

**Town of Gorham
Planning Board Meeting
January 5, 2012**

Members Present: Daniel Buteau, Michael Guay, Earl McGillicuddy, Reuban Rajala (Alternate), Paul Robitaille (Selectman), Barney Valliere, Larry Guay, Michael Waddell (Chairman)

Excused: John Losier (Alternate), Bruno Janicki

7:00 pm Chairman Waddell called the meeting to order and reviewed the minutes of December 22, 2011 meeting. Paul Robitaille made a motion to accept as written with Michael Guay seconding the motion. All approved.

Review of Commercial Building Permits – there were none

2012 Proposed Zoning Changes – Fences.

Various fence heights for future ordinance changes were discussed. Decision to wait until next year was made.

Changes in zoning ordinance were discussed. There were few questions, the only change questioned in the flood plain section. VIII – 1.a Strike “and” in first sentence.

Town Attorney document reviewed. Comments from Attorney Boutin’s Office was discussed, relative to recent zoning changes by Tara Bamford and approved by Planning Board.

A motion to accept the recommendations made by Tara Bamford, with alterations made by the town attorney, to accept the housekeeping changes that have been made to the zoning ordinance was made by Paul Robitaille and seconded by Michael Guay. All voted in the affirmative.

New Business – Reuben Rajala discussed how the Planning Board might become involved in property along area rivers. Local landowners are concerned about the cost of protecting their property. What can the planning Board do to aid these property owners? This would include dredging and building up to protect that property. Mike Waddell spoke to putting something relating to this in the Town’s Master Plan.

Old Business - none

The next meeting is **January 24, 2012**. A public hearing will be held on proposed zoning ordinance reorganization and amendment. The meeting will commence at 7 pm

Adjournment: 8:51 pm Motion to adjourn made by Michael Guay, seconded by Barney Valliere, all approved.

Minutes taken by: Barney Valliere
Recorded by: Sharon Amero
January 8, 2012