerk for 3 Years

Vote for One

Grace E. LaPierre	368	Votes
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### Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 Years

Vote for One

Lee F. Carroll	369	Votes
Jason Ross	1	Write-ins
Fred Corrigan	1	“

### Library Trustee for 2 Years

Vote for One

Rufus Ansley	315	Votes
Gerry Marcou	1	Write-ins
Bruce Lary	6	“
Melinda Carlson	1	“
Valerie LaPointe	1	“
Steve Roy	1	“
Heather Reid	1	“
Roland Blais	1	“
Mark St. Germaine	1	“
Jay Holmes	1	“
Todd Butler	2	“
Bob Balon	1	“

### Library Trustee for 3 Years

Vote for One

Todd Butler	320	Votes
Andrea Philbrook	1	Write-ins
Bruce Lary	1	“
Don Provencher	1	“
Mark St. Germaine	1	“
Oscar Patry	1	“

John LaPierre	1	“
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**Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 Year**

Vote for One

Dorothy Ferrante	349	Votes
P.J. Cyr	1	Write-in

**Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years**

Vote for One

Jane Legere	337	Votes
Joe Ramsey	1	Write-ins
Merrill Santy	1	“

**Planning Board for 1 Year**

Vote for One

Earl McGillicuddy	211	Votes
John Losier	162	“
Steve Roy	1	Write-in

**Planning Board for 3 Years**

Vote for Two

Robert Mengel	79	Votes
Daniel Buteau	253	“
Michael Guay	250	“
Terry Rhoderick	3	Write-ins
Merrill Santy	1	“
Oscar Patry	1	“
Jay Holmes	3	“
Diane Nadeau	1	“

**Budget Committee Members for 2 Years**

Vote for Three

Terry Rhoderick	292	Votes
Jay Holmes	6	Write-ins
Bruce Lary	5	“
John Losier	2	“
John LaPierre	2	“
Merrill Santy	2	“
Ted Miller	2	“
Reuben Rajala	1	“
Gerry Marcou	1	“
Barney Valliere	1	“
Dan Buteau	1	“
Yves Zornio	1	“
Larry Leighton	1	“

Steve Roy	1	“
Todd Butler	1	“
Karl Daisey	1	“
Julie St. Germaine	1	“

**Budget Committee Members for 2 Years con't.**

Ed Drew	1	Write-ins
Dorothy Ferrante	1	“
Jason Ross	1	“
Sue Demers	1	“
Michael Waddell	1	“
Karen Eichler	1	“
Fred Corrigan	1	“
Diane Holmes	1	“
William Hatch	1	“
Mark St. Germaine	1	“
Sue Enman	1	“
Oscar Patry	1	“
Michael Lary	1	“
Diane Nadeau	1	“
James Demers	1	“
Robert Mengel	1	“
P.J. Cyr	1	“
Austin Holmes	1	“

**Budget Committee Members for 3 Years**

Vote for Three

Robert Balon	4	Write-ins
Roger Guilmette	3	“
Bruce Lary	3	“
Jay Holmes	3	“
Todd Butler	2	“
Bruce Fike	2	“
Joe Rodgers	2	“
Bob Demers	1	“
Earl McGillicuddy	1	“
Ivan Downs	1	“
Jay Guilmette	1	“
Donald Trump	1	“
James Patry	1	“
Jeff Hill	1	“
Scott St. Germaine	1	“
Joe Ramsey	1	“
Steve Roy	1	“
Nancy Bagley	1	“
Aarron Gorban	1	“
Don St. Germaine	1	“
Jay Holmes	1	“

Larry Guay	1	“
Rick Eichler	1	“
Shawn Costine	1	“
Terry Oliver	1	“

**Budget Committee Members for 3 Years con't.**

Rufus Ansley	1	Write-ins
Grace LaPierre	1	“
Michael Guay	1	“
Jason Ross	1	“
Karen Eichler	1	“
Julie St. Germaine	1	“
Mike Lary	1	“
Arthur Perry	1	“
John Losier	1	“
John LaPierre, Jr.	1	“
Walt Wintturi	1	“
Jean Lary	1	“
Paul Robitaille	1	“
Glen Eastman	1	“
Diane Nadeau	1	“

There were **397** votes cast.