



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes November 3, 2021 meeting

This meeting was recorded via Zoom.US and is available as a recording on the Goshen website.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Iain Kinsella, Paul Gallo, Jason Masi, Cynthia Barrett, and Laura Saucier-Krukar. Absent: Jeff Damiano and Suzanne Rinaldi.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Iain Kinsella called the November meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 6, 2021, meeting were presented for approval. Laura Saucier-Krukar made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Paul Gallo. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Iain Kinsella reported that he did contact Susan Suhanovsky, President, at The Torrington Water Company, in regard to fishing by recreational permit at the reservoir. He explained in the email that the Commission maintains the trail on the property, that permit recreational fishing had been allowed in the past and that we would like to bring that back and would be responsible for the permitting process just as we are for the hiking. Emails will be shared.

Iain Kinsella reported that he had forwarded the emails that he had received from Ms. Leya Edison in regard to conflict of interest questions, Affordable Housing and Planning and Zoning.

Iain noted that for the newer members, the Conservation Commission had voted, at a past meeting, in support of changing the wording for Title 67 for the town in the hopes that some of the monies could be used for open space.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pollinator Pathways Project: No report tonight but Sue Rinaldi is the point person for the project and planting is planned for 2022.

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: Covered under correspondence.

Town Topics future articles: Laura Saucier-Krukar reported she is working on an article for the newsletter. Paul Gallo is working on an article on resident moose in the northwest corner, is hoping to have actual pictures of local moose from the East Street North Trail cam, and possible article on resident mountain lions. Paul noted that Jeff Damiano was interested in working on an article on eurasian milfoil - the invasive aquatic plant. Dates for articles will be checked on.

Trail maintenance reports: Iain Kinsella noted that Joe Welsh was hoping to put a game camera on the Town Hill Trail for the Commission and would let Iain know when he did it.

Game camera results: Paul will pull his card for East Street North Trail and Iain will pull his for Town Hill Trail.

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Attest Daniel H. Gagne Asst.
Goshen Town Clerk



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Bat detector study data: Laura reported that the bat-detector study data is still being worked by D.E.E.P, and Laura reported that spring and summer are the interesting seasons for bat studies. Laura will write an article on bat populations, describing the use of the detector, and showing the bat house erected at the pond to encourage bats to roost there.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: Laura reported the following: Bantam Lake has been deemed an impaired water body with algae growth and nitrification issues occurring. 65% of the nutrients discharged from the Woodridge Lake Water Pollution Control Facility in Goshen are reaching Bantam Lake. The sources of nutrient loading in the lake were analyzed and it was determined that it was non-point source pollution within the watershed and discharge from septic systems. Nitrogen and phosphorus were analyzed. The goal of the Bantam Lake Watershed Based Plan is to implement it and to follow the permit requirements, upgrade the Woodridge Lake Water Pollution Control Facility and to work on the non-point source pollution issue by creating a watershed based plan to address just specifically that. Discussion was had by members.

Town Hall flower bed cleanup and mulching date: Iain Kinsella and Cindy Barrett had taken pictures of the front beds and an email will be sent to Garrett Harlow to obtain a complete planting list of the new plants. Normal fall bed maintenance is needed on the walkway bed and if mulch is determined to be needed, we can take care of mulch in the spring. A cleanup date will be scheduled.

DEEP trail marking Beech Hill property: Iain reported that at the last Goshen Land Trust meeting they are working with the state to coordinate trails and hikes had been done as Goshen Land Trust land abuts the Beech Hill property. Iain stated that if needed, we could volunteer to assist in the future.

DEEP grant suggestions and submission: Iain had forwarded information via email on the DEEP grant suggestions and asked that members review it and submit suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Iain Kinsella reported that he attended the F.O.I.A. informational meeting for boards and commissions that was held on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Iain reviewed information of importance and the recording is available on the goshenct.gov website for members to listen to. Discussion was had by members in regards to agendas and other items and handouts were available at the informational meeting.

Iain had emailed the proposed 2022 regular meeting schedule for members to review. Discussion was had and a motion was made by Paul Gallo to adopt the 2022 meeting schedule as discussed with eliminating the July meeting and was seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar. The motion carried.

Iain will reach out on behalf of the Commission to the new First Selectman, Todd Carisillo, with congratulations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Barrett".

Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION