



Town of Gorham
PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP NOTES
JANUARY 9, 2012

A workshop meeting of the Gorham Planning Board was held on Monday, January 9, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center Council Chambers, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine.

The Clerk called the roll, noting that in attendance were Edward Zelmanow, Chairman, Thomas Fickett, Christopher Hickey, Andrew McCullough, Melinda Shain, and Corey Theriault. Absent was George Fox. Also present were Town Planner Thomas Poirier and Planning Board Clerk Barbara Skinner.

REVIEW DECEMBER 5, 2011 WORKSHOP NOTES

There were no comments or corrections to the December 5, 2011 Workshop Notes.

ITEM 1 Update on items forwarded to Planning Board by Town Council

Mr. Poirier discussed the items that the Planning Board had considered in its December 5, 2011 workshop to 1) allow the Planning Board to waive site walk requirements for projects coming forward under major development, which went to the Town Council as a Planning Board recommendation. In addition, the Board suggested adding a new review Section N for Site Plan Review to include "Wildlife, Scenery and Unique and Critical Areas."

Mr. Poirier said that at its meeting on January 3, 2012, the Town Council approved of the site walk language, did not make any changes to the Board's language, and sent it to the Planning Board for a public hearing at the next Board meeting in February. The Board could determine to have a workshop on the item before the meeting in February unless it is satisfied with the language previously drafted.

The new Section N, however, was not moved to be taken off the Council's January 3, 2012 agenda, so the item died at the meeting and was not forwarded to the Council's Ordinance Committee.

Mr. Zelmanow asked if any members of the Board have any comments about the proposed site walk language. There being none, Mr. Zelmanow opined that another workshop could be skipped and the item put on the Board's February agenda for public hearing.

Other Business None

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted

Barbara C. Skinner, Clerk of the Board
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