

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN OF GORHAM
MONDAY, June 21, 2010
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM, SECOND FLOOR

APPROVED

6/28/10

Selectmen present: Paul Robitaille, Chairman; Terry Oliver, David Graham.

Also present: Robin L. Frost, Town Manager

Craig Lyons, *Berlin Daily Sun*
Ron Donato
Henry Sanschagrin

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Robitaille.

2. Non-Public Session: RSA 91-A:2,1; RSA 91-A:3,II a,b,c,d,e

3. Public Session Agenda: 6:30 PM The Chairman announced that there were no decisions made in non-public session.

Approve Minutes of 6/7/2010: On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as prepared. TM Frost asked the Board to sign the official copy of the minutes.

EECBG Public Hearing: The public hearing for the EECBG Grant was opened at 6:34 pm on a unanimously approved motion by Selectman Oliver, which was seconded by Selectman Graham. Chairman Robitaille explained that this grant is in the amount of \$5600 for an energy audit for the Public Works Facility. As there were no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Accept EECBG Funding and Authorize Signatory: Selectman Graham made a motion to accept this grant funding, a second was made by Selectman Oliver. The motion passed unanimously. The following resolution as a part of the EECBG paperwork was presented:

"Robin L. Frost in her capacity as the Town Manager of the Town of Gorham is hereby authorized to sign any and all Agreements/contracts, amendments to contracts, affidavits, agreements or obligations on behalf of the Town."

On a motion by Selectman Oliver, seconded by Selectman Graham, the Board unanimously approved the foregoing resolution.

Approve and Sign Manifest: On a motion by Selectman Graham, seconded by Selectman Oliver, the Board unanimously approved the manifest. The Board members signed the manifest.

Sign Abatements: There were no abatements for the Board to sign.

Ron Donato: Chairman Robitaille recognized Ron Donato of Jimtown Road. Mr. Donato was concerned about persistent, loud music in his neighborhood. He stated that he called the police department who did respond, but told him that there wasn't much to be done since there is no noise ordinance in Gorham. Mr. Donato had done some research and obtained a copy of the City of Berlin's noise ordinance which he provided to the Board. There was a short discussion about a noise ordinance

and TM Frost stated that she would do more research on this issue. Mr. Donato thanked the Board and departed.

Selectmen's Meetings in Other Public Buildings: Selectman Oliver stated that he feels the Board should make the meetings more accessible to residents in other areas of Town. He suggests holding Board meetings in Cascade and the Upper Village from time to time. The other members feel that this could be done on a trial basis to see how they are attended. It was decided to hold the first meeting in July at the Cascade Fire Station. Since July 5th is an observed holiday, the first July meeting will be on the 12th.

Rep. Bill Hatch: Representative Hatch was unable to attend.

Discussion of Possible Revenue Sources: Selectman Graham suggested that this be a topic for discussion at each Selectmen's meeting. It is extremely important that the Board discuss opportunities for increasing Town revenues. TM Frost had researched the Time Warner Franchise Agreement in order to see how the franchise fees are addressed. It was discovered that there is no current agreement in place, although Time Warner is still paying franchise fees to the Town. Side discussion ensued regarding a community channel. There will be more on that issue at a later date. Other areas that should be explored for revenue possibilities are cell towers, local room and meals tax, wind-turbine power, the nearly completed theatre, and recycling. TM Frost will do more research on these items for future meetings.

4. Other Business: The Board received a letter from Rev. Stirling of the Congregational Church requesting handicap parking spaces on Church Street for members of her congregation with mobility difficulties. The Board is sensitive to this concern and they agree that a temporary sign could be placed at the edge of the road during services or special events at the church. Due to the width limitation on the road, the Board declines to allow permanent handicap parking spaces on the road at this time.

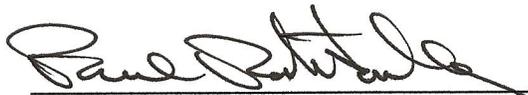
5. Public Comment: Henry Sanschagrin thanked the Board for the use of the meeting room for the Presidential OHRV Club. He said the space works out well for them and they work around any official meetings of Town Boards.

6. Date for Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 28, 2010.**

7. Non-Public Session: No need for an additional non-public session.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



Paul Robitaille, Chairman



Terry Oliver



David Graham