

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
December 1st, 2021

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday December 1st, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were; Chairman Brett Johnson and his granddaughter Cheyanne. Councilmembers Lynn Klotz, Meg Brewin, Ben Smith, and Brian Mastrosimone.

Town Supervisor Fred Lightfoote, Town Board Liaison Brian Case and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Councilmember Georganna Greenlee joined via phone/video conference.

Councilmember Keith Eddinger was necessarily absent.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting. Councilmember Ben Smith led the pledge to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – none requested

Meeting minutes from 11-3-2021 were approved as submitted

Business –

A. ROW Pilot Program –

Chairman Johnson said Dan Blankenburg called him to reschedule his meeting with the Conservation Board. Mr. Blankenburg can attend the meeting on January 5, 2022 to continue to talk about the goal of partnering with Marcus Whitman for organic waste recycling.

Chairman Johnson said he has been in touch with Impact Earth, Inc. They are a composting company that offers curbside pickup for residents wishing to recycle their food waste. The company helps to divert food waste and other compostable products to keep it out of our landfill.

The Board held discussion on partnering with Impact Earth, Inc.

Supervisor Lightfoote suggested inviting Impact Earth Inc. to the next Conservation Board meeting for the Board to be able to ask questions.

Chairman Johnson will arrange for them to attend a meeting.

The Board held discussion on the remainder of the grant money the Conservation Board was awarded from Ontario County for the year 2021.

They will consider applying for another grant once they meet with Impact Earth, Inc. and Dan Blankenburg in January.

B. Proposed Scenic Ridge Rise Subdivision –

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board has been asked to weigh in with questions and concerns regarding the proposed subdivision.

Chairman Johnson made a motion to approve the Town of Gorham Planning Board as Lead Agency on the proposed Scenic Ridge Rise Subdivision. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (6 ayes – 0 nays)

The Conservation Board held a lengthy discussion on the proposed project. Their main concerns are the loss of hardwoods, water runoff and drainage issues.

The Conservation Board is working on a letter to submit to the Town Planning Board regarding the environmental concerns this Board has.

Councilmembers will submit their concerns to Chairman Johnson and Councilmember Klotz. They will collaborate and produce a letter of recommendation to give to the Town Planning Board by Friday December 3rd, 2021.

Chairman Johnson made a motion to submit a letter containing comments and concerns regarding the proposed Scenic Ridge Rise Subdivision from the Town of Gorham Conservation Board to the Town of Gorham Planning Board. Councilmember Klotz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (6 ayes – 0 nays)

Councilmembers set the next meeting date for Wednesday January 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk