

Town of Gorham
Planning Board Minutes
March 23, 2023
Medallion Opera House

Members Present: Paul Robitaille (Chairman), Michael Waddell (Ex-Officio/Selectman), Reuben Rajala, Robert Gargano and Earl McGillicuddy

Members Excused: Brian Ruel and Abby Evankow.

Members Absent: Dan Buteau

Members of the Public: Victoria Hill (Board Secretary) Tara Bamford, (Remote) Denise Vallee (Town Manager), Peter Gagnon (Acting Town Manager), Phil Cloutier (Fire Chief), Lynne Castonguay (remote) Marie Demers, Maura Annette, Roberta LaBrecque, Margarita Roserio, Patti Stolte, Annie Lake, Liz Jackson, Steve Jackson, Cathlin Lord (NCC) and Kaela Tavares (NCC, Remote)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robitaille at 6:30 pm

Appointment: The Board voted to appoint Dan Buteau as an alternate for two years, Dennis Pednault as an alternate for 1 year and Earl McGillicuddy as full voting member for 1 year.

New Business: HOP (Housing Opportunities Planning Project) Grant kick-off presentation of housing in Gorham by Kaela Tavares from North Country Council (NCC). Kaela reviewed the goal of the project, which is to understand how parking rules and requirements restrict housing in the downtown core and to consider new options. She gave an overview of the project with a timeline covering the next year or so. Prepared handouts were given to each attendee. Each participant was given a set of questions to respond to anonymously. Short Q & A session followed.

Old Business – none

Next Meeting – April 20, 2023

Adjournment – On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Earl McGillicuddy, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 pm by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria M. Hill
Planning and Zoning Board Clerk