



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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3. Additions and subtractions to the plan will be discussed. The metrics will be updated - Where do they come from, how to acquire them, and accuracy of data checked. Iain noted that he has previous emails with information and with sources like the Greenprint and the Goshen Land Trust.
4. Iain noted that some refreshing of the pictures could be done and that Andy Nygren provided excellent pictures for the last plan. This will be discussed with ideas of keeping current ones and adding new ones. Andy will be asked for new ones.
5. Items such as data for the size of the parks, Protected Property Map information, the addition of the Beech Hill property, the purchase of the East Street North property, and Town Hill trail will all be checked and updated. Inclusion of the proper maps was discussed.
6. Discussion of what editable format could be used for working on the *Open Space Plan* was had. Iain suggested that it be reviewed by members for items that need to be changed, track the changes, and review proposed additions that members may have. A sharing of the document in PDF/word document will be done and by starting early, Iain explained that a page by page review can effectively be done. Discussion was had.
7. Laura asked for clarification of the relationship of the *Open Space Plan* to the *Plan of Conservation and Development*. Discussion was had. State Statutes will be checked as well.
8. Laura asked that consideration be given to adding the State Wildlife Action Plan to page 9. Discussion will be had next month. Laura will present on this. On page 12, Laura suggested explaining critical habitats through CT Natural Diversity Data base.
9. Iain reviewed his desired approach, expectations to research and educate members, and to make lists of items to address.

New Business: None


Agenda for next month was reviewed and will remain the same but the Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds removed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo, seconded by Jason Masi, at 7:10 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia A. Barrett

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Attest 
Ass + Goshen Town Clerk



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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman, Iain Kinsella, called the May 1, 2024, meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Iain Kinsella-Chair, Paul Gallo-Vice Chair and Cindy Barrett
Present on ZOOM: Annette Lott, Jason Masi and Laura Saucier. Excused: Sue Rinaldi

APPROVAL of MINUTES: The minutes of the March 6, 2024, meeting were emailed for review. Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Laura Saucier. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence received in the mailbox.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: Iain reported no new information. He noted that he did email the CT State DOT engineer whose information was obtained through a US DOT contact that handles pedestrian bridges and DOT available grant monies.

Trail maintenance reports: Iain reported that Joe Welsh, resident, will be getting out on the trail to check on growth. No other reports on trails from members. Annette stated that she is going to get out on the trails this weekend and will report. Paul suggested to check the white paint blazes and see what kind of condition they are in. They can be refreshed if needed this summer. Iain suggested that if anyone is out on the trails to look at the signage that need attention. Paul reported that he made two new trails signs that are ready to be placed on the trails if needed. Iain also noted that there are also embossed Conservation Commission trail markers available as well. Iain also will be getting the trail rules with the QR Code updated and new signs.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: No emails received or updates on their website to report at this meeting. Laura reported that she has not received anything as well.

East Street North trail grant discussion: No report.

Goshen Town Topics future articles: The date for the next article submission will be checked on with Virginia Perry but it should be around May 27. Laura will contact her colleague at DEEP, Brooks Pitman, who is working on the "Fischer Project. Paul is still interested in meeting with Mr. Pitman to learn about this and write an article. Future articles will be worked on by the members.

Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds/Pollinator Garden Maintenance: Iain thanked members for their help with the weeding and mulching of the front beds which were mulched on April 14. The beds will be checked as the season progresses. The pollinator garden was checked by Paul and Cindy. Work will be done with edging, weeding, planting of annuals and mulching.

Bat Nursery Box Project: Paul reported that the box is built, painted and all ready to be installed as soon as possible.

Goshen Open Space Plan 2025: The following was discussed:

- The previous **Goshen Open Space Plan** was officially presented by Andy Nygren and Barry Donaldson to the **Planning and Zoning Commission** on August 25, 2015. The goal will be to present it August 2025.
- 1. It was noted that Marty Connor is retiring from his position as **Town Planner** and **Zoning Enforcement Officer**. Jon Carroll is the current Chairman of the **Planning and Zoning Commission**. Spencer Musselman will be the **Zoning Enforcement Officer** and Janelle Mullen will be the **Town Planner**. Iain will use Jon Carroll as his contact as the Commission works on the plan.
- 2. Iain explained that the Commission is required to update the plan every ten years or as needed.