

**Town of Gorham
Planning Board Minutes
September 17, 2015**

Members Present: Mike Guay (Chairman), Wayne Flynn, Dan Buteau, Mike Waddell, Earl McGillicuddy (Alt) and Paul Robitaille (Alt)

Members Excused: Barney Valliere and Reuben Rajala

Members Absent: Jeff Schall

Members of the Public Present: John Scarinza, Code Enforcement Officer and Tom Maniscalco

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Chairman Guay

Appointment of Alternates – Chairman Guay appointed Earl McGillicuddy to replace Barney Valliere and Paul Robitaille to replace Reuben Rajala as full voting members.

Acceptance of Minutes of August 13, 2015 – On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Wayne Flynn, all members voted to accept the minutes as presented.

Public Hearing on Earth Excavation Regulations

The board reviewed the proposed regulations and discussed changes. The board changed Section VIII-D-2 to read “No excavation shall be permitted within 10 feet of the season high water table. The board also changed Section XI-D-1 to read “A filing fee to cover actual costs as determined by the Planning Board shall be paid upon submission” The Chairman opened public comment at 7:25. As Mr. Maniscalco’s comments did not pertain to this subject and no one else was in attendance, the chairman closed the public hearing at 7:27. Mike Waddell made a motion to accept the Excavation Regulations with the changes as suggested. The motion received a second from Wayne Flynn. The Chairman called for a roll call vote: Paul Robitaille – Yes Dan Buteau – Yes Mike Waddell – Yes Earl McGillicuddy – Yes Wayne Flynn – Yes Mike Guay – Yes The Excavation Regulations were adopted as changed.

Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Scarinza briefed the board on the following:

- 1) Body Shop on Lancaster Road – CO Scarinza previously met with the person doing the work who says he is only helping out friends and not charging. CO Scarinza informed him that he would need to get in contact with the secretary to be on the agenda to come talk to the Board about what he is doing there. As of this meeting, the secretary has not heard from him. Officer Scarinza will give him 10 days to contact the board then will take further action
- 2) Service Credit Union at Walmart – The Credit Union is now up and running inside Walmart.
- 3) Verizon Wireless on Glen Road – A building permit has been received to install a generator at 15 Glen Road as backup for the cell tower housed within the Church Steeple on 13 Glen Road. The board

secretary informed the applicant that they would need to go before the board for Site Plan Review which Scarinza agrees with. The applicants attorney sent a letter stating state statute exempts them from Site Plan Review as this is a modification. Code Enforcement Officer Scarinza disagrees and has sent a letter back stating that Site Plan Review will be required.

- 4) Logging on Mt Carter Drive – Chairman Guay questioned who was logging off Mt. Carter Dr. The Town does not have any Intent to Cut applications in that area. The Secretary will contact Jason Huter of Division of Forest and Lands to have him check into it.

New Business -

- 1) Paul Robitaille informed the board that he attended a meeting recently regarding the NH DOT 10 year plan. He has found out that the monies the State received in Federal Funds for the Route 16 Conway Bypass will need to be returned to the Federal Government if the Bypass is not completed. The State does not have the \$20 to \$40 Million Dollars it has received available to be returned and may need to re-sell some of the land it acquired for the project to help repay the funds. Paul spoke at the meeting stating that he felt the Bypass project was necessary. The DOT Regional Commissioner is looking for letters of support from affected towns that have had sections of the Route 2 upgrade dropped from the 10 year plan. He would like the board to push the BOS to assign a representative on the board to push North Country Council toward development. Mike Waddell suggested he contact the Board of Selectmen to discuss this and ask them to send a letter in support. He also asked the Board to push the Town Manager to appointment someone to attend the Rail System meetings. He would also like the Board to review the retaining wall on Route 16 by Libby Pool and to push to have the State either repair it or widen the road. The Board agreed to have Paul act as the Planning board Rep on these issues.
- 2) Master Plan – Mike Guay and Barney Valliere were discussing the Master Plan which should be updated in 2015. Tara was going to get someone from North Country Council to looking into updating it. The Board would also like to contact June Garneau to see if she does them as well.

Old Business –

- 1) Tara Bamford will be unavailable until November 12th or the 17th to meet with the board on this year's proposed zoning changes. Mike Guay was concerned because the contract was signed in July and the board will now have to hurry to get any proposed changes on the warrant. Mike Waddell felt there wasn't any real reason to be concerned.
- 2) Private Roads – TM Frost sent information to Bernie Waugh but has not heard anything back yet.

Public Comment:

Mr. Maniscalco commented that he was concerned that the board was considering a Shoreland Protection Exemption. The owner of the property across from McDonalds is considering building a hotel there which is wetlands. A high water event could create a pond at the Ed Fenn. He suggested the board considering floating a bond for the retaining wall on Route 16. He also brought up the property at 500 Main Street and how the building at 502 Main Street is causing erosion of the riverbank and causing an issue in the mobile home park there. He feels the board should do something about it. Chairman Guay suggested he take his concerns to the BOS as there was nothing the board could do about it.

Adjournment: On a motion from Mike Waddell with a second from Earl McGillicuddy, the board voted to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle M. Lutz
September 22, 2015

Approved 10/15/2015