

Town of Gorham
Planning Board Minutes
February 16, 2017

Members Present: Wayne Flynn (Chair), Dennis Arguin, Dan Buteau, Paul Robitaille and Patrick LeFebvre (Selectmen's Rep)

Members Excused: Barney Valliere, Reuben Rajala and Mike Waddell

Members Absent: Earl McGillicuddy

Members of the Public Present: Tara Bamford (North Country Council)

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Chairman Flynn

Acceptance of Minutes of January 26, 2016 – The minutes were passed over.

Work Session – Master Plan - The board met with Tara to discuss next steps for the master plan and to review the results of the workshop previously held. Some of the issues discussed were sidewalks needing to be upgraded, ride share locations, sidewalks along the BG Road, finding a way to allow both motorized and non-motorized users access to restaurants, gas, lodging, etc., possibly utilizing the river more and rail transportation. Another part that needs to be completed is a Vision Statement. The board discussed the community-wide survey and agreed that a mailed survey was better than the post card but need to be sure there is a link on the form so people can complete the survey online if they choose. Tara will try to develop some questions and come back to the board at their 3/30/2017 meeting.

Code Enforcement – None

New Business – The spring conference will be held in Concord on 4/29/2017 if any members of the board are interested.

Old Business – The State of NH has passed laws requiring people who advertise on AirBnb to provide a tax ID number. The board agrees that this issue should be incorporated into the Master Plan as this will continue to grow.

Public Comment – None

Next Meeting – The board scheduled their next meeting for March 30, 2017. On the agenda will be to discuss meeting time and Master Plan.

Adjournment: On a motion from Dan with a second from Pat, the board adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Lutz
February 21, 2017