



Town of Gorham
PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP NOTES
AUGUST 22, 2011

A workshop meeting of the Gorham Planning Board was held on Monday, September 12, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine.

The Clerk called the roll, noting that all Board members were in attendance: Chairman, Edward Zelmanow, Vice Chairman, Christopher Hickey, Thomas Fickett, Andrew McCullough and newly appointed Board member Melinda Shain. Also present were Town Planner Thomas Poirier and Planning Board Clerk Barbara Skinner.

REVIEW AUGUST 22, 2011 WORKSHOP NOTES

There were no comments or corrections to the August 22, 2011 Workshop Notes.

Item 1 Discussion on changes to Chapter II, General Standards of Performance, Section V, Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets and Ways, Street Design Standards

Mr. Poirier reminded the Board that the Public Works Director during the review of the Allen Acres Subdivision identified some areas in Section V of the Land Use and Development Code dealing with streets and ways which need to be updated as they do not conform to general practices currently being practiced in the field and which are no longer industry standard. It is recommended that one of the Board's subcommittees work with the Public Works Director to identify those areas needing to be amended, which will then be reviewed by the Board to be forwarded to the Town Council.

Mr. Poirier noted that Ms. Shain would be a member of the Streets and Ways Committee, replacing Lauren Carrier, with Mr. Hickey and Mr. Fickett as the other subcommittee members. After discussion it was agreed that this item should be reviewed by the Board's Streets and Ways subcommittee, which will then be discussed in workshop with the full Board. Mr. Zelmanow asked that the members of the Streets and Ways subcommittee get together to select a chairman and a date to work with the Public Works Director, and let the Planner know when they have proposed language.

Mr. Poirier introduced new Board member Melinda Shain, appointed by the Town Council this month to fill the vacant seat created when Lauren Carrier resigned from the Board. Ms. Shain described her experience as an attorney dealing with real estate law, and corporate and entity transactions. She described her prior experience with Hannaford Brothers doing real estate development and permitting and has therefore presented many times to planning and zoning boards and town councils.

The workshop adjourned at 6:45 to proceed to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Skinner, Clerk of the Planning Board
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