

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING & TRANSFER STATION WORKSHOP
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD
October 30, 2024 6:00pm

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting and Workshop on Wednesday October 30, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present were, Supervisor Dale C. Stell.

Councilmembers, Jake Chard, Phil Curtis, Brian Lazarus and Chrissy Watkins.

Town Officials in attendance; Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Other guests in attendance,

Transfer Station Attendant Mike Ayers, Sally Napolitano and Lynn Klotz

The minutes are written as a summary of the main points that were made and are the official and permanent record of the actions taken by the Gorham Town Board. Remarks delivered during privilege of the floor and discussions are summarized and are not intended to be verbatim transcriptions.

The full zoom recording of the meeting is posted on the town website for viewing.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor –
3. Business –
 - a. Adopt Resolution approving OC Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Councilmember Chard offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Curtis, discussion was held. The resolution was adopted 4-1.

4 - Ayes – Stell, Chard, Curtis, Watkins

1 – Nay - Lazarus

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TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #35-2024
ADOPTING THE ONTARIO COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS the Town of Gorham recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property in the Town of Gorham; and

WHEREAS the County of Ontario has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Gorham from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town Board demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF GORHAM, NEW YORK, that: Section 1. In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the Town Board adopts the Ontario County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham, do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on October 30, 2024 by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	_____	X_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

b. Adopt Resolution Approving Free Stone Day

Councilmember Curtis offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Chard the resolution was adopted unanimously. 5-0

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

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**TOWN OF GORHAM
RESOLUTION #36-2024
APPROVE FREE STONE**

Resolution to provide a small amount of stone to any Gorham resident to fill driveway holes close to the intersection of their driveways and the road surface,

Whereas, The Town of Gorham has approximately 100 tons of number 2 crusher run left over from projects, and;

Whereas, The Town of Gorham has supplied such stone to residents to maintain their driveways close to the road surface for many years, and;

Whereas, The Gorham Town Board understands that by maintaining driveway surface against the road surface, residents help to preserve the edge of the pavement at residents’ curb cuts, which ultimately helps the Town and saves the Town money, then;

Therefore, The Gorham Town Board declares Saturday November 2nd, 2024 to be designated a free “Stone Day”. Gorham residents are allowed to take up to one-half of one cubic yard of number 2 crusher run from the Gorham Highway stockpile to be shoveled by Gorham residents into their own containers, for the purpose of maintaining their own driveways near the road edge, and also;

Therefore, Stone will be available to be picked up on November 2nd, 2024 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm when a representative of the Town of Gorham will monitor the stone pile and have the final say regarding when the one-half cubic yard limit is reached by any and all residents.

I, Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Gorham on October 30, 2024 by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Jake Chard	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Brian Lazarus	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

c. Accept Proposal for Brush Grinding at the Transfer Station –

Supervisor Stell stated that Transfer Station Attendant Mike Ayers was able to obtain a quote from Green Renewable in Manchester NY to grind the brush pile at the transfer Station. They will grind the brush pile that is there now and whatever is accumulated up until November 1, 2025.

Mr. Ayers stated they will leave 2 loads of mulch for residents.

Mr. Ayers also attempted to obtain a quote from another company and they have yet to follow up with him to give a quote.

Councilmember Chard made a motion to accept the quote from Green Renewable, Inc. to grind the brush pile at the Transfer Station, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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



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Manchester, NY 14504
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585-289-3006 (f)

17 October 2024

Town of Gorham
3478 Lake to Lake Road
Gorham, NY 14461

REFERENCE: BRUSH GRINDING PROPOSAL

ATTENTION: MR. MIKE AYERS

GREEN RENEWABLE OF MANCHESTER, NY, INC. is pleased to submit a proposal for the following services:

Grinding of Brush Pile at 3478 Lake to Lake Road, Gorham, NY

- GREEN RENEWABLE OF MANCHESTER, NY, INC. will provide operator and grinder to grind pile.
- GREEN RENEWABLE OF MANCHESTER, NY, INC. will remove all but 100 yards of the processed material. This will be left on site for the residents.
- GREEN RENEWABLE OF MANCHESTER, NY, INC. will provide loader to load trucks.
- TOWN OF GORHAM will provide all fuel for equipment.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT:

- ONE YEAR CONTRACT: \$6,000 (11/1/2024 to 11/1/2025)

ACCEPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS AND AGREEMENTS SET FORTH HEREIN:

d. Discussion Water/Wastewater Quarterly Billing Increase –

Discussion was held regarding the various water districts and extensions throughout the town. Plans are in the works to consolidate extensions into one district. Action on this was tabled until more information is available.

Proposed billing increases will take effect at the beginning of 2025.

e. Transfer Station Workshop –

The Board discussed changes needed to improve operations at the Transfer Station.

Discussion was held about charging for excessive/oversized loads, various ways to collect fees, utilizing electronic payments, creating discounted fees for Veteran's, Seniors Citizens and Seasonal residents, limiting the amount of trash allowed per day, commercial fees, contractor fees and locking the gate.

Mr. Ayers visited the Town of Canandaigua Transfer Station to see how their operation works. He made some recommendations that would make procedures in Gorham more efficient.

Discussion was held regarding safety and liability. Changing the layout of the Transfer Station was discussed.

The Board discussed increasing fees for 2025. \$150.00 for the year, \$100.00 reduced price for Veteran's, Senior Citizens and Seasonal residents.

Councilmember Lazarus recommended increasing yearly permits to \$200.00, offering Veteran, Seasonal and Senior Citizen permits for \$100.00. Set up digital/electronic payment options at the transfer station and give Attendant, Mike Ayers, full authority to enforce the rules at the Transfer Station.

Councilmember Curtis stated he doesn't have a problem raising fees but he has a problem paying \$200.00 for one bag of trash a week and seeing residents coming in with truckload after truckload for the same amount he is paying.

Discussion was held.

The Board agreed to set the new pricing at the Organizational Meeting in January.

\$150.00 yearly price for a transfer station permit. \$100.00 for Senior Citizens, Seasonal residents and Veteran's.

Discussion was held about the condition of the transfer station roll-off truck.

4. Privilege of the Floor –

Lynn Klotz, Lake Drive resident, asked if there would be notification to the public about the upcoming special election in December.

Supervisor Stell stated yes, there is a fall newsletter coming out and a letter about the special election being sent out as well.

Sally Napolitano, Lake Drive resident, stated she is happy to see streambank erosion being taken care of with help from several agencies and municipalities. She also mentioned the need to reduce salt on the roadways near the lake this season to reduce harmful chloride going into the Lake.

The Board held discussion about CHIPs funding. They discussed some other budget questions.

5. Set the Next Meeting – the next regular meeting will be held on November 20, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall

6. Executive session –

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the Board entered into executive session at 8:36pm to discuss pending litigation, Town of Gorham v Kerrick.

On the motion by Councilmember Chard, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the Board returned to regular session at 8:56pm. Both motions carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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7. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Lazarus, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. The motion carried unanimously. 5-0

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte
Town Clerk