



## GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Minutes June 1, 2022 meeting

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#### ATTENDANCE:

Present in person in Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Paul Gallo  
Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett, Iain Kinsella, Jason Masi, and Laura Saucier-Krukar.  
Excused: Jeff Damiano and Sue Rinaldi.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Iain Kinsella called the June 1st meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the May 4, 2022, meeting were presented for approval. Jason Masi made the correction of the spelling of his name in the Camping Policy discussion that it should be Masi not Mason. Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Paul Gallo received the following in Town Hall mailbox:

1. Paul read into the minutes a letter received from Updike, Kelly & Spellacy, P.C. to the Town of Goshen Conservation Commission, Iain Kinsella, Chairman, **RE: Proposed installation of solar electric generating facility to be located at 129 Bartholomew Road, Goshen, Connecticut**, on behalf of a company that intends on submitting a proposal to the Connecticut Siting Council to put a solar array on 129 Bartholomew Hill Road and Iain will explore what the implications are for the Conservation Commission.  
Discussion was had by members. Paul will email members of the Commission a PDF of the letter read for their review and it is also attached to these minutes.
2. Letter received from Aquarion Water Company regarding **"2022 Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards"** letter asking for submissions of volunteers to be considered for their environmental involvement in improvements and protection of air, water, soil and plant and wildlife habitats in CT. Unfortunately, Paul noted that submissions were due May 6 and awards were done on June 4, 2022.
3. Iain received emails from Doreen Deary with pictures of moose that have been appearing on the north side of West Side Pond.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Pollinator Pathways Project:** Iain reported that spring is complete, summer is upon us and many folks in town are eager to see the pollinator garden begin. A class of school children from Goshen Center School would like to do some planting June 6, 2022, if possible. Discussion was had about best actions to take and available members will meet Thursday night, June 2, 6:30 PM at the proposed Town Hall area for the pollinator garden to dig and prepare the bed for planting.

**Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir:** Iain updated members that the acquisition by Aquarion Water Company should be taking place in the fall.

**Maintenance reports:** Iain reported the following:

- Joe Welsh who owns property on Dog Pond has done work on the Town Hill Trail and had sent Iain pictures.



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- The East Street North Trail, lower loop near pond, was checked by Iain and Paul.
- Intentions are to get out on the trails as the foliage has come out and check the trails for trimming that needs to be done.
- Blazes, medallions, and signs will be checked as well.

**Bantam Lake watershed project status:** No report at this time.

**Economic Development Commission - Town signs:** No report at this meeting and report to be given at the next meeting.

#### East Street North trail grant discussion:

Iain reported that the Conservation Commission is officially entering onto a grant with the Goshen Recreation Department and the Goshen Land Trust.

It is being titled "Trails for All" and is being spearheaded by Joyce Mowrey from the Goshen Land Trust with the intention of making more ADA accessible trails on town and Goshen Land Trust properties. Joyce Mowrey will be writing the grant.

Id had been discussed with Joyce Mowrey, Goshen Land Trust, and Katie Hennessey, Goshen Recreation Director, for ADA trails and awards can be up to \$500,000.

Iain reported that he and Paul had met at the East Street North Trail and discussed ideas, Katie is working on Camp Coch trail ideas, and the Goshen Land Trust is working on the John Ross Trail on Pie Hill Road. Friday, June 3, 2022, Paul Gallo will present the Commission's ideas at a meeting being held at Camp Coch, at 5:30 PM.

Iain noted that improvements could be made to the parking area at the southern end for van drop off, leveling off of the picnic area near the pond to eliminate dips, create a ADA loop around the pond, make outlooks to stop and view, add benches, improvements to the bridge that goes over the dam and add railings, and flatten the actual picnic area as it has wheelchair accessible picnic tables already. Bill Colby has been contacted to help out with this. Iain noted that monies of 80 % from grant cover the costs, and the other 20 % can come from direct donations, monies from the town or from in-kind donations from work that could be done.

**Camping Policy discussion:** Iain had no report at this time. The Goshen Land Trust meeting was postponed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo, seconded by Cindy Barrett. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Received June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 11:22 AM

Attest Doree H. June Asst.  
Goshen Town Clerk