

TOWN OF GORHAM  
CONSERVATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
February 6, 2019

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were;  
Conservation Board Chairman, Brett Johnson.  
Conservation Board Member, Keith Eddinger.  
Town Supervisor, Fred Lightfoote.  
Town Board Councilmembers; Brian S. Case and Richard Malcolm.  
Town Clerk, Darby Perrotte.  
Councilmembers Stephen Horrocks, Matt Bay and Lynn Klotz were necessarily absent.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Privilege of the Floor – none requested

New Business:

Town Supervisor Lightfoote was asked by a town resident for all Boards in the Town to investigate procedures, process and violations of regulations in accordance to the Town's Zoning Ordinances, Right to Farm, Town Design Guidelines and Town Master Plan.

Supervisor Lightfoote briefly explained the concerns of the resident and tabled more discussion to the next meeting.

Old Business:

Chairman Johnson said Town Clerk Perrotte asked residents, while buying Transfer Station Permits, if they would be interested in an organic recycling program in Gorham.

Clerk Perrotte said most residents that were asked think it is a good idea but they had questions on how it would be collected and brought to the Transfer Station.

Chairman Johnson said he visited the Town of Canandaigua Transfer Station. They have started collecting organic waste. They provided residents, for a fee, with a means to collect the organic waste. Chairman

Johnson said they have started and for six months they have been collecting solid food waste. Chairman Johnson said he would like to create a way to start a project similar to Canandaigua's to get an idea of how much waste we would collect in the Town of Gorham. In order to consider a partnership with the school the Town would need to collect the waste and calculate how much we collect in weight in order to consider a vermiculture trench.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "We have money from the County that comes from Casella to put towards recycling efforts. The Town purchased some new containers for recycling and Gorham held an electronic waste collection day. There is a small amount of money left over."

Supervisor Lightfoote thinks it is an area that could work. The goal is to diminish the waste stream at the landfill. If we are to utilize some of the money that is left, perhaps get some collection boxes and a container that could hold it at the Transfer Station that would be a good start.

Chairman Johnson said he has been working on getting a better idea of what the collection part of it entails. Since the school is interested in partnering with the Town and they have already implemented a collection procedure at the school the Town should work on a collection system at the Transfer Station.

Chairman Johnson said if we work with the school it could possibly teach a generation how to diminish the waste stream.

Chairman Johnson is seeking information on the cost of collection and then getting rid of that collection, dumping fees, etc.

Councilmember Case said "it would definitely be a learning process but the only way to learn is to do it, you have to start someplace."

Supervisor Lightfoote said he will put it before the Town Board to get their input regarding a collection bin at the Transfer Station.

The next meeting of the Gorham Conservation Board will be held on Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby Perrotte

