



## **GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

### **Minutes March 2, 2022 meeting**

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

Present in person in Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Paul Gallo and Jeff Damiano.

Present on ZOOM: Cynthia Barrett, Iain Kinsella, Suzanne Rinaldi, and Laura Saucier-Krukar.

Guests on ZOOM: Judi Armstrong.

Excused: Jason Masi.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Iain Kinsella called the March 2 meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

### **APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

The minutes of the February 2, 2022, meeting were presented for approval. Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Jeff Damiano. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None received in Town Hall box. Iain reported the following:

1. He had communication with Selectman Carusillo regarding the snowplowing of the trailhead at East Street North to keep the trails and pond open for use. Both Iain and Paul noted usage for skating and ice fishing on past visits this month. Discussion was had regarding the cleaning of the two wood duck boxes at the pond and Paul Gallo will send out email to members to arrange a time for this Saturday, March 5.

2. Iain also reported that he had received an email from Selectman Carusillo regarding the Bantam Lake Watershed which he will cover under old business.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Pollinator Pathways Project:** Planting is still planned for spring.

**Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir:** Iain had emailed Torrington Water Company asking them to bring it before their Board of Directors. Iain reported that someone from the Torrington Water Company had visited Town Hall requesting information about permit hiking but has not heard from Susan Suhanovsky as of yet. Iain suggested the next step could be to have First Selectman Carusillo contact them.

**Town Topics future articles:** Jeff Damiano submitted his article on invasive aquatic plants to Virginia Perry and Iain shared that this is Invasive Species week. Iain thanked Jeff for the article, noted that Laura will continue to work on the bat article, and he is working on the article and pictures for the presentation of plaques to former members. Iain stated he would like to see the articles reference and reinforce the trash and recycling efforts in the name of conservation and environmental stewardship as well as fiscal responsibility of the town. Paul Gallo reported that he finished his article on moose and will submit it now for the next issue.

**Trail maintenance reports:** No reports from members this month but Iain suggested that the Commission take a hike to check for fallen trees.

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Attest Daniel A. Kinsella  
Goshen Town Clerk



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**Game camera results:** Iain reported that he did not put the camera out yet and suggested that perhaps we could consider more cameras to install.

**Bat detector study data:** No report.

**Bantam Lake watershed project status:** Iain reported that he had received an email from First Selectman Carusillo in regard to an email received Feb. 23, from Mr. James Fischer, Research Director at White Memorial Foundation, in regard to the Bantam Lake Watershed steering committee invitation that was sent out to the Selectman of Goshen, Litchfield, Morris, and Torrington as well as our government representatives. The first meeting will be March 29 at 3 PM in Litchfield and Dexter Kinsella will be the representative from Goshen. Jeff Damiano stated that he is going to try to attend as well. The findings from DEEP will be presented and Iain noted that through the EPA and the Clean Water Act funds are available to be used for projects. Iain will forward the email to the members of the commission.

**DEEP Property boundary marking at Beech Hill property:** Laura gave a brief report and noted that through her work at DEEP consideration is being given to continue agriculture and develop pollinator habitats at Beech Hill. Boundary marking will be worked on first. Iain stated again, that if needed, the commission could volunteer to assist in any way possible in the future.

**DEEP grant suggestions and submission:** Iain asked Laura to please keep the commission posted on any grants that may be coming in the future that would be appropriate for Goshen.

**Goshen Greens Project:** Iain said that we will do what we can to support it as it moves forward.

**Urban and Community forestry grants opportunities:** Iain noted that we will continue to stay up to date on these.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None reported by Iain. Paul Gallo reported that he is also a member of the Economic Development Commission and the discussion of signs for Goshen was presented at the last meeting on February 28, 2022. Paul suggested that perhaps as well as the idea of the welcome signs and village type signs being considered, hiking trail signs might be considered as well for the major roads through Goshen. Discussion was had regarding some basic information regarding signs and permitting and this item will be added to the agenda. Iain asked that Paul keep us posted as to the development of this project.

Agenda items for next meeting were reviewed and Economic Development Committee signs will be added.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo, seconded by Jeff Damiano. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia A. Barrett".

Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - **GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**