

# **Town of Gorham**

## **Planning Board Minutes**

### **August 3, 2020**

**Members Present by Remote Connection:** Paul Robitaille (Chairman), Daniel Buteau, Abby Evankow, Mike Waddell (Ex-Officio), Wayne Flynn, Jeff Schall (Alt), and Peter Gagnon (Alt)

**Members Excused:** Barney Valliere

**Members Absent:** Brian Ruel, Earl McGillicuddy and Reuben Rajala

**Members of the Public Present by Remote Connection:** None

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and per Emergency Order #12 issued by Governor Sununu on March 23, 2020 and by Executive Order 2020-04, all members listed as present attended the meeting electronically with both video and audio capability. The public was able to attend the meeting in the same manner. All votes were taken by roll call as required.**

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

**Appointments** – Chairman Robitaille appointed Jeff Schall and Peter Gagnon as full voting members.

**Review & Accept Minutes:** July 23, 2020 – On a motion from Jeff Schall with a second from Peter Gagnon, the board voted to approve the minutes as presented

#### **Work Session with Tara Bamford**

The board met with Tara to continue working through proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Some items discussed were:

- 1) Possible changes in zones for properties in Timber and Agriculture to Residential B to allow for more residential development. This would include properties abutting Gorham Hill between the Pipeline and Route 2
- 2) Expanding the Commercial Compact overlay zone to include some properties on both sides of Main Street between the areas of Park Street and Church Street. This expansion to this zone will hopefully spur economic development in this zone and make for a more walkable community.
- 3) Possible change from Timber & Agriculture to Residential A for properties off Promenade Street
- 4) Possible expansion of Commercial A zone to encompass properties just east of the Glen Road
- 5) Changes pertaining to campground definitions and allowing campers on lots by special permit for short periods of time.
- 6) Add some uses to Commercial A zone such as co-working and defining restaurant to include bar/pub/nightclub
- 7) Whether to allow ADU's in detached buildings or limit to attached
- 8) Add renewable energy to Industrial Zone
- 9) Reworking home occupation criteria

The board will meet again with Tara on August 20, 2020 after the Public Hearing on Subdivision Regulations to further discuss the proposed changes.

**Code Enforcement Update** – CEO Scarinza will bring the board up to speed at the August 20, 2020 meeting.

**New Business** – Chairman Robitaille provided an update on the last TAC meeting.

**Old Business** - None

**Public Comment** – The board paused for 1 minute to allow members of the public to call in. No members of the public were present or called in.

**Next Meeting** – The board has a meeting scheduled on August 20, 2020 for a Public Hearing and a work session with Tara Bamford.

**Adjournment** – On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Wayne Flynn to adjourn the meeting, All members voted to adjourn at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Lutz

Approved August 20, 2020