

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
April 15, 2026**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday April 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present; Supervisor Dale C. Stell.

Councilmembers; Phil Curtis, Chrissy Watkins, Chase Brown, Chris Bay

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Nate Bay, Highway Superintendent Brandon Ayers, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Residents and guests in person and via zoom.

The minutes are written as a summary of the main points that were made and are the official and permanent record of the actions taken by the Gorham Town Board. Remarks delivered during privilege of the floor and discussions are summarized and are not intended to be verbatim transcriptions.

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1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor –

Several residents spoke during privilege of the floor

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The monthly report from Stanley Hall Gorham Ambulance was submitted by Director of Operations, Amanda Gibeau

3. Approval of Minutes - 03/18/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes – Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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4. Reports of Town Officials -

- A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file.
- B. Highway Superintendent – written report on file.
- C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file.
- D. Assessor –written report on file.

- E. Town Clerk – written report on file.
- f. Town Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Brown, the Reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 5-0
 5- Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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5. Project Updates -

Supervisor Stell and Town Officials updated the residents and guests on the progress of various projects that are underway in the Town of Gorham.

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| a. ECO site | f. Code Committee |
| b. Water Plant | g. Crystal Beach FD |
| c. Jones Rd. (FEMA) | h. Highway Dept Roof |
| d. Cottage City Rd. (FEMA) | i. MRB Current Work |
| e. SHG Ambulance Tax District | j. Fire Tax Audit |

6. Audit of Bills -

Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the abstract of bills in the amount of \$474,326.04 was approved for payment. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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7. Business –

- a. Appoint ZBA Member

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

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
 RESOLUTION # 8-2026
 APPOINTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEMBER**

**Appointment of Ben Smith
 Town of Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals**

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has expressed interest in serving on the Town Zoning Board of Appeals as a fulltime member;

WHEREAS, with the vacancy of a fulltime Board member position the Zoning Board of Appeals seeks a fulltime member to fill that vacancy;

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith expressed interest to serve on the Town of Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals as a fulltime member;

WHEREAS; Mr. Smith will fulfill the position of fulltime member previously held by Tom Amato through 12/31/2032;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Mr. Smith is hereby appointed to a term commencing 4/15/2026 through 12/31/2032.

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 April 15, 2026 by the following vote:

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dale C. Stell | X_____ | _____ |
| Phil Curtis | X_____ | _____ |
| Chrissy Watkins | X_____ | _____ |
| Chase Brown | X_____ | _____ |
| Chris Bay | X_____ | _____ |

c. Adopt Resolution Appointing Alternate ZBA Member

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

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION # 9-2026
APPOINTING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE**

**Appointment of Rebecca Parshall
Town of Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals**

WHEREAS, Ms. Parshall has expressed interest in serving on the Town Zoning Board of Appeals;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parshall expressed interest to serve on the Town of Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals as alternate member #1;

WHEREAS; Ms. Parshall will fulfill the position of alternate previously held by Ben Smith, who has been appointed as a fulltime member, through 12/31/2031;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Ms. Parshall is hereby appointed to a term commencing 4/15/2026 through 12/31/2031.

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 April 15, 2026 by the following vote;

| | <u>Aye</u> | <u>Nay</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dale C. Stell | X_____ | _____ |
| Phil Curtis | X_____ | _____ |
| Chrissy Watkins | X_____ | _____ |
| Chase Brown | X_____ | _____ |
| Chris Bay | X_____ | _____ |

c. Approval to spend \$5,098.00 with Civic Plus for a New Town Website

On the motion by Councilmember, Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to approve spending \$5,098.00 for a New Website with Civic Plus. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0
5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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d. Set a Public Hearing for Crystal Beach Fire Department Contract

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, to set the public hearing for May 20, 2026 Town Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0
5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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Canandaigua Lake Watershed Program Manager, Kevin Olvany, was present to explain the study underway for possible water quality and improvement projects throughout the area.

Mr. Olvany explained how the Watershed and towns are trying to manage the areas as best they can. 98 percent is private land so it's a system of working together with license agreements and easements to help manage the areas. Partnering with Friends of Canandaigua Lake, they are funding some of the projects, they are reimbursing the Town of Gorham for some of the projects. The following agreements are partnerships with private landowners.

e. Approve License Agreement and Maintenance for Installation of Drainage Improvements with Todd Gruschow

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins to approve and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Todd Gruschow for \$2,805/yr. for 5

years. The License Agreement is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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f. Approve Water Quality and Flood Resiliency Easement with Willian Donaher

On the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Bay, to approve and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement with William Donaher for \$15,000.00. Easement details and maps are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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g. Approve Water Quality and Flood Resiliency Easement with Justin Martin Jr.

On the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Bay, to approve and authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the easement agreement with Justin Martin Jr. for \$20,000.00. Easement details and map are on file in the Town Clerk’s Office. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Bay
Abstain - Brown

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8. Set Next Meeting Date – The next regular meeting & public hearing will be held on Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

9. Privilege of the Floor –

Several residents spoke during privilege of the floor

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10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5- Ayes – Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown, Bay

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk