

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
June 1st, 2022

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday June 1st, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were; Chairman Brett Johnson, Councilmembers; Lynn Klotz and Ben Smith.

Councilmember Georganna Greenlee joined via Zoom.

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

Councilmembers Keith Eddinger, Meg Brewin and Brian Mastrosimone were necessarily absent.

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

Privilege of the Floor – Town Clerk Perrotte said the Transfer Station attendants have had residents ask when the ROW project will be starting again.

The Board held discussion on start dates and decided as soon as they can arrange for delivery of a tote from Impact Earth the ROW Program will start.

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Chairman Johnson to approve the meeting minutes from 5-4-2022, seconded by Councilmember Greenlee, the minutes were approved as submitted.

Business -

A. ROW - Organic Waste Recycling 2022 -

Chairman Johnson thanked Councilmembers Klotz and Greenlee for writing and re-writing the grant application.

Chairman Johnson said bio bags will be implemented into the ROW Program. The bags will line the buckets and can be tossed into the tote. The tote will be lined with a bio bag. It is cheaper to buy in volume so that will be included in the cost estimates for the ROW Program.

There are 50 buckets out now to current users, 100 more will be ordered for future users.

Residents are not required to have a Transfer Station Permit to use the ROW tote. The Conservation Board invites all citizens to grab a bucket and participate.

Participants can upgrade to a 5 gallon bucket or they can stay with the 3.5 gallon they currently have.

Chairman Johnson is pricing buckets and lids. He will check local sources and a few other commercial enterprises for buckets.

Chairman Johnson said the Conservation Board will follow the one day law implemented by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Board needs to determine what day for collection at the Fire Departments.

B. Signs and Labels

Councilmember Brewin produced a flyer from Impact Earth's website that the Board can utilize for advertising. The Conservation Board can add the logos they need to add and use the flyer for outreach.

Times and locations of drop off points can be added too.

Councilmember Smith recommends a sticker on the bucket and a flyer inside the bucket.

Stickers need to be laminated so the bucket can be rinsed out and not damage the label. Stickers need to have the required logos on them.

Chairman Johnson allotted \$300.00 for new signs and posters.

Councilmember Klotz recommends a spreadsheet like they had last year to track expenses.

C. Comprehensive Plan Update–

Councilmember Klotz said "I think the biggest thing the Conservation Board could recommend, for the Comp Plan, would be that new maps be done by professionals."

Action items to work on before the next meeting

- Reach out to LeTourneau Cristian Camp again regarding a tote container drop off point at their facility
- Councilmembers need to work on labels, poster designs, press release and news blurbs for social media

- Councilmember Klotz will redesign the labels and reach out to Minuteman Press for pricing of new bucket labels
- Order 100 5 gallon buckets, lids and labels
- Ask Fire Departments about signage/signboards for their places
- Work on implementing a Facebook Page
- Chairman Johnson will notify current ROW participants that a tote will be available at the Transfer Station as soon as Impact Earth can deliver one

C. Privilege of the Floor – none requested

D. The Next Meeting of the Gorham Conservation Board will be held on July 6th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business, on the motion by Chairman Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Klotz, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk