



**GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes August 2, 2023, Meeting**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chairman Paul Gallo called the August 2, 2023, meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Present at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Paul Gallo-Vice Chair      Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett, Jason Masi, and  
Devin Stilson Excused: Iain Kinsella-Chair, Sue Rinaldi, and Laura Saucier-Krukar      Guest on Zoom: Jessica Strombach

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

The minutes of the June 7, 2023 meeting were emailed for review. Devin Stilson made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Jason Masi. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir:** Paul reported no update was received from Iain and we will await information for next meeting in regards to fishing permits.

**Trail maintenance reports:** Devin reported that he had walked some of the trails and there were no large trees down to report. Paul reported that the kiosk on the Town Hill Trail entrance had been visited by bears as they found a bees nest under the roof. Paul removed the part that the bears took apart and is in the process of repairing it and will replace it.

**Bantam Lake watershed project status:** No report at this meeting.

**East Street North trail grant discussion:** No report at this meeting.

**Goshen Town Topics future articles:** Devin reported that he has an article on ticks to submit to Virginia Perry for the September issue. Laura had circulated the list of topics to members via email, Paul asked members to share any suggestions for future articles, and Iain is working on an article for a future issue.

**Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds/Pollinator Garden Maintenance:** Paul reported that Iain had emailed regarding the need for some attention on the walkway beds with weeding and trimming of the boxwood hedges. Members were asked to help out with this task when they can or with other members. Mulch will be needed. Cindy reported that the the pollinator garden is doing good. Plants are blooming and pollinators were seen on her last visit. The edging that had been done last month was beneficial, weeding was done last week, and growth of the existing plants is good. Goshen resident, Jessica Strombach, offered assistance in weeding. Paul offered more milkweed plants.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jason Masi shared that the Goshen Open Space Plan will need to be worked on for the Plan of Conservation and Development 2025. Jessica Strombach asked a question about grant opportunities in CT and offered to investigate grant opportunities such as a tree planting grant or others that would be suited for Goshen. Agenda for next month was reviewed and Goshen Open Space Plan for 2025 will be added.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made by Devin Stilson, seconded by Jason Masi at 6:52 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia A. Barrett*  
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Received August 4, 2023 @ 10:05 A.M.

Attest *Barbara Z. Breen*  
Goshen Town Clerk