



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes January 2, 2022 meeting

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ATTENDANCE:

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

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairman, Paul Gallo, in the absence of Chairman Iain Kinsella, called the January meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 1, 2021, meeting were presented for approval. Jason Masi made a motion to accept the minutes and was seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None received.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pollinator Pathways Project: Iain Kinsella had received and forwarded to members an email from Doreen Deary about the Goshen Greens Gateway Project which includes a Pollinator Garden and the Conservation Commission is named as a partner/contributor in the draft document. As has been mentioned at past meetings, Suzanne Rinaldi is the point person for the project and planting is planned for this spring.

Discussion was had regarding the component of possibly connecting the Village Marketplace with a boardwalk to the back of Town Hall.

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: No report tonight but will be on agenda for February meeting.

Town Topics future articles: Laura Saucier-Krukar reported she is working on an article for the newsletter on the bat detector study and Paul Gallo is working on an article on resident moose complete with game camera photos. Jeff Damiano will be working on an article on aquatic invasive plants. Paul Gallo suggested that an article might be written in the future about the Beech Hill Road property in Goshen.

Trail maintenance reports: Jeff Damiano reported that he was able to hike and do maintenance on the East Street North Trail - South Loop. Brush and 2 trees were cleaned up and Jeff noted that some blazes might need to be touched up. Paul shared that in the past, the Commission has done trail maintenance walks to take care of paint blazing on trees or checking on metal markers to make sure they are correctly positioned on trees along the routes. Paul noted that the duck boxes will be taken care of in February. Members agreed to assist when a trail maintenance walk is planned in the future. At least once a year, all trails are checked.



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Game camera results: Paul reported that Iain Kinsella had emailed him that Joe Welsh had taken down the game camera on the Town Hill Trail and had given it to Iain. No results shared at this meeting of pictures.

Bat detector study data: Laura reported that the bat-detector study data is still being worked on by D.E.E.P.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: Cindy Barrett will share with Iain Kinsella and members, a handout about the DEEP Bantam Lake Nutrient Loading Study that was distributed at a Board of Selectmen meeting in November.

Town Hall flower bed cleanup and mulching date: Fall cleanup is now complete.

DEEP trail marking Beech Hill property: Laura Saucier-Krukar reported that she will email her contact to check on the status of the trail marking project.

DEEP grant suggestions and submission: Paul Gallo asked members if they had any suggestions and he suggested the possibility of the boardwalk project from the Village Marketplace.

Laura Saucier-Krukar reported on a press release on the "Availability of Grants for Aquatic Invasive Species Control on Lakes, Ponds and Rivers". She will share via email the DEEP link to this press release with the background information regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Iain Kinsella had emailed the proposed 2022 Budget for the Conservation Commission to review. Discussion was had regarding it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jason Masi, seconded by Paul Gallo. Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett, Secretary - GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Attest June H. Thre  Asst.

Goshen Town Clerk