

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
GORHAM TOWN BOARD  
JANUARY 13, 2010**

The Gorham Town Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall, Gorham, NY. Present were Supervisor Calabrese, Councilmembers, Adam-Anderson, Glitch and Lightfoote, Code Enforcement Officer Freida, Assessor Davey, Chief Operator Water/Wastewater Plants Erb, Highway Superintendent Ayers, Don and Barb Christmas and Town Clerk Hollenbeck. Councilmember Hermetet was excused.

1. Call to Order/Pledge to the Flag:
2. Privilege of the floor – none requested
3. Approval of minutes of December 9, 2009 meeting. Councilmember Adam-Anderson moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Councilmember Glitch seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (3-0) Councilmember Lightfoote abstained. **004-2010**

4. Reports of Town Officials –

- a. Water/WasteWater Plants – Written report on file.
- b. Highway Superintendent - Written report is on file. Mr. Ayers added that the Town of Hopewell has two recycle tubs up for bid. These are covered with the sliding doors to deposit recyclables in. We have a couple that are in pretty bad shape. New ones would cost about \$6,275 each. Mr. Ayers would like to put a bid on them. The tubs have been kept inside and are in good shape. If we bought two, we could take two of our current ones out of service to be repaired, painted, etc. Mr. Ayers feels that we may be able to get both of the tubs for less than one new one would cost.

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, Mr. Ayers is authorized to pursue bidding on the recycle tubs from Town of Hopewell. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **005-2010**

- c. Zoning – Written report is on file.
- d. Assessor – Written report is on file.
- e. Town Clerk – written report on file. Mrs. Hollenbeck added that about 100 dogs have been licensed since the enumeration was completed. We are still working on others identified as having unlicensed dogs. Transfer Station permits are selling quickly. We have sold more than 300 so far. We usually sell about 925 per year. There have been very few complaints about the price increase. Most agree that it is still a bargain. Comments regarding the attendant, Roger Carroll, are glowing. He does a very good job, is very friendly and helpful.
- f. Supervisor – written report on file.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the reports of Town Officials were approved. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0) **006-2010**

5. Communications – on file

6. Audit of Bills:

Abstract #13	A	425-474	\$20,823.28
	B	430-473	5,403.84
	SL	443/446	679.79
	DB	238-262	41,794.49
	SW1	229-244	10,386.57
	SS	104-109	3,754.05
	HP	67/68	1,450.00
	HN	69	1,141.55
Abstract #1	A	1-21	\$83,081.37
	B	7-13	106.39
	DB	1	266.40
	SW1	1-8	4,006.42
	SS	1	309.62

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, the bills were approved for payment. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **007-2010**

7. Business:

a. Crystal Beach project engineering report. We have received the estimate from Clark Patterson Lee for Lake Drive, which is \$1,150,000 with soft cost. As you remember we applied for \$1,600,00 in stimulus funds because at the time we weren't sure of the amount. Supervisor Calabrese suggested that we revise our stimulus request to \$900,000. That leaves \$250,000 that the Town would need to come up with. This was briefly discussed, all agreed that Supervisor Calabrese should amend the stimulus request as discussed.

b. Blue Cross/Blue Shield reimbursement resolution. We have discussed in the past and agreed to reimburse employees for co-pays that are over \$100 for hospital stays. Employee must present a receipt from the hospital to receive reimbursement. Prosthetics and equipment costs will be reimbursed to the employee, by the Town @30% up to \$1,000. Excellus BCBS pays 50% of the cost of prosthetics with our current contract.

Councilmember Adam-Anderson moved to approve reimbursement to employees for co-pays that are over \$100 for hospital stays with receipt; and reimburse for prosthetics and equipment costs at 30% up to \$1,000.

Councilmember Glitch seconded the motion that carried unanimously. (4-0).

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c. Schedule interviews for boards. The Town Board will meet on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 PM to interview candidates to fill vacancies on the Conservation Board and BAR.

d. Park Committee. Councilmember Adam-Anderson gave a brief update on the Hamlet Park. The original committee who worked on this project will gather again to work on Phase 2, completing the project regarding benches, gazebo, plantings, etc. They will meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January.

8. Other: Tamberlane Farms –

a. Martin Property

On the motion by Councilmember Lightfoote, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, Supervisor Calabrese is hereby authorized to sign the letter of intent for the grant application. Resolution below. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0).

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**Town of Gorham  
County of Ontario  
State of New York**

**Resolution # 2010-1**

**January 13, 2010**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON TAX PARCEL 127.00-1-3.100 AND TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE – FARM AND RANCH LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Justin J. Martin, Jr. (the “Owner”) the owner of two parcels of land that collectively constitute Tamberlane Farms (127.00-1-2.100 and 127.00-1-3.100) is interested in the sale of development rights of approximately ±360 acres to the Town of Gorham to be used for farming purposes as set forth under a permanent agricultural conservation easement to be held by the Finger Lakes Land Trust; and WHEREAS, the Owner has signed a Letter of Intent of these intentions, to be countersigned by the Town Supervisor, as a non-binding agreement to move forward with this purchase of development rights and establishment of an agricultural conservation easement; and WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service has announced a request for proposals through its Farm and Ranchland Protection Program for up to 50% federal matching grant assistance of the total cost for agricultural and farmland protection projects; and WHEREAS, conservation of the Tamberlane Farms advances the implementation of the town’s Farmland, Open Space, and Resource Conservation Program, adopted in 2005, which recommends the purchase of development rights as a conservation tool; and

WHEREAS, the project also advances the agriculture and open space conservation goals of the town’s Comprehensive Plan (2009), Route 364 Access

Management Study (2006), and the Ontario County Agricultural Enhancement Plan (2000); and

WHEREAS, the project is also consistent with the water quality goals of the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Management Plan (2001); and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the conservation easement for Tamberlane Farms is a critical piece in preserving the core agricultural areas within the Town of Gorham, and will serve as model for conserving other agricultural properties, and may provide the impetus for other agricultural conservation easements in the area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed conservation easement, by allowing for continuing agricultural uses, but otherwise limiting site development, seeks to ensure that Tamberlane Farms remains a viable agricultural property in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, given the limited amount of funding available from the USDA it has been determined that the eastern parcel of Tamberlane Farm is the best candidate for grant funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to submit an application for funding assistance from the State of New York for both parcels the comprise Tamberlane Farms after such funding has been made available from the Department of Agriculture and Markets; and

WHEREAS, either the Town of Gorham or the Finger Lakes Land Trust will hold the resulting conservation easement on such terms and conditions as the parties mutually agree.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign the Letter of Intent between the Town of Gorham and the Owner, and to execute and file the Conservation Program Application for matching funds from the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service in accordance with its Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program for the protection of the eastern parcel of Tamberlane Farms (Parcel ID # 127.1.3.100).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon awarding of said grant request the Town Supervisor shall enter into and execute a project agreement with the USDA for such financial assistance to the Town of Gorham for the purchase of development rights and the placement of an agricultural conservation easement/preservation covenant on the eastern parcel of Tamberlane Farms (Parcel ID # 127.1.3.100).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Gorham authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to take such steps as necessary to progress the farm protection project, including the negotiation of a proposed conservation easement and related matters pursuant to the Grant, subject to Town Board approval.

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, authorization is granted to sign a letter of intent between Mr. Martin and the Town of Gorham, regarding grant application for Tamberlane Farm property. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **010-2010**

On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Adam-Anderson, authorization is granted to pay the bill from Midland Appraisal for the appraisal of the Martin property in the amount of \$3,400. Motion carried unanimously. (4-0). **011-2010**

b. Bero property. A couple of encroachments on the Bero property were discovered but have already or will be taken care of. In both cases, small sheds were placed over the property line. One will be removed, the other moved. Closing on this parcel should occur in the very near future.

c. Budget transfers: Motion was made at the 12/9/09 meeting (110-2009) to authorize the Supervisor to perform any year end transfers as needed. The following transfers were made: \$250 from A1990.4 to A1110.4; \$250 from A1990.4 to A1670.4; \$800 from A1990.4 to A1680.4; \$70 from A1355.4 to A1355.1; \$65 from A19990.4 to A1430.1; \$1.00 from A5010.4 to A5010.1; \$1.00 from A1990.4 to A4020.4; \$2,000 from DB5110.4 to DB5130.4; \$1,100 from DB5110.4 to DB5142.1; \$12,000 from DB5110.4 to DB5142.4; \$15.00 from SS8110.4 to SS8110.1; \$150 from SS8110.4 to SS8130.1; \$600 from SS8120.4 to SS8130.1; \$525 from SS8110.4 to SS8120.4.

9. Set next meeting date – February 10, 2010, 7:30 PM

10. Adjournment: On the motion by Councilmember Glitch, seconded by Councilmember Lightfoote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hollenbeck  
Town Clerk