



## GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes April 7, 2021 meeting

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### ATTENDANCE:

Present: Iain Kinsella, Gene Newell, Suzanne Newell, Paul Gallo, Laura Saucier-Krukar, Jason Masi, Suzanne Rinaldi.

Guests: Doreen Deary, Judy Armstrong, Cindy Barrett.

### CALL TO ORDER:

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

### APPROVAL of MINUTES:

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

### CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Iain Kinsella received a letter from past-chairman Anders Nygren offering his services to maintain the south entrance of the Water Company trail by removing weeds and brush that will begin to grow up around the entrance gate. His offer was graciously accepted!

### OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Iain Kinsella stated that we have begun to compile a list of article topics that could be written and submitted for future Town Topics articles. Laura Saucier-Krukar will be submitting an article for the next issue on keeping bears away from bee hives and livestock enclosures with electric fencing. Suzanne Newell suggested that the Trillium Newsletter often has interesting articles that could be submitted for Town Topics articles.

Trail maintenance update: Iain Kinsella retrieved the pictures from his game camera and installed the new game camera from the East St. North trail system. The only picture was of a woman in a purple jacket so far. Gene Newell asked if pictures from the game trail cameras could be used in articles for Town Topics; Iain Kinsella agreed that would be a good idea. Doreen Deary suggested that putting together a video of the different trails which could be placed on the

Bat detector project: Member Laura Saucier-Krukar works at CT D.E.E.P. and does work with acoustic monitoring of bat species. She indicated that she is planning to set up a monitoring session with that equipment in the spring to record bat species present in the area.

Bantam Lake Watershed Project: N/R

Beech Hill land acquisition: Iain Kinsella stated the latest update was that demolition of the house was occurring soon.



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Clean Energy Report: Jason Masi gave background and an update to the group. Eversource is working on a grant-program for towns for energy conservation campaigns; a new heat pump rebate is upcoming. There is also a solar system battery partial subsidy available from Eversource. Iain Kinsella will discuss with the First Selectman.

Pollinator Pathways: Iain Kinsella noted that the town tennis courts are being renovated, and the pollinator garden was going to be placed near it. Doreen Deary attended the meeting to give the commission an update. She mentioned that John Markelon of Litchfield is working on 3 gardens in Litchfield, collaborating with Jamie Fisher of White Memorial. John would like to present his plan at a 1 hour web conference, including showing a smartphone mapping app with all the adjacent towns and places where pollinator gardens are located.

Conservation commission vacancies: Iain Kinsella suggested if anyone knew of people willing to serve on the commission that they forward the names to him. The Vice Chairman position also still needs to be filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Suzanne Rinaldi. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Gallo".

Paul Gallo  
Secretary

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Received April 20, 2021 at 8:26 A.M.

Attest A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Burtan Z. Blum".  
Goshen Town Clerk