

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
JULY 14, 2010**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Councilmembers, Adam-Anderson, Glitch, Hermenet and Lightfoote, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Assessor Davey, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Chief Water/Wastewater Superintendent Erb, and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

Supervisor Calabrese was necessarily absent from this meeting. He is at home recuperating. Dick has been keeping up with matters at the Town Hall via telephone as well as home visits by staff.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor – none requested
3. Approval of minutes of June 16, 2010 meeting. Councilmember Glitch moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilmember Lightfoote seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (4-0) **045-2010**

Reports of Town Officials –

a. Water/WasteWater Plants – Written report on file. Councilmember Lightfoote questioned the bill from Auburn Armature. Mr. Erb stated that the bill is for purchase of a new motor and repair to another. The recent power failure that lasted three days did damage to some of the equipment at the Water Plant. They are working on a report for the insurance claim and are hoping most of the associated costs will be covered. NYSEG installed new transformers near the Water Plant and they seem to be working appropriately.

b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers stated that Ontario County called to borrow our gradall to do emergency work in Richmond due to the recent rains and flooding. Gorham had a few problems with the heavy rain, but all is well, no serious damage.

c. Zoning – Written report is on file. Mr. Freida informed the Board that he had a fire call from Crystal Beach, it was a small electrical fire, caused by a cell phone charger. Was put out with a fire extinguisher. Crystal Beach Fire Department responded. There was smoke damage to the home.

Mr. Freida talked about the Watershed Rules and Regs that the Commission has been working on. They were submitted to the State for approval in 1998. Over the years, DOH has requested changes which would make the new regulations weaker than the original document that was approved in 1953. Members of the Commission have gone to Albany a couple of times over the years to try to move this forward, to no avail. The application to approve amended regulations that was submitted in 1998 has been withdrawn. They will continue to use the 1953 regulations.

d. Assessor – Written report is on file.

e. Town Clerk – written report on file. Mrs. Hollenbeck informed the Board that she got a call from the Ontario County Humane Society on Monday, July 5th asking if she would be willing to license a few dogs. The 4th of July fireworks scattered dogs

all over the county. The shelter was filled to capacity. Four families came to the Town Hall that morning to get their pooches released from "doggy jail". Everyone was very happy!!

f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Hermenet, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

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5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #7	A	199-244	\$54,612.22
	B	199-239	4,820.02
	SL	222	464.89
	DB	105-116	15,701.55
	SW1	111-132	14,866.72
	SS	44-49	2,259.55
	HP	27	281.25
	HI	26	3,856.93

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **047-2010**

7. Business:

a. RFP for incorporating comprehensive plan into zoning.

RFP was released July 1st;

Pre-proposal meeting July 15th at 11:00 AM at the Town Hall. This is an opportunity for interested consultants to ask questions. Tom Harvey and Gordy Freida will be present.

August 10th, 1PM is the submission deadline. RFP's must be received by this date to be considered.

August 18th, 7:00 PM, Town Hall - meeting to rank proposals. Appointed ranking committee should attend.

September 1st 1-3PM - interviews.

On the motion by Councilmember Hermenet, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the following are appointed to the Ranking Committee to review the RFP's: Fred Lightfoote, Allyson Adam-Anderson, Tom Harvey, Neil Atkins, Jerry Hoover and John Foust. If Jerry and/or John are not available they may appoint someone from their Boards to fill this need. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **048-2010**

8. Other

a. Property maintenance. Board members talked about property maintenance. Is there some way the Town can assist, maybe the Town could pick up some of the stuff for people. The possibility of sending letters to all properties that are not in compliance was discussed. Instead of picking a couple at a time, why not do all of them, send letters on the same day, have the same due date and follow up as appropriate with all. Board members agreed this would be a good idea. The word would get out quickly if everyone was treated the same.

b. Town land on Yautzy Road/Lake to Lake, across from the Transfer Station was discussed. Mr. Schilbe has rented this land and farmed it in the past. He is declining to do so this year stating that the land is too wet, it needs to be tilled. Board members talked about what to do with this parcel. We should come up with a plan to use or sell.

c. Gas/oil drilling : Everyone is aware of some of the problems associated with gas well drilling. Supervisor Calabrese is suggesting that the Town authorize a six month moratorium on gas drilling while a permitting process is put in place. Items to be considered: setbacks, erosion control, traffic, hazardous materials identification, road damage, personal water well contamination, etc. Board members agreed to proceed.

9. Set next meeting date: August 11, 2010

10. Privilege of the floor - none requested

11. Adjournment: On the motion by Councilmember Hermenet, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck
Town Clerk