

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday, April 19, 2010
Town Hall Meeting Room 2nd Floor
(Handicap accessible)

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In Attendance: Selectmen

Paul Robitaille, Chairman
Terry Oliver
David Graham

William H. Jackson, *Interim* Town Manager
Robin Frost, Gorham's New Town Manager
Denise Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration

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 (6:25 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 4/12/2010.

~ *Sign Appointment Slips for ZBA Temporary Alternates* - The Town Manager presented the Board with the appointment slips for the temporary alternates to act on a case before the ZBA involving the Gorham Land Company (GLC) and the Gorham Police Association (GPA) for use of land for an Association practice shooting range. At the last ZBA meeting, the GPA speaking on behalf of the GLC requested a full board to hear their case. A number of full-time ZBA members found it necessary to recuse themselves, leaving only three members out of five regular and one alternate member. The Chairman of the ZBA wrote to the Board of Selectmen asking the Board to appoint additional alternates. The Board has had several inquiries from interested members of the public, however, in order to allow the ZBA to remain on schedule, they have decided to appoint three former Selectmen to hear this case. One of the Selectmen has asked to remain on the alternate list into the future. The Selectmen will interview the other members of the public to arrive at long-term alternates. On a motion from Selectman Graham, the Board signed the 180-day appointment slips for former Selectman Glen Eastman and former Selectman Yves Zornio. Additionally, the motion includes the permanent, alternate appointment for former Selectman Stephanie Kennedy. This motion received a second from Selectman Oliver.

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

~ *Introduction of New Town Manager* - Chairman Robitaille introduced Ms. Robin Frost as Gorham's new Town Manager. Robin is finishing up her term as Town Administrator in Wakefield, NH. She brings a great deal of municipal experience to the position and stated that she is very excited about starting here in Gorham. The current Town Manager will remain as Interim until May 24th when Robin begins. He will then be available to her on an as needed basis for the transition.

~ *Tax Anticipation Note* – Director Vallee asked the Board to sign the documentation for our bank to issue the final paperwork for the Town to access funds through a Tax Anticipation Note. On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Graham the Board authorized the signing of the TAN documents.

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

4. **Other Business:** Henry Sanschagrin addressed the Board of Selectmen relative to their opinion on 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 Mountain State Park in Berlin. The Bureau of Trails had previously held a Public Hearing in Gorham in the fall of 2009 on this issue and had decided not to pursue it based on the opposition it had received from members of other communities. Henry wanted to clear up any misconceptions that the Gorham Board of Selectmen might have concerning the project. After some discussion, the Board reiterated its earlier decision to wait until some further action was presented by the State of New Hampshire.

Selectman David Graham voiced his concern over the closing of JC Penney in Berlin and the downsizing of the Woodland's Credit Union location in Gorham.

5. **Public Comment:** Members of the public wished Robin Frost the best as she assumes the position of Town Manager.

6. **Date for Next Meeting:** April 26, 2010

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

8. **Adjournment** - On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman Graham, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. All voted in the affirmative.