



## **GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes - January 4, 2023 Meeting**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Iain Kinsella called the January 4th, 2023, meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett, Iain Kinsella, Jason Masi, and Sue Rinaldi. Not present: Laura Saucier-Krukar

#### **APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

The minutes of the October 5, 2022, meeting were emailed for review. Jeff Damiano made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Paul Gallo. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Paul Gallo noted none received in Town Hall mailbox. Iain reported that Virginia Perry emailed the 2023 Conservation Budget for review, he will email it to members, and will email Virginia. Iain noted that weed guard and mulch will be needed on the Town Hall foundation garden beds for 2023.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir:** Iain reported that the Torrington Water Company has been acquired by Aquarion sometime in October 2022. Iain will reach out to his contact to check on their current permitting process for hiking, fishing and hunting. He will report on his findings.

**Trail maintenance reports:** Iain reported that efforts need to be made to walk the trails to check on trail markers, downed limbs or trees, etc. and to email any findings to him if any bear aware signs or other map signs are needed. Paul Gallo reported that he is working on repairing the roof to the kiosk for the Town Hill Trail that had sustained damage from a bear. He will install when repairs are complete and Iain asked that he ask for assistance if needed.

**Bantam Lake watershed project status:** Iain reported that he has not received any alerts from the them and he will check their websites for any updates. Jeff Damiano shared that he has visited the Woodridge Lake Sewer District plant and has been learning about the treatment system at the plant, possible options associated with Bantam Lake concerns, reviewed testing data, pipe testing, connection possibility to Litchfield or a new plant, funding availability, concerns of DEEP, and the development of municipal agreements in the future.

**East Street North trail grant discussion:** Iain reported that he will be contacting Joyce Mowrey in regards to this and noted that Joyce was going to update Erin Reilly, Goshen Recreation Director on these plans.

#### **Goshen Town Topics future articles:**

1. Bobcat article - Paul Gallo noted that he is working on the article on bobcats for future submission.
2. Bat article - Thanks was given for Laura Saucier-Krukar's article on bats which was in the winter Town Topics.
3. Other future articles: Jason Masi is working on a submission and discussion was had that he would like to change from a recycling/trash management article to energy conservation. Submission date for the next Town Topics is February 20, 2023, for the March edition and Iain will email the submission date schedule to members.

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#### Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds Maintenance:

Iain suggested that weed guard be procured and applied to the front Town Hall foundation garden beds. He will contact First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, or Public Works Supervisor, Garret Harlow regarding this. Mulch will also be needed for the front beds, walkway garden, and Pollinator Garden. The walkway boxwood planting will need to be trimmed this year. A time will be arranged this spring.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The following is the proposed meeting schedule for 2023:

January 4, 2023 - Special Meeting

February 1, 2023

March 1, 2023

April 5, 2023

May 3, 2023

June 7, 2023

July 2023 - No Meeting

August 2, 2023

September 6, 2023

October 4, 2023

November 1, 2023

December 6, 2023

**IN A MOTION** made by Suzanne Rinaldi, seconded by Paul Gallo **it was VOTED** to accept the 2023 Meeting Schedule. Voted unanimous. It will be submitted to the Town Clerk.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Damiano, seconded by Suzanne Rinaldi, at 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Goshen Town Clerk