

TOWN OF GORHAM  
CONSERVATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
September 1st, 2021

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday September 1st, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were; Conservation Board Chairman Brett Johnson and Councilmember Ben Smith.

Councilmember Georganna Greenlee joined via phone/video conference. Town Board Liaison Brian S. Case and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte. Councilmembers Keith Eddinger, Lynn Klotz, Matt Bay and Meg Brewin were necessarily absent.

Other guests in attendance; Chairman Johnson's granddaughter Cheyanne and Brian Mastrosimone.

Privilege of the Floor –

Brian Mastrosimone introduced himself to the Conservation Board. Mr. Mastrosimone owns Lincoln Hill Farms in the Town of Gorham. He said Gorham is a big part of his life, he would like to be more a part of it. He would like to attend more meetings and hopefully join the Conservation Board one day.

Chairman Johnson asked Board members to introduce themselves to Mr. Mastrosimone.

Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting because he did not have quorum.

Chairman Johnson, Councilmembers Greenlee and Smith and others in attendance held some non-binding discussion.

Business Discussion –

a. –Organic Food Waste Recycling Pilot Program –

Chairman Johnson gave an update on what stage the Conservation Board is at regarding the Organic Food Waste Recycling Pilot Program.

Chairman Johnson said Marcus Whitman School District has been doing food waste recycling for a long time. Chairman Johnson is hopeful that the School and Town can merge to educate a whole generation on the benefits of

organic recycling. Chairman Johnson has spoken with the Superintendent of Marcus Whitman who expressed an interest in merging with the Town on organic recycling.

Chairman Johnson's goal is to make the ROW Pilot Program in Gorham a viable program that the County will pick up further on.

Chairman Johnson said residents are enthusiastic about the Redirecting Organic Waste Program. His immediate goal is to have better signage for the ROW Program to reflect that it is open the same hours as the Transfer Station every week.

Chairman Johnson spoke about his involvement, as a Director, with the New York State Association of Conservation Commission. (NYSACC). They are a not-for-profit education organization that provides leadership in the development of vital environmental programs to towns like Gorham throughout the State. NYSACC is celebrating a fifty year anniversary this year. NYSACC recognizes Gorham Conservation Board as one out of forty eight Boards in the State that are successful or sustainable. Chairman Johnson said the Town of Gorham does not pay dues to NYSACC. He will ask for Town Board support for the dues, ninety-five dollars per year, for the Gorham Conservation Board.

Chairman Johnson set the next meeting for October 6, 2021. 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk