

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
THE GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

The Gorham Town Board held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday February 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall in Gorham, NY.

Present; Supervisor Dale C. Stell.

Councilmembers; Phil Curtis, Chrissy Watkins, Chase Brown.

Town Officials in attendance; Highway Superintendent Brandon Ayers, Deputy Highway Superintendent John Grzeskowiak, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morse, Assessor Enza Mineo and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Chief Operator Water & Wastewater Districts Nate Bay was necessarily absent.

Residents and guests in person and via zoom.

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*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.*

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1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag
2. Privilege of the Floor –

The monthly report from Stanley Hall Gorham Ambulance was submitted by Debbie North.

Supervisor Stell announced the recent resignation of Councilmember Jake Chard.

Councilmember Chard is taking a job with the County Board of Elections therefore he can no longer serve as an elected official in Gorham.

The Town posted on the Town website and on the Town Facebook Page regarding the vacancy and the steps it is taking to appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

Margaret White, County Road 11 resident, addressed the Town Board about the Board Seat vacancy and the process involved in filling the position.

Discussion was held, with several residents, about the process to fill the 9 month vacancy immediately and the process to run for the position in the November General Election.

3. Approval of Minutes - 01/21/2026 Organizational Meeting Minutes  
01/21/2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

On the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Brown, both 01/21/26 meeting minutes were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4- Ayes – Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

4. Reports of Town Officials -

- A. Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants – written report on file.
- B. Highway Superintendent – written report on file.
- C. Zoning/Building Officer – written report on file.
- D. Assessor –written report on file.
- E. Town Clerk – written report on file.
- f. Town Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the Reports of Town Officials were approved as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4- Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

5. Audit of Bills -

Approval of Vouchers

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Brown, the abstract of bills in the amount of \$454,427.44 was approved for payment. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

6. Business –

- a. Adopt Resolution for Highway Superintendent Credit Card

Councilmember Brown offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Watkins, the resolution was adopted unanimously. 4-0

4 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

**TOWN OF GORHAM  
RESOLUTION #3-2026  
APPROVE CREDIT CARD FOR HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

**WHEREAS**, the nature of business for officials in the Town of Gorham requires travel, hotel check-ins, deposits, occasional unexpected expenses, etc.

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed appropriate that Highway Superintendent, Brandon Ayers, would require a credit card, issued to the Town of Gorham, for his use,  
Now therefore be it;

**RESOLVED**, that the Town apply for a credit card through Lyons National Bank for Highway Superintendent Brandon Ayers.

I Darby L. Perrotte, Town Clerk of the Town of Gorham, do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town of Gorham on February 18, 2026 by the following vote;

	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____
Chase Brown	X_____	_____
Chrissy Watkins	X_____	_____

b. Appoint Councilmember Watkins as Deputy Town Supervisor

With the recent resignation of Councilmember Jake Chard, Councilmember Curtis motioned to appoint Councilmember Watkins as Deputy Town Supervisor. Seconded by Councilmember Brown the motion carried unanimously. 4-0

b. Appoint Greg Kern as Alternate Planning Board Member

Councilmember Watkins offered the following resolution and called for adoption. Seconded by Councilmember Brown, the resolution was adopted unanimously. 4-0  
4 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

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**TOWN OF GORHAM  
RESOLUTION #4-2026  
APPOINTING PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE  
Appointment of Gregory Kern  
Town of Gorham Planning Board**

**WHEREAS**, to be sure that a quorum is present at every meeting the Town of Gorham Planning Board is in need of a second alternate;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Kern has expressed interest to serve on the Town of Gorham Planning Board as alternate member #2;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Mr. Kern is hereby appointed to a term commencing 3/1/2026 through 12/31/2032.

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 February 18, 2026 by the following vote:

	<b><u>Aye</u></b>	<b><u>Nay</u></b>
Dale C. Stell	X_____	_____
Phil Curtis	X_____	_____

Chase Brown  
Chrissy Watkins

X \_\_\_\_\_  
X \_\_\_\_\_

c. Approval to Spend Money for Easton Park

On the motion by Councilmember Curtis, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to spend \$100,000.00 on continued work at Easton Park. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0  
4 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

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d. Approve Proposal for Professional Service with MRB Group regarding Culvert Study

On the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Brown, to authorize Supervisor Stell to sign the Proposal for Professional Services with MRB Group for the Town of Gorham Culvert Study. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0  
4 Ayes - Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

**024-2026**

7. Set Next Meeting Date – The next meeting will be held on Wednesday March 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

8. Privilege of the Floor –

Barb Frank, Goose Street resident, commented about the upcoming workshops for the 2026 Revaluation. Ms. Frank recommends the Board help educate residents about assessment v taxes and the process of contesting your assessment.

Lisa Maslyn, asked what the town is doing regarding Oak Wilt.  
Supervisor Stell stated the DEC is taking the lead on that.

Mabel Deal, Route 245 resident, thanked the Town and everyone else involved for their work last summer on the ECO Operations fire. She asked what stage the cleanup operation is at.

Code Enforcement Officer Morse stated EPA is on site 24/7. Activity is on hold due to inclement weather. Reports are available at the Town Hall.

The Board answered several other questions about activities going on in the Town.

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9. Adjournment – with no further business, on the motion by Councilmember Watkins, seconded by Councilmember Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The motion carried unanimously. 4-0

4- Ayes – Stell, Curtis, Watkins, Brown

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte  
Town Clerk