

# Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

## TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday, September 28, 2009  
Town Hall Meeting Room 2nd Floor  
(Handicap accessible)

In Attendance: Selectmen

Yves Zornio, Chairman  
Paul Robitaille  
Terry Oliver  
William H. Jackson, Town Manager  
Chief PJ Cyr, Gorham Police Department  
Sgt. Brian Lamarre  
Sgt. Jennifer Lemoine  
Member of the Press

1. Call To Order (6:02 PM)
2. Non-Public Session (RSA 91-A:2, 1) (RSA 91 -A:3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). (6:04 PM)
3. Public Session Agenda (6:30 PM)
  - a. The Chairman announced that no action had taken place in non-public session.
  - b. The Board approved the minutes of August 24, 2009.
  - c. The Board signed the weekly manifest.

Agenda Items -

- ↳ **Gorham Police Department** - Chief Cyr introduced his new command staff to the Board of Selectmen and at the same time announced the promotion of Corporal Jennifer Lemoine to the position of Sergeant. Sgt Lemoine handles all of the prosecutorial duties for the department and Sgt. Brian Lamarre is the Town's lead Detective. Normally, we have a ceremony for a promotion but there is a delay in obtaining all of the Sgt's uniforms, and as Sgt. Lemoine has already assumed her position, the Town Manager did not want to delay the announcement to the Board of Selectmen. The formal ceremony will take place when everything arrives.
- ↳ **12 Week Walking Program - Denise Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration** - Denise informed the Board of the results of the walking program held in conjunction with the Town's Wellness Program. 28 people began the program and 24 completed all stages. A total of 4,933.39 miles were logged equaling 9,866,689 steps.
- ↳ **Prepaid Heating Program** - The Town Manager handed out a sheet showing the impact by department of our prepaid purchase of heating oil and propane fuel. The overall savings to the taxpayers on a price negotiated by Denise Vallee, Director of Finance & Administration totaled \$24,299.00 compared to the budgeted amount.
- ↳ **NH Bureau of Trails** - The Bureau has requested time for a public hearing to discuss an access linking the Town of Gorham with the ATV trails in Berlin. The hearing is set for Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7 PM during a regular Board of Selectmen's Meeting in the General Meeting Room, 2nd floor of the Town Hall. (The location is handicap accessible).
- ↳ **2009-2010 Winter Recreational Programs** - Jeff Stewart, Director of Recreation has put together an entirely new Basketball Program and included with it Gorham's First Winter Program Schedule. This program list events such as, 3,4,5 & 6th grade bowling leagues, going to the Sherman Farm, Santa's Village, the Indoor Water Park at the Red Jacket among others. Again, the Town's policy remains that no child will be turned away because funds are not available from the family. We will discreetly handle each case to allow all to participate.
- ↳ **2009 Haunted Hay Ride** - As in the past, the Town is welcoming Androscoggin Valley's Cancer Fund's Annual Halloween Hayride. This is a highly supported event that takes place in the vicinity of the Gorham Airport. Great fun is had by all!!

↳ **Tiger Grant Application** - The Town of Gorham has joined forces with the City of Berlin and the Towns of Shelburne, Milan, Colebrook, Dummer and NH DOT District 1 to apply for a Tiger Grant from the Federal Government under the Stimulus Program dealing strictly with paving and road reclamation within the confines of the applicants. This grant was submitted in late September and we are hoping for a positive response in February of 2010.

4. **Other Business:** None

5. **The Town Manager was excused from the balance of the meeting at 7:30 PM**

6. **Public Comment:** The reporter for the Berlin Daily Sun had several questions concerning the Town Manager search.

7. **Date for Next Meeting:** **October 13, 2009 - Note this is a TUESDAY**

8. **Non-Public Session:** (RSA 91-A: 2, 1) (RSA 91 -A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)). [Not Required].

9. **Adjournment** - On a motion from Selectman Oliver with a second from Selectman

Robitaille, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. All voted in the affirmative.