

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
JANUARY 24, 2007**

The Gorham Town Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote, Busch and Adam-Anderson, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Michele Cutri-Bynoe and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor: none requested
3. BUSINESS:

a. RFP – Crystal Beach Project - Supervisor Calabrese stated that RFP's were received from four firms. A committee consisting of Dick Calabrese, Kelly Ayers, John Berry and Fred Lightfoote reviewed all of the submissions and narrowed it down to one candidate. Last week they interviewed Kevin Rooney and Roger Vanderbrook from Clark Patterson.

Mr. Ayers stated that during the interview with Clark Patterson, the questions we had were all answered thoroughly. It was quite evident that they are very willing to work with us. It appears that this is the company we should go with.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the bid by Clark Patterson for the Engineering of the Crystal Beach Project was accepted. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **016-2007**

There will be no contingency in this project, any requests for further funds will be brought back to this Board for review and approval.

b. Zoning Goals – The proposed Windmill regulations are in progress and should be ready in the next week or so. It is requested that the Moratorium on Wind Farms be extended for another ninety (90) days. We need to review the draft and schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board then get the document in legal form, ready for public hearing and adoption.

Councilmember Adam-Anderson made a motion to move forward with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Moratorium on Wind Farms, for ninety (90) days. Councilmember Busch seconded the motion that carried (3-1) **017-2007**

Councilmember Lightfoote voted No. He understands the goals and what we are trying to accomplish, but it has been a year and he is not supportive of moratoriums.

c. Project list update – Recreation fee. Briefly discussed the need for parks and/or recreation programs, etc. Imposition of a fee on new homes would

build a fund specifically for creation, maintenance of parks or for contributions to recreation programs within the Town. Supervisor Calabrese stated that a special reserve fund would be established specifically for the recreation fee. \$500 seems to be reasonable for our Town, Victor is at \$1,000; Macedon at \$600, etc. As new people move into the community as land is developed within the community you are generating funds from that development to pay for those improvements. The fee will be imposed per housing unit, a duplex would be two units, a tri-plex would be three units.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Adam-Anderson moved to set the Recreation Fee at \$500 per unit. Councilmember Lightfoote seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (4-0). **018-2007**

Councilmembers Lightfoote and Adam-Anderson both attended Monday's Planning Board meeting. A great deal of the discussion was devoted to the Conservation Board and what their scope of work should be to fit in with the Planning Board, Zoning Board, etc. It may be in the best interest of the Town if there was a joint meeting between the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Town Board and Conservation Board to discuss this and be sure that the end product is something that would mesh well with everything else.

A joint meeting with all four boards is tentatively set for Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00 PM, possibly at the Gorham Fire Hall.

4. OTHER: We have \$15,000 in the budget for projects that were not itemized in the budget, but we have previously talked about them.

a. Fire Alarm – Highway Garage – Highway Superintendent Ayers stated that he felt this is an over due item that we should take care of. We have seen fires around us at other highway garages, the damage can be significantly more than the cost of an alarm system. Mr. Ayers will look in to alarm systems and get more information and costs.

b. Moody Trail – hiking trail in Rushville. When we applied for the Grant there was a \$15,000 match in funds.

c. Cemetery Restoration – we are in the second year of a three year project that we started restoring the old cemeteries.

d. Town Signs- would love to see one put up some day. We do have permission to put one on private property on Lincoln Hill and Route 247. When the signs are done, we will decide whether to do more.

e. School Playground – A few months ago we applied for a grant, \$5,000 has been earmarked for that.

f. Gorham Oil Property – Mr. Williams who owns the property has been in contact with us and is interested in the possibility of the Town of Gorham owning the property. This parcel is adjacent to the old Ford Garage parcel. Clean up on the parcel has been done. We do not have written confirmation from DEC, but we have contacted DEC and will receive the paperwork in the near future. If the Town acquires this parcel, it could be used for a park.

On the motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the Board authorized Supervisor Calabrese to move forward regarding acquisition of the "Old Gorham Oil Property". Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **019-2007**

If acquisition of the parcel becomes a reality, it will be brought back to the Town Board for further approvals.

g. Executive Session On the motion by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the Board went into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the Board returned to regular session. No action was taken in executive session.

h. The new truck came in, the Water/Highway Truck, all is fine. Water Department Staff came over to see the new truck and get acclimated to it. This is bigger than previous dump trucks that the Water Department has used. We now have two older, used dump trucks to get rid of. Whether to take them to auction or put them up at the Transfer Station for bid was briefly discussed, as was the estimated value. Mr. Ayers can get estimates, we could put them out for bid until April 1<sup>st</sup>. If they don't sell, we can take them to the municipal auction in May.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Busch moved to sell the two dump trucks by high bid. Trucks will be at the Transfer Station for viewing. Councilmember Lightfoote seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (4-0).

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The lowest amount acceptable will be determined before advertising.

i. Supervisor Calabrese informed the Board that he recently received a letter of resignation from Jim Davis who has served the Town since 1989 as Assessor and most recently as a member of the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Davis no longer lives in the Town of Gorham.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Busch, the resignation of Jim Davis is regrettably accepted. Motion carried (4-0).

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Supervisor Calabrese stated that we will need to appoint another person to the BAR by April 1<sup>st</sup> so that person will have time to take the required training.

5. Privilege of the Floor: None requested.

6. Adjournment: On the motion of Councilmember Busch, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck  
Town Clerk