

TOWN OF GORHAM  
CONSERVATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were, Chairman Steve Horrocks, Andrew Hoover, Bob Brancato, John Foust, Fred Lightfoote, John Frank, Bill Johnson, Maria Rudzinski, and Nancy Hollenbeck.

The minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting were approved by a motion from Bill Johnson, seconded by John Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

John Foust spoke with Maria and will be meeting with her, Bruce Gilman and Kevin Schultz to go over the data that they have already collected concerning the view sheds to be sure we are on the right track.

Steve Horrocks will be talking to the Finger Lakes Land Trust in the near future to see if we can work together, etc.

Boardmembers discussed whether to do a newsletter or letter to residents. Need to include a brief history of this board and its goals, types of land we want to preserve, such as scenic, historic, wood lands and what types of preservation tools may be available, etc. It should be emphasized that any preservation efforts are voluntary on the part of the property owners. It was suggested that maybe the Gathercole property could be included in a newsletter as an example of preservation that has been accomplished. Bob Brancato, John Foust and John Frank volunteered to work on a write up for a newsletter.

There will be a need to prepare a "cheat sheet", a document that all boardmembers would have readily available should they get phone calls regarding land preservation. Everyone should be giving out the same information to any callers. John Foust indicated that he would talk to Maria about this.

It is time to select a new chairman of this group. After a brief discussion, all agreed that Fred Lightfoote would contact Gene Hermet and see if he would be willing to serve as Chair. John Frank volunteered to serve as Vice Chair. We will address this issue at the April meeting when Gene Hermet returns.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The April meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM by a motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Frank.

Nancy Hollenbeck  
Secretary