

Minutes
Town of Gorham Conservation Board (GCB)
12/4/2024 7:00 PM

Call to Order/Pledge to Flag (7:02 pm)

Present: Brett, Lynn, Ben, Darby; Georganna & Brian M by zoom

Absent: Brian Lazarus

2) Approval of Minutes 11/6/2024; motion to approve by Lynn, Brett 2nd; all in favor.

3) Privilege of the Floor

- Moving start time to 5:30pm (instead of 7pm)
- No meeting on 1/1/25, first meeting of 2025, Feb 5th @ 5:30 pm

4) Conclude Duties

- #1
- #2 Maps & Farmland preservation (grants for 50 acres – new data from Jeff Kehoe?). Used to be points, now unsure how calculated?
 - Explore other preservation area? (less than 5 acres, outside of farms, scenic or steep slope?)
- Policy & Procedures – get electronic version from Brett?
- Brett has talked with Kaitlyn (Co) and she assured him there is money
 - Or Finger Lakes Land Trust will create a map (for hire) town's land cover

- We could support the Town with Tree Sale in road right of way (sale in Aug, Highway Dept plants in October)
- Create a Tree Ordinance? (remove 1, plant 2)
- Should we ask OSWCD to come speak to us?
 - All tiling has to be approved by OCSWCD (consequences big with crop insurance, repairing flooded roadways...)

5) Organizational, Preview areas

- Whether a Conservation Board or CAC, the primary function is to review town's maps
- CAC & CB differ primarily in whether we voluntarily or automatically review new development plans, Open Space areas (map 10), wetlands (get new ones from OSWCD?), within 100' of creek/stream?
- Brett plans to meet with Dale & Brian L in January to seek their guidance on what they'd like us to explore/review. Anyone can join this meeting – Brett will let us know.

6) Action Plan

- Need to order more ROW bucket labels – Darby
- Darby, Georganna, Brett will merge ROW users on spreadsheet
- Write up a page for the website – Lynn will draft
- Create survey, by email to ask – Lynn & Georganna will draft
 - If still using buckets
 - How often / how many months of the year
 - Is contact info accurate
 - Have a neighbor who wants to be contacted

- Contact OSWCD to meet with us – Brian (Feb 5th meeting?) re: how they work with town/ag community/ and could we collaborate on a project (shrub planting on berm,...)?

7) Privilege of the Floor.

8) Adjournment @ 8:31pm

9) Next Meeting Date/time of 2/5/2025 @ 5:30 pm