

**MINUTES
WORKSHOP
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
JUNE 1, 2016**

The Gorham Town Board held a workshop meeting on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Lightfoote, Councilmembers; Glitch, Case, Malcolm and Chard. Code Enforcement Officer Freida and Deputy Town Clerk Kulp. Other guests in attendance; Conservation Board members John Frank, Bob Brancato and David Cook.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

2. Privilege of the Floor – Brian Case gave a report on the Dumpster Day in Crystal Beach. The Town placed a dumpster at Valesko Park in Crystal Beach for residents to dispose of yard waste. Councilmember Case said “it was a complete flop. Due to the word didn’t get out that we were going to be there. There was absolutely no help from Crystal Beach Betterment Association, at all, consequently it failed.” Because of a lack of communication the flyer didn’t go out. Supervisor Lightfoote said the Town intends to offer another opportunity for residents to get their free stone and have another dumpster day. The Board said it would be helpful to get emails from residents to continue updating our database to be able to send emails out town wide.

3. Business:

a. Conservation Board Discussion – Councilmember John Frank from the Gorham Conservation Board addressed the Town Board. He said he did not feel there is adequate support from the Town Board to the Conservation Board. Mr. Frank said “the Conservation Board wasn’t used as it was intended. We had a strong set of by-laws that coordinated with the Planning Board. We were supposed to look at sub-divisions and building permits. I’ve been on the Board since day one and I don’t believe I’ve ever seen one application. The Board was conceived in the first place with one thing in mind and that was to get approval for a conservation easement. We didn’t know it at the time but, that was the purpose of it in fact we didn’t know there was an applicant. Since then it seems to have fallen by the wayside and frankly I’ve gotten to the point where I don’t have much enthusiasm for it anymore.” Councilmember Frank and Councilmember Brancato both shared their concerns at the April 20th, 2016 meeting of the Conservation Board. Councilmember Brancato said “if you read the minutes from the Conservation Board meeting it clearly shows our frustration.” Councilmember Frank and Councilmember Brancato wish to formally resign from the Conservation

Board. Supervisor Lightfoote said he understands their frustration. If you go back to when the Board was initially put together, Bill and I have discussed this in the past, there was only one individual that knew what was going on I don't think it was right but that's water under the bridge at this time." Councilmember Brancato mentioned the Kayak launch and bike routes, the Conservation Board pushed for those. Supervisor Lightfoote said "the kayak launch is in motion, it isn't the County holding it up, I took it to the County they did their part and now it's in the hands of the State." Councilmember Glitch said "it has been a while since they have talked about it and the discussion is always the same, there is a concern about things for your Board to do. It's really not a lack of support." Supervisor Lightfoote said "I've been to meetings, I did ask you to reach out, work with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association, to work hand in hand with them regarding the watershed management plan. Also the other thing I'd like to point out I know you weren't interested in working with the Crystal Beach Betterment Association regarding the roll-off. I don't know if anyone recalls but the reason for that was to help educate people as they brought stuff, this stuff winds up in the lake like tree branches, leaves etc., help educate them to be better stewards of the lake. For whatever reason those things fell through the cracks. A bigger part of the problem is not having anyone with the ability or the time to step forward to be Chair or to take the lead on a project. Going forward, if we still have a Conservation Board, we need to work more closely with other Boards. I have always suggested for each Board to attend meetings of other Boards to gain a better understanding of what actually happens at the meetings instead of just finding fault with the outcome, go to a meeting to see how things are actually dealt with." Supervisor Lightfoote asked Councilmembers Frank and Brancato to provide the Town Board with formal resignation Letters. Councilmembers Brancato and Frank thanked the Board for listening.

b. Zoning Changes – Local Law # 3 of 2016 - Amending Chapter 31. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Freida explained to the Board the upcoming changes being implemented to the zoning regulations. Regarding Chapter 31 of the Municipal Code, section one through sixteen. Most of the changes are simply clarifications with updates pertaining to Solar Farms, Animal Husbandry and Seasonal Dwellings. Mr. Freida said in using the Code daily, these are things that we (the Planning Board) found that we need to correct. The Planning Board typically looks at things once a year to see what needs to be updated. Supervisor Lightfoote suggested the Board read over the changes so they understand them. They will submit final changes to the Town Attorney, the Town Board will put it on the agenda for Local Law #3 of 2016.

c. County Road #1 Park – Supervisor Lightfoote and Councilmembers discussed many different options for the Park. Supervisor Lightfoote said there are three modified options for the entrance to the park. The Board will have to determine which is the best option. Councilmember Glitch suggested getting

prices for trails, a driveway and parking area, a pavilion, restrooms and lighting at the Park. They will discuss further at the next regular meeting.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Case, the Board entered into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm seconded, by Supervisor Lightfoote the board returned to regular session. No action was taken in executive session.

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4. Set Next Meeting Date – The next Regular Town Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 8th, 2016 7:00pm at Gorham Town Hall.

5. Adjournment - With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darby Perrotte
Town Clerk