

Minutes
Town of Gorham Conservation Board (GCB)
11/1/2023 7:00 PM

GCB/Town Attendees: Brett, Keith, Ben, Lynn, Georganna, Brian M., Darby
Guests: Elke Schmitt

1) Call to Order/Pledge to Flag – 7:03pm

2) Approval of Minutes 9/6/2023 – motion by Ben, 2nd by Brett

3) Privilege of the Floor - none

4) ROW-

- A) Totes are not being utilized or collected at Gorham Fire Department.
Decided to remove tote from Gorham Fire Department.
- B) Discussed options for compost piles and other vendors.
- C) Discussed the need for a yearly contract with the ROW program vendor.
Discussed the need for more buckets and bio bags. Discussed the need to work harder to keep the program going.
Discussed following up with ROW users with a survey.

5) Budgets

- A) Discussed asking the Town Board for a line item in the yearly Town Budget.
The Conservation Board budget would cover costs for buckets, bio bags, educational mailings/survey & any other need throughout the year.
- B) Discussed dates and location for Gorham Green Days. MRB would like to sponsor. This would be a Town event paid for out of the general fund not the ECB budget.
- C) Discussed the need for a contract with Impact Earth. Discussed the confusion on pick up locations with their drivers and billing issues.

6) Action Plan

- Georganna & Brett price out buckets and bio bags.
- Keith & Ben work on numbers for budget money use.
- Lynn & Brian work together to get cost estimates for Green Days to give to the Town Board.
- Brett will work on a year-end report for the Town Board.

7) Privilege of the Floor –

Brett has information for Tree City USA. He would take the ECB through four steps. The Town would need to write an ordinance.

Lynn suggests the ECB submit a formal request to the Town Board encouraging the Town to become a Lake Friendly Lawn Care Leader by not applying pesticides on Town property.

8) Next Meeting Date – 12/6/2023 7:00pm Gorham Town Hall

9) Motion to Adjourn by Ben, 2nd by Lynn, 8:38pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk