

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes FILE

TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday, May 4, 2009

Town Hall Conference Room 1st Floor

In Attendance: Selectmen

Yves Zornio, Chairman

Paul Robitaille

Terry Oliver

William H. Jackson, Town Manager

Denise M. Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration

Representatives of Primex

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)). (6:00 PM)
 - a. The Board discussed the hiring of a public employee.
3. Public Session Agenda (7:15 PM)
 - a. The Chairman announced that no action had taken place in non-public session and that it had been recessed until later in the meeting.
 - b. The Board approved the minutes of April 20, 2009.
 - c. The Board signed the weekly manifest.

Agenda Item -

- ↳ Authorization to Sign the Property and Liability Agreement with Primex - The Board voted to allow the Town Manager to sign this agreement on behalf of the Board and the Town. All voted in the affirmative.
- ↳ Review of the Area for the 25% Assessment Update - The Town Manager explained the area to be covered for this update. This year we are looking at 340 parcels covering an area from the Railroad Trestle on Route 16 North to the Berlin/Gorham Town line. Our target is to have this accomplished by at least August of 2009. The Board approved the plan.
- ↳ NH Department of Revenue Sales, Assessment and C.O.D. Ratios - The Town Manager informed the Board that he had recently received the Ratios from the NH DRA. Our Ratio of Sales was 100% (the ideal) and our Coefficient of Dispersion (C.O.D) which is the equability of assessments throughout the Town is 20.8% (The maximum ideal is 20%). Our COD continues to be skewed by mobile home sales and their corresponding values.
- ↳ Road Repair Work Lary Cemetery - The Town Manager informed the Board that he had been approached by the manager at the Irving Gas Station located opposite the Fire Department on Main Street. She requested to know when the Town was going to fix (tar) the roadway leading to their north most entrance. The TM stated that he began to research the "so called" road and discovered that in fact the land over which truck traffic enters the gas station and car traffic enters the Lary Cemetery is owned by the Town of Gorham and contains a shared "right-of-way" with the property now owned by Irving's. In other words, there is no road that has ever been laid out at that location. The TM showed the Selectmen the site map for Irving's and the corresponding Town maps for that location. The ROW is 25 feet wide running the length of the current Irving property (lots 160 & 161) and lot 159 to the north. [As noted in deeds dated May 5, 1899, recorded May 6, 1899 - Book 87, Page 353 and also a deed dated March 3, 1921 and recorded March 4, 1921 - Book 206, Page 229]. In addition, there is an easement for

Water & Sewer lines and pipes. The Town Manager suggested that the Town not abandon its ROW but rather utilize the entrances to the Lary Cemetery off Smith Road as the Main Entrance to the cemetery and even consider moving the granite posts from their current location to the Smith Road entrance, if economically feasible. There was a discussion of the facts as now known and several suggestions were made. The first, offered by Chairman Zornio centered around the possibility of "striking" an agreement with Irving's for the shared maintenance of the ROW to include paving. The other suggestion voiced by both Selectman Oliver and Selectman Robitaille was to hold a Public Hearing and get a sense of how the public feels about the proposal for "gating" of the ROW entrance. The Town Manager stated that he would continue to gather information and advice from the Town's Attorney before bringing the subject back to the Board.

↳ **Ground Lease for Daniel Lettre Airport Hanger** – The Town Manager presented the Board with a final draft for the ground lease at the Gorham Airport. He requested the Board pass over discussion as he received word late in that day the Mr. Lettre had rejected the lease in its entirety. The TM will refer the matter to the Town's Attorney.

↳ **Resident Complaint Truck & Motorcycle Noise** – The Town Manager told the Board that he had received a complaint from a resident relative to the excessive exhaust noise from trucks and primarily motorcycles where he resides on Route 16. The resident had already talked to the Gorham Police Department who advised him that Route 16 and Route 2 are State Roads and although the Gorham PD can make traffic stops, they have no equipment to measure decibel output from exhaust systems. He was referred to the State Police/Highway Enforcement Agency. The resident contacted the State Police and received what he felt was an unacceptable answer. The Town Manager suggested that the Board direct him to pen a letter for the Selectmen's approval to be sent to the Highway Safety Commissioner requesting enforcement of RSA 266:59, 59-a (Muffler & Motorcycle Noise Levels).

↳ **Moose Tour Brochures** – The Town Manager handed out the 2009 Gorham Moose Tour Brochure that had been designed by Denise M. Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration along with Moriah Designs of Shelburne.

4. **Other Business:** None.

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **Date for Next Meeting:** **May 18, 2009**

7. **Non-Public Session:** (RSA 91-A: 2, 1) (RSA 91 -A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). The Board resumed the recessed Session at 7:30 PM and came out of Non-Public at 8:44 PM.

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