

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday, April 12, 2010
Town Hall Meeting Room 2nd Floor
(Handicap accessible)

O/K
4/13/2010

In Attendance: Selectmen

Paul Robitaille, Chairman
Terry Oliver
David Graham
William H. Jackson, *Interim* Town Manager

Craig Lyons, Berlin Daily Sun
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)

The Chairman announced that no action had been taken in non-public session and that the Non-Public Session but that it had been recessed until later in the meeting.

-Agenda Items-

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

~ *Approve* - The Board approved the minutes of 3/29/2010.

~ *Fireworks Training* - The Town Manager asked the Board to authorize the Chairman, Paul Robitaille to sign an agreement for the Gorham Firefighters to attend training relative to fireworks displays and how to control any mishaps. This training will be held at the Couture Sand Pit here in Gorham. Selectman Graham moved to appoint the Chairman to sign the agreement and received a second from Selectman Oliver.

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

~ *Gorham Zoning Board Alternates* - Chairman Robitaille suggested the following response to a recent letter from ZBA Chairman Wayne Flynn requesting that the Selectmen appoint alternates to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Chairman Robitaille suggested that the appointments be made for the case involving a police shooting range presently before the ZBA and that the Selectmen continue to search for alternates that will serve in the future. The recommendation was made to appoint former Selectmen Mike Waddell, Glen Eastman and Yves Zornio to sit for this one case only. Selectman Graham moved to approve the appointments and received a second from Selectman Oliver.

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

~ *Appointment of Alternate to the Library Trustees* - The Town Manager presented a request from the Library Trustees to re-appoint Rufus Ansley to serve as an alternate to the Gorham Library Trustees. On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Graham, the Board voted in the affirmative to appoint Mr. Ansley

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

~ *Response from the NH Bureau of Trails* – The Town Manager read the response to a question posed by the Board of Selectmen relative to the use of the Gorham section of the *so called* “Presidential Trail” by ATV’s as a southern connector for the trail that connects to Jericho State Park in Berlin. The Bureau of Trails had held a Public Hearing in Gorham in the fall of 2009 on this issue and had recently decided not to pursue it. The Gorham Board of Selectmen wanted to know the reasons. The letter to the Board stated that the responses received were in opposition to the Plan and included opposition from the Towns of Randolph and Jefferson. Those in favor of the project were far fewer and the State concluded that they would abandon the idea for the time being. After further discussion, The Board decided to wait until some further action was presented by the State of New Hampshire.

~ *Temporary Budget Freeze* – The Town Manager informed the Board that he had initiated a temporary Budget Freeze on the advice of Denise Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration, until mid-June for the purpose of controlling cash flow. The Board agreed with the action.

~ *Update: Federal Funds from HUD* – The Town Manager presented a report from the Director of Finance & Administration regarding HUD funds that will be used for the completion of the Town Hall Renovations.

4. **Other Business:** Selectmen David Graham voiced his concern over the closing of JC Penney in Berlin. He requested that Economic Development Director for AVER (Max Mikitas) be contacted and an offer made for JC Penney to consider Gorham rather than leaving the area.

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Date for Next Meeting:** April 19, 2010

7. **Non-Public Session:** (RSA 91-A: 2, 1) (RSA 91 -A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Graham, the Board voted to resume the earlier recessed Non-Public Session at 7:33 PM

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

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

9. Selectman Oliver made a motion to appoint former Selectman Stephanie Kennedy instead of Selectman Mike Waddell to the special alternate panel for the ZBA. All voted in the affirmative.

10. **Adjournment** - On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Graham, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. All voted in the affirmative.