

**THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
December 13, 2023 10:00 am**

The Gorham Town Board held a Special Meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2023 at 10:00 am at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present were; Supervisor Fred Lightfoote. Councilmembers; Brian S. Case, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis and Brian Lazarus.

Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Town Supervisor Elect, Dale C. Stell and Councilmember Elect, Chrissy Watkins.

Guests/residents in person and via Zoom.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

2. Privilege of the Floor –

Debbie North, County Road 18 resident, stated that if the meeting is in regards to an incident at the Town Transfer Station on Saturday 12/9/23, involving her and her husband Jeff, she believes it is their right to sit in on that discussion unless the Board is specifically doing a disciplinary action.

Supervisor Lightfoote stated the discussion in executive session is for a personnel matter and pending litigation. The personnel matter may involve disciplinary action but the Board has to discuss it first.

Mrs. North believes they can sit in on the discussion of pending litigation other than the Kerrick v Gorham, a former employee, because it falls under Article 78 guidelines.

Supervisor Lightfoote said that the Board is discussing what they want to do going forward.

3. Business –

a. Executive Session -

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Case, the Board entered into executive session at 10:15 am to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation or relating to appointment, promotion, demotion discipline or removal and discussion relating to proposed, pending or current litigation of Town of Gorham v Cregg, Messier, Kehoe and Kerrick.

No action was taken in executive session.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the Board returned to regular session at 11:06 am. Both motions carried unanimously. 5-0

5 – Ayes Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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4. Privilege of the Floor –

Debbie North asked if their incident was discussed in executive session.

Supervisor Lightfoote said it was not discussed fully, they are aware that there was in incident therefore the Board will look into it to a greater degree.

Mrs. North asked if they will be afforded an opportunity to sit with the Board, Supervisor Elect Dale Stell and Councilmember elect Chrissy Watkins to discuss the matter.

Supervisor Lightfoote said they can request that.

Mrs. North said to consider this a formal request.

Supervisor Lightfoote stated he wants the Board to gain a better understanding of their claims, as well as the other party's, before everyone sits down to talk about it.

He said he can make it happen very soon.

In the meantime, the North's are formally allowed to keep their permit and use the transfer station for their recyclables and their garbage.

Highway Superintendent Eddinger will pass the information on to the Transfer Station employees.

#### 5. Adjournment –

With no further business, on the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am. Motion carried unanimously.  
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5 – Ayes Lightfoote, Case, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk