



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes October 2, 2019 meeting

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Anders Nygren, Gene Newell, Paul Gallo, Jason Masi, Iain Kinsella. Absent: Laura Saucier-Krukar, Suzanne Newell

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Anders Nygren called the October meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 4, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Iain Kinsella made a motion to accept the minutes, motion seconded by Jason Masi. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Anders Nygren completed and submitted the annual activities report for the Conservation Commission to the Board of Selectmen.

Anders Nygren mentioned that the Tick Awareness bulletins have been installed at each trail entrance to warn hikers to check themselves and their pets for ticks which may transmit Lyme disease.

Anders Nygren confirmed that the East St. North trail system has been blazed. The last minor item to be completed is posting of "You-Are-Here" maps on the trail intersections. Gene Newell has committed to updating a map with trail intersection points noted.

Anders Nygren mentioned that the Town website shows "East Street North" trail and "East Street South" trail, which is incorrect. The "East Street South" trail link takes one to the same trail map as the "East Street North" link does. This needs to be corrected, and "East Street South" needs to be changed to "John Ross Trail". Iain Kinsella suggested that we direct the website coordinator to wipe all the links off the pages and we resubmit corrected links and documents.

Anders Nygren asked about the next project to plan for the East Street North trailhead – picnic area. Gene Newell suggested a pollinator garden with plants and flowers to attract butterflies, honey bees and hummingbirds. That could be a very interesting project for young people from WAMOGO school, with input from the Garden Club in Goshen.



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Anders Nygren asked for a status of trail maintenance on Water Company land; no work has been done yet, according to Jason Masi. He will coordinate with Iain Kinsella to get this done.

Anders Nygren mentioned the CT Trails Census program, and asked if he should contact that organization to request a visit by them to our meeting, or a packet of information for GCC to review?

Anders Nygren asked if invasive plant species removal could still be done in October. Town Hill trail has Knotweed and Barberry that could be removed, by cutting and painting the stumps with herbicide. Iain Kinsella felt it was best to wait til the active growing season in spring to begin this. Gene Newell noted that in Simsbury the library rented goats to come in and eat down the Japanese Knotweed on its grounds.

Trailhead information kiosks are being fabricated by Paul Gallo. A full-size informational kiosk (copied from East St. North kiosk) has been made, was brought to the meeting for all members to see, and will be installed at the south Town Hill trail entrance across from the gate. One or two additional kiosks will be made and installed at other trailheads. A smaller size kiosk for the north end of the Town Hill trail will also be made. Additionally, 3 new carved wooden "Trail" signs were made and brought to the meeting by Paul Gallo, and given to Chairman Anders Nygren for installation on the trails.

Anders Nygren offered that since Laura Saucier-Krukar was absent we would table the discussion on aquatic connectivity until the next meeting for her input.

Anders Nygren asked commission members to check their calendars for a date to gather for Town Hall front walk flower beds cleaning and mulching. Iain Kinsella agreed to bring his dump truck for leaf removal. The date chosen was October 26, 8:30 a.m. Members to bring rakes, gloves, loppers, tarps and other tools. Anders Nygren will coordinate the purchase and delivery of 1 ½ yards of mulch.

A motion to adjourn was made by Iain Kinsella, motion seconded by Gene Newell. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul Gallo
Secretary

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Attest Baibara L. Breen
Goshen Town Clerk