



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes September 7, 2022 meeting

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ATTENDANCE:

Present in person at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Paul Gallo, and Jeff Damiano

Present on ZOOM: Iain Kinsella, and Sue Rinaldi

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Iain Kinsella called the September 7th meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 3, 2022, meeting were circulated via email for approval. **Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed and it was seconded by Jeff Damiano. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Paul Gallo noted that none were received in Town Hall mailbox.
- Iain reported that he had received an email from Patricia Davy regarding the Invasives Workshop that the Conservation Commission co-sponsored with the Goshen Land Trust and Sustainable Goshen. She asked for information on invasives.
- Iain reported that Paul Collins, Recycling and Trash Coordinator, contacted him in regards to arranging a dedication of the Pollinator Garden bench from the "Plastic Recycling Challenge". Iain suggested that the bench be dedicated to Anders Nygren and a date was arranged to do the dedication on Saturday, October 1, which is the last day of the plastics challenge. An email will be sent.
- **A motion was made by Jeff Damiano, seconded by Sue Rinaldi, to approve the dedication of the Pollinator Pathways Garden bench to Anders Nygren. The motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: Iain noted no change from the last meeting and noted the acquisition is scheduled to take place this fall.

Trail maintenance reports: Iain reported from Joe Walsh that the sign on the **Town Hill Trail** had been ripped apart. Paul Gallo reported that upon careful observation, a bees nest was quite attractive to a bear and was shredded in the process. Paul reported that he has repairs underway which will include a roof with an open back.

Paul and Iain reported that the trail cam has been replaced on the **East Street North Trail** to capture wildlife on the trail. A stand was observed and Iain suggested that we monitor it and determine if it is in use as this is Goshen Town property.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: Iain reported that he did not receive any new documents on this 5 year project. He signed up to receive notifications.



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East Street North trail grant discussion: Iain reported that he and Paul met with Bill Colby, Goshen, and walked the loop and discussed improvements for ADA accessibility, bridge improvements, development of look-out points, picnic table area leveling off, and parking improvements to the south side of the entrance. Former member, Gene Newell, forwarded appropriate documents to assist.

Camping Policy discussion: Iain reported that The Goshen Land Trust had updated their camping policy and that the Conversation Committee has copied their policy in the past. A few differences were noted after Iain reviewed it again. He noted that at the next meeting the committee will review.

Annual Report: The report is being worked on and Iain reviewed highlights which included trail report status, Goshen Town Topics and Town Beautification of garden beds. Mulch on the beds in front of the Town Hall will be done this fall and the Pollinator Garden will be lightly mulched as well. The walkway garden in front of Town Hall will be mulched in the spring.

The report will be submitted by September 12, 2022, to Virginia Perry. Iain will circulate it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Iain reported that he submitted to the Goshen Town Topics pictures of the plaque presentations he made.

Articles are being worked on bats by Laura, bobcats by Paul, another by Jeff, and trash management and recycling industry by Jason.

- A motion was made by Paul Gallo, seconded by Jeff Damiano, to keep the camping policy as is. The motion carried.

The Solar array application was briefly discussed and will be discussed at the next meeting. Jeff Damiano will review the particulars.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi, seconded by Jeff Damiano. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett

Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Received Sept 20, 2022 @ 3:45 P.M

Attest: *Brian Z. Breen*
Goshen Town Clerk