

MINUTES
WATER RATE STUDY WORKSHOP MEETING
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
July 10, 2024 5:00pm

The Gorham Town Board held a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday July 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present; Supervisor Dale C. Stell. Councilmembers, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis, Chrissy Watkins and Brian Lazarus.

Town Officials in attendance; Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Greg Coston, Deputy Chief Operator Nate Bay, Assessor Enza Mineo, Bookkeeper Susan Cummings and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Town residents Sally Napolitano and Lynn Klotz.

MRB Group Engineers Greg Hotaling and Derek Anderson.

The full Zoom recording of this meeting is posted on the Town of Gorham Website.
The Water Rate Study is posted on the Town of Gorham Website.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor – none requested
3. Business - Water Rate Study Workshop

Greg Hotaling and Derek Anderson were present to speak about the water rate analysis completed by Mr. Anderson.

MRB Group reviewed the town of Gorham adopted 2024 water budget to determine Town water and tax rates needed to fund the proposed Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project (project), the annual cost of water for a typical single-family residence in the Town, and a wholesale rate for the Town of Hopewell.

The Town of Hopewell water distribution system is supplied by the Town of Gorham.

Mr. Andersen explained the review of the adopted 2024 water budget identified a potential \$156,470.00 metered sales shortfall when comparing budgeted metered sales to previous years and to estimated metered sales.

MRB Group estimated retail water rates, real property tax rates and EDU based tax rates for the Town of Gorham, and wholesale rates for the Town of Hopewell, needed to fund the proposed project and the estimated 2024 budget shortfall.

They provided a spreadsheet of 17 tables of Water Budget Review Summary.

Discussion was held.

The Board will work to come up with an appropriate water rate increase.

10. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

5 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins, Lazarus

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk