

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
APRIL 12, 2017**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Lightfoote, Councilmembers; Glitch, Case, Malcolm and Chard. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants Coston, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Assessor Mineo, and Town Clerk Perrotte. Highway Superintendent Ayers was necessarily absent.

Other guests in attendance; Gabrielle Harris, Kathy Schwartz and Sue Polizzi.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor – none requested
3. Approval of Minutes – 3/8/17 Regular Meeting Minutes.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the minutes from the 3/8/17 meeting were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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4. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #4

A 73-106	\$15,074.97
B 88-101	623.13
SL 103,104	795.14
DB 51-82	85,967.53
SS 23-33	4,388.89
SW1 43-66	12,177.47
HI 45	2,943.96
HN 44	2,403.86

Councilmember Malcolm had a concern about the phone bill which is from Spectrum Time Warner Cable. He is concerned about the amount being so inconsistent from month to month.

Supervisor Lightfoote said he would look into it.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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5. Reports of Town Officials:

a. Water/Wastewater Plants - written report on file. Chief Operator Coston said they have an opening at the Water/Wastewater District. They are currently taking applications and anticipate the interview process to start soon.

b. Highway Superintendent – written report on file.

c. Zoning – written report on file. Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Freida met with Judge Schwartz and SG Securities regarding a new security system in the courtroom. Mr. Freida said Judge Schwartz is submitting for a grant that will cover most of the cost for the system. SG Securities determined cameras should be placed on all four corners of the building's exterior, corner cameras in the Courtroom and cameras in the hallway entrance and exit in the Town Hall area of the building. It was suggested to add chimes to the doors so staff knows when someone is entering or exiting the building and two panic alarms to quickly access 911 if needed.

d. Assessor – no report on file. Assessor Mineo said "I have been working every night doing informals, also doing hearing informals which means I've been calling people that can't make it out, so I've been calling people scheduling ten minute appointments. Looks like what I've been seeing mostly come in are the ones that have gone up that are different from the average increase, which I expected to see. Like I tell everybody, six percent is the average and what my job is is to equalize that tax burden. Some people are going to see a change and ultimately it's to equalize the burden, not to single people out."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "in this case, equalize means that it's all fair based on a per thousand evaluation."

Mrs. Mineo said "whatever the market value is for a certain property it should be a reflection of that assessment that is the goal."

f. Supervisor – no report on file. Supervisor Lightfoote said it has been a very busy month, as usual. He attended a Village of Rushville Council Meeting pertaining to the proposed dissolution of the Village. His goal is to help residents understand, from the Town's perspective, what will happen if they vote to dissolve. Supervisor Lightfoote said it became evident that the Village Council needs more information than what they have received so far. Officially they have a consulting firm. At some point they will need figures from us to be able to put together their presentation.

Councilmember Glitch asked Supervisor Lightfoote if he expressed some of the concerns to the Village that he brought back from the Association of Towns Meeting he attended in February concerning dissolutions.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Yes, they are very concerned too. I think part of this exercise will be, hopefully, quite an amicable type of situation where everyone truly wants to make sure that the information the residents are getting is factual. I have encouraged them to work very closely with us to make sure our concerns are addressed."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Some of the rumors out there, I get a little concerned about, such as 'the Towns don't even want to talk to anyone over there.' That really annoys me because we've been trying to make sure that anyone that would listen, I've told them to call us, let us be involved in the process, not because we want to 'take over the Village' but, to make sure the residents there have as close to factual information as they can get while they are going forward with this vote."

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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6. Business:

a. Appoint Alternate Planning Board Member - Gabrielle Harris is interested in serving on the Town Planning Board.

Councilmember Malcolm asked her to share her background.

Mrs. Harris said "I grew up in Gorham, I moved to California 13 years ago then moved back to Gorham last year in the fall. I live in Cottage City, I own a house over there. I'm a Landscape Architect. I am licensed in California and now in the State New York. I've been licensed for ten or eleven years. I went to SUNY ESF for Landscape Architecture so I've had a lot of experience on the other side presenting projects to Planning Boards. I grew up on the lake, I've seen a lot of changes from when I left until when I came back, in the character and the quality of the lake and development in the Town, so I have a vested interest in future development."

Councilmember Malcolm asked Mrs. Harris if she sees a potential conflict of interest being on the Planning Board and also being a Licensed Architect where she might be presenting projects to the Planning Board.

Mrs. Harris said "I will have points when I am presenting a project to the Board where I would have to recuse myself from sitting on the Board but, I don't see anything more than that."

Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Freida said the Planning Board was impressed with Mrs. Harris' resume. The Board likes to fill the positions with residents with various education and backgrounds.

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Chard, to appoint Gabrielle Harris to the Town Planning Board as an alternate member to fill a vacancy through 12/2021. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (5-0)

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b. Waiver of Driveway Slope Standards -Justin Kellogg, representing Jeffrey and Pamela Gambrill, applied for a waiver of driveway slope standards. The standard slope guideline in the Town of Gorham is eight percent. The Gambrill's are requesting a waiver for a ten percent slope. Mr. Kellogg said the Gambrill's have conditional Planning Board approval. They have added a small rain garden to treat the additional run off produced from the impervial area and

some landscaping in front of the proposed pole barn. Only the Town Board can grant the waiver for the driveway.

Councilmember Glitch asked if this creates any type of liability for the Town. Supervisor Lightfoote said no. The Town Board approved the restriction to begin with. We have the ability to access it on a case by case basis and address it as we see fit without legal ramifications.

Supervisor Lightfoote and Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Freida have visited the site.

Mr. Freida "said this is one of the better driveways I've seen the Planning Board approve. If a fire truck can't get up there they need to hire a new driver. There are a lot of private beaches that fire trucks have a problem getting to, this is a no-brainer for getting access for emergency vehicles."

Supervisor Lightfoote said this is simply a storage building, it's not a residence or business of any kind.

Mr. Kellogg said we understand all the Town's concerns and we want to make everybody happy.

Councilmember Glitch said "You did a great job at that meeting (Planning Board), keeping your cool. In my opinion some people were over the top with their sarcasm and demeaning tones. I'm not going to mention names, I didn't like it. I felt bad for you. I was embarrassed for us but I felt bad for you."

Councilmember Malcolm asked if it was the Planning Board or neighbors being that way.

Councilmember Glitch said it was the Planning Board.

Mr. Kellogg said he just wants to give the customer his pole barn.

Supervisor Lightfoote said the Planning Board has already approved every other standard for the project but the Planning Board Chair suggested they get approval of the requested waiver from the Town Board.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, to approve the waiver for driveway slope standard for the Gambrill residence and not assume liability. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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c. Town Board Audit of Court Records 2016 - Supervisor Lightfoote made the Justice Court checkbooks and balance sheets available for review. Board Members reviewed the sheets to the best of their ability.

d. Justice Resignation – Justice Christine Ayers has resigned effective June 20, 2017.

Supervisor Lightfoote said Justice Schwartz has volunteered to fill the role of both Justices for the remainder of the year. Justice Schwartz obviously would like to be compensated. It would not affect the budget because the salary is already there for Justice Ayers.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote to compensate Justice Schwartz salary with the pro-rated remainder of Justice Ayers salary through the end of December 2017. Councilmember Case seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (5-0)

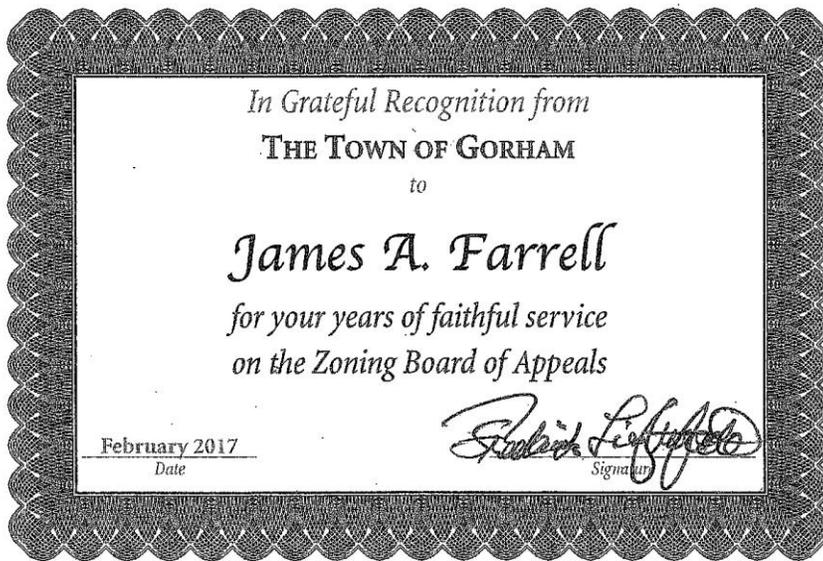
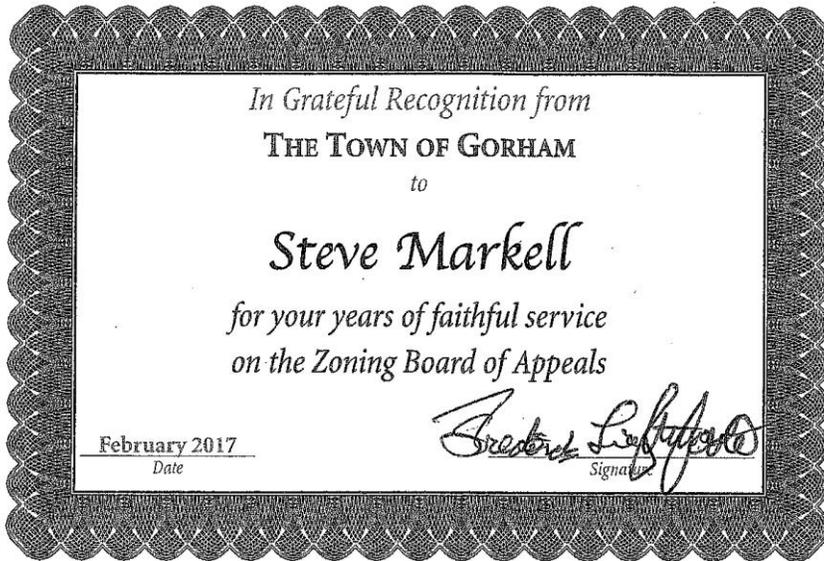
7. Privilege of the Floor –

8. Correspondence –

To the tax payers of the Village of Rushville, Town of Gorham and Potter,

I am against any Village tax payer money being used to create a worthless and frivolous plan for dissolution that the Townships of Potter and Gorham are not obligated to follow. I am currently lobbying the Village of Rushville board members and our Mayor. I feel that the townships of Potter and Gorham should understand that they should take on this responsibility because if the dissolution goes through it will fall into their laps anyways.

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February 22, 2017

Gorham Town Board
c/o Fred Lightfoote, Supervisor
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To the Gorham Town Board Members;

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to meet with you and share information about the Family Support Centers (FSCs) and the work of the Partnership for Ontario County. FSCs were a vital resource to Ontario County families from 2008-2010, operating in four Ontario County school districts. Due to the re-alignment of funds by the Office of Children and Family Services, the centers were closed. The need for FSCs emerged once again a few years ago when our county experienced the traumatic suicides of several young people. The response from the community indicated a lack of mental health services as well as a need for early intervention and prevention opportunities.

The Partnership began to seek funding to restore the Centers that allowed comfortable and familiar venues for families to receive Short-Term, Solution Focused Brief Therapy, in order to address many issues that become barriers to successful family functioning. The counseling and mental health systems can be difficult to navigate and FSCs are easily accessible for those families who have a need but are unsure of where to go. Located in a local school building and open during evening hours, more families who may be challenged with time and transportation restrictions can be served. Currently, four Centers operate in Ontario School Districts.

Trained counseling teams work with family members to identify and reach specific goals which may include family functioning concerns, learning or developmental disabilities, behavioral issues, divorce/separation, peer conflict, academic underachievement and/or mental health issues. FSCs also network families with additional community resources that can continue to strengthen families following completion of counseling.

Your support of the Marcus Whitman school district FSC located in the Valley School is particularly vital, due to access and transportation barriers that many families in more rural areas face. With the guidance of trained counselors, your local FSC is one way to assist struggling families to become independent and acquire new skills to be able to successfully tackle other life challenges.

On behalf of the Partnership Board of Directors, the Partnership and Family Support Teams and our families, we thank you for your thoughtful and generous donation to the Marcus Whitman Center.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Ross, Executive Director

Deb Holland, FSC Coordinator

Jo Ann Shepard, FSC Coordinator

Family Support Centers Ontario County Youth Court Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes Prevention Coalition Community Support
Center Journey Through Loss Youth Mental Health First Aid Youth Clubhouse Nowhere to Go

Fred Lightfoote

From: Andalora, Catherine A <Catherine.Andalora@charter.com> on behalf of Mueller, Chris <Chris.Mueller@charter.com>
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 3:21 PM
Subject: Charter Communications - Important Programming Notification (CM032417,CH,ESQ,WYSR)
Attachments: 03.24.17 - WNY,CNY (CM,Chil,Esq,wsyr) Program Notice .doc



Cathy Andalora | Government Affairs Assistant | 716.686.4450
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March 24, 2017

Dear Municipal Official:

I am writing to you as part of our ongoing efforts to keep you apprised of developments affecting Charter Communications.

From time to time, we make certain changes in the services that we offer in order to better serve our customers. The following changes are planned:

Chiller will no longer be available on or after April 25, 2017

Esquire will no longer available on or after April 25, 2017

WSYR (in Steuben/Schuyler & Yates/Ontario) lineups will no longer be available on or after April 25, 2017

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 585-756-1326 or via email chris.mueller@charter.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Mueller".

Chris Mueller
Director, Government Affairs
Charter Communications

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9. Privilege of the Floor – none requested

10. Executive Session – At 8:23pm Councilmember Glitch moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation in the case of Town of Gorham v Cregg. Councilmember Case seconded the motion that carried by unanimous vote. (5-0)

Supervisor Lightfoote moved to return to regular session at 8:39pm, Councilmember Case seconded the motion that carried by unanimous vote. (5-0)
No action was taken in executive session. **037-2017**

11. Set Next Meeting Date – the next regular meeting of the Gorham Town Board will be on May 10, 2017 at 7pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

12. Adjournment - With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Perrotte
Town Clerk