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Council Workshop: Parking Study and Town-Owned Buildings

BY NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

The Town Council held a workshop on Jan 21st to hear a presentation relating to the ongoing Village Parking Study by Terrence J. DeWan and Associates, and to review the condition of the town-owned McLellan house located on South Street adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library.

Tom Farmer of DeWan and Associates presented his findings from parking surveys to illustrate the current capacity and use of parking in the Village. They suggested several strategies to create more parking in the downtown area. Some options

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Former USM Student Charged with Arson

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Thomas "T.J." Williams, 23, formerly of Mexico, ME has been indicted on two counts of arson for setting a fire in a utility closet in the Upton Hastings Hall on September 3,



Photo courtesy of the State Fire Marshal's Office

2012 at about 2:30 a.m. Williams was one of the resident advisors in that dormitory. There were no injuries associated with the fire, which was extinguished by the building's sprinkler system, but more than 200 students were evacuated from the dormitory.

The Fire Marshall's office worked with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives using state-of-the-art methods to reconstruct the burn pattern and the materials inside the closet. They also reviewed security tapes and talked with a number of students about that night. Williams was a "person of interest" early on, but charges were not filed until this month.

Williams had been honored in 2011 for his commitment to campus life and was the student body president after running uncontested in the spring of 2012. However, by the fall of 2012, he had stopped attending meetings and was removed from office. He has been banned from all of the University of Maine campuses. Williams had no known prior criminal record.

USM Student Arrested in Incident at Sigma Nu Fraternity

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Alan-Michael Santos, 23, of Winchester, MA was arrested and charged with aggravated reckless conduct, criminal threatening with dangerous weapons, terrorizing and creating a police standoff after a four-hour event involving police and fire personnel from Gorham, Brunswick, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and Scarborough. He was taken to Cumberland County Jail and was being held on \$15,000 bail. He has declined to speak to police and has retained an attorney.

Santos, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, had been drinking at a bar across the street from the fraternity. After being told to leave, he went back to his room at Sigma Nu. A fraternity brother, Kristian Foster, went to check on him and found Santos standing in his bedroom with a Ruger 45 semi-automatic handgun leveled at Foster's face. Foster closed the door, told the others in the building that Santos had a gun, and they left the building. Foster returned to Santos' room where he was found lying on his bed with the gun next to him. Santos gave the gun to Foster but then changed his mind and demanded it be returned to him. Santos was found standing in the bedroom

with his finger on the trigger guard. Foster then left the room and another student called 911 at about 7:10 p.m.

The police initially shut down School Street and later closed the open businesses in the area and brought in members of the Sheriff's Department Emergency Services Unit. A perimeter was set up around the fraternity to ensure Santos did not leave the premises. Police called Santos on his cell phone, which he did not initially answer. He had barricaded himself in his room. Negotiators kept calling and he finally answered. After numerous calls from the negotiators, Santos finally agreed to surrender. He was arrested and taken to jail.

Police obtained search warrants and found in his room two handguns, the Ruger that Santos had pulled on Foster as well as a Taurus .357 caliber revolver and what was said to be "a lot" of ammunition. He had no known criminal record. Sigma Nu fraternity does not permit members to have guns in the fraternity house.

Santos surrendered around 11:30 p.m.—about four hours after the standoff began. Many members of the law enforcement community spent those hours standing out in the bitter cold. According to Police Chief Ronald Shepard, this incident will mean substantial costs to the towns for



Photo courtesy of Gorham Police Department

overtime. The Police Department has to be ready for the worst possible scenario and cannot handle this type of incident with a skeleton crew. "We need people there who are ready to respond at a moment's notice. We have no idea what a suspect might do," added Shepard.

Chief Shepard added that he considers any standoff that "ends with no injuries to anyone, a success."

In Maine a permit is not required to possess one or more guns as long as they are not concealed when carried.

Centre of Movement Needs Repairs

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer



Photo credit Nicole Bergeron

Gorham, along with other towns across Maine, routinely inspects all buildings that house businesses, as well as schools, the university, multi-family homes and any new construction. According to Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre, these inspections are not done as frequently as they should due to manpower constraints.

On October 10, 2013, the State Fire Marshall and the Code Enforcement Officer inspected the building at 19 State Street that houses the Centre of Movement Performing Arts Studio and determined there were a number of problems that needed to be addressed.

The group reviewed the issues at a meeting on October 24th attended

by owner of Centre of Movement Vicki Lloyd and her daughter as well as the State Electrical Inspector, Chief Lefebvre, Asst. Chief Kenneth Fickett, the Asst. State Fire Marshall, the State Fire Marshall Inspector (who had participated in the October 10th inspection) along with Gorham's Code Officer and Zoning Administrator. An agreement, known as a plan of correction, was drawn up, specifying what work needed to be done and a time frame for doing it.

A few days before New Year Gorham, town staff, following up on their insurance for the event, realized public gatherings were not currently permitted at the site. Events scheduled for that facility were relocated, as the town could have been held

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Supporting Solar Power in Maine

By SEN. JIM BOYLE

One of the most important issues facing the state today is our dependence on fossil fuels, which contributes to our high energy costs. In fact, Maine spends \$5 billion each year importing fossil fuel. This is money we could keep here in Maine to strengthen our own economy. One way to do so is to look at alternative forms of energy, like solar power.

Maine is the only New England state without a solar incentive program. As a result, we are missing out on an important opportunity to increase access to energy, protect our environment, and strengthen our economy. These are some of the many reasons I am cosponsoring a bill this session to support solar energy development in Maine.

The bill would establish state solar energy generation goals and create opportunities for the promotion and generation of solar energy development within existing state entities like the Small Enterprise Growth Program and the Department of Economic Development. While there are many reasons why this legislation is needed, I want to discuss three key reasons why I am supporting the bill.

First, Mainers would have access to an affordable way to generate our own power. Solar energy is an abundant resource available everywhere in Maine, from our rural towns to our downtown

service centers. According to a 2010 report by Energy Self Reliant States, rooftop solar panels alone could provide 24% of Maine's electricity. With historically low prices for solar electric systems

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– costs for solar panels have fallen 75% over the past five years – now is the time to invest in this abundant form of renewable energy.

Second, not only will solar power reduce costs and increase energy independence, but it will also help keep our air clean and healthy. Air pollution from power plants has long-lasting ramifications on our health, environment, and quality of life. In the American Lung Association's 2013 State of the Air report, 25% of Maine's counties received a C or a D for air quality. Solar power is a clean

and pollution-free energy alternative that could reduce pollutants and their harmful impact on our health, and help us address the long-term challenges of climate change, including the impacts on our economy and natural resources.

Finally, solar power will strengthen our state's economy, create jobs, and support our small businesses. Maine is rich in natural resources and our economy has a tradition of depending on renewable energy sources. In fact, research shows that for the same amount of energy, solar power creates 55-80 times more jobs than natural gas. There are roughly 50 small businesses already working in the industry in Maine, meaning we have the capacity and the potential for a robust solar industry.

Supporting solar power will help reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and the ensuing harm to our environment, our health, and our wallets. As lawmakers, we have a responsibility to respond to our energy-related challenges in a way that benefits Mainers today, as well as future generations.



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times*:

Recently, I've read articles in both the Gorham Times & American Journal about Gorham's plans for the next 10-20 years. It'll be interesting to see how things develop. However, I may have missed something as I read the articles, though. I saw nothing about the biggest wart on the face of our town. The eyesore that is on Main Street. The derelict, defunct, dilapidated gas station next to TD Bank & in front of Hannaford's. How many residents of and visitors to Gorham see this "structure" and shake their heads? How do the people running businesses in the vicinity of this "structure" feel about having this eyesore being one of the first things potential customers see?

Do the owners of this "structure" have no respect for this town or the people who live here?

In conclusion, my last question is: Will anything ever be done about this "structure" or will it continue to be the centerpiece of our town & our comprehensive plan for the next 10-20 years?

Steven C Pomelow

From the Editor: Many other Gorham residents have repeatedly asked the questions you raise about the dilapidated former gas station on Main Street. Unfortunately, this site is private property and the property owner is up to date on his taxes. As long as the property taxes are paid and the building does not represent a safety threat to the public, there is nothing the town can do about this site. Gorham does not have an ordinance about property maintenance. The property is for sale and, within the past year, McDonald's

was considering this site for a restaurant, but to date they have not followed through on those plans.

around town

Town Manager David Cole and Gorham resident and longtime public servant Burleigh Loveitt recently met with the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) and Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) to discuss the progression of Phase 2 of the East West Corridor Study. According to Loveitt, the town, MTA, and MaineDOT are "with the program" and they are "broadening attempts at the state and federal level to push the East West corridor issue."

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Local Dog Heading to Westminster Dog Show

By CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Gorham residents Ann-Marie and Thom Watson's Bichon Frise, Topper, will be among almost 3,000 dogs competing in the famed Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on February 10th and 11th in New York City. Topper, whose official AKC name is Tres Beau Going My Way, is a Best in Specialty Show winner and a Grand Champion. He has been competing since he was six months old. Now at three-and-a-half, the 138th Annual Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show will be his ultimate challenge.

Together this mother-son duo runs Muddy Paw Dog Grooming in Gorham. Thom grooms and prepares Topper for competition and Ann-Marie handles him in the show ring. Said Ann-Marie proudly of her son, "Thom is the one at the show who makes Topper beautiful. He has the patience to get him just right. I would not have had as much success in the ring without Thom's skill. I owe most of our wins to him! What a great son." She added, "This is truly a family affair. My husband, Bill, and Thom's twin brother, Tim, have been wonderfully supportive over the past three years with Topper as well."

While they have had several other Bichons, Topper is their first show dog and they are proud and amazed he has become one of the top 20 Bichons Frises in the United States. He recently won a Grand Champion Select placement, beating 12 other Bichons at a show in Pennsylvania.

The Watsons say Topper has exceptional personality and charisma. He has a positive way of engaging with people. According to Thom, "He is the happiest dog at the show. People are drawn to him and just have to come over to meet him. When I am grooming him at the show, I have to build in extra time for all his fans." He also seems to remember all his people friends and judges at the show. Said Ann-Marie, "I can tell by his body language, on the table, when the judge examines him if they have connected. Topper can just suck you in with his charm."

One of the major challenges in showing a dog as an owner/handler is that they will be competing against professionals who are paid to handle dogs for a living and are backed with expensive ad campaigns. "In order to level the playing field, an owner/handler must groom, train and present their dog to the judge ten times bet-



Photo courtesy of Ann-Marie Watson

Topper, who is headed to Westminster Dog Show in February, proudly shows off a medallion he earned last summer at the Hunterdon Hills Kennel Club in Ringoes, New Jersey. He won Best of Breed, beating 12 other Bichon Frises.

ter than the professionals, just to be noticed in the ring," added Thom.

At the Westminster competition, dogs first compete at the breed level and are judged against their breed standards, which are a written list of ideal qualities. Any purebred dog can show, but it takes a meticulous appearance and excellent structure in comparison to the breed standard to become a Champion. And when the dogs are all Champions, sometimes very little sets them apart from each other.

If Topper wins his breed, he will then compete against other breeds in the Non-Sporting Dog group, one of seven categories: Sporting, Hound, Working, Terrier, Toy, Non-Sporting, and Herding. One dog from each group is then chosen to compete against the other group winners for Best of Show and the title of "America's Dog." The winner becomes an instant celebrity, complete with a media tour on virtually all the major networks.

To watch Topper in action on Monday, February 10, at 11 a.m., visit www.westminsterkennelclub.org. He'll be on after the American Eskimo dogs. All 187 different breeds will be shown on their live streaming video Monday and Tuesday. When Topper wins his breed, as the Watsons hope he will, he will then go to Madison Square Garden to compete in the Non Sporting Group during the Monday night's show, which will be seen on CNBC from 8 to 11 p.m. If he wins the group, he will then show again on Tuesday night for Best in Show seen on USA from 8 to 11 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Ann-Marie Watson

Topper at the Devon Dog Show at Ludwig's Corner, Pennsylvania in October 2013 where he won the Keystone Bichon Specialty and went on to represent the Bichons in the Non-Sporting Group. He took a Group 2 defeating 105 dogs. Pictured with Topper from left to right are judge Joan Scot, exhibitor and owner Ann-Marie Watson, and Devon Dog Show Chairman Michael Greenberg.

Westminster Trivia

The Westminster Dog Show, first held in 1877 as a show for gun dogs, is the second longest continuously running sporting event behind the Kentucky Derby, which was first held in 1875. During the event, the Empire State Building's tower is lit with Westminster colors--purple and gold, and Saks Fifth Avenue features a Westminster-themed window display. The winning dog is invited to Wall Street to ring the opening bell.



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The Subtle Art of Yoga

BY PAULA SUTTLE

People often associate yoga with the image of a lithe body, contorted in unimaginable ways. They might envision practitioners sitting crossed-legged on rugs, with prayer-laced hands, in dimly lit rooms suffused with incense and a sense of ethereal calm. An inherent aura of mystery surrounds the practice of yoga making it a subtle art, something said to be so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyze or describe.

The term “yoga” is derived from Sanskrit words that mean “to yoke” and “to concentrate.” The practice of yoga is intended to unite, or yoke, the practitioner’s mind, body and spirit. This is accomplished by executing a series of physical poses (asanas) while concentrating on the breath (pranayama) and, at the same time, performing a meditation or contemplation through the use of spoken or chanted “mantras,” or mind tools.

Yoga has been practiced for over 5,000 years. It was first introduced to the United States when Sri Vivekananda, a Hindu monk from India, came to Chicago to address the World Parliament of Religions in the late 19th and early 20th century. Sri Vivekananda is regarded as a preeminent influence in introducing the spiritual teachings of yoga to this country.

Over its long history, yoga has changed dramatically. Today, there are as many styles of yoga as the over 15 million practitioners mandate. Hatha Yoga, the most widely practiced of yoga styles, came about as a much needed physical release for ancient monks who spent hours

Classical instruction is intended to guide the practitioner to a renewal of one's higher self, ultimately transcending corporal existence into a more holistic truth--all humans are inherently good.

sitting in meditation. Because these meditations were often conducted outdoors, the Sanskrit names for poses, or asanas, came from objects and creatures observed during practice. Hence, “Vrikasana” (tree pose), “Tadasana” (mountain pose) and “Adho Mukha Svanasana” (downward facing dog), to name a few, became the language of Hatha Yogis.

Some other types include Bikram yoga, which is practiced in artificially heated rooms, and Vinyasa yoga, which is known for its fluid transitions from pose to pose, often accompanied by music. There is

even a form of aerial yoga that is becoming popular.

There can be many benefits related to practicing yoga in terms of health and well being. But a yoga practice can be much more than developing a healthy, malleable body. When practiced under the leadership of a trusted teacher, students can learn to relinquish self-imposed negativity and to achieve more clarity and calm. Classical instruction is intended to guide the practitioner to a renewal of one’s higher self, ultimately transcending corporal existence into a more holistic truth. Yoga can be the fiercest of medicines by freeing the practitioner and providing abundant reservoirs of peace. Namaste’ ... as is traditionally spoken at the approach of another Yogi or the end of a yoga session.



Paula Suttle is a certified yoga instructor and an ordained interfaith chaplain. She holds a BA in English from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington.

Centre of Movement

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liable if they had held events at the State Street site.

Among the issues to be addressed immediately were servicing the furnace, repairing the smoke pipe that runs from the furnace to the chimney, evaluating the oil tank and checking the propane tank behind the building to ensure it met the setback requirements. These items were relatively minor in terms of cost and Lloyd agreed to complete them within 10 days. Additionally, all blocked exit doors were to have items removed allowing full access to the exit. That work needed to be done immediately.

In the agreement, Lloyd agreed not to use the second floor of the building and not to reopen it until the necessary work was done. This is due to the fire extinguishers needing service and tagged and located at each exit door or within 75 feet of where people would be in the building. A full fire alarm system is also required, at a cost of at least several thousand dollars. The biggest expense would be for a sprinkler system.

The agreement gives Lloyd 18 months from November 1, 2013 to comply with the requirements. Chief Lefebvre noted that if Lloyd only held classes on the first floor (not using the second floor at all) and did not hold any group events such as recitals, the requirement to install a sprinkler system might not apply.

Lloyd acknowledges there are some issues that need to be corrected but says she signed the agreement “under duress” and does not agree with some of the issues. She also does not understand why they are a problem after all the years she has been running the Centre. She points out that no one lives in the Centre of Movement, no one stays there overnight and there are plenty of exits. She feels there is a “double standard” noting the town-owned Robie Gym that holds events and the building is not equipped with a sprinkler system.

Lloyd estimates the cost of all the repairs would be as much as \$80,000—an amount she is unable to pay. She questions why some buildings and situations are grandfathered to not require sprinklers and others are required to have them. Lloyd says “it is really difficult not to be able to use the second floor,” adding that two other businesses on School Street are also unable to use the second floors of their buildings as they do not have sprinkler systems. Lloyd feels that given the expense of a sprinkler system to a small business such as hers, she wonders why there is not some type of state or federal assistance or some type of grant to help pay for a sprinkler system.

Chief Lefebvre noted that it is not his intention to put force any business to close and he is “trying to find a way to work with Lloyd with a reasonable timetable to allow classes (but not recitals or other public gatherings) to continue.”

Lloyd said she has taken care of some of the smaller items. She sees the Centre of Movement as an asset to the community, noting that they work with special needs students and do other community service projects.

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Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES

At this month's Town Council meeting, Town Manager David Cole was presented with a 20-Year Service Pin by Council Chair Michael Phinney, who thanked Cole for his years of service and dedication. In his report, Cole announced that he had awarded five-year Service Pins to Officer Mike Brown of the Police Department and Larry Gallant of Public Works and a 10-year Service Pin to Public Works Director Bob Burns.

During an item to schedule a second Public Hearing on a proposal to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Administrator David Galbraith and Mark Eyerman, a consultant of Planning Decisions, Inc. spoke about the Plan. Galbraith, along with Town Planner Tom Poirier, leads the efforts to update the Plan anticipated to address beneficial goals for the town. Galbraith provided an overview of where efforts currently are in regard to the Comprehensive Plan, which was originally adopted in 1993 and revised once in 1994. Galbraith announced that he and Poirier have worked on an initial draft the past year, which comprises an overview of the Plan and an updated version of the Plan. Galbraith explained that the plan outlines goals for Gorham and the strategies to realize them. He also pointed out that details must be in alignment with state governance. Consultant Mark Eyerman continued the subject, reporting on the Plan's designs and its alignment with Gorham's growth. The documents for the overview and plan updates are available under the "News & Announcements" section of the town's website, www.gorham-me.org.

The Council voted 7-0 to schedule a Public Hearing date of February 4, 2014 on updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

The former Little Falls School building was officially designated as a facil-

ity to be used as an activity center through a vote of 7-0. Intended uses include meeting space for recreation programs, community groups and community center activities. The Recreation Department will be responsible for administrating and scheduling activities in the building.

In an ongoing effort to achieve an appropriate ordinance for special entertainment, the Council voted 5-2 (Councilors Suzanne Phillips and Benjamin Hartwell) to request that the Ordinance Committee review the existing Special Amusement Ordinance and recommend changes in order to facilitate outdoor events. Councilors Matthew Robinson, Sherrie Benner and Benjamin Hartwell comprise the Ordinance Committee.

The Council unanimously approved acceptance of the assets and properties of the Gorham Cemetery Association, which has held and maintained assets of the Eastern Cemetery and South Street Cemetery since 1907, as well as the assets and properties of the White Rock Cemetery Improvement Association, which held and maintained assets of the Sapling Hill Cemetery since 1899. The Council, which will act as trustees for the assets and properties, will assume responsibility for holding and managing these assets and properties in order to maintain and protect the three Gorham cemeteries.

The Council voted 7-0 to endorse a letter to Gorham's Legislative Delegation to request they take action to prevent the state from further raiding the Revenue Sharing Program to prevent shifting additional costs of state government onto local property taxes.

In their final action, after a unanimous vote to approve, the Council officially swore Jennifer Elliott in as Town Clerk. She had been appointed as Acting Town Clerk upon the retirement of Connie Loughran from this post last year.

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Chief Shepard Reports

Police arrested two men responsible for two burglaries on Route 237. A neighbor saw two men running and called police with a description of their vehicle. They were arrested by Windham Police Department.

Gorham Police Department received two \$10,000 grants from the Bureau of Highway Safety, one for OUI enforcement and the other for speed enforcement. The money funds overtime pay for officers who will work these details over the course of nine months.

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in January:

Dominic Bucklin, 20, of Waterboro was indicted on 17 counts of distributing sexually explicit materials and 14 counts of possessing sexually explicit materials. Charges were brought by Maine State Police and Gorham Police Department.

Brian Flood, 36, of Gorham was indicted for reckless conduct, criminal OUI, leaving the scene of an accident and operating after suspension. Charges were brought by Scarborough Police Department.

Donna Forbes, 55, of Gorham was indicted for theft (with priors) on charges brought by Gorham Police Department

Elizabeth Reynolds, 54, of Buxton was indicted for criminal OUI, and operating beyond license restriction on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Shane Samova, 21, of Gorham was indicted for burglary and theft on charges brought by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and Standish Police Department.

Thomas Williams, 23, of Mexico, was indicted on two counts of arson on charges brought by State Fire Marshall's Office and Gorham Police Department.

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would provide more on street parking, while others created more off street parking by using the recently acquired town properties at 21 Main Street and 10 Preble Street. Most of the off street parking alternatives incorporated back lot parking and shared access to connect spaces to the street. The study also looked into the feasibility of creating a new crosswalk to span South Street at Green and Preble Streets.

Concerned with the lack of options with what to do with the building at 10 Preble Street or 21 Main Street, Council Chair Mike Phinney questioned, "Is it worth it to sell those buildings or should we tear them down?" Carson Lynch owner of the Gorham Grind remarked that there is "plenty of asphalt but no one wants to share." Town Manager David Cole indicated that DeWan and Associates will "take the feedback and work toward a finalized study."

The council also reviewed the future needs of the town-owned McLellan House at 75 South Street. The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) leases the building from the town at no cost. According to Michael Parker, PRLT chairman, the Land Trust

uses the building for office space and has sublet the remaining space as a residential apartment and an office for the Gorham Times. Conditions of the lease with the town call for the PRLT to use all of the revenue from the sublet to maintain the building. Parker's concern is that the revenue from the sublet cannot support the future needs of the building. The council reviewed an estimate for exterior repairs, weatherization, and historic window restoration, roof, and siding repairs ranging from \$160,000 to \$172,000. The building is in a Historic District comprising 20 building along South Street.

MaryLee Dodge, PRLT member, spoke in favor of keeping the building, stating, "Tearing this down... would be putting a dent in this district." Councilor Bruce Roullard commented that he was "in complete support of maintaining this building," but wanted to know the status of the structural issues. Councilor Phinney was concerned that the interior of the building may need repairs that are not part of the estimate. The council opted to hold a site walk to see the building next week.



Photo credit Noah Miner

The fate of the historic McLellan house at 75 South Street is under consideration

JANUARY 8, 2014

Gorham School Committee

BY ROBIN SOMES

Elementary school principals Polly Brann of Narragansett, Brian Porter of Village and Jane Esty of Great Falls presented a review of the Extended Kindergarten program that began in 2008 to provide a “second dose” of literacy, math and school ready skills to those students who lack pre-school experience, school-ready type skills, or experience in situations such as lining up, sitting within a group, or sitting 15 minutes to listen to a story. The program began at Narragansett with Mary Patterson, the Extended Kindergarten teacher based in Great Falls. It encompassed four half days, affording a fifth day for testing, consulting and meeting with parents. This format continued for three years, after which it was decided to transition to three K-5 schools with each school having its own program. However, last year, due to budget constraints, the program was reverted back to being conducted only at Great Falls. The program has been expanded back to the three elementary schools to ensure students remain in their home schools and work with teachers with whom they are accustomed. To date, a total of 86 students have been involved with the program since its onset in 2008.

“Preschool is the new kindergarten, so there is an interesting array of students comprising many levels,” stated Jane Esty. When asked how All Day Kindergarten might affect Extended Kindergarten, Esty replied there would not be a big shift because students would continue to be process-monitored every two weeks, and those students appropriate for Extended Kindergarten would continue to have Personal Learning Plans. “There would be very little difference actually. The move to have our Extended K programs back in our individual schools was a really great precursor for that ... it’s not going to be very different from what it is now.”

In another presentation to the School Committee, Lyndon Keck, senior principal of PDT Architects talked about the status of the plans for expanding and renovating Gorham High School, which is headed by the GHS Building Committee. Keck designed several of Gorham’s schools

and municipal buildings and was involved in the high school’s last renovation, completed in 1992. He explained that the endeavor began in the fall of 2009 with the GHS Exploratory Committee, whose goal was to assess overcrowding, insufficient parking and athletic field requirements. That committee reported their findings in June of 2012, which led to the Exploratory Committee Expansion and Renovation Study, completed at the end of last year by the GHS Building Committee.

After reviewing the existing details of the high school property, Keck provided a list of items comprising the proposed expansion and renovation, which among numerous items include:

- Expansion of the cafeteria
- 12 new classrooms and elimination of the 4 portable classroom buildings
- 1 new science lab
- Relocation and expansion of the nurse’s clinic and administrative offices
- Addition of a security vestibule, a safety resource officer office
- Upgrade of security door locks, fire alarm system, and phone and intercom systems
- Installation of an outdoor public announcement system
- Upgrade of HVAC system and controls, boilers, athletic field and tennis court lights for energy efficiency/cost savings

Jim Hager, chair of the GHS Building Committee reported on cost estimates in a format broken down into two referendum items that, once finalized, will be presented to the Town Council and, if successful, will be included in a town referendum. The first referendum breaks costs into the following high-level areas:

Construction:	\$ 11,283,045
Admin Costs and Reserves:	\$ 2,059,420
Fees and Services:	\$ 1,307,012
Total Project Cost Estimate:	\$ 14,649,476

The second referendum is dependent upon approval of the first referendum and entails implementation of synthetic turf for the competition field at a total cost estimate of \$2,116,865.

Strengthening the Student-Business Relationship

BY STACY SALLINEN

For the past two and a half years, local business leaders and school officials have been meeting to discuss ways to better prepare Gorham students to be college- and career-ready. The roundtable discussion, which takes place every six weeks, has created a partnership in which educators are learning more about the skills needed to be successful in today’s workforce and how they can meet this demand.

According to Maine’s Guiding Principles, students must be clear and effective communicators; self-directed and lifelong learners; creative and practical problem solvers; responsible and involved citizens; and integrative and informed thinkers before they leave high school. These skills are building blocks for students to succeed in the 21st century. As a result, more skills and opportunities for college and career readiness are being incorporated into the curriculum.

The partnership has resulted in new initiatives in Gorham schools. In May, seniors at Gorham High School (GHS) can voluntarily participate in a two-week internship with local businesses. Superintendent Ted Sharp said that over the past six years, students have become increasingly comfortable with the opportunity. While not a requirement for graduation, over 80% of seniors at GHS participate.

For the past two years, juniors have been required to participate in a job shadow day. New this year was an opportunity for eighth grade students at Gorham Middle School to also take part in a job shadow day. The traditional Career Day is still held at most of the schools in the district.

Additionally, GHS rejuvenated its co-op program this year under the instruction of Robert Weed. During the first semester, students complete a regular school day but are released one period early during the second semester. Students are required to work at least ten hours per week, and receive pay and credit for hours worked.

While many internship locations are already established, students are encouraged to seek out new locations based on their interests.

WHAT: Gorham Business Exchange-Business Roundtable Meeting

WHO: GBE Members & Guests

WHEN: Thursday, February 6th
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Gorham Savings Bank’s Community Room
10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham

COST: FREE

“I think our goal as a group is to help students understand the opportunities available to them; make available some local mentors in various industries; and help bridge the gap between students and local businesses,” said Winslow, Regional Vice President of Gorham Savings Bank. “If local business leaders simply provided a couple hours of their expertise even once a year, what a powerful interaction that could be.

It’s a wonderful and efficient way to balance the classroom requirements that teachers work so hard to achieve with real world hands on experience.”


Members on the round table group include Superintendent Sharp; GHS Principal Chris Record; Village Assistant Principal Jodi Mezzanote; School Committee member Kathy Garrard; Shawn

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BECKY WINSLOW
Regional Vice President of
Gorham Savings Bank and GBE President

Moody of Moody’s Collision Center; Demetria Chadbourne of Demetria’s Team—the Real Estate Group; Michelle Belhumeur of Gorham House; Becky Winslow of Gorham Savings Bank; Michael Wing of the University of Southern Maine; and Director of the Gorham Business Civic Exchange Leigh-Paige Smith.

The next business round table meeting will be held February 6 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Gorham Savings Bank’s Community Room at 10 Wentworth Drive. A panel of local business leaders and school officials will lead a discussion on ways to improve the student-business relationship; how mentoring a student can help your business and our community’s future; and the new internship and co-op programs at GHS. The event is free to all members of the Gorham Business Exchange, and to non-members as well.



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A Focus on Narragansett

BY STACY SALLINEN

Narragansett School has been identified as a "Focus School" by the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) under new criteria in the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Waiver.

As part of the two-year waiver, the state will manage a plan to improve education for all students, close achievement gaps, and increase the quality of instruction through continued implementation of the Maine Learnings Results, which have been updated to include Common Core Standards. Schools will no longer be designated as having made or missed Adequate Yearly Progress. Instead, they will be placed in five categories based on performance: priority, focus, monitor, progressing and meeting.

Narragansett School met the criteria for becoming a Focus School as established by Maine's plan.

The school met the first criterion of receiving Title I funds. Narragansett qualifies for the federal funding because its free and reduced lunch count exceeds the district-wide average. These funds are used to pay for teachers and programs to support students who are in the lowest 25% in reading and/or math. Local funds are used to supplement this to ensure equity of services across the three elementary schools.

In the fall of 2011, Gorham reconfigured to three K-5 schools. Only one month into the new school configuration, students in third, fourth and fifth grades were tested in reading and math using the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP). In the winter, students with significant cognitive disabilities were tested with the Personalized Alternate

Assessment Portfolio (PAAP).

The second criterion is based on student achievement from the October 2011 NECAP to the October 2012 NECAP, and the winter 2012 to the 2013 PAAP. Overall, Narragansett students did well, but there was a significant gap in mathematics between the highest performing subgroup, "White/Caucasian," and the lowest performing subgroup, "Special Education." As a result, Narragansett met the criterion of having a significant gap between the highest and lowest performing subgroups.

In addition to the achievement gap, the MDOE looks at the growth rate in the lowest subgroup, "Special Education," from one year to the next. Narragansett School, which houses the district-wide Functional Life Skills program for elementary kids with significant intellectual disabilities, met the criterion of being a Title I school, having a significant gap between subgroups, and having a low rate of growth in the lowest subgroup from one year to the next.

Focus Schools will receive up to \$10,000 in additional funding to support school improvement planning and will need to begin implementation in the 2014-15 school year. In order to be removed from Focus status, schools must make significant progress for two consecutive years following implementation.

A letter from Principal Polly Brann was sent home to parents in December to explain the designation of a Focus School. "We are looking at this with a growth mindset, an opportunity to look closely at our instructional practices and make changes for improved student performance," said Brann.

Little River's Quest for Zero Waste

BY MATILDA MCCOLL
GMS Student

Gorham Middle School's seventh grade team, Little River, recently took part in an experiment known to students as the Waste Audit. The main goal of the experiment was to see how much waste GMS produced on an average day.

With the help of teachers and staff, students collected waste from one grade-level lunch in the cafeteria and a sample size of twelve classrooms. The students sorted, weighed, and took all data and information of the waste. But, the work towards Zero Waste did not stop there.

Students continued on a field trip to ecoMaine, a non-profit organization in which most of southern Maine's waste is sent to be sorted and dealt with. There, students toured the Recycling Center and the Waste to Energy Plant. Students saw first-hand where their trash from school ended and what was done with it. After the field trip, the students learned of a new project coming: a full-blown, Cycles of Matter and ecoMaine project. This particular project is needed to represent the Water Cycle, the Carbon/Oxygen Cycle, as well as how the cycles are affected by ecoMaine.



Photo credit Sarah Rubin

Gorham Middle School's Little River Team visits EcoMaine.

Students not only built their projects, but all the materials used for their projects had to be either recyclable or reused—they could not buy new supplies. Some students even ended up diving into the school's recycling dumpster for cardboard.

Even though there are no more upcoming projects, field trips, or classes about Zero Waste for the Little River team, the topic of environmental stewardship still reminded them to recycle and continue their quest to Zero Waste. Taking care of the entire school's recycling and visiting all three lunch periods to observe the sorting of food waste are only some of the things in which the students participate.

Students Recognized for Work at Vocational Center



Photo credit Sanford Peabody

Four students from Gorham High School were recognized as Students of the Quarter for their respective programs at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. Pictured are David Nagy, Heavy Equipment I; Chazz Hansen, Automotive II; Kim Slipp, GHS Assistant Principal; Hannah LeClair, Public Safety I; and Emily Peterson, Medical Occupations I.

Gorham High School's Giving Tree Helps Gorham Children

BY AMY SMITH AND LAURA RYAN
GHS Faculty and Staff

The Gorham High School community recognizes that the holiday season can be a stressful time for many families. Each year the high school provides assistance to families in need in order to make the holidays more enjoyable. This year the high school provided gifts for sixty children within the Gorham School District. High school students raised over \$1,000 during the annual Change Challenge.

Staff and faculty purchased presents, made donations, and raised money during a lunch with pizzas donated by Gorham House of Pizza. Noah Harfoush, son of staff member Belinda

Harfoush, helped raise money by baking delicious treats all year, which high school staff enjoyed with a donation toward the Giving Tree. Local businesses, including Carter's, Gorham House of Pizza, Walmart, Dr. Seekins, and Amato's, also contributed funds towards the cause. In addition, the employees of Subway collected money all year long that they used to purchase and wrap over forty gifts for the Giving Tree. Those employees include manager Tara Carignan, Brandy Norton, Aaren Rivard, James Brown, Jessica Beadnell, Rachel Kerr, Sarah Fryou, Tim Conley, Tim Hubner, and Nicole Spencer.

Thanks to all those who contributed and helped to make the holiday season brighter for so many of our students.



Photo credit Brian Jandreau

Thanks to the Gorham High School community and beyond, the Giving Tree at GHS provided gifts to sixty children within the school district.

Gorham Elementary Chorus



Photo credit Corinne Altman

Janelle Mosey led the Gorham Elementary Chorus during their performance on January 14 in the Great Falls Gym. The largest group in years had to learn a lengthy medley of Disney tunes that the director counted at over 2,000 words. Ms. Mosey was impressed with the children's performance especially after missing two Mondays of rehearsal due to snow.

SPORTS

Hannah Southard: Student Athlete Times Two



Photo credit Suzie Phillips

During a January 18th multi-team track meet at USM, Hannah Southard finishes third in the long jump with a 13'-11" leap.



Photo credit Suzie Phillips

Hannah Southard shown in action for the GHS girls' hockey team in a January 20th game against Falmouth at USM.

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GHS Winter Sports Highlights

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Cheerleading: The Rams placed third in the Western Maine Class A Championship January 25 at the August Civic Center to qualify for the February 8 Class A State Championship. On January 18th, the team finished third in the SMAA Conference Championship.

Girls' Hockey: (5-10 record, ranked seventh in Western Maine). Junior captain **Charlotte Smith** leads in scoring followed by **Hannah Southard**, **Shayla Wing**, **Allison Rullo** and **Mackenzie Collins**. **Meghan Cushing**, **Evelyn Turnbaugh** and **Mary Adams** have led on defense while **Maddy Hamblen** has been strong in net.

Girls' Track: **Kristin Benson** was named Senior Division Athlete of the Week for her January 25 performance at USM. Qualifiers for the Class A State Meet include **Benson** (55, 200, 400), **Abby Perkins** (pole vault), **Hannah Southard** (55 hurdles, triple jump), **Sophia Swiatek** (shot put, pole vault) and **Jackie Turner** (1 mile, 800).

Boys' Skiing: **Nate Roberts** finished in the top five of each of team's first four meets, including second-place in the giant slalom January 24th. **Joe Moutinho** had two top-ten finishes.

Girls' Skiing: **Emma Christakis** has earned the team's highest individual finish (17) in the first four meets.

Boys' Track: **Emerson Fox** won three junior events in a January 18 meet while **Ethan Orach** won the junior 800 in one of the fastest times in the conference.

Boys' Hockey: (7-3 record, ranked fifth in Western Maine Class B). The team scored 13 goals in back-to-back games January 8th and 15th vs. **Bonny Eagle** and **Massabesic**. Against **Bonny Eagle**, **Shawn Sullivan**, **Travis Mansir** and **Tucker Buteau** combined for seven goals.

Girls' Swimming: (5-1 record). **Ashley Clark**, **Delaney Burns**, **Alicia Robinson**, **Meagan Thomsen**, **Blanca Monsen**, **Sophia Swiatek**, and **Molly Sposato** have all qualified for the state championships.

Boys' Swimming: **Tim Smith**, **Timmer Sposato**, **Caleb Goodall**, **Riley Jensen**, **Parker Lane** and **Gunder Sandeno** have all qualified for the state tournament.

Girls' Basketball: (10-4 record, ranked sixth in Western Maine Class A). **Abby Hamilton** scored 87 points over four games including 20 in a January 20 win over **Thornton Academy**, which was ranked first at the time.

Boys' Basketball: (6-8 record, ranked 10th in Western Maine Class A). In a big 59-42 win over **Deering** on January 14th, **Nick Thibeault** and **Sam Kilborn** combined for 44 points.

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Bob Gould pauses briefly on the sidelines at a recent Gorham Middle School girls' basketball game. Gould started coaching basketball at GMS in 1974, and along with boys' basketball, baseball and track, he has coached more than 80 teams during his 40-year tenure. To no one's surprise, he has no intentions of stepping down from coaching any time soon!

BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Bob Gould started coaching basketball at Gorham Middle School way back in 1974, just after Gerald Ford replaced Richard Nixon as the president of the United States. A science teacher at the time, Gould jumped in to help with both the girls' and boys' basketball teams at the seventh and eighth-grade levels.

Over the past 40 years, he often coached more than one team each winter season. Since 2005, Gould has been able to lessen

the coaching load by just coaching the eight-grade girls' team. Forty years after first starting out as a GMS coach, Gould is still going strong and has no immediate plans to stop coaching. He recently looked back over his coaching career during a phone interview.

"I started out coaching when the teams played their home games in the old Robie Gym," Gould recalls. "Over the years, we moved to the old high school gym [where the GHS auditorium now sits] and then onto the Shaw School gym [now housed in the Gorham Rec. building] before settling into the current gym at GMS when it opened in 2004."

In addition to basketball, Gould has also helped with GMS baseball and track teams for various stints that lasted several years. During the past 40 years, he estimates he coached 80+ teams across all the sports. All told, he may have coached as many as 1,200 student-athletes.

He stopped teaching in 1985 but continued to coach while working for the Gorham Rec. department. He now owns a property services

company that offers landscaping and other services in Gorham.

Gould coached a series of girls' basketball teams in the middle 1970s that went on to win four straight state titles at the high school level from 1978 to 1981. He also coached many other girls' and boys' teams at the middle school level that went on to win state titles as the high school level.

He never expected to coach as long as he has, but he found coaching so enjoyable that he developed a passion for it. He also recalls many of the lighter moments. "One time many years ago, a player

was caught in a trap by the defense right near our bench," Gould recalls. "She did not know what to do and was only a couple feet away from me. She turned to me and said, 'Hey coach, is there anyone open?' I haven't had anything like that happen ever again."

In addition to coaching, Gould and his wife Barbara consistently attend home games played by the GHS boys' and girls' basketball teams. Gould also has three sons—Aaron, Brett and Ryan—and tried to avoid coaching them for a long time. But eventually he played a coaching role for all three in various sports.

"One of the big reasons I coach is the way it keeps me connected with the community," Gould concluded. "I've enjoyed forming relationships with the kids and seeing them later on. It's a nice feeling when ex-players say hello, and many have invited me to high school graduation parties, which I find very rewarding. I see myself continuing for as long as I can because there's no reason to stop—unless someone tells me to stop!"

Hannah Southard CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

BY EMILY DELUCA
Intern

Being a student athlete involved in just one sport is difficult in itself. At Gorham High School, it is rare to have an athlete involved in more than one sport in the same season. Hannah Southard, a senior at Gorham, is the exception.

In the winter, Southard participates in both indoor track and ice hockey. She started running track in the sixth grade. She decided to try something new and began playing hockey in her junior year. Southard was able to join both teams because track is a more individually based sport, with hockey taking first priority. With her parents and all of her coaches on board, she was allowed to play both.

Southard is the first to admit it can be overwhelming, especially with two practices a day. She can often be seen running from the ice rink to the track: "It can be really busy and tiring," she said, "but getting to spend time with two different groups of people is great." More than anything, Southard enjoys being a part of two teams, and two different games. Especially in hockey, teamwork is a necessity to do well, while although track has a team, she is working as an individual to achieve her goals. "The two sports are so different from each other so

you get an entirely different atmosphere at the two."

As for which sport she excels in, Southard says it is definitely track, "I've practiced all my events many times." That practice has paid off, as she has been to the state meet every year of high school. In track, Southard regularly participates in the hurdles, long jump, triple jump, and a relay. For triple jump, she placed fifth at the state meet her junior year, as well as seventh in her junior year for long jump. She has also done a pentathlon in the winter and a heptathlon in the spring.

Although track has come a little easier to her, hockey took some getting used to. "I only started playing hockey last year, and I'm honestly still learning so much about it everyday," said Southard. She proved herself to be a quick learner when she scored four goals in their game against Portland. She also thinks of learning how to skate an accomplishment in itself. She was recently moved from wing to center, playing wherever her team needs her.

As for her future, Southard intends on going to college and playing a sport, since sports are such a big part of her life. It is most likely she will play field hockey, which she plays in the fall, but she is also considering playing on a club hockey team if the college of her choice provides it.

Champion Knights



Photo credit Mike Chabot

The Gorham Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Free Throw Championship January 25th at GHS and crowned nine winners who will advance the District Championships in February on a date and place to be determined. Pictured above are the nine-year-old boys' winner, Ian Luciano; 10-year-old boys, Dylan Morrell; 10-year-old girls, Meaghan Champagne; 11-year-old boys, Bode Meader; 12-year-old boys, Nate Burchill, 12-year-old girls, Kayla Baiguy; 13-year-old boys, Drew Meader; 13-year-old girls, Michelle Rowe; and 14-year-old boys, Derrick Burnham.

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Improved Ice Surface at USM: Last September, USM refurbished the refrigeration system underneath the ice at its indoor ice arena so that hockey players and figure skaters are now benefitting from a harder and faster ice surface that many report is in the best condition they've ever experienced. In addition to the USM hockey teams, the rink is utilized by many area high schools, youth and adult hockey leagues as well as figure skating programs. USM also hosts international hockey tournaments on

an annual basis that attract teams from all over New England, Canada and Europe. The rink, which opened 17 years ago, is booked close to 100 percent of the time from September to March and used regularly the rest of the year, but it is open for public skating every Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Participants must bring their own skates. USM also hosted a free, open skating event as part of the New Year Gorham celebration.



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Gorham's Hidden Gem of Community Service

By ESTHER PELLETIER
Staff Writer

For those living alone in Gorham, help and friendship are always only a phone call away. The Community Cares Program (CCP) is a free service offered by the Gorham Fire & Rescue Department that was started about 15 years ago by retired Gorham police officer Gordon Junkins. The CCP is specially designed to support the independence and comfort of senior citizens who do not have someone to check in on them on a regular basis. It is available seven days a week, 365 days a year and it is very easy to join.

The idea is simple: the resident calls the office every day between 8:30 and 10 a.m. to report they are well. If the secretaries have not heard from a resident, they will call a couple of times; if contact is not made, an officer will visit to the house to check up. Chief Lefebvre says it is usually just a case of someone forgetting to call or to leave notice they will be away, but there have been lives saved too. An officer found one resident on the floor due to low oxygen stats. According to Chief Lefebvre the situation could have been deadly given another hour or two.

To sign up for the program, call 222-1660 to speak with one of Fire Chief Bob Lefebvre's secretaries, Sandra Berry or Kris Ebel, or, if you call on a weekend, speak with a call center member. After answering a few questions, plan to phone every day to let them know you are well. If you are an early riser, you can leave a message on the answering machine before the office opens, but if you prefer to chat for a few minutes, Berry or Ebel report enjoying the daily conversations and getting to know the people who are a part of the program. "These

residents touch your heart and become family," says Berry.

Lefebvre explains: "We try to make it more than just a one minute call. It's really a relationship that [we] have built with all of them. If they need something, we'll do our best to get whatever they need, even if it isn't something medical." He cites four examples: the department has given Hannaford gift cards at Christmas; people from the department have installed an air conditioner or have sanded a driveway; Berry has helped a woman once a week by cleaning her home and cooking with her; the secretaries have sent birthday cards and have visited with flowers when someone was in a rehab center.

The warmth is reciprocal, as Berry recalls. "One of our ladies was a professional baker in her time. Every year she made the department holiday cookies—over 15 different varieties. There was another very lovely, thoughtful woman who, every summer on the hottest day, she would think of us girls sweating in the office and bring us Dunkin Donuts iced tea."

According to the 2010 US Census Bureau, out of a population of 16,381 in Gorham, 1,244 people of any age are in one-person households and 337 residents are 80 years or older.

Right now, seven people are part of the CCP and there is room for more. Chief Lefebvre says anyone in Gorham with a medical condition who does not have anyone living with them or family in the immediate area to check on them, is welcome to call and get on the list.

Gertrude Parker, 89, who has been living alone for four years in Little Falls, echoes Lefebvre's invitation. "The girls are just great. This gives me a bit more security and I think if more people in my situation knew about it they would certainly join."

Real Estate Transfers September 2013

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
60 Waterhouse Road	Heath, Wayne	LaBrecque, Phillip	\$160,500
18 Lowell Road	Scott, Barry	LeBland, Marilyn	\$249,900
89 Quincy Drive	Chadbourne, Dennis	Rossetti, Philip & Katherine	\$225,000
39 Village Woods Circle	Lane, Lisa	Clark, Glen & Christine	\$352,500
60 Gordon Farms Road	Lumbert, Douglas	Peters, John	\$379,900
64 Brackett Road	Downing, Jared	Engel, John	\$270,000
2 Narragansett Street	Toothaker, Benjamin	Doe, Marilyn	\$172,000
2 Aspen Lane	Corbett, Vincent	Thomas, David & Jody	\$266,000
22 Clearview Drive	Hotham, Darren	Aube, Timothy & Mary	\$342,000
14 Patio Park Lane	Rinaldi, Florence	Hewes, Elizabeth	\$103,587
125 North Gorham Road	Wyman, Charles	Mulrey, Thomas	\$80,000
18 Paige Drive	Michaud, Benjamin	Daniels, Joseph	\$235,500
145 Hurricane Road	Snow, Christine	Page, Eugenia & David	\$232,410
24 Solomon Drive	Therault, Benjamin	Stone, Tracy & Jamie	\$332,000
21 Sally Drive	Butler, Wayne	Sack, Rose & Richard	\$245,000
15 Edgefield Road	Farr, James	Lastoria, Denise & Joseph	\$396,000
4 Flaggy Meadow Road	MacDonald, Lynn Marie	Barnes, Mark & Martha	\$283,000
25 Lawn Avenue	MECAP, LLC	Tevault, Louise	\$125,000
19 Mercier Way	Campbell, Wayne	Anderson, Michael & Sheila	\$409,900
127 South Street	McCaffrey, Michael	Owens, Douglas & Jeanine	\$275,700
263 County Road	Youland, Christopher	Nettesheim, Jay & Stevens, Naomi	\$189,897
50 Dunton Lane	Stickney, Christian	Wiseman, George & Cynthia	\$285,000
22 Waterhouse Road	Bishop, Steven	VanGilder, Robert	\$239,897
303 Narragansett Street	Vaz, Marcello	Pomerleau, Michael & Debra	\$236,000

PUBLIC NOTICE

— Notice of Intent to File —

Please take notice that Peter A. Lyford Inc., 53 Dave's Way, Hermon, Maine is intending to file a Site Location of Development Act Minor Amendment permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 481 thru 490 on or about February 3, 2014.

The application is for existing site improvements at Peter A. Lyford's landscaping business at 54 Olde Canal Way in Gorham, Maine. Current developed areas exceed thresholds for impervious and lawn areas as allowed under a 2007 Site Location of Development Act permit approval for Olde Canal Business Park. A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the Town of Gorham municipal offices.

Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Portland at MDEP, Southern Maine Regional Office, 312 Canco Road, Portland, Maine 04103 where the application is filed for public inspection.



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MILITARY NOTES

The Maine Army National Guard announced the promotion of Danielle Ilsley of Gorham to PFC with the 152nd Maintenance Company.

OF INTEREST

Gorham Boosters Meeting: The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS library. The next meeting takes place February 10th. Anyone wishing to help can contact Lenny Holmes at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

Dr. Samantha Langley-Turnbaugh, of Gorham, pictured on the right, has been named the University of Southern Maine's associate provost for graduate studies and research, scholarship and creative activity.



The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 13, 12:30 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham. Guest speaker Bob Dunfey of ITN Portland will discuss transportation for seniors. FMI, 839-8399.

FREE tax preparation (for all ages) provided by the IRS. Certified tax aides will be at the Gorham Recreation Center, 75 South St., every Tuesday through April 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by the AARP. For appointment call 776-6316.

Auditions will be open to everyone in the Gorham community for the 4th Annual Gorham's Got Talent fundraiser on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School. This family friendly show will be held on Friday, Mar. 7 at 7 p.m. To schedule an audition time call Jeffrey Carpenter at 749-2837 or jeffreyc@gorhamschools.org.

The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

Chalmers Insurance Group has recently named Steven Cote as its president. Cote joined Chalmers in 2000 and formerly served as president of Chalmers' New Hampshire operations. Bruce Chalmers, who had served as president of the agency that has been owned by his family for nearly 100 years, will retain an "of counsel" role in the agency and will also serve as chairman of the Board of Directors. His brother, William "Bill" Chalmers, will also be "of counsel" and serve as Treasurer of the Board.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Lakes Region Senior Drop-In Center temporarily located at Sunset Ridge Golf Links, 771 Cumberland St, Westbrook, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo, miniature golf, shuffleboard

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The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham to help seniors with questions regarding Medicare benefits, prescription drug programs, property tax and rent rebates and more. FMI, call SMAA at 396-6500.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.

USM NOTES

The USM Department of Theatre's off-campus production of John Patrick Shanley's drama "Doubt," will be performed Feb. 7 through 16 at Portland Stage, 25A Forest Ave., Portland. Directed by William Steele. Wednesday, Feb. 12 matinee at \$5 at 5 p.m. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, 780-5151 or usm.maine.edu/theatre.

USM Art Gallery will feature new works by USM art faculty through to Feb. 14 at the Art Gallery, 37 College Ave., Gorham campus. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/gallery

The USM School of Music will offer a free Musical-Theatre Film Series highlighting the history of the American musical theatre on Sundays at 2 p.m. throughout the winter months. "The Pirates of Penzance" will be shown on a big screen on Sunday, Feb. 2 at 10 Bailey Hall, USM Gorham campus. "Showboat" will be shown on Sunday, Feb. 9. Free and open to the public. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/music.

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Farrington Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding their cat that went missing about two months prior.

Caller reported an injured turkey flopping in the middle of the road creating a traffic hazard.

Valley View Drive caller reported that they found their garage doors open and the front door unlocked when they got up this morning.

Murray Drive caller reported that they found their house broken into sometime over the weekend.

Caller, with a stress and suicide prevention organization, which also has a Facebook page, reported that they received a message in their inbox from a male subject saying that he may harm himself.

Tow Path Road caller reported that a known male subject took off with caller's vehicle to pick up a pizza and never returned.

New Portland Road caller reported the theft of a TV that was still in the box.

School Street caller reported an 87-year-old female out of control.

Hay Field Drive caller reported that someone had egged their house.

Pumpkin Road caller reported that they got a suspicious phone call this morning from a male saying he was from UPS and they had a very important package.

Weeks Road man was arrested first for assault and the next day for criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon.

Baldwin man was arrested for OUI.

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- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

- Cressey Road United Methodist Church "Praise and Bagels Service," 9-10 a.m. All are welcome. FMI, 839-3111.
- USM Film Series presents "Pirates of the Penzeance" on big screen, Bailey Hall, USM Gorham campus. 2 p.m. Free and open to public.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

- Pre-school Storytime for ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham. All are welcome.
- Story time for babies & toddlers, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road. FMI, 892-2575.
- Early Release for grades K-12.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

- Baby and Me Storytime for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Gorham Arts Alliance Meeting, 4 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All are welcome.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, FEB. 9

- USM Film Series presents "Showboat" on big screen, Bailey Hall, USM Gorham campus. 2 p.m. Free and open to public.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

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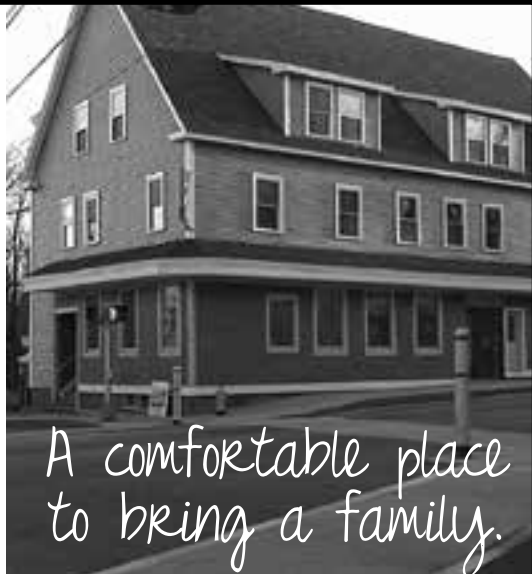


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