

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2012

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were Allyson Adams-Anderson, John Frank, Bill Johnson, and Michelle Juive. Guest was Supervisor Fred Lightfoot

Supervisor Lightfoot (Fred) distributed draft pages of two sections of the proposed zoning ordinance: 4.1 Farmland Priority District (FP), and 4.4 Rural Residential District (RR). After some discussion of the proposals, it was agreed that members would provide feedback to Fred by August 14, 2012. Note: an oversight that copies were not forwarded to members of the Conservation Board that were not present.

The request to the Town Board for ideas of what they would like to have the Conservation Board address was discussed. Fred would like this discussion to be tabled until after the zoning revisions are completed and then have the Conservation Board first present ideas to the Town Board before receiving feedback from them.

Allyson talked with Fred about obtaining the status of Maria Rudzinski's project with the Town and he agreed to talk with her. Fred reported that the project has been dormant and there is some confusion about the scope of the project. Fred explained that the County Planning Department is severely understaffed because of vacancies and the problem is being addressed. Regarding getting an overall Conservation value score for each property, John Frank asked if it would be possible to hire the same consulting firm that did the original evaluation system. Fred said that he would make some inquiries.

Establishing an additional bike route away from the lake was discussed. Bill Johnson agreed to use the Internet to try to identify bike leaders so they could be contacted about promoting biking in the Town. Several ideas were discussed about providing maps that would be more user friendly than the Tourism maps and could promote Town of Gorham attractions and businesses. Bill Johnson suggested that if a new bike route is going to be established that it would be preferable to do it before the leaves are off the trees.

Fred reported that Kevin Olvaney will not be available to talk with the conservation Board about Canandaigua Lake drainage issues for about two months because of his involvement with the contamination at Kershaw Park. He will try to schedule a meeting for November.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2012 at 7:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by John Frank.