



Town of Gorham
PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP NOTES
APRIL 2, 2012

A workshop meeting of the Gorham Planning Board was held on Monday, April 2, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Center Council Chambers, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine.

The Chairman called the workshop to order at 6:40 p.m. The Clerk called the roll, noting that in attendance were Edward Zelmanow, Chairman, Andrew McCullough, George Fox and Melinda Shain. Christopher Hickey and Corey Theriault were absent. Also present were Town Planner Thomas Poirier and Planning Board Clerk Barbara Skinner.

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There were no comments or corrections to the January 2, 2012 Workshop Notes.

ITEM 1 Land Use Code Amendment to Chapter II, Section V, Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets and Ways and Chapter III, Section IV, Final Plan for Subdivisions.

Mr. Poirier said that this ordinance amendment was originated by staff, looking to put a mechanism in place to address streets that have been built to a Town standard but which have not been completed. There are a number of subdivisions that have been constructed but the streets do not have final surface pavement, some for as long as 5 years. Mr. Poirier noted that at some point in time base pavement degrades, so some of these streets would not be acceptable should they be offered to the Town for acceptance. Currently there is no ordinance in place that requires that those streets be constructed within a certain time parameter. This ordinance change proposes to set a time restriction in place, and if the work is not completed within that time frame, the Town would have the ability to pull the performance guarantee and complete the work itself to insure the road's integrity.

Mr. Poirier recommended that the proposed ordinance change be sent to the Board's ordinance committee for review.

Other Business – No further business.

Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 6:46 to proceed to the regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Skinner, Clerk of the Board
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