TOWN OF GORHAM CONSERVATION BOARD MINUTES

September 7, 2022

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday September 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were; Chairman Brett Johnson.

Councilmembers; Keith Eddinger, Ben Smith, Georganna Greenlee and Brian Mastrosimone.

Also present were Town Board Liaison Brian Case and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Councilmembers Lynn Klotz and Meg Brewin were necessarily absent.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – none requested

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Councilmember Greenlee to approve the meeting minutes from 8-3-2022, seconded by Councilmember Smith, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business –

A. Handbook/Guide –

Chairman Johnson said some of the issues he has had, as Chairman of this Board, is he has been asked how to get action items done. He said he is not allowed to delegate. If he was allowed to delegate certain tasks to Councilmembers it would have to be in the By-Laws and Rules and this Board does not have a rule book in place. The Board will be working on designing a guide to ensure action items can be assigned and completed.

Chairman Johnson's goal, from the beginning of his term as Chair, has been to develop a Guide/Rule Book to present to the Town Board and to have in place for future Conservation Boards in Gorham.

B. Records –

Chairman Johnson said he has talked with Councilmember Mastrosimone about record keeping. Councilmember Mastrosimone will create a spreadsheet for recordkeeping of expenses for the ROW Project.

C. ROW - Organic Waste Recycling 2022 –

Chairman Johnson said he will be at Crystal Beach Fire Department to hand out buckets to anyone interested in joining the ROW Program.

Bio Bags will be handed out. Bio Bags are required for the totes at the Fire Departments but not required for the tote at the Transfer Station. The bags are available at the Town Hall for existing users to pick up but are not required if they are dumping at the Transfer Station.

New users will get a bucket and bags and Council will obtain their contact information.

Labels were purchased from Prism Ink and Packaging. They have been attached to the buckets.

Chairman Johnson said he will approach the Town Board for appropriation and utilize funding provided by the County. Towns are receiving funds from the County to streamline solid waste. Chairman Johnson wants to have detailed paperwork to share with the Town Board.

B. Solar Farms –

Chairman Johnson said the Board talked about getting ahead of the Solar Farms that might submit applications in the Town of Gorham. He will get information and discuss further at the next meeting.

C.

Action items to work on before the next meeting

Create an article for the Fall Town Newsletter
Create a flyer to be handed out with 2023 Transfer Station Permit sales.
Choose a start date for ROW collection at Gorham Fire Company

- C. Privilege of the Floor none requested
- D. The Next Meeting of the Gorham Conservation Board will be held on October 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Eddinger, seconded by Councilmember Mastrosimone, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte Town Clerk