

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday, February 22, 2010
Town Hall Meeting Room 2nd Floor
(Handicap accessible)

In Attendance: Selectmen

Yves Zornio, Chairman

Paul Robitaille

Terry Oliver

William H. Jackson, *Interim* Town Manager

Member of the Press

1. Call To Order (6:00 PM)
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)
 - a. The Chairman announced that no action had been taken in non-public session and that the Non-Public Session was recessed until later in the meeting.

Agenda Items –

~ *Sign Weekly Manifest*–The Board signed the weekly manifest.

~ *Approve* - The Board passed over the minutes of February 16, 2010 at the request of the Town Manager.

~ *Sign* - The Board of Selectmen signed the EMS Agreement with Coos County for the Unincorporated Areas **on a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Robitaille. All voted in the affirmative.**

~ *Sign* - The Board signed the Town Hall Renovation Project Supervision Agreement with Mike Waddell for 2010. The cost of this agreement is based on the Town receiving its approved funding from Washington.

~ *Public Hearings* - The Chairman announced that 2 consecutive Public Hearings would now be held as posted. The first was the Water & Sewer Reservoir Cover Replacement Bond Hearing at 7:00 PM. Chairman Zornio opened the hearing by reading the notice and asking the Water & Sewer to make a presentation.

The Town of Gorham is holding a Public Hearing on a proposal for an appropriation at the upcoming Town Meeting for the Water & Sewer Department to request an amount of one hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$140,000.00) for the purpose of the replacement of the Sugar Hill Reservoir cover; such sum to be raised by the issuance of notes not to exceed one hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$140,000.00) under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and the Selectmen and Water and Sewer Commissioners to negotiate notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Gorham.

Chairman Zornio asked for comments from the public and being none a **motion was made by Selectman Robitaille to close the hearing with a second from Selectman Oliver. All voted in the affirmative.**

The Chairman then opened the second Public Hearing regarding the Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both RSA 41:14-a. Chairman Zornio read from the posting: The Town of Gorham Public Hearing is holding a Public Hearing regarding the sale (\$1.00) of excess Town land between NH Route 16 and Tax Map U-13, Lots 34, 34a and 35. The excess land owned by the Town is unbuildable and will be made part of the above named lots. This sale has received approval of both the Gorham Conservation Committee and the Gorham Planning Board at their meetings held on January 19, 2010. This is the second Public Hearing on this matter. A presentation was made by Arthur York of York Survey on behalf of Roland Couture. At the conclusion of the presentation, Chairman Zornio opened the floor to questions. Being none, Selectman Robitaille moved at 7:10 to close the Public Hearing with a second from Selectman Oliver. All voted in the affirmative.

The Board will render a decision on March 8, 2010 regarding the land sale.

4. Other Business: None

5. Public Comment: None

6. Date for Next Meeting: March 8, 2010

7. Non-Public Session: (RSA 91-A: 2, 1) (RSA 91 -A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). Resumed at 7:30 PM.

The session was completed at 8:30 PM. The Chairman announced that no decisions had been reached but that a discussion regarding the candidates for the Town Manager's position had taken place.

8. Adjournment - On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Robitaille, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. All voted in the affirmative.