



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes April 6, 2022 meeting

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ATTENDANCE:

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

Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett, Iain Kinsella, Jason Masi, Sue Rinaldi, and Laura Saucier-Krukar.

Guests on ZOOM: Judi Armstrong, Brigitte Michaud and Bobby Miles.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Iain Kinsella called the April 6 meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting were presented for approval. Correction was made that Paul Gallo should be Jeff Damiano under New Business as a member of EDC and it should be Jeff, not Paul, in that entire paragraph. Laura Saucier-Krukar made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and it was seconded by Sue Rinaldi. The motion carried.

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

1. Iain reported that he had received an email from First Selectman Carusillo regarding the Bantam Lake Watershed Steering Committee meeting and Iain will forward the document to members via email for their review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pollinator Pathways Project: Sue has plans to get to the garden area to start plotting over the course of the next two weeks. Other members will assist if needed.

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: Iain noted that Aquarion Water Company is going through the acquisition of the Torrington Water Company. He noted that he had done some research and Aquarion Water Company does allow for hunting and recreational activities on their properties. Hunting is done by a new lottery every year and hunters can apply. He said that they are as a company open to letting the public use their property in a responsible way. Iain will reach out to his contact at Aquarion regarding this and he noted that the Commission does maintain a trail there. A discussion of recreational vehicle use on the trail from the Rockhouse end that was noticed was had.

Town Topics future articles: Laura will continue to work on the bat article, Iain is working on an article as well and Paul had reported last month that he finished his article on moose. Paul will submit his article early to secure a full 2 pages in the next Goshen Town Topics. Jason will work on a possible article on how the trash/recycling system works in CT and how it relates to Goshen and taxes. Cindy reviewed the Recycling Event being held Saturday, April 9, at Goshen Town Hall from 9 am to noon which will include the start of the Plastic Challenge of collection of plastic films, electronics, paper shredding, and mattress collection. There will be 3 collection bins for plastics: Goshen Town Hall, Camp Cochichewick, and Village Marketplace.

Trail maintenance reports: Iain reported that he hiked the trail on Town Hill Road and there was a tree down near the southern entrance near Beach Street. He also noted that some trail marker medallions were missing. He suggested a walk in the spring to check on the replacement of missing markers and Paul has replacement medallions. No other members have been out.



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Game camera results: Iain reported that he did not put the camera out yet but will figure out where to put it, and suggested that perhaps we could consider purchasing more cameras to install.

Bat detector study data: No report this month, but Laura noted her colleague at DEEP is getting ready to put more detectors out. Bats start to come out about now when insects come out but then can still hibernate.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: Iain reported that he will circulate the email from First Selectman Carusillo. Jeff stated that he reviewed the powerpoint and noted that he was interested in how the point sources were determined for the study for nitrification and excess phosphorus. He found that no water samples were taken but computer software was used from a project in MA. Discussion was had about about the ongoing study and impacts of area towns feeding the watershed.

DEEP Property boundary marking at Beech Hill property: Iain noted no news but people are waiting in the wings to assist and 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 or if any members hear of any to please let him know.. He stated he will report on possible grants for trails and was thinking of the trail on East Street North and the possibility of an (ADA) - The Americans with Disabilities Act - complaint trail there.

Goshen Greens Project: Iain said that we are waiting for more information from the Goshen Business Circle. He will check his emails and confirm if Doreen Deary is still an active contact for the Goshen Business Circle.

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

Economic Development Commission - Town signs: Jeff reported on the status of 4 "Welcome to Goshen" signs that are being looked into by the EDC for placement coming into Goshen on Routes 4 and 63. . They could be custom-made locally in Canaan, carved, and painted and possible cost could be up to \$20,000 depending on style. He reported that it is probable that they can be placed on private properties and that would eliminate the need for Encroachment Permit costs from the State. The monies for the signs is being looked into and Jeff noted that EDC members might be able to help with the installation of them to help costs.

NEW BUSINESS: Idea of ADA compliant trail on East Street North will be pursued by Iain.


Agenda items for next meeting were reviewed and the East Street North trail grant discussion will be added.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi, seconded by Cindy Barrett. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Goshen Town Clerk