

Town of Gorham Planning Board Minutes February 16, 2023

Members Present: Paul Robitaille (Chairman), Mike Waddell (ex-officio)(Selectman), Reuben Rajala, Brian Ruel, Abby Evankow, Earl McGillicuddy, Dan Buteau, and Robert Gargano.

Members Excused: Wayne Flynn.

Members Absent: none

Members of the Public: Victoria Hill (Board Secretary) and Tara Bamford (Remote)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at by Chairman Robitaille at 5:01 pm

Appointment: Chairman Robitaille appointed Earl McGillicuddy as a full voting member.

Review and Accept Minutes: On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Robert Gargano the board voted to approve minutes as presented from January 19, 2023 and January 31, 2023. All members voted in favor.

New Business:

- a. Driveway permit application – BKR 2019 Trust/Brian Ruel 5 Cross St.

Mr. Ruel described his plan for a driveway on his vacant lot on Cross St. He has received a variance from the ZBA for setbacks. On a motion from Mike Waddell, seconded by Dan Buteau, to accept the driveway permit as submitted. All members voted in favor. Mr. Gargano asked about the address for the property due to frontage on two roads.

- b. Continuation of review of submission- Alex Stanton- Pinestick- 1 Exchange St.

Mr. Stanton did not communicate with the planning office since the last meeting. Dan Buteau made a motion with a second by Abby Evankow to continue the application until March 16 meeting. Abby is concerned that Mr. Stanton may not have realized the earlier meeting time. All members voted in favor.

- c. Review of parking plan survey

Mr. Waddell presented the parking plan contracted by the selectmen. The survey shows the areas the town has available for proposed public parking. The town currently plows these areas. Mr. Gargano asked if the town is planning to lease the spaces. Mr. Waddell stated that the selectmen have not made any decisions yet. Tara reminded the board the Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant Program will be addressing parking in the town.

- d. Authorization for chairman to sign Agreements to the Housing Opportunity Planning Grant Program. The first step of this project is a kick off meeting. The meeting will be on Thursday, March 23, 2023 if the Medallion is available. The public meeting will be part of the planning board meeting. The selectmen and the public will be invited. On a motion from Dan Buteau, seconded by Abby Evankow, the board voted to authorize the chairman of the planning board to sign the application.

Old Business – None

Public Comment: Next Meeting – March 16, 2023

Adjournment – On a motion from Abby Evankow with a second from Robert Gargano, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:45 pm by roll call vote. All members voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria M. Hill
Planning and Zoning Board Clerk

