



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes October 6, 2021 meeting

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ATTENDANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Iain Kinsella called the June meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the September meeting were presented for approval. Cynthia Barrett made a motion to accept the minutes. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Iain Kinsella reported that he completed and submitted the Conservation Commission annual report of activities and personnel changes to the First Selectman's office. Jason Masi's term on the commission is expiring the end of October, he has been nominated at a board of selectmen meeting and will be visiting the town clerk's office to be sworn in soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pollinator Pathways: Sue Rinaldi is the point person for the project. Planting to occur spring of 2022.

Town Topics newsletter article: Laura Saucier-Krukar is collecting future articles for the newsletter. Once the pollinator pathway garden is planted, an article will be written about it and sent to Virginia Perry for inclusion in the newsletter. Also when the bat-detector data has been received from D.E.E.P, 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. Paul Gallo volunteered to write an article on resident moose in the northwest corner and populate the article with actual pictures of local moose. Sue Rinaldi mentioned that she has some pictures of moose taken in her yard, and on various local roads. Jeff Damiano volunteered to write an article on invasive water plants.

Trail maintenance update: Iain Kinsella asked if members had done any trail walking and maintenance. Paul Gallo mentioned that he ran into previous commission members Gene and Suzanne Newell recently, and they let him know that there is a birch tree down across the trail on East St. South (John Ross trail).

Beech Hill property: no updated report.

Bantam Lake Watershed: no updated report.

Vice Chairman nomination: Iain Kinsella nominated secretary Paul Gallo for the vice chairman position, contingent upon getting a replacement for the secretary's position. Cynthia Barrett volunteered to take over the secretary's duties from him. Iain Kinsella



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made a motion to appoint Paul Gallo as vice chairman of the Goshen Conservation Commission. There was no discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Iain Kinsella then made a motion to appoint Cynthia Barrett as secretary of the Goshen Conservation Commission. There was no discussion, the motion carried unanimously. Iain Kinsella thanked all members for their service and commitment to the commission.

Town Hall flower bed cleanup: Iain Kinsella spoke to the First Selectman about maintaining the front walk. If mulch is determined to be needed we can order 2 yards of mulch. At the November meeting the cleanup date will be scheduled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Iain Kinsella reported that he presented a framed, signed service award to Bob Valentine at the recent town picnic. He will prepare an article with a photo for the next Town Topics. Other awards for Gene and Suzanne Newell, as well as Anders Nygren, will be prepared and presented in the near future.

Iain Kinsella mentioned DEEP grants for town projects are available; deadline for submission is sometime in November. The commission members can decide if we have a project worth pursuing.

Iain Kinsella noted there will be a F.O.I.A. informational meeting for boards and commissions on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. It will be a hybrid meeting – both in person and Zoom remote – and members were encouraged to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Paul Gallo
Secretary

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