



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes January 6, 2021 meeting

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ATTENDANCE:

Present: Iain Kinsella, Gene Newell, Suzanne Newell, Paul Gallo, Laura Saucier-Krukar, Jason Masi, Suzanne Rinaldi;
guest: Doreen Deary, Goshen Business Circle.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Iain Kinsella called the January meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the December meeting were presented for approval. Gene Newell made a motion to accept the minutes. There was no further discussion, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Iain Kinsella mentioned that we should compile a list of article topics that could be written and submitted for future Town Topics articles. Laura Saucier-Krukar volunteered to accumulate a list from all members for future articles. Laura Saucier-Krukar will assist in preparing an article on use of properly-sized electric fence systems to deter bears from bee hives, livestock pens and outbuildings. Iain Kinsella suggested purchasing a game/ trail camera(s) to capture photos or videos of the moose that live in the East St. North area, and writing an article about resident moose. In the interim, Mr. Kinsella said that he would take his own game cam which is not in use and put it up on one of the trails to see if any moose pictures could be taken.

"Goshen Trail Treasures" scavenger hunt: town trail scavenger hunt kicked off October 26th, ran until November 29th.
No report on specifics of how the program worked out.

Goshen Business Circle guest Doreen Deary was introduced by Chairman Iain Kinsella. Doreen described the GBC and their "463 Project Goshen Greens" pollinator pathway gardens. GCC will coordinate with GBC to plan one or more gardens for pollinators in the future.

Chairman Iain Kinsella reviewed the status of the openings on the commission. Sue Rinaldi was introduced as the newest member to be sworn in. Gene and Suzanne Newell will be moving out of Goshen possibly in February; they have graciously agreed to continue to help out with commission activities when possible. Iain Kinsella asked commission members to advise him if they knew of anyone who is interested in serving and filling the upcoming spots.



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Bat house project: Paul Gallo reviewed the commission's past activity and updated the members that the bat house pole hardware for the East St. South field has been completed and expects installation before winter ends so that bats may inhabit the house in the spring. Laura Saucier-Krukar works CT D.E.E.P. and does work with acoustic monitoring of bat species. She indicated that she might be able to set up a monitoring session with that equipment in the future to get some idea of bat species present in that area.

Trail maintenance reports: No reports.

Bantam Lake Watershed Project: No report.

Beech Hill land acquisition: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Laura Saucier-Krukar. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Gallo".

Paul Gallo
Secretary

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Attest Beth Ann Zuercher
Goshen Town Clerk