

**TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
August 2, 2023**

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday August 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were; Chairman Brett Johnson.

Councilmembers; Keith Eddinger and Georganna Greenlee.

Councilmember Lynn Klotz joined via Zoom.

Councilmembers; Meg Brewin, Ben Smith and Brian Mastrosimone were necessarily absent.

Also present; Town Board Liaison Brian Case and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

1. Chairman Johnson opened the meeting. Councilmember Greenlee led the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Lynn, second by Keith, to approve the minutes of 6/7/2023 meeting.

(No quorum on July 5, 2023 to approve the minutes from June.)

3. Gorham Green Days Community Event

Chairman Johnson congratulated the Board on a successful first Community Day, “Gorham Green Days” held at Lincoln Hill Farms.

The Board discussed funding for the next Community Day.

Councilmember Klotz said she spoke with Greg Hotaling, from MRB Group, he spoke with Marketing and said MRB would like to sponsor the event in 2024.

Hits and misses of the Event

Hits - It was a beautiful day, the vendors are happy to come back.

Misses - Impact Earth did not attend, the Conservation Board didn't have compost produced from the ROW Program to show residents.

The Conservation Board will take a look at the contract the Town holds with Impact Earth.

The Board discussed creating a list of costs for the 2023 event so they know exact cost moving forward.

The Board discussed preparing a budget and finding sponsors.

The Board discussed how the Town Board and employees can help for the next event.

Chairman Johnson suggests a different structure for set up next year.

He recommends putting a committee together for the 2024 Community Event.

The Board discussed using Easton Park for the event in 2024.

Discussion was held on the many environmental friendly concepts for Easton Park.

Discussion was held on engaging Ontario County Soil & Water to do a site plan review to draw up a unified plan for the Park that everyone can follow.

The Board discussed a Tree City USA Ordinance. Chairman Johnson will pursue the process.

4. ROW Program

The Board held discussion about the active ROW Program participants.

Discussed updating the list of users.

Chairman Johnson said many residents don't know the ROW Program exists. The Board will research other ways to get the word out to the residents in Gorham.

Chairman Johnson will continue to pursue the school to gain more users.

Councilmember Klotz recommends an article in the local newspapers about the ROW Program.

5. Tire Recycling Event

The Board held discussion on the upcoming Tire Recycling Event at the Gorham Transfer Station on September 9, 2023. Registration is required.

The Board discussed the importance of notification of this event.

6. The Next Meeting of the Gorham Conservation Board will be held September 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall. With no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Eddinger, seconded by Councilmember Greenlee, the meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk