

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
GORHAM TOWN BOARD
November 14, 2018**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, Councilmembers; William Glitch, Brian S. Case, Richard Malcolm and Jake Chard. Water/Wastewater Chief Operator Greg Coston, Highway Superintendent Zach Eddinger, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer Gordy Freida, Billing Clerk Brenda Jones and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte. Assessor Enza Mineo was necessarily absent.

Other guests in attendance; Will McCoy and Everett Ferguson.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor – none requested
3. Approval of Minutes – 10/10/18 Regular & Public Hearing Meeting

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Chard, the 10/10/18 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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4. Audit of Bills:

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A	383-468	\$50,089.18
B	394-408	692.18
SL	448,466	729.48
DB	370-463	33,481.38
SS	420-464	3,993.56
SW1	376-455	25,828.07
HN	7	835.48
T/A	23,24	280.00
HO	8	487.50
SW6	457	2,600.50

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

5. Reports of Town Officials:

a. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file. Chief Operator Coston said the certified Lab they use in Canandaigua for testing water samples is going to start charging a fee. Mr. Coston said they test approximately six times a month and they anticipate a fee of approximately \$500.00 per year.

b. Highway Superintendent - written report on file.

c. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer– written report on file. Zoning Officer Freida updated the Board on the status of the condemned property on Blossom Road. He has contacted three contractors to do the demolition on the property. Two declined so he has two more to meet with this week for quotes.

d. Assessor – written report on file.

e. Town Clerk - written report on file.

f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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6. Business:

a. Property purchase discussion. Mr. Tom Canfield would like to purchase a small amount of land owned by the Town that attaches to the back of his property. The Board discussed the matter and determined they are not interested in selling.

b. Middlesex Valley Volunteer Ambulance – Mr. Everett Ferguson said “I’m here to field any questions the Board might have regarding the contracted request for the ambulance service.”

Mr. Ferguson encouraged the Board to send volunteers their way, they are always in need.

Mr. Ferguson said they are frustrated with Albany regarding the ambulance’s request for “clarification of territory”. Clarification of territory would allow the ambulance to consider billing for services from some of the health service agencies.

Mr. Ferguson said “The Department of Health, bureau of EMS, has had a leadership change, our paperwork is lost in the black hole in Albany.”

Mr. Ferguson said they have requested, on a regional level, for politicians to come and listen to their concerns and to date they haven’t taken them up on that request.

Councilmember Chard suggested contacting Senator Tom O’Mara who represents their area of Yates County and also Senator Pam Helming’s office.

Supervisor Lightfoote suggested asking other local leaders in Yates County for their help as well.

Supervisor Lightfoote and the Board thanked Mr. Ferguson for attending the meeting.

c. Transfer Station Operator - Hire Cody Docteur for a full time employee position.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, to approve the position of Transfer Station Operator/MEO. Effective immediately at ninety percent pay rate. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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d. Library Grant Discussion – Supervisor Lightfoote said he needs support for quotes on an addition to the Library. The Board discussed different options for an addition.

The Board agreed to move forward with a feasibility study.

e. 2019 Budget Discussion - The Board reviewed and discussed items regarding the budget. A few items were clarified regarding reserve funds.

On the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Case, the 2019 Town Budget was adopted. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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f. Standard Workday Resolution – Councilmember Glitch offered the following resolution and called for its adoption. Councilmember Malcolm seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (5-0)

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Office of the New York State Comptroller
New York State and Local Retirement System
Employees' Retirement System
Police and Fire Retirement System
110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

RS 2417-A
(Rev. 8/15)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Gorham (Name of Employer) / 30427 (Location Code) hereby establishes the following standard work days for these titles and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Title	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day) Min. 6 hrs Max. 8 hrs	Name (First and Last)	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Tier 1 (Check only if member is in Tier 1)	Current Term Begin & End Dates (mm/dd/yy- mm/dd/yy)	Record of Activities Result*	Not Submitted (Check only if official did not submit their Record of Activities)
Elected Officials								
Highway Superintendent	8	Zachary Eddinger	4069767-4		<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/18 - 12/31/19	27.40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Clerk	6	Darby Perrotte	60144018		<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/18 - 12/31/19	18.57	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax Collector	6	Susan Varger	3627033-6		<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/18 - 12/31/19	1.17	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town Supervisor	8	Frederick Lightfoote	4104400-9		<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/18 - 12/31/19	17.36	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councilmember	6	Richard Malcolm	60540853		<input type="checkbox"/>	01/01/18 - 12/31/19	.45	<input type="checkbox"/>

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

I, Darby Perrotte (Name of secretary or clerk), secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Gorham (Name of Employer), of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 14th day of November, 2018, on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Gorham (Name of Employer) on this 14th day of November, 2018. (Signature of the secretary or clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Darby L. Perrotte (Name of secretary or clerk), being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on 11/15/18 (Date) and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the

- Employer's website at _____
 Official sign board at _____
 Main entrance secretary or clerk's office at _____



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g. Executive Session - Town of Gorham v Cregg

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Glitch the Board entered into executive session at 8:55pm to discuss pending litigation.

On the motion by Supervisor Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Malcolm, the Board returned to regular session at 9:20pm. No action was taken in executive session. Motions carried unanimously. (5-0).

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7. Correspondence -



The Land Steward

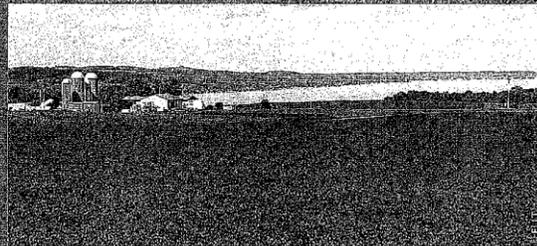
NEWSLETTER OF THE FINGER LAKES LAND TRUST

working to protect the natural integrity of the Finger Lakes region Vol. 30, No. 4 • Autumn 2018



Land Trust and Town of Gorham Form Partnership to Protect Prime Farmland in Canandaigua Lake Watershed

In mid-August, the Land Trust and the Town of Gorham closed the deal on a partnership to secure the permanent protection of 51 acres of prime farmland in the Canandaigua Lake watershed.

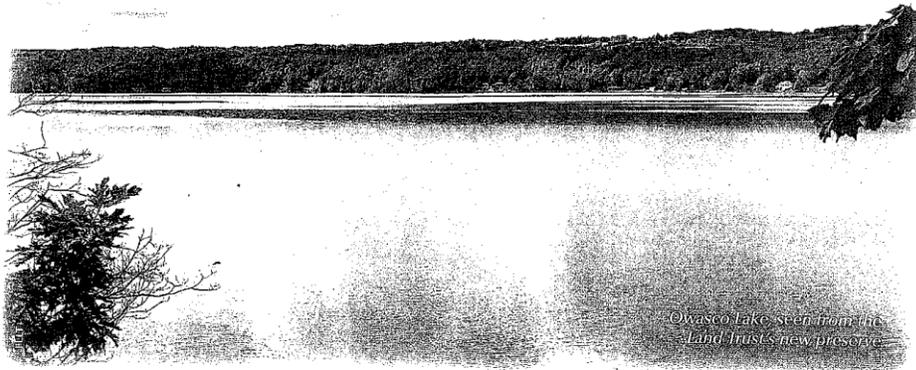


The property is located between Jones Road and Twitchell Road in Gorham, which lies in southern Ontario County above the eastern shores of Canandaigua Lake. The partnership is centered on a conservation easement, purchased from previous owner Joe Christofferson, stipulating that the land is to remain available for farming in perpetuity. The easement also provides a buffer along a small stream that passes through the property. The town provided over \$85,000 in funding for the purchase of the easement. The Land Trust will hold the easement and provide resources for ongoing stewardship of the parcel.

The property has been sold to neighboring farmer Joe Zeiset, subject to the easement. Mr. Zeiset has also agreed to provide a small stretch of land to the town as a scenic pull-off.

These agreements are significant not only for the scenic, historic, and conservation value of the land, but also for the extraordinary vision and proactive role of the Town of Gorham. Land Trust Executive Director Andrew Zepp says, "The Land Trust is grateful for the town's commitment to conserving open space. Without their leadership, this project would not have been possible."

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Owasco Lake, seen from the Land Trust's new preserve.

The scrape of a bulldozer's blade last month marked the opening of a new chapter in the Land Trust's efforts to conserve our region's land and water resources. At our preserve on Owasco Lake, staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently created two seasonal wetlands in what was abandoned farmland.

These wetlands are expected to provide habitat for a variety of wildlife while also helping to filter runoff to nearby Owasco Lake. While we've worked with the service to create and restore wetlands before, these were the first where our actions were guided as much by the goal of enhancing water quality as the goal of creating wildlife habitat.

To address the pressing issue of toxic algae, the Land Trust is working with partners to secure those undeveloped lands that are most vital to the health of our lakes, for example, the undeveloped shoreline and adjacent bluffs of our preserve on Owasco.

While the protection of sensitive lands is an important strategy for ensuring a healthy watershed, it's clear that land protection alone will not be sufficient to address toxic algae. So, the Land Trust will continue to complete land protection projects and will also partner with public conservation agencies and lake associations to restore wetlands and stream buffers, and explore new

techniques to mitigate runoff from farm fields and road ditches.

During the coming months, we'll be closely monitoring the new wetlands at the preserve. The Land Trust will also be working with partners on our next wetland/runoff mitigation project, which is located in the Skaneateles Lake watershed. Elsewhere in the region, we're actively working with partners to identify similar projects that will complement our conservation easement and land acquisition projects.

For 200 years, people have been taking the kinks out of streams and draining wet areas. It's time to put them back.

Andrew Zepp
Executive Director, Finger Lakes Land Trust

Land Trust and Town of Gorham Form Partnership to Protect Prime Farmland in Canandaigua Lake Watershed continued from cover

Under the direction of Town Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, the Town of Gorham has long sought to conserve farmland and scenic vistas. The town has codified this commitment through a Farmland, Open Space, and Resource Conservation Plan, as well as zoning ordinances that limit subdivision and development in high priority open space areas.

"The Town of Gorham has been

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trying to protect the quality of Canandaigua Lake water as well as open space and active farmland throughout the town for many years now," Lightfoote says. "This project accomplishes all three of these goals, which are very important to the new and former owners of the property as well. They are to be commended.

"My hat is off to all who worked on this project, as well as the many past

and present members of the various boards of the town whose vision, determination, and persistence placed the town in a position to help bring the project to fruition." —Mark Chao

The Land Trust gratefully acknowledges Attorney Laura Smith of the law firm Harter Secrest & Emery, LLP in Rochester, NY for providing pro bono legal services in support of this project.

8. Set Next Meeting Date – The next regular meeting of the Gorham Town Board will be held December 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

9. Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Will McCoy said he is a twenty year resident of the Town and commended the Board and Department Officials on the great job they do. He is proud of the way the Town conducts business. Mr. McCoy said it is a real comfort to feel that way about government.

10. Adjournment - With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Malcolm, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm. Motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

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Respectfully submitted,

Darby Perrotte
Town Clerk