

Town of Gorham

Planning Board Minutes

April 18, 2019

Members Present: Mike Waddell (Ex-Officio), Paul Robitaille (Chairman), Brian Ruel and Abby Evankow

Members Excused: Wayne Flynn, Barney Valliere, Dan Buteau and Jeff Schall

Members Absent: Earl McGillicuddy

Members of the Public: Tara Bamford

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by Chairman Robitaille

Approve & Accept Minutes of March 21, 2019 – On a motion from Mike with a second from Brian, the board voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Work Session

The board met with Tara Bamford to continue with the process of updating the Master Plan. Topic of discussion centered on the land use chapter. The board had a long discussion regarding private roads and whether the Town should allow building on them or not. Tara will bring some examples of private road ordinances for the board to review. Gorham is one of the few towns in New Hampshire that does not yet allow building on private roads. There were some areas of the zoning map that the board may wish to change to allow for future development. Some areas are timber & agriculture with residential zones on either side. Perhaps the board may want to consider changing those areas. Another area to consider changing is to extend the Commercial Compact zone from just Exchange Street to go along Main Street and possibly widen the commercial zones along Main Street instead of having Commercial uses allowed only on lots directly abutting Main Street. Lots can actually be split into two zoning districts.

Code Enforcement Update – None

New Business –

The board discussed appointing Dennis Arguin as an alternate member as he did not run in 2019 and Brian Ruel is now a full member. On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Brian Ruel, the board voted to appoint Dennis as an alternate member for a 3 year term.

Old Business – None

Public Comment – None

Next Meeting – The board scheduled its next meeting for May 16, 2019 if needed and May 23, 2019 with Tara Bamford. Both meetings are scheduled for 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: On a motion from Brian Ruel with a second from Mike Waddell, the board voted to adjourn at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle M. Lutz".

Michelle M. Lutz

April 19, 2019

APPROVED MAY 23, 2019