



## GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes June 2, 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 June meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

### APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the May meeting were presented for approval. Laura Saucier-Krukar made a motion to accept the minutes. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE: N/R

### OLD BUSINESS:

Pollinator Pathways: Chairman Iain Kinsella introduced Doreen Deary as a guest of the meeting. Doreen stated that White Memorial has cancelled offering the pollinator "kit" of plants due to quality issues. Sue Rinaldi has offered to purchase the individual plants needed for the garden. Once completed, there will be a sign or kiosk on the site of the pollinator garden noting the work done by GCC and GBC. Paul Gallo has agreed to get the webinar video that was recorded by James Fischer, Research Director at White Memorial Conservation Center in Litchfield, uploaded and a link put on the Goshen town website for people to access.

Clean Energy Report: N/R

Town Topics newsletter article: Laura Saucier-Krukar is collecting future articles for the newsletter. Once the pollinator pathway garden is planted, an article will be written about it and sent to Virginia Perry for inclusion in the newsletter.

Trail maintenance update: N/R

Bat detector project: Laura Saucier-Krukar (CT D.E.E.P. employee) will schedule acoustic monitoring of bat species on town properties for July, during peak activity season.

Bantam Lake Watershed Project: N/R

Beech Hill land acquisition: property has been closed on by the State of CT according to Chairman Iain Kinsella, closing date was May 18, 2021.



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Conservation commission vacancies: Iain Kinsella stated that he's not been approached by anyone interested in joining the Goshen Conservation Commission. Jason Masi asked if he could create a bulletin that advertises the work the commission does, and asks for interested volunteers. Laura Saucier-Krukar offered to take whatever bulletin is created and post it at the conservation booth at the Goshen Fair in September. Doreen Deary also volunteered to post a copy at the Goshen Business Circle booth at the Fair. The Vice Chairman position also still needs to be filled.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Iain Kinsella suggested that, due to vacation schedules of commission members, we cancel the July regular meeting. A motion was made by Laura Saucier-Krukar, and with no discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Paul Gallo, secretary, will advise the town clerk of the meeting cancellation with plenty of advance notice.

Paul Gallo asked if future commission meetings (and town meetings in general) will continue to be held remotely, or if we would be back to in-person meetings soon. Iain Kinsella offered to check with the First Selectman and Town Clerk for future meeting strategy. However, at least through September, it was agreed the commission would continue to meet via Zoom meetings remotely.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Paul Gallo  
Secretary

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Received June 3, 2021 @ 1:33 PM

Attest A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Z. Breen".  
Goshen Town Clerk