

TOWN OF GORHAM  
CONSERVATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
October 5, 2022

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday October 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were; Chairman Brett Johnson.  
Councilmembers; 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 joined via phone/videoconference.

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 Smith to approve the meeting minutes from 9-7-2022, seconded by Councilmember Klotz, the minutes were approved as submitted.

**Business –**

**A. Solar Farms -**

Chairman Johnson said the Gorham Town Board formed a committee on Solar Farms, Chaired by Councilmember Jake Chard.

Chairman Johnson volunteered to sit on the Committee to be sure the Conservation Board had a voice in it.

The Board held discussion about Solar Farms. Chairman Johnson said council should send some form of recommendation to the Town Board regarding rules for Solar Farms. He asked each Councilmember to say something about Solar Farms. The Board can write a letter of recommendation from there.

\*Councilmember Johnson said he would like to see it at the Transfer Station. He would question what happens in 20 years when they are

decommissioned. Chairman Johnson talked about Greenwashing. He also noted it is not about solar panels put on people's roof tops. He said it could entail 100's of acres.

\*Councilmember Brewin said it is similar to the shale gas wells. It comes down to what the Board writes up as contracts with them. She thinks it's important how it is put forth to the community. There is a lot of legal-ese to it.

\*Councilmember Klotz suggests every member take a resource, the Conservation Board takes their time and does a lot of research. Ask Councilmember Chard what resources he is using to investigate the pro's and con's.

#### B. ROW Organic Waste Program –

Chairman Johnson said he would like to find a location around town for a 4<sup>th</sup> tote for the ROW program. He is proud of the adjustments the Conservation Board has made to the overall program and where they are at right now. He still is focusing on a partnership with the School District. Chairman Johnson is prepared to ask for appropriation from the Town Board to continue Organic Waste Recycling in 2023.

The Board discussed funding for the program for approximately \$5,000.00 for 2023.

Discussion was held regarding other grant opportunities from the County.

#### C. NYSACC –

Chairman Johnson discussed an upcoming meeting with NYSACC and discussed what hinders on the passage of The Bond Act.

He gave Councilmembers the information for the meeting on October 6, 2022.

#### **Action items to work on before the next meeting**

Purchase A-frame signboards for the ROW Program locations  
Send Chairman Johnson ideas for the signboards

C. Privilege of the Floor – none requested

D. The Next Meeting of the Gorham Conservation Board will be held on November 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Mastrosimone, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk