

GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes October 5, 2022 meeting

This meeting was hybrid and was held in Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and on Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

Present in person at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Paul Gallo, and Jeff Damiano Present on ZOOM: Iain Kinsella, Cindy Barrett, Jason Masi, Sue Rinaldi, and Laura Saucier-Krukar (at 6:49 pm)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Iain Kinsella called the October 5th meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 7, 2022, meeting were circulated via email for approval. Iain noted that the "Joe Walsh" under Old Business - Trail Maintenance Reports - should be "Joe Welsh". Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and it was seconded by Sue Rinaldi. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Paul Gallo noted that none were received in Town Hall mailbox.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: Iain noted that he has not heard anything and noted the acquisition is scheduled to take place this fall.

Trail maintenance reports: Iain reported from Joe Welsh will be checking the **Town Hill Trail and will report.** Iain reported that he had not gotten out on any of the trails. Paul inquired if the trail cam had been checked and he will go and get the card out of the cam. He will check the stand that was observed on East Street North Trail as well.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: Iain reported that he did not receive any new notifications and noted that did he sign up to receive notifications. He will check website.

East Street North trail grant discussion: Iain reported no update but noted that he and Paul met with Bill Colby, Goshen, last month. Maps were obtained for Bill to work with.

Camping Policy discussion: lain reported that we decided last month to keep the camping policy as is.

Annual Report: Iain reported that he submitted the report to Virginia Perry. Iain will email the report to members.

Goshen Town Topics: Laura is next up for her article and other members have articles ready. Paul and Jason gave thanks to lain for his full page article in the Fall issue. A copy will be given to the Newell's. Discussion on moose and possible topics for future articles was had.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Dedication of the Pollinator Garden bench from the "Plastic Recycling Challenge" was done on Saturday, October 1, at 11 AM.

It was dedicated to Anders Nygren, former Conservation Commission Chairman.

Pollinator Garden will be lightly mulched and Town Hall beds will have fall maintenance done as well.

The Bartholomew Hill Solar array application was briefly discussed in regards to bats and kestrel box maintenance.

An email will be done by Laura in regards to these concerns and will be shared with members. It will be then sent to the Sighting Council.

Dates will be checked on by Jeff in regards to this application and will be emailed.

Laura suggested the use of a pollinator seed mix that DEEP recommends as opposed to turf.

Agenda for next month was discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo seconded by Sue Rinaldi. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Attest Bashen Town Clerk