

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
MARCH 30 2010**

The Gorham Town Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers, Adam-Anderson, Glitch, Hermenet and Lightfoote, Bob Dancause and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

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

a. Hamlet park – Bob Dancause wondered if the Town had considered advertising on the benches, at the park, like other municipalities sometimes do. He was not aware that most discussions indicated a “memorial” park. If advertising space is offered, he may be interested.

Discussed at length the options: offer space on benches for advertising or offer memorial donations. Talked about memorial plaques on the benches or on or near the trees, etc. Keep in mind anything that is put in the park should be very secure so that it can not be easily removed. Looked at catalog of benches, etc., talked about having a swinging bench.

Supervisor Calabrese provided a budget plan for the park as well as estimates for hardscape installation as well as landscaping, flag pole, and benches.

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Adam-Anderson moved to offer to residents with a \$250 donation to the park which would include a memorial plaque in the name of the donors choice, to be put on a bench (three per bench) or tree (one per tree). Councilmember Glitch seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (5-0). **022-2010**

Councilmember Hermenet made a motion to hire Bay Landscape and approve the budget prepared by Supervisor Calabrese for the Hamlet Park. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **023-2010**

b. BAR Appointment – Board members briefly discussed the three candidates that were previously interviewed.

Councilmember Glitch moved that James Wood be appointed to the BAR to complete a term to 9/30/13; and that Michelle Juive be appointed to the Conservation Board to complete a term to 12/30/11. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0) **024-2010**

4. Other

a. Lawn mowing contract. Supervisor Calabrese requested approval to accept the mowing contract submitted by Matt Bay. Prices are the same as last year. This contract is to mow all of the inactive cemeteries (6) as well as Heritage Park.

Mr. Dancause suggested that the mowing be done by Town employees. This was briefly discussed as it has been in the past. Town staff have full time jobs doing what they were hired for, at this time it is not appropriate to stretch them further. The mowing contract has worked very well over the past few years. We have had no complaints about the mowing and have received compliments on the maintenance of the park and the various cemeteries.

Councilmember Glitch moved to approve the mowing contract. Councilmember Lightfoote seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (5-0)

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b. Town Clerk Hollenbeck has obtained estimates and other information regarding computer upgrades and recommends that the Town work with Custompc solutions. We need three new computers and upgrades to four others.

Councilmember Hermet moved to authorize Custompc solutions to proceed with the computer upgrades, not to exceed \$4,500. Councilmember Lightfoote seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (5-0)

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c. Thendara Property - Supervisor Calabrese mentioned that Mr. Pelicano will be working on requesting a rezoning of the Thendara property from commercial to residential. He wants to convert the former Thendara restaurant into a private residence. The docks at the shore were briefly discussed. The Town needs to know the disposition of the docks before any request for rezoning can be considered.

d. Supervisor Calabrese stated that he recently met with Highway Superintendent Ayers and talked about the traffic safety study that was recently completed. Mr. Ayers will provide a report to the Town Board in the fall outlining the items that have been addressed in the study and what needs to be done.

e. Councilmember Lightfoote stated that he and Councilmember Adam-Anderson have come up with residents they suggest be appointed to the newly created Agriculture Committee. They looked for five farmers or agri-business people, two non farmers and a liaison from the Planning Board and the Town Board. Those selected are Tom Bay, Louis Martin, Leon Weaver, Mark Spoor, Russ Lightfoote, Barb Frank, Beth Watkins and Neil Atkins. Councilmember Lightfoote requested the he be authorized to be the liaison from the Town Board.

Councilmember Glitch moved to accept the recommendation made by Councilmember Lightfoote and hereby appoint those seven residents to the committee as well as the two liaisons. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0). **027-2010**

f. Councilmember Glitch stated his concern with a bench type swing at the park. He is concerned that children or youth will find a way to use it in other than intended ways, there could be problems. This was briefly discussed. Also talked about the memorial plaques that may be put in the ground near the trees. Any items that are not secure are at risk of disappearing in a public park. Food for thought! All agreed to hold off on the swing for now.

5. Adjournment: On the motion by Councilmember Hermenet, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk