

PLANNING BOARD

Town of Waterboro

JULY 26, 2000
PUBLIC MEETING
&
SPECIAL MEETING

Doug Foglio Sr., called the Public Hearing regarding Gorham Savings Bank to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance are Sue Dunlap, Everett Whitten, Roland Denby, Todd Morey, Tim Neill and Dwayne Woodsome. Also in attendance are Mike Yandell, Michelle Nappi, Nancy Gilbert, Bill Eaton, John Carter, Zoe Anderson, Theresa Lowell and Paul Kussman.

Nancy reviewed the site location and building style. The public water supply will be extended from the Shop 'n Save site on 202 with two stubs in the directions of Rte 202/4/5 & Rte 5. All the proposed building corners are currently flagged on the site.

Bill Eaton, Traffic Engineer discussed the traffic count that was done on June 27 between 3:00 & 6:00 p.m. The peak traffic time was between 4:30 & 5:30 p.m. A 1 - 2% increase is added to the report to accommodate for peak times.

Gorham Savings Bank estimates about 25 customers per hour giving 50 trips through the intersection (25 in/25 out).

The sight distances are measured at 10' for every mile per hour which would be 350' for this location. There are several trees that will be removed along JD Redemption entrance to also increase visibility. Pavement markings will need to be changed.

Willis asked how much more traffic will be required before a traffic light is warranted? Bill stated that even with the bank traffic it still will not warrant a traffic light. He also noted that there are approximately 333 vehicles traveling towards Ossipee Lake and 107 towards Hollis on peak hours.

Doug noted that approximately 440 cars would be affected by the lights if they were placed.

Theresa Lowell questioned the placement of dotted yellow lines directing traffic flow. Bill responded that State approval is required for the yellow lines.

Tim asked Bill if he felt that the placement of a traffic light would cause more accidents and Bill stated that there would be an increase in rear-end collisions.

Sue stated that trying to get through Rte 5 to Rte 202 coming out of Gorham Savings Bank is going to be virtually impossible. It is more than likely that people will make a U-turn through JD Redemption or cut through Shop 'n Save which will create other problems.

Dwayne asked if Gorham Savings was aware that there is a strip of land running parallel Gorham Savings and JD Redemption that serves as a right-of-way access to a parcel in the rear. Nancy noted that they were aware of this strip of land.

Doug recommends that Gorham Savings Bank, Sebago Technics, D.O.T. a Selectmen and a Planning Board Member meet at the intersection to review the status of the intersection. Nancy will make the arrangements.

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It is mentioned that Gorham Savings Bank contacts the owner of the right-of-way prior to removing the trees along the property line to get their permission. Mike Yandell said the bank would be willing to pay to remove the trees but is not willing to pay a monetary amount to also be allowed to remove the trees.

The Board was asked about the time frame in acquiring final site plan approval. Doug stated that a final public hearing will be done before the final plan is approved so the residents can see the final plans.

Doug called the public hearing to a close at 8:30 p.m.

Following a brief break the Planning Board will continue their review of active status claims.