



**GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes December 4, 2019 meeting**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Anders Nygren called the October meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

The minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. Iain Kinsella made a motion to accept the minutes, motion seconded by Gene Newell. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence received.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trailhead information kiosks, fabricated by Paul Gallo, have been installed at several trailheads. A full-size informational kiosk (copied from East St. North kiosk) has been installed at the south Town Hill trail entrance across from the iron gate. An additional, smaller sized kiosk with open front was installed at the secondary, north entrance. Additional kiosk was installed at the south Water Company trailhead. A similar sized kiosk for the north end of the Town Hill trail will also be made with integral mounting "legs" to bolt to a short telephone pole post near the road entrance. Three new carved wooden "Trail" signs, a map of East St. South trail and a map of East St. North trail were installed by Chairman Anders Nygren on the trails.

Anders Nygren asked about the next project to plan for the East Street North trail area. Anders Nygren mentioned that the "Porcupine Trail" needed to be cleaned up and blazed since it now appears on the trail map.

Paul Gallo made and donated a 4 chambered nursery bat house with intention of mounting it at one of the trail areas. Several location suggestions were made, with the lower John Ross trail field area, somewhere near the stream being the one settled on. Anders Nygren will ask the First Selectman for assistance from the town public works dept. in getting post holes dug for poles. Laura Saucier-Krukar has identified 3 posts made of 4x4 pressure treated lumber which might be available to GCC at no charge. She will investigate further and advise the status of those posts for future bat house mounting.



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Anders Nygren asked if anyone had any article suggestions for the Town Topics newsletter; no one had anything to submit for the present issue. Possible future submissions mentioned included "Bat House installations on town trails", "Trailhead kiosk for maps and bulletins" and Trail Maps.

Anders Nygren discussed the potential purchase of the Beech Hill property for permanent open space by the Town or State. There are several grants available, in addition to Federal Pittman-Robertson and local Title 67 funds, to possibly enable State of CT to purchase the 620 acre property. First Selectman will be walking the property on December 10, 2019.

Anders Nygren mentioned that Gene and Suzanne Newell attended the annual conference of CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands commissions on November 23, 2019. They have agreed to present a summary of the conference talks at the February 2020 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gene Newell, motion seconded by Iain Kinsella. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Gallo".

Paul Gallo  
Secretary

Received December 11, 2019 9:34AM

Attest Megan Scanlon  
ASST Goshen Town Clerk