

**Town of Gorham**  
**Planning Board Minutes**  
**August 22, 2018**

**Members Present:** Paul Robitaille (Chairman), Wayne Flynn, Michael Waddell (Ex-Officio), Dan Buteau, Jeff Schall and Abby Evankow

**Members Absent:** None

**Members Excused:** Dennis Arguin, Barney Valliere, Earl McGillicuddy and Brian Ruel

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:31 by Chairman Robitaille

**Appointments** – Chairman Robitaille appointed Jeff Schall to act as a voting member in place of Barney Valliere

**Master Plan – Tara Bamford**

The board met with Tara to discuss the Community Profile portion of the Master Plan. Tara will need to know how many permits were issued for new construction for 2017 & 2018. Michelle will get those. The board questioned some of the information provided regarding trends and population. Why do the trends show a decreasing population over the next few years? The board wondered why the trends show the vacancy rates higher if there are less people? Tara explained that statistics show that there are more deaths than births and more young are leaving than moving in causing a declining population. Mike suggested including historical numbers but leave out projected numbers. Abby suggested leaving in data up to year 2030 to show the projected decline to promote some discussion at the roundtable discussion. The board asked Tara to verify whether Gorham is still the oldest town in the county and whether it is still the poorest. Tara will check into that. The board will be holding a community roundtable either October 30, 2018 or November 5, 2018. Mike will check with the school to see if there is space available there for November 5, 2018.

**Code Enforcement Update** - None

**New Business** – None

**Old Business** – None

**Public Comment** – None

**Next Meeting** – The scheduled its next meeting for August 23, 2018 at 6:30 pm and the board scheduled their September meeting for September 27, 2018

**Adjournment:** On a motion from Dan Buteau with a second from Wayne Flynn, the board voted to adjourn at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Lutz  
August 27, 2018