

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
October 2, 2019

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday October 2, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were; Conservation Board Chairman, Brett Johnson.
Conservation Board Members Keith Eddinger, Lynn Klotz and Meg Brewin.
Town Supervisor, Fred Lightfoote.
Town Board Liaison Brian S. Case.
Town Clerk, Darby Perrotte.
Councilmembers Stephen Horrocks and Matt Bay were necessarily absent.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Privilege of the Floor – Chairman Johnson introduced Mrs. Meg Brewin as the newest member of the Town of Gorham Conservation Board.

Chairman Johnson welcomed her and thanked her for her willingness to serve on the Board.

Approval of Minutes - On the motion by Councilmember Eddinger, seconded by Councilmember Klotz, the meeting minutes from 4/3/19, 6/5/19 and 9/4/19 were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0)

Business:

Commitment of Solid Waste Issues – Chairman Johnson said he believes it is important to have some sort of simple wording of a commitment in place by the Conservation Board. Commitment meaning we plan to recycle, use organic recycling, vermiculture, etc. in an effort to reduce our solid waste stream in the Town of Gorham.

In order to steer towards a grant opportunity it is a good idea to have a resolution in place.

Chairman Johnson asked Board members their thoughts.

Councilmember Eddinger said he is committed but he can't speak for the rest of the community.

Councilmember Brewin suggested a simple survey of residents while they are at the Transfer Station. She said sometimes just by asking you can get a

good idea of how interested they would be in other types of recycling. Mrs. Brewin volunteered to visit the Transfer Station to conduct an informal survey.

Supervisor Lightfoote said after the survey we will have a better idea of how many people would be interested in organic recycling.

The Conservation Board can then put together a resolution in regards to the Town's Solid Waste Commitment efforts and also will have a better idea of what size and type container we would need to start a pilot organic recycling program.

Aeration Project – Chairman Johnson and Councilmember Klotz plan on conducting an aeration project on three lawns in the Crystal Beach area on the weekend of October 26, 2019. Their plan is to aerate several 36 inch strips in each lawn this fall and again in the spring. The goal is to see if there is a noticeable difference in the area that has been aerated compared to the rest of the lawn. If the grass is healthier where it has been aerated we know it is absorbing moisture and then there isn't a need for chemical fertilizers that potentially get washed into the Lake.

There will be signs posted on the lawns depicting the pilot aeration program.

Parcel Ranking – Chairman Johnson talked about parcel ranking and scoring in an effort to preserve farmland and conservation areas in the Town. Parcel ranking is important for obtaining grants through state programs.

The Board discussed grant writing consultants and how it works regarding shared services with the County.

Privilege of the Floor – none requested

The next meeting of the Gorham Conservation Board will be held on Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte

