

TOWN OF GORHAM
CONSERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
September 2, 2020

The Town of Gorham Conservation Board met on Wednesday September 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Gorham Town Hall.

Present were; Conservation Board Chairman, Brett Johnson and his granddaughter, Cheyanne. Conservation Board Members; Lynn Klotz and Meg Brewin. Town Board Liaison Brian S. Case and Town Clerk Darby Perrotte.

Councilmembers Matt Bay and Keith Eddinger were necessarily absent.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm. Cheyanne led the Pledge to the Flag.

Privilege of the Floor – none requested

Approval of Minutes - On the motion by Chairman Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Klotz, the 8/5/2020 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Business:

- a. Pilot Aeration Program – Tabled
- b. Solid Food Waste Collection Program –

Chairman Johnson said he submitted a letter to Lowe's asking for a donation or a discount for the buckets for residents to collect kitchen food waste. The Town Board allocated \$750.00 for the purchase of fifty buckets. Chairman Johnson is looking to the future in hopes that the next fifty will be donated. Councilmember Brewin suggested asking Hungry Bear Farms about the Gamma Lid to go on top of the recycling bucket. Chairman Johnson said the Board needs to determine what size bags to use in the buckets.

The Board held a lengthy discussion in regards to the process of collecting the food waste. Councilmember Brewin suggested working up a timeline of items that need to be done to start this type of recycling. The Board will start with listing what needs to be done to get the trench dug.

The Conservation Board agreed to hold a Workshop Session to make a list of action items that need to be completed to get the trench under way.

The Board discussed; distributing buckets, lids and bags to volunteers, creating some kind of directions to go along with the buckets, dimensions of the trench, how to work the trench and what other things go into the trench.

The Conservation Board is hopeful to have Supervisor Lightfoote and Highway Superintendent Eddinger at one of the meetings to discuss the steps it will take to work the trench and how much it will affect the Highway budget.

The Conservation Board talked about the best way to get the word out about Food Waste Recycling. The Board is hopeful information can go into the Town Newsletter. Councilmember Klotz offered to write up an article. The Board will ask Supervisor Lightfoote about the deadline for submitting an article in the Town Newsletter. Chairman Johnson said he got a lot of positive feedback from posting on a local community forum sight asking if residents would be interested in this type of recycling. He said it seems like residents are very interested in this type of recycling.

The Conservation Board is very excited about getting this project underway.

The Conservation Board will hold a Special Workshop Session on Wednesday September 16, 2020 at 7:00pm at the Gorham Town Hall.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darby L. Perrotte