



**Town of Gorham**  
**PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP NOTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

A workshop meeting of the Gorham Planning Board was held on Monday, September 10, 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 6:30 p.m. The Clerk called the roll, noting that all Board members were in attendance. Also present were Town Planner Thomas Poirier and Planning Board Clerk Barbara Skinner.

**REVIEW AUGUST 6, 2012 WORKSHOP NOTES**

There were no comments or corrections to the August 6, 2012 Workshop Notes.

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**ITEM 1      Amendments to the Gorham Land Use & Development Code relating to Chapter II; Section V – Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets & Ways.**

Mr. Poirier said that this item was referred at the Board's August 6, 2012 workshop to the Streets and Ways Subcommittee for it to meet with the Public Works Director to discuss the proposed language regarding hammerheads to the right. In addition, the Subcommittee and the Public Works Director discussed curbing.

Mr. Poirier referred the Board to the proposed language on page 102 that "A hammerhead turnaround shall be constructed as a right turn off the street and paved to specified street standards, whether temporary or permanent, for a distance of 50 feet from the roadway edge at ninety degrees (90°) to the street it serves." Mr. Poirier said that after a lengthy discussion with the Public Works Director, the Subcommittee felt that the proposed language was adequate as the language in section F. 1) gives the Board sufficient leeway to require a hammerhead to the left if needed. A discussion of the requirement of section F.1) to protect "public health and safety" resulted in the Board's concurrence that the language should be changed to "public health, natural resources or safety "

Mr. Hughes noted that Mr. Zelmanow's recommendation during the August 6 workshop that the word "shall" be changed to "must" has not yet been done.

Mr. Poirier also called the Board's attention to proposed changes on page 109 dealing with curbing styles to add slip form concrete curbs, noting that the Public Works Director will check for clarification that the DOT types standards still prevail.

Mr. Poirier said that the Public Works Director has provided a memo regarding the waiver request for the separation distance between intersections requirement in the Risbara/Wagner Farm application, saying, however, that the table in Chapter II of the Code references a standard

in a different book that does not deal with separation of distances for intersections of roads. Mr. Poirier suggested that this should be reviewed and researched by the Streets and Ways Subcommittee to provide a recommendation for the Board.

It was agreed that a public hearing should be delayed until the various changes have been addressed.

The Board adjourned at 6:45 to proceed to its regularly scheduled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara C. Skinner, Clerk of the Board  
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