

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING**  
**THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD**  
**November 9, 2022 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular and Public Hearing Meeting on November 9, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, Councilmembers; Brian S. Case, Jake Chard and Phil Curtis.

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water and Wastewater Plants Greg Coston, Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger, and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Councilmember Lazarus joined via Zoom.

Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse and Assessor Enza Mineo were necessarily absent.

Other guests in attendance; Greg & Olivia Guy, Ben & Adrienne Smith, Sharon Schinsing, Lynn Klotz, Sally Napolitano, Bill Glitch, Alan Ferris, Debbie North, Josh & Christine Watkins, Sherry Cota and Bob Gusciora.

Guests joining via video/phone conference; Christine Ayers, Brent Ayers, Shawn Allen, Jen Kerrick, Debbie Merritt, Anne Marie St. George, Mike Kestler, Rebecca Swift, Donna Graham, Jon Willis and Danielle Ayers.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag – Supervisor Lightfoote opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.
2. Privilege of the Floor –

Ben Smith, Kearney Road resident, asked if the Town has a result from the Water Audit and if it would be available for public review.

Supervisor Lightfoote said he has it but has not had time to review it, he assumes it will be available for public review.

Sally Napolitano, Lake Drive resident, asked who performed the Audit.

Supervisor Lightfoote said EFPR is doing a procedural audit. Once the Town is done with that they can do a financial audit that will be done by Ray Wagar's Office.

The Town anticipates an audit in 2023 for 2022 books.

Mrs. Napolitano said it was stated last week that it would not be a look back maybe that was in regards to a procedural. She asked what the difference is between a procedural and a financial audit.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "The Town has to make sure procedures are being followed correctly and therefore everything is showing up on the books that is supposed to be. If they find there is a problem with a certain procedure, the Town needs to look back then in order to refigure things and bring things up to date if they find something is amiss. There are numerous steps that have to take place at the Water Department, at the Water Billing Office and the interface between them, the meter reader and the computer in the Billing Office."

Mrs. Napolitano said she understands not doing a look back with the exception that any inconsistencies are going to show up as water loss, which unfairly puts it on the water

department. It makes their numbers look bad when in fact there may be nothing wrong and perhaps may not be water loss. In that case it is important to have a look back.

Supervisor Lightfoote agreed and said "Until we analyze things we don't know."

Mrs. Napolitano said there was reference in the minutes to the missing column on the budget. She wanted to clarify because it might be misleading. She said "Although there were different tentative budgets that were distributed last week, the reference to the missing column was from the 2022 tentative budget a year ago that EFPR prepared and it had a column called 2021 projected. So there was a projected year end. We did not receive a 2022 projected year end column. It's kind of hard for the residents to see where our year end numbers are projected to be this year, as we're looking toward what's being budgeted for next year."

Supervisor Lightfoote said those numbers are usually in the Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report. He said at the beginning of the year, there were 3 months it was not included because the information was not available because of the software we were using at the time. It would not allow the monthly reports to be generated.

Adrienne Smith, Town of Gorham Tax Collector, said "For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Town of Gorham Tax Collector. I have written a little note, in regards to some comments that were made last week, that I want to read;

I attended the special Town board meeting held on November 2, 2022 via Zoom. During this meeting board member Jake Chard questioned why, on the 2023 tentative budget, the Tax collector as well as the deputy collector were the only positions that did not show receiving the 4% salary increase. Deputy Supervisor Brian Case was filling in this night and responded to this question in an accusatory tone. His response implied that the job was not being fulfilled and that discussions or plans were being had in regard to addressing this. It was obvious Mr. Case was unaware of my attendance when it was pointed out to him. Other town board members also appeared unaware of any discussion needed. The comment was also made that a special session would need to be held.

I would like to address some of my own concerns since being elected as the Town of Gorham Tax collector;

1. There was no job description provided at any point for this position. I was verbally told what the general job duties would include. I did recently find out that there is a written description.
2. The past tax collector expressed a willingness to help train me initially but then took vacation the first week and last week of the collection season. These are the busiest of all. I was left with a book on how to use the Tax Collection software. This was my only guidance at the time.
3. There was no phone or email set up until I was physically in the office after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. I did set up a desk space with help from the clerk prior to the first collection day.
5. I repeatedly asked to have a login set up for the remote deposit capture. Multiple attempts by the bookkeeper resulted in different reasons each time as to why the login did not work. I was finally able to work with the bank myself at the end of the season and hope to implement this for deposits this year.

6. The supervisor was not supporting my roll by assuring I was getting training or even friendly treatment as a newly elected official. I asked for my salary to be confirmed and how I was to be paid and neither the supervisor nor the bookkeeper could answer this question. There was no approved budget posted to the website so I asked the clerk to confirm what this number should be for the year. (\$8575 listed on budget worksheet)
7. March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the supervisor approached me to inquire why my deputy had gone over budget, \$1000. I reminded him that I was not part of the budgeting process for this year and that to the best of my knowledge the deputy budget would be the same as the previous years plus the increase. He seemed unaware that only \$1,000 had been budgeted.
8. There were instances of blatant insubordination by employees in the office and the environment was not welcoming.
9. At the end of collection season, I asked to have my phone either forwarded to my cell or to have voicemails converted to emails to make it more efficient to retrieve these. I was told it would be looked into but this has yet to be resolved.
10. A new phone system was implemented 5/24 ish? and I found out on 5/27 when I went to retrieve my emails. I was officially advised by email, 6/1.
11. On or about 5/27, I went to the town to collect my messages and my desk had been removed and just a table with a phone on it stood in its place. No one had reached out to mention this, it was a complete surprise.
12. August 25<sup>th</sup> I contacted the supervisor to ask when budget discussions are had. The next day there was an email from the bookkeeper with a "budget sheet" attached. This was both incomplete and erroneous in how the numbers shown had been posted to certain accounts. A meeting still needs to be scheduled to go over this year's budget numbers.

If there are issues with how the job is being executed, I am fully open to discussion. I welcome having hard discussions that lead to improvement. To date, no one has reached out to discuss anything in regard to this year's collection season. I pride myself in being a coachable person who works to contribute to growth as well as improvement. My career track record is a testament to this. Shortly after being elected, I was promoted at work to a scheduling position. This is a demanding management job for a fast growing, family-owned business. In the 14 years I've been with the company I've attended numerous trainings that also support the work I've done this year as Tax collector. I have scheduled trainings to attend this year that are specific to tax collection.

When I was approached about running for the tax collector, I was excited at the opportunity to meet more people face to face and to be a positive representative of this town. A town my family loves and plans to be part of for a long time to come. We want to be involved in its future and contribute to its success. I expected working for a small town that I would be walking into a collaborative, friendly environment but quite frankly, the current environment is toxic. In any new position, the first year is rough. There are always things to be improved upon and I welcome feedback or some type of review on my performance."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "During all this there has been outreach by the bookkeeper's office. The bookkeeping clerk, she's not a bookkeeper, the clerk, she told me three times. I know I reached out several times. Your phone never allows messages to be left. At the same time, I've sent several emails encouraging you to come and that's one reason why I didn't put anything down yet is because I tried numerous times. I stopped at the house once no one was home. This was a while back, a month ago, six weeks. I've got other things going on that have not allowed for me to stop in numerous times, but at the same time, I have an email down there from you back to Brenda stating that you would be in later that day and we didn't see you, so there have been numerous attempts. At the same time. It's a two way street. I was told that everything was set once we got the new phone system because the old one was a joke that wasn't allowing us to do what we needed to do but I was led to believe that you had the ability to be able to access your phone from your home. I don't know whether it is your cell phone or your home phone if you have one. So outreach has been attempted many times. At the same time if you're having trouble, then you need to follow up with me. If you were having trouble with Sue not getting you the information you need, then you come to me but that's one of the things that I have tried numerous times to contact you so that we can talk some of this stuff through. We can still change your budget. But I couldn't just plug in increases without the Board or without input from you. So while some of what you say is I'm sure it is true that you know we had trouble with the phones, as far as your desk goes, that was in a temporary space anyway. Those are the kinds of things you should come to me with. Currently with my health issues that I'm having if I'm not around, Brian would be in charge."

Now again, is there such a thing as my emails have been going to your junk mail?"

Mrs. Smith stated, I have maybe received one email that says, we need to discuss this and it was in regard to my response about the budget email that was sent between everyone. But that's it. I've never had anyone tell me that they can't leave me a voicemail. I will look into that because I wouldn't have asked for you to try to get my voicemails forwarded to my phone, so I could answer people in the community, if I couldn't take voicemails and I have tried to cover every base. I've been basically flying by the seat of my pants this last year. "

Supervisor Lightfoote said "So why didn't you reach out to me when you got my email about we need to talk?"

Mrs. Smith said "Because of everything that's been flying around. It's not a good place down here and I wasn't about to come down here without having something set up."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "This is where we run into problems. Numerous times with different issues, different people, is lack of communication. Anyway, my point is, are there things that were wrong here? Oh, probably, I don't doubt it a bit. But, at the same time, we have to be able to interface ourselves if we are going to be able to fix whatever problems there may be. And at the same time, it's not like the buildings on fire. You were elected to do the job. When you say you're not about to come down here, well, sorry, but this is where business is undertaken."

Mrs. Smith said "This is just as of recently, I need to reach out and make an appointment so that it can be a meeting between multiple people and have a discussion about budget together."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "We can do that. But how am I to know who you want to sit in if you don't tell me. You see what I'm saying, I'm not chewing you out, I'm trying to tell you what I've been trying to tell you."

Mrs. Smith said "I'm saying that was a recent situation and really this was in response to comments that were made last week that made it perceived that there was something very serious going on."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Please reach out to me. We'll set something up. We'll have at least Brian and I, if not more people if you would like, and we'll sit down and we'll hammer things out. You'll find when you're elected, it's a two way street here. Sometime in the next couple of days reach out. If I don't answer the phone, please give me two or three dates within the next week. Okay. Thank you."

Debbie North, County Road 18 resident, "I am asking about a couple of very specific issues in the proposed town budget. As someone who has both hired and fired employees. I'm offering an experienced perspective. At last week's meeting there was a lot of discussion regarding the 4% increase in pay across the board for town positions with one exception, our Tax Collector. Mr. Case, your inference of improper conduct by Mrs. Smith was abhorrent. You owe her an apology. You owe the residents an explanation. I believe some of that has been covered. But there's more to be uncovered.

In the matter of Zack Eddinger, our Highway Superintendent, we also didn't get an answer as to why someone who was charged with DWI, a serious offense, would still get a raise. This is also abhorrent. The jump in pay for bookkeeper Brenda Jones also needs clarification. If the billing process is currently being audited, is Mrs. Jones capably handling the position? Or should she be placed on a performance improvement plan? Any raise should be contingent on successfully handling her job. The Board absolutely cannot pass this budget tonight. There are too many unanswered and unanswerable questions."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Ok, I'll respond to that. You expect this Board to punish a gentleman who has not been found guilty of anything."

Mrs. North asked "Why are you rewarding him?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "We're not, he did nothing wrong as far as performance to the Town. He was found innocent. For whatever reason doesn't matter. We open the Town up to a lawsuit if indeed we treat him differently because of whatever happened in the past in his personal life. And part of this also is his personal life, which we don't have any business and neither do you, delving in to."

Mrs. North stated "I'm not delving, I'm asking questions."

You're delving into it by asking some of the questions."

Mrs. North asked, "Why can't I, as a constituent, ask questions?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "There are things that are relevant and things that aren't."

Mrs. North said "If a raise in pay is part of a budget, that is a question relevant to this budget."

Supervisor Lightfoote explained, "It is but also what you're suggesting is that we would, because of concerns, that were unfounded, that's what the court found. It doesn't matter what your thought is as to whether the court was right not. We cannot open the Town up to a lawsuit, which we wouldn't be doing. If we treated him any differently than we did if he was not even subject to any of this stuff for the past year."

Mrs. North said "Ok, let's flip this. Unfounded concerns with our Tax Collector, you're denying her the 4% raise. She's also an elected official. And, if our own accounting firm says that the atmosphere here is toxic, and doesn't want to attend the meeting."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "It isn't just here. It's with the public also. They dropped us, are dropping us, after this year's books are done because they said they cannot afford to have their name drug through the mud unjustly. So yes, everyone reaches out at oh, here's something, they're doing things wrong or is costing us a lot of money for this. You're making unfounded accusations."

Mrs. North said "Absolutely not. I'm absolutely not. I'm asking questions, as are several people here."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "My response to you is anything with Zach, that anything that I've said, that's the end of the discussion. That's the way it is. That's the way it is according to the attorney for the Town. This way it is from the Association of Towns. That's the way it is from the County Attorney. I've looked into this very thoroughly. We've done what we can and that's it. If we treat him differently, unjustly, then we're in trouble."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "You just heard my discussion with the tax collector. We will not go through this any further. I have never been timing this Debbie. But again, as I said before, we cannot keep going over and over and over things that I've given you numerous answers that explain the whole deal, not what happened but what our response can be to what happened."

Mrs. North said "So you're squelching my First Amendment right to ask questions."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "No I am not. I'm doing what is policy with this Board and that's to allow you, which I have, to speak. I'm assuming we're over three minutes, which I typically don't pay attention to, because we try and get to the bottom of things. But Debbie, we cannot go over this week after week after week. I've told you we've done what we can legally do. And you keep bringing it to us. It's not going to change the thing other than it's providing for an amount of discussion to be amongst people, out around amongst the community thinking that the Board is trying to hide something or that we're 'on the take' or whatever."

Mrs. North said "There's never been the accusation that anyone on the Board is on the take."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "The inference is out there that the Board is somehow or other doing things wrong and of course people's minds run with that. When you keep bringing it up. Is there more to it? I don't know. It's none of my business because it's a personal decision on the person's part, as far as the court is concerned our hands are tied. The difference in the pay or the raise in pay. And by the way, I've already told her tonight that as we were sitting here, we will increase that. I was holding that back until I talked to her, you heard me say that too."

Mrs. North said "There has been a week of speculation since Mr. Case, acted in your stead and it was a comment made by him. Whether it was with your good graces or not. It was a comment and it's allowed for speculation as to her character and her ability to do the job."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Which is the same thing that you're doing with him."

Mrs. North said "No, it's different things."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "I disagree. And we're well over three minutes, please if you have something else in the future, please bring it up. Otherwise, I'm going to have to keep you at three minutes. You're more than welcome to use the three minutes for whatever you bring up. But all you're doing is keeping tension out in the public over things that we cannot do. Because you don't agree with the Board you don't agree with our legal representatives. I'm sorry. That's just the way it is. Thank you."

Kathy Baxter, County Road 11 resident, stated "I just have a suggestion. I'm assuming, like employees everywhere, that the town employees get an annual performance evaluation?"

Supervisor Lightfoote said "Yes."

Mrs. Baxter stated "Is there not a way to tie their raises and make them a merit increase based upon how they perform their jobs? That gives incentive to employees to do a better job. It also gives constructive criticism and ways that they can improve to get a little more."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "This is what we have in the budget tonight. We're currently at 4%, which is entirely up to the Board, whether it's kept there. After analyzing many other towns in this region, the cost of living for the past year has gone up about 7.5%. It's a cost of living increase. It's not a raise, per se, that's what it's meant to do is address the increase in the cost of living, period. So it's entirely different than a merit based raise. Now, the other side of the coin is, should we perhaps look into doing that, we can't, when we're looking at a cost of living increase, we can look at another avenue."

Sally Napolitano said "Fred, I'm going to bring this up and you're going to be angry again. But you've just argued against yourself. I mean, Adrienne's not getting a raise because of some perceived deficit in her performance. And yet you're saying this is not a performance increase, it's a cost of living increase, and she's an elected official. So I'm confused."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "I already told her, this gets into a private area however, the reasoning is different. I've already told her she'll get the same as everyone else does, it is not on there right now but we're not done with the budget yet."

Bill Glitch, Main Street resident, stated "I know what the inflation rate is. I think 4% is too much for everybody. Just my opinion. Also, of lesser of importance note, I don't know if anyone knows that there's two signs coming in on County Road 29 and the Voak Road, County Road 24, the signs look bad, I don't know if you know or anybody else brought it up, just letting you know."

Supervisor Lightfoote said yes, he is aware. The one on County Road 24 is broken. There is money in the budget for repairs.

Alan Ferris, State Route 247 resident stated, "Social Security and Veterans this year have been given cost of living increase of 8% so this is not unheard of. COLA is government cost of living increase."

Supervisor Lightfoote said that is what the Board has to go through and consider. Towns in the region are anywhere from 1.5 % to 5%. Everyone's at a loss of what's appropriate."

Sharon Schinsing, Kearney Road resident and Deputy Tax Collector, said she thinks there is an apology due from Councilmember Case for comments made at the November 2, 2022 meeting.

Councilmember Case said he will talk to her after the meeting.

### 3. Public Hearing –

Supervisor Lightfoote re-open the Public Hearing regarding Chateau Olivia.

Ben Smith said he wants to clarify he fully supports the venue but he is concerned about the potential of driving under the influence coming from a wedding.

Kathy Baxter asked what the number of people attending the weddings would be. She said County Road 18 traffic is awful and to put another business on it is a big mistake.

Olivia Guy, owner of Chateau Olivia, said the number of people attending is up to 250. She doesn't expect 250 cars. Most guests carpool to a wedding, she expects approximately 70 cars for a large wedding.

Several residents spoke in favor of the venue. They noted that guests leave at various times, not like an event at CMAC where all are exiting at one time.

With no further comment from the public, Supervisor Lightfoote closed the public hearing.

Supervisor Lightfoote said the Town Board has to approve Chateau Olivia for a Special Use Permit. This will then go on to the Planning Board for site plan approval. this area of County Road 18 is a Planned Development District.

Supervisor Lightfoote offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Curtis. The Board held discussion. The resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

**103-2022**

**TOWN OF GORHAM  
RESOLUTION #48-2022  
APPROVING THE  
CHATEAU OLIVIA LLC SPECIAL USE PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, Chateau Olivia LLC did submit a Special Use application and site plan known as Application 224 2022, for property located at 4272 County Road 18; and

**WHEREAS**, A Public Hearing on said special use application was advertised in the official newspaper of the Town of Gorham, specifically in the Canandaigua Messenger on October 2, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board did conduct a Public hearing at 7:00pm on October 12, 2022 and November 9, 2022 in the Gorham Fire Hall, located at 4676 Kearney Road in the Town of Gorham; and at the Gorham Town Hall and

**WHEREAS**, The Environmental Review pursuant to the New York State Environmental Review Act and its implementing regulations found **6NYCRR** Part 617 (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'SEQR'): was completed by the Town Board as part of the application and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board finds that there does not appear to exist any public controversy in regard to this Special Use application; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Board reviewed the project material that was presented and now

therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, The Town wishes to approve the Special Use Permit for the wedding venue on County Road 18 with one condition:

1. *Chateau Olivia LLC receives site plan approval from the Town Planning Board*

I, Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on November 9, 2022 by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Frederick Lightfoote	X_____	_____
Brian S. Case	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	X_____	_____

Supervisor Lightfoote made a motion to refer Chateau Olivia to the Town Planning Board for Site Plan Review. Seconded by Councilmember Chard, the motion carried unanimously. 5-0

**104-2022**

5 - Ayes –Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

3. Supervisor Lightfoote re-opened the Public Hearing for the 2023 Town Budget.

Bill Glitch said there are questions about some of the salaries.

Supervisor Lightfoote said some employees have responsibilities that span several budget funds.

Chrissy Watkins said "I have found repetitive increments, one being the safety inspector, personnel services as well as the zoning and personnel services. It is \$25,794 which is repeated. Is that intentional?"

Supervisor Lightfoote explained those salaries are divided between 3 funds.

Residents had many questions regarding different line items.

Ben Smith asked about the bookkeeper line item. He asked if the big increase is for a new bookkeeping company.

Supervisor Lightfoote said the Board will discuss whether or not to stay with a bookkeeping company or to go back to an in-house bookkeeper.

Debbie North asked if the bookkeeping position was a civil service position. She asked if the County is involved to help clarify the qualifications along with the salary of a bookkeeper position.

Supervisor Lightfoote said it would depend on how it is categorized. The County does perform that service for Towns whether it is a civil service position or not. They are helping the Town look for a civil service position.

Residents have many concerns about the numbers being incorrect on the budget.

There was a list of questions compiled by residents that the Board was asked to answer.

Councilmember Chard sent questions to EFPR. They answered some of the questions but he is waiting for them to get back to him.

Sally Napolitano asked what Personnel Services is, what is that job description.

Supervisor Lightfoote said that is a line item in the Budget. Anytime you see a .1 it is in regards to someone's pay.

It represents her pay, she gets additional pay under the different Clerk jobs.

Supervisor Lightfoote said part of that pay comes from highway, part from water and sewer. He tried to clarify the different responsibilities and where the pay comes from. Timesheets reflect a breakdown of what each department totals for 40 hours. It is an hourly position.

Residents had questions regarding accounts that could potentially earn interest. It would be nice to see interest earned on accounts with large numbers.

Residents had many other questions. Supervisor Lightfoote said he will look it up and ask for clarification on several line items. There are several mistakes that need to be corrected.

Councilmember Chard is waiting for clarification from EFPR on several questions.

The Board will consider all of this before final adoption of the budget.

Supervisor Lightfoote said because of the timing of adoption the Board will need to set a date for a special meeting to adopt the budget.

Supervisor Lightfoote adjourned the public hearing until Monday 11/14/2022.

4. Approval of Minutes – 10/12/2022 meeting minutes  
11/02/2022 meeting minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Case, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the minutes of both meetings were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes –Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

**105-2022**

5. Reports of Town Officials -

A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file. Chief Operator Coston had a question about the water billing office. Supervisor Lightfoote said the billing clerk is out on long term leave. The Town Clerk and Supervisor are covering the office as far as phone calls. Supervisor Lightfoote has the County helping, he is hopeful someone will be in the position very soon. The Board will come up with a temporary plan.

B. Highway Superintendent – written report on file. Councilmember Lazarus asked how many people were caught without a permit this month. Superintendent Eddinger said none this month.

Ben Smith asked if all the employees had their permits, Superintendent Eddinger said yes, they all have them.

The Board discussed the lighting at the transfer station. There is need for a permanent light instead of renting a light. Supervisor Lightfoote suggested installing temporary lighting to get through the winter instead of renting lights.

Superintendent Eddinger said he would like the transfer station to operate more hours during the week, Monday through Thursday, and be closed on the weekend.

Several residents voiced the need for weekend hours at the transfer station stating many residents commute out of town and would not be able to use the transfer station during the week.

Councilmember Case thanked the Highway crew for leaf pick up. Highway Superintendent Eddinger said they will continue efforts to collect leaves through the next week.

Councilmember Chard asked when snow fence will be put in.

Highway Superintendent said as soon as leaves are done. Weather permitting.

C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file.

D. Assessor – written report on file.

E. Town Clerk – written report on file. Residents asked the status of the tree program. Town Clerk Perrotte said lots of the trees died over the summer. The company the Town uses for trees went out of business. The Clerk was not able to find more trees this late in the season.

F. Town Supervisor – financial report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Case, the Reports of Town Officials were approved and accepted as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes –Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

**106-2022**

6. Audit of Bills – Abstract # 11

Abstract prepared by the Billing Clerk and the Town Clerk.

Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, Abstract #11 totaling \$343,641.75 was approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 -Ayes – Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

**107-2022**

7. Business:

a. Local Law # 6- 2022 Short Term Rental Law  
tabled until December 14, 2022 meeting

b. Adopt 2023 Town Budget  
tabled until November 14, 2022 meeting

Supervisor Lightfoote excused himself from the meeting at 9:30 pm.

8. Privilege of the Floor –

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, had a suggestion regarding the occupancy number for the short term rental law. She suggests to define the occupancy to say 'capacity for the whole property' to stop renters from setting up tents in the yard.

Kathy Baxter asked when can she can anticipate an application and when will the law go in to effect?

Councilmember Chard said the hope is for January 2023.

Lynn Klotz asked about #3 on the budget questions. Does the Town Board think the tax payers should be subsidizing \$228,000.00 for the transfer station. It has gone from \$80,000.00 to \$225,000.00, in the past couple years, in the red. That is a lot of money to be losing every year with the current system.

9. Set the Next Meeting Date – The next meeting and public hearing will be held Monday November 14, 2022 at Gorham Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 - Ayes – Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus.

**108-2022**

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk