

TOWN OF GORHAM
BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2013

The Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals held its regular meeting March 21, 2013 in the Council Chambers at the Gorham Municipal Center. The meeting was opened at 7:00 P.M.

Present; Chairman Mark Curtis, Board members Stephen Scontras, Alton Shurtleff, and Rachel Sunnell. Code Enforcement Officer Freeman Abbott and Deputy Town Clerk, Jennifer Elliott.
Absent; Board members Joshua Kaufman, Jared Clark and Charles Haws.

Moved, Seconded and VOTED to accept the January 24, 2013 meeting minutes as printed and distributed. 4 yeas.

Appeal # 12-03. The appeal of Insurance Auto Auctions Inc. requesting an extension of an (Enlargement of a non-conforming Use) that was approved on October 18, 2012. (Map 19, Lot 1) Located at 9 Moody's Drive which is in the Suburban Residential and Narragansett Development District. The Code Enforcement Officer explained that the applicant is waiting for other agency approvals (DEP) before they can go before the Planning Board. Jim Katsiaficas, Attorney for Auto Auctions spoke on their behalf and stated that along with weather conditions, agencies such as the DEP are holding up the site approval process and they are looking for an extension of time, longer than the 6 months specified by the Ordinance, namely to October 18, 2014.

There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

After Board discussion, Moved, Seconded to grant the appeal, Moved Seconded and VOTED 4-0 to amend the motion to read; To approve the requested extension for the approval of an enlargement of a non-conforming use (automotive salvage yard) for Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc. to allow the project to maintain an active status until October 18, 2014 to permit the adequate time to complete their approval process and commence the project.

The motion as Amended was Moved ,Seconded and VOTED 4 yeas.

The Findings of Fact, the attached staff recommendation letter, were Moved, Seconded and VOTED to approve. 4 Yeas.

Moved, Seconded and VOTED to adjourn. 4 yeas.

Time of adjournment 7:15 P.M.

A True Record of Meeting

ATTEST:

Jennifer Elliott, Deputy Town Clerk