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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE



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Monday, March 8, 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
- Members of the Public

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 2/16 and 2/22/2010 at the request of the Town Manager.
- ~ *Tax Map U3 - Lot 66 Former Steel Elements Building* - Denise Tupick, the new owner of the property, was in to request that the Board of Selectmen consider granting some relief on past due property taxes that were not paid by the mortgage holder prior to auction. The Board discussed the matter at length and concluded that as purchaser at the auction, Mr. Tupick should have been aware of the past due taxes and this should have been included as part of the purchase price. The Board did, however, want to see the building used once again and agreed to waive the interest due on the back taxes (approximately \$1,300.00). Mr. Tupick thanked the Board but stated that he planned to file for abatement since his appraisal was half the value place by the Town on the property. The Town Manager stated that it was beyond the time allowed by statute to file for abatement but he did state that he would forward the new appraisal to the Town's contract assessor, George Sansoucy. **The motion to waive the interest on back taxes was made by Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Robitaille. All voted in the affirmative.**

-2nd PUBLIC HEARING - 7:00 PM

Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both RSA 41:14-a

The Town of Gorham held the second of two Public Hearings regarding the sale for \$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 was the second of two required Public Hearings. The final vote on this sale is scheduled for March 22, 2010.

All costs associated with this sale will be borne by the purchaser, Roland Couture 2000 Revocable Trust.

Chairman Zornio asked for comments from the public. David Graham mentioned that as a member of the Planning Board he voted against supporting this transaction because he felt the Town should be receiving more revenue from the sale. He would be inclined to vote in favor of this transaction, however, he would propose that the Selectmen develop a policy for future similar transactions involving Town

owned land so that it was sold at appraised value or leased at market value. A motion was made by Selectman Robitaille to close the public hearing at 7:15 PM with a second from Selectman Oliver. All voted in the affirmative. The Board will render a decision on March 22, 2010 regarding this land sale.

~ *Notice* – The Town Manager notified the Board of Selectmen that there would be a public hearing on 3/22/2010 to hear the details of a CDBG application on behalf of the Icy Gulch Smokehouse Pub & Restaurant.

4. Other Business: None
5. Public Comment: None
6. Date for Next Meeting: **March 22, 2010**
7. Non-Public Session: (RSA 91-A: 2, 1) (RSA 91 -A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). Resumed at 7:40 PM.
The session was completed at 8:10 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 8:15 PM. All voted in the affirmative.