

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD
March 6, 2007

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were: Steve Horrocks, Andrew Hoover, Bob Brancato, John Frank, Gene Hermetet, Bill Johnson, Fred Lightfoote, Joel Bay and Nancy Hollenbeck.

Joel Bay was introduced to everyone in attendance. He was asked to come to this meeting to assist with the project of identifying parcels and whether they are farmer owned and farmed, rented by a farmer friendly owner, intent to develop or could be farmed but is not. Pretty much every large parcel in the Town was identified and someone in attendance knew who owned or rented it and whether or not it was farmed. All of the parcels were color coded as to their use. The information from the map needs to be transferred to the paper that Maria provided which lists the parcel by Tax Map Number, or alphabetically, etc. Chairman Horrocks will contact Maria Rudzinski to talk about what has been done and what the next step is.

Board members talked about the joint meeting with the Town Board, Planning Board and Conservation Board. Not everyone was pleased with the way the meeting progressed. It was not felt that the comments or suggestions from the Conservation Board were very welcome. After some discussion, all agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss in detail what this board feels should be their scope of work. It was suggested that they review the draft law and make recommendations regarding specific areas. At some point there will be a public hearing on such law. It would be best if recommendations, suggestions could be forwarded to the Town Board before the law gets to the public hearing stage. Any changes at the public hearing will delay adoption for at least one to three months.

At the joint meeting, it was suggested that the Conservation Board work on regulations for run off from houses, yards, etc. especially on the lake. Board members briefly discussed this and do not feel that is something within their expertise. It might better be turned over to a professional or consultant to come up with this type of regulation.

This board will meet on Tuesday, March 20th to discuss the scope of work for this Board.

On the motion by Mr. Frank, seconded by Mr. Hoover, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Nancy Hollenbeck, Secretary