

**Town of Gorham**  
**Conservation Board (GCB) Meeting Minutes**  
**12/6/2023 7:00 PM**

Present were;

Chairman Brett Johnson

Councilmembers; Ben Smith, Lynn Klotz, Georganna Greenlee, Brian Mastrosimone and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Councilmember Keith Eddinger was necessarily absent.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to Flag

2. Approval of Minutes 11/1/2023

Ben made a motion to approve, Georganna seconded, the minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Privilege of the Floor

Brett on NYSACC, now Chair of the Committee for Rural Community Outreach for NYSACC (cheers Brett) – goal to get more rural CAC (requires only 3 members)

4. Action Plan Reviews

a) Green Days 2024 (\$1250 est, ask Town to pay \$650-\$700 and Lynn will ask Greg H at MRB for half)

b) GCB Budget – asked the Town Board to add \$2000 for our committee in the 2024 budget; unclear if it is approved; this money is to cover marketing, flyers, postage

c) ROW – Biobags

i) Ben bought 100, 8 gallon biobags from Amazon for \$16 (donated); biodegradable, made with plant starch

ii) Darby has been giving them out and is asking for feedback

iii) Brian's contact \$37 for 1,000 (also 8 gallon)?

iv) Georganna looked at Costco for 8 gal, about same price as Ben's

v) Brett found bags \$1,306 for 6000 bags (\$.15 or .16 per bag)

vi) Totes @ Impact Earth – Easton Park still not picked up by 11/2/23

The ROW Program has 30 buckets left and 40 labels

5. Newsletter – The last town newsletter went out in June 2023

6. Action Plans

- a) Darby will ask Kaitlynn McCumiskey (OCWaste) about setting up a meeting with us to discuss options for:
    - i) Other composting companies, how Geneva & City of Buffalo work?
  - b) Lynn to design a survey to ask:
    - i) Current users if they'll continue, seasonal or year-round residents, 3 gal or 5 gal bucket, current TS permit holder, what quadrant of town
    - ii) Ask Town residents if they'd be interested in participating
  - c) Brett & Georganna will call the contacts list to update info
  - d) Darby will get updated info during transfer station permit sales
  - e) Brett will send out a year end report to the Town Board.
  - f. Research a new vendor for organic recycling
7. Privilege of the Floor
- a) Brian M going to the Scenic Ridge Rise PB meeting on January 22, 7:30pm. Each Councilmember to take a section of the Final Environmental Impact Statement to review and discuss at the next meeting
8. Set next meeting Date for 1/3/2024. Schedule a 30-minute Zoom meeting for updates. Let Brett know by 12/22 with agenda items or meeting might be cancelled.
9. Adjournment - On the motion by Ben, seconded by Georganna, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte