

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
October 6, 2021 7:00pm**

The Gorham Town Board held a Special Meeting on October 6, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were; Town Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, Councilmembers; William Glitch, Brian S. Case and Jake Chard.

Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Greg Coston and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Other Guests in attendance; Sally Napolitano and Town of Gorham Conservation Board Councilmembers Lynn Klotz, Meg Brewin and Ben Smith.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor – none requested
3. Business –
 - a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Project –

Supervisor Lightfoote said the State has announced that towns could submit for grants and they are giving us an extremely short time frame for a deadline.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "As part of any of that we have to go through a SEQR process. This would involve both the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants. We won't be acting on a determination for either one, this is a declaration of intent for lead agency. Which will be the Town Board."

Sally Napolitano asked what it means for the Town Board to be lead agency.

Supervisor Lightfoote said "What it amounts to is we'll be the entity where any other associated agency, whether it be the state agencies, federal agencies, which probably will be the case with both of these, or anyone else that's directly involved will submit everything to the Town Board."

Councilmember Glitch joined the meeting at this time.

Supervisor Lightfoote asked Chief Operator Coston to give a brief description of what the projects are.

Chief Operator Coston said "The Wastewater Plant has new regulations regarding effluent discharge from the Wastewater Plant. We have to chlorinate and de-chlorinate or run it through UV (ultra violet light). We have opted to run it through UV so we are applying for grants for a new UV System at the plant over here in Gorham."

Supervisor Lightfoote said "There is not a problem at the plant. Everything is operating very well it is a change in regulation from the State Department of Environmental Conservation."

Chief Operator Coston said "I'm not sure if you are aware but our Wastewater Treatment Plant has won two awards over the years for no violations. We came in first place for small plant and second in New York State and we have maintained that."

Councilmember Glitch, offered the following resolution and asked for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Case, the resolution was adopted unanimously. (4-0)

075-2021

TOWN OF GORHAM
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SEQR RESOLUTION
DECLARING THE INTENT TO BE LEAD AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Gorham Town Board (hereinafter referred to as "Town Board") has reviewed the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") Full Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") Part 1, prepared by the MRB Group (hereinafter referred to as "Town Engineer") on the above-referenced Town of Gorham Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project (hereinafter referred to as "Action"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is classified as a Type 1 Action under the State Environmental Quality Review ("SEQR") Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that said Action is also subject to review and approval by other involved agencies under the SEQR Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board determines that it is the most appropriate agency to insure the coordination of this Action and will provide written notifications to involved agencies, for the purposes of conducting a coordinated review and making the determination of significance thereon under the SEQR Regulations.

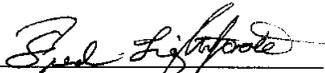
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby declare its intent to be designated as the lead agency for the Action and directs the Town Supervisor to sign and date the Full EAF Part 1.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Engineer is directed to provide notice hereof to the involved and interested agencies, seeking their agreement (or objection thereto) in writing on or before noon on **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**.

Motion made by Member: Case Seconded by Member: Glitch

Dated: October 6, 2021

The above Resolution was duly adopted on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 by the Town of Gorham Town Board.



Frederick Lightfoote, Supervisor
Town of Gorham

b. Water Treatment Plant Project –

Chief Operator Coston explained that the treatment plant needs to be upgraded. The current water filtration system is Diatomaceous Earth. The Plant needs to upgrade the water filtration system to allow for treatment of Blue Green Algae.

Chief Operator Coston explained the need for upgrading the filtration system. The Town would be converting to an Ultra Filtration System. The Town engineer, MRB Group, is applying for grants for the upgrade to the filtration system as well as the upgrade to the whole Water Treatment Plant.

Councilmember Case offered the following resolution and asked for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the resolution was adopted unanimously. (4-0)

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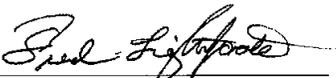
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Discussion was held regarding the Water Master Plan for the Town of Gorham. Some items within the Plan need to be corrected and/or updated.

Supervisor Lightfoote said there will be much discussion along the way and the Town will hold public hearings where needed or required throughout the Water Master Plan Project.

4. Set Next Meeting Date: October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and 2022 Budget Public Hearing 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

5. Privilege of the Floor - none requested

6. Adjournment – On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Glitch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk

