

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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4/17/2010

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday, March 29, 2010

Town Hall Meeting Room 2nd Floor

(Handicap accessible)

In Attendance: Selectmen

Paul Robitaille, Chairman

Terry Oliver - excused

David Graham

William H. Jackson, *Interim* Town Manager

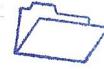
David Peel - Energy Inventory Project

Fire Chief Rick Eichler

EMS Director - Karen Eichler

Member of the Press

Members of the Public



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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)

The Chairman announced that no action had been taken in non-public session.

Agenda Items -

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

~ *Approve* - The Board approved the minutes of 3/22/2010.

~ *Chris Thayer, NH Grand Promotion* - Chris was not available to attend the meeting. His presentation has been rescheduled.

~ *David Peels* - Gave a presentation to the Selectmen regarding a grant awarded to the Town of Gorham for an energy audit on one building. A complete study will be done on a building of our choice. The result of this study will be recommendations that the Town can take to improve our energy usage.

~ *Annual Concurrence* - The Town Manager asked the Board to sign the annual concurrence of the Town's Emergency Operations Plan. This allows the Town to gain access to many beneficial programs and grant opportunities. **On a motion from Selectman Graham with a second from Chairman Robitaille, the Board voted in the affirmative to sign the concurrence.**

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Robitaille	YES
	Selectman Oliver	Excused
	Selectmen Graham	YES

~ *Sign the Hazardous Materials Planning Grant* - Chief Eichler explained the purpose behind signing this grant application. The Town of Gorham acts as a pass through agent for this grant as an assist to the North Country Incident Response Team (Gorham is the major player in this critical group.) **On a motion from Selectman Graham with a second from Chairman Robitaille, the Board voted in the affirmative to sign the concurrence.**

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Robitaille	YES
	Selectman Oliver	Excused
	Selectmen Graham	YES

~ *Fire Truck Replacement* - Chief Eichler asked for the Board to approve the purchase of a Fire Truck that has been on hold awaiting approval of the Town Meeting. The Chief confirmed that we were receiving price concessions by purchasing this vehicle along with payment considerations. The total price is \$175,704. Which is almost \$10,000. less that what was approved. **On a motion from Selectman Graham with a second from Chairman Robitaille, the Board voted to approve the purchase subject to the financial approval of Denise Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration.**

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Robitaille	YES
	Selectman Oliver	Excused
	Selectmen Graham	YES

~ *Emergency Medical Services Update* – Director Karen Eichler asked the Board to approve rate changes in some of the services we provide. These changes are necessary for the service to be competitive with surrounding towns and further to be in line with insurance carrier payments. **On a motion from Selectman Graham with a second from Chairman Robitaille, the Board voted to approve the new rates.**

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Robitaille	YES
	Selectman Oliver	Excused
	Selectmen Graham	YES

Director Eichler then informed the Board that our auditor was recommending that the Town write-down outstanding-accounts that date back to 2003. After a general discussion and on a motion from Selectman Graham with a second from Chairman Robitaille, the Board voted to approve the write down of these uncollectible accounts and asked for them to be submitted for action on a more-timely basis after consultation with Denise Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration.

Roll Call Vote:	Chairman Robitaille	YES
	Selectman Oliver	Excused
	Selectmen Graham	YES

4. **Other Business:** Selectmen Graham inquired about the recent news that Woodland's Credit Union was closing their inside lobby in June of this year and would only operate an "Express Drive-Thru" at the Gorham location. The Town Manager responded that it was strictly a business decision. The TM was asked if the Town had been officially notified and he responded, "No, we had not, but that was not unusual. We were not notified when Berlin City Bank (now Northway closed down their branch near the common or their branch in the former Shaw's Supermarket."

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Date for Next Meeting:** April 12, 2010

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

8. **Adjournment** - On a motion from Selectman Graham with a second from Chairman Robitaille, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. All voted in the affirmative.