

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
October 3, 2018

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on October 3rd, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall. Present were;

Conservation Board Chairman Brett Johnson. Conservation Board Members Stephen Horrocks and Lynn Klotz.

Town Board Councilmembers; Brian S. Case and Richard Malcolm and Town Clerk, Darby Perrotte.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He thanked everyone for attended.

Approval of Minutes - The 8/1/2018 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

New Business:

Chairman Johnson shared some literature pertaining to Municipal Law 239-Y which is in regards to Conservation Boards. It typically lists the powers and duties of conservation boards and how they can assist the town in development of open area planning.

Chairman Johnson is hopeful that soon the Conservation Board will be functioning in a capacity to assist the building department, zoning board, planning board and any other administrative body that may have an application for use or development of any area listed in the open space index.

Chairman Johnson is hopeful that the Conservation Board can update the Open Space Index Maps program.

Chairman Johnson shared his concern about members of the Conservation Board attending meetings, or at the very least, acknowledging the meeting and giving notice if he/she cannot attend.

Chairman Johnson is also concerned that there is a lack of communication between our various Boards in Gorham. He encouraged Conservation Board

members to attend Planning and or Zoning Board of Appeals meetings if possible. He believes that would solidify a sense of direction for the Conservation Board.

Old Business:

Chairman Johnson talked about the vermiculture operation in Seneca Castle that was toured by some of the Conservation Board members. He is going to do some calculating on percentages of operating on a smaller scale. He will present those calculations to the Town Board.

The Conservation Board would like to see a partnership with the school district in an effort to reduce organic solid waste that enters the landfill.

The Town Board has considered partnering with Marcus Whitman Central School in an effort to recycle organic waste. A vermiculture trench is one way to do that. The Board will continue to research that option.

Chairman Johnson and Councilmember Klotz had some questions that they will pursue with the vermiculture operation in Seneca Castle. They will discuss those questions and answers at the next meeting.

Going forward, Chairman Johnson will continue to visit other Town's Conservation Board meetings in an effort to gain more knowledge for the Town of Gorham Conservation Board. He has been vigorously attending meetings all summer!

The next meeting of the Gorham Conservation Board will be held on Wednesday December 5, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby Perrotte