

GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes - March 1, 2023 meeting

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman lain Kinsella called the March 1, 2023, meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Paul Gallo-Vice Chair

Present on ZOOM: lain Kinsella-Chair, Jason Masi, Sue Rinaldi, Laura Saucier-Krukar, and new Commission Member, Devin

Stilson Excused: Cindy Barrett

lain welcomed Devin Stilson to the Conservation Commission and all Commission members introduced themselves and shared a brief bio.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the February, 1, 2023 Special meeting were emailed for review. Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Suzanne Rinaldi. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: lain reported again that the Torrington Water Company has been acquired by Aquarion and that he did reach out to his contact. He stated that we hope to have outdoor recreational activities expanded there.

Paul will look for any sort of formal agreement paperwork in his archives from Torrington Water Company regarding permitting recreational use. He will report to Chairman Kinsella.

Trail maintenance reports: No report

Bantam Lake watershed project status: No report

East Street North trail grant discussion:

lain reported that the Goshen Recreation Department, Conservation Commission and the Goshen Land Trust, spearheaded by Joyce Mowrey, has submitted the grant application on February 23 for trail improvements for the Goshen Land Trust, town property at Camp Coch, and the trail system around the pond at the East Street North trail.

The application has been accepted. Monies would be used for making ADA access and improvements on these trails. Grant review will happen throughout March and awards expected possibly by the middle of April.



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lain suggested a check of the East Street North trail for any trail markers that need to be replaced and any tree removal that needs to be done.

Goshen Town Topics future articles:

- 1. Energy article Jason submitted his article to Virginia Perry.
- 2. Bobcat article Paul Gallo noted that he is working on the article on bobcats for future submission.
- 3. Future article lain encouraged Devin to propose an article for future submission.
- 4. Laura will send the list of past articles/ideas around to members for review.

Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds Maintenance:

lain reviewed the locations of the front walkway garden and pollinator garden near the tennis courts and explained that the Commission takes care of them with spring and fall maintenance which involves weeding, trimming, and mulching.

Conservation Commission vacancy: Iain thanked Devin Stilson for volunteering for the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Agenda for next month was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Suzanne Rinaldi, seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar, at 6:53 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Goshen Town Clerk