



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - SEPTEMBER 6, 2023, Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman, Iain Kinsella, called the September 6, 2023, meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Iain Kinsella-Chair, Paul Gallo-Vice Chair, and Annette Lott

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

Iain reported that Devin Stilson resigned from the Commission and is now on Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission and Annette Lott is his replacement.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 2, 2023 meeting were emailed for review. Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Sue Rinaldi. The motion carried. Annette Lott abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE: None in the mailbox.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: Iain reported that the half hour deluge of 4 inches of rain on July 17, ripped down the trail and took out the bridge on the Hart Hollow Trail (Aquarion Water Company property) on East Street North and the bridge is now almost in the reservoir. Sue Rinaldi reported major flood damage to her driveway which is in the same area. Iain reported that he reached out to, Joe Welsh, in the Aquarian Land Management department, to explore possibilities of how to get the bridge rebuilt and the details of materials, labor, etc. Iain has not yet seen it in person but reported that he has seen pictures of the area and the bridge was well above the normal water level. Iain will share a picture of the area and details of repair plans will be forthcoming.

Trail maintenance reports: Iain reported that he has not been out on the trails. Joe Welsh voluntarily checks the trail on Town Hill Road.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: No report at this meeting.

East Street North trail grant discussion: Iain reviewed that the Commission did not get the last Trail Grant and will see if another gets put in by the Goshen Land Trust and Conservation Commission, and Town Recreation department collectively.

Goshen Town Topics future articles: Iain reviewed that the Commission submits an article in every issue and all members are welcome to write an article of related Conservation interest.

Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds/Pollinator Garden Maintenance: Iain reported the need for some attention on the walkway beds with weeding and trimming of the boxwood hedges. Fall clean-up and trimming of hedges will be planned to take care of this walkway. Mulch will be needed in the spring. Cindy reported that the the pollinator garden is doing good, plants are blooming, weeding was done with Goshen resident volunteer, Jessica Strombach, Coast of Maine mulch was applied, and pollinators were seen. It was noted that the soil in that area appears to be very good. Weeding is needed on the foundation planting of Town Hall.

Goshen Open Space Plan 2025: The Plan will need to be reviewed and updated by the Conservation Commission for the Plan of Conservation and Development 2025. Data, pictures, and edits will be worked on. Iain will look into the exact deadline. The current plan is on the Goshen Town Web-site.

New Business: Members introduced themselves to new member Annette Lott. Agenda for next month was reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi, seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar at 7:02 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett
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Received Sept. 11, 2023 @ 9:27 A.M.

Attest *Burton K. Buey*
Goshen Town Clerk