

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
JUNE 24, 2009**

The Gorham Town Board held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers Lightfoote and Adam-Anderson; Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Dale Frankish, Neil Atkins, Andrew Hoover, George McCadden, Bob Corby, Tom Harvey and Town Clerk Hollenbeck.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor – none requested
3. Business:

a. Comprehensive Plan Update- A draft of the Town of Gorham Comprehensive Plan Update was reviewed at length. Several corrections and clarifications were suggested.

Talked about the Docks and Moorings Law and the status of the revisions that are being made to it. Some of the problems that have occurred around the lake are because some municipalities do not have adequate or appropriate zoning laws in place to support the Docks and Moorings Law.

It was suggested that we should have an official map of the gullies and streams within the Town so that boundaries can be determined. Building should not take place a certain distance from gullies and streams.

The acreage that the Town owns on Yautzy Road was discussed. Ten acres of this parcel are to remain open space per an agreement with the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town that was granted when the addition to the Town Hall was built. A portion of that parcel is being farmed.

The open space requirement for subdivisions was discussed. 30% versus 50% open space was discussed. Should consider the topography and any views. The open space should be usable land, not including wetlands, gullies, ravines, streams. The Planning Board should have some discretion to develop the site responsibly and sensitive to site review etc. The open space should correlate with the density of development.

The section that talks about gravel roads should be reviewed by Mr. Ayers, Highway Superintendent.

Talked about water use. It was suggested that maybe a different fee structure would be appropriate for agricultural, industrial and residential uses to promote conservation.

Mr. Harvey handed out a bivariate analysis of selected questions from the questionnaire. This was briefly discussed.

b. Hamlet Park Project – Councilmember Adam-Anderson provided a rough sketch of the proposed park. The park is approximately 151 by 114 feet, curved on the road side. It is expected that this project will be done in two phases. The first would include roughing in the electric and plumbing, adding fill, top soil, drainage, grading etc. The second would include a gazebo, sidewalk, plantings, etc. Final drawings and specifications need to be done. Talked about hiring someone to do the work or putting it out to bid. All agreed that a Request for Proposals should be done so that we get a better idea of the costs involved.

4. Other: On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, Seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, Supervisor Calabrese is hereby authorized to sign an agreement with the Ontario County Humane Society to conduct a dog enumeration for the Town of Gorham. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

5. Set next meeting date: July 8, 2009 at 7:30 PM, regular meeting of the Town Board and Public Hearing on Addendum to Comprehensive Plan, Residential Building Cap

6. Adjournment: On the motion by Supervisor Calabrese, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck  
Town Clerk