

**MINUTES
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
July 2, 2025 9:00 am**

The Gorham Town Board held a Special Meeting on July 2, 2025 at 9:00 am at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present; Supervisor Dale C. Stell. Councilmembers Jake Chard, Phil Curtis, Brian Lazarus and Chrissy Watkins.

Town Officials in attendance; Water/Wastewater Chief Operator Nate Bay, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse and Town Clerk Darby L. Perrotte.

Residents and guests in attendance; Planning Board Chairman Tom Harvey, MRB Group Engineer Greg Hotaling and Sally Napolitano.

The full Zoom recording of this meeting is posted on the Town of Gorham Website.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag

2. Privilege of the Floor –

Sally Napolitano, Lake Drive resident, asked questions about the Water Treatment Plant Improvements.

Discussion was held regarding the update to the town water treatment facility and operations, with a cost of up to \$14 million, the discussion included various actions to date.

3. Business –

- a. Adopt Resolution Calling a Public Hearing to consider Proposed Improvements to the Water Treatment Plant pursuant to Section 202-b of the NYS Town Law

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Lazarus the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #13-2025
AUTHORIZING SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO CONSIDER PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO GORHAM WATER DISTRICT #1**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Gorham, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to schedule a public hearing, pursuant to § 202-b of the NYS Town Law, to solicit public comment upon proposed improvements to the Town Water Treatment Plant, which is owned and operated by the Gorham Water District #1; and

WHEREAS, the Town Engineer has prepared a map and plan showing the proposed improvements being the construction of an ultrafiltration plant that would consist of the construction of a new Filter Building and an Equalization Tank of various sizes and which would replace the existing DE filters and UV system; and

WHEREAS, the plan shows the estimated costs of these improvements to be \$14,750,000.00, such estimated costs to be the responsibility of Gorham Water District #1; and

WHEREAS, the Town applied for a NYSEFC grant administered through its NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) program to pay for part of the cost of these improvements and was awarded \$3,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, any remaining amount owing for these improvements will be borrowed from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and financed and repaid by the owners of property within the Gorham Water District #1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to schedule a public hearing, to be held on July 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Gorham Town Hall, 4736 South Street, Gorham, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk, be and hereby is, directed to forward to the official newspapers of the Town a Notice of Public Hearing in the form substantially the same as that attached hereto as Exhibit "1", such notice to be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to post a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing on the Town of Gorham sign board, not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the day set herein for the public hearing.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham adopted the aforementioned resolution on July 2, 2025, by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

B. Approve purchase of a Truck for the Transfer Station -

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, to purchase a 2019 Roll Off Truck, from Regional International, in the amount of \$129,175.00. Discussion was held. Motion carried. 4-1

4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Lazarus, Watkins
1 - Nay - Curtis

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c. Approve BOCES Natural Gas Bid –

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Watkins the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #14-2025
PARTICIPATE IN A COOPERATIVE NATURAL GAS BID BY BOCES
For the Period 10/01/2025 – 09/30/2026**

WHEREAS, The Town of Gorham NY desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this resolution is rescinded, for the purchase for supply of natural gas, and;

WHEREAS, The Town of Gorham NY is desirous of participating with the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o, and;

WHEREAS, The Town of Gorham NY has appointed the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Town of Gorham NY and making recommendations thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Gorham NY and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Gorham NY authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Town of Gorham NY agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor, on behalf of the Town of Gorham NY, is hereby authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and, if requested, to furnish an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on July 2, 2025 by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

4. Set Next Meeting Date – The next regular meeting & public hearing will be held on July 16, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

5. Privilege of the Floor – none requested

6. Executive Session –

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the Board entered into executive session at 9:16 am to discuss pending litigation.

On the motion by Supervisor Stell, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the Board returned to regular session at 10:53 am. Both motions carried unanimously. 5-0

No action was taken in executive session.

On the motion by Supervisor Stell, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, to hire Stacy Trien, Esq. from Adams & LeClair LLP, to represent the Town of Gorham in litigation against a business in Gorham.

7. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Lazarus, Watkins

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk