

Town of Gorham Planning Board Minutes January 20, 2022

Members Present: Paul Robitaille (Chairman), Abby Evankow (remote), Michael Waddell (Ex-Officio), Reuben Rajala (remote), Peter Gagnon, Earl McGillicuddy, and Brian Ruel.

Members Excused: Dan Buteau and Wayne Flynn

Members Absent: George Valliere

Members of the Public: Victoria Hill (Board Secretary) Tara Bamford, (Remote) and John Scarinza (CEO)(Remote).Edith Tucker /press (remote) and Tobey Reichert.

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

Appontment: Chairman Robitaille appoints Peter Gagnon as a full voting member.

Review and Accept Minutes : On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Peter Gagnon the board voted to approve minutes as presented from October 28, 2021. On a motion from Peter Gagnon with a second from Mike Waddell the board voted to accept minutes as presented from November 18, 2021.

New Business: On a motion from Mike Waddell, seconded by Brian Ruel, the board voted to accept the Planning Service Agreement with Tara Bamford. The board voted unanimously to accept the contract as presented.

Jesse Daniels-Daniels Landscaping: Mr. Daniels owns and operates Daniels Landscaping located at 590 Main St (U13-47) was invited to discuss his property uses at his home (587 Main St) and business (590 Main St). When asked, Mr. Daniels stated that the property located on the west side of the Berlin Gorham Road (587 Main St) is to be used for strictly residential purposes going forward. And when asked, Mr. Daniels stated that the purpose of his excavating behind the residence (587 Main St) is to make his yard larger and not for the commercial sale of gravel or other materials. John Scarinza (CEO) reminded Mr. Daniels that there should be no “dumping” of materials, I.e. stumps, debris, dirt, gravel, etc. whereas the business parcel is within 250 feet of the Androscoggin River and there should be no dumping over the embankment and into the drainage of the Androscoggin River without proper permits.

Imp Trail Road: Tobey Reichert representing Gorham Land Company shared the Roadway Evaluation Report for Imp Trail as prepared by HEB Engineers December 15, 2021. Gorham Land Company has sold the lots abutting the Imp Trail and would like to have the town adopt the road. The plan is to pave the road in the spring. Mr. Waddell suggested that Mr. Reichert work together with Tara Bamford, the planning board consultant, to prepare the plans for the planning board. Once the road is brought up to town standards to be dedicated to the Town, the road may be accepted only by approval of the Selectboard and the action of the town meeting.

Code Enforcement Update –

John updated the board on the following: The maintenance building at Pike is all set. Marshalls retail store build out plan has been approved.

Old Business – None

Public Comment: Edith Tucker asked if local developers are aware of the Dark Skies Initiative. Mr. Scarinza explained that the local electrical contractors are aware of these regulations. Victoria informed the board of minor language change on the Zoning Permit application. This instructions have been corrected to include the Planning and Zoning office as the place to submit these applications.

Next Meeting – The board scheduled its next meeting for February 17, 2022 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

Adjournment – On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Brian Ruel, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 pm by roll call vote.

Approved February 17, 2022