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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Anders Nygren called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Anders Nygren, Iain Kinsella, Chris Marino, Paul Gallo; absent Barry Donaldson.

APPROVAL of Minutes: The minutes of the November 4, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Iain Kinsella and seconded by Chris Marino. There was no discussion on the minutes, the motion carried.

Nomination of Paul Gallo as acting Commission secretary made by Anders Nygren. A motion to accept the nomination was made by Iain Kinsella and seconded by Chris Marino. There was no discussion, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Watershed maps. Goshen has three regional watersheds and thirteen (13) sub-regional watersheds. The three regional watersheds are the Hollenbeck, the Shepaug (which now includes the Bantam River) and the Naugatuck River. Corrected maps for Watersheds passed around by Iain Kinsella for review. Color coding of areas and corrected spelling was completed. Maps will be provided and included in Goshen Open Space Plan on Town website. Newer revision of Farmland map will be provided by Iain Kinsella at next GCC meeting. Correction of text relative to map changes was proposed by Anders Nygren. Reviewed and accepted by commission members, text on page 9, second paragraph, second sentence, and page 10-11, "Description of Water Resources" will be eliminated and text replaced with corrected revision.

Discussion of inclusion of two maps in Open Space Plan resulted in Commission members agreeing that it would be a good idea to include the corrected copy of existing Appendix 5, plus an additional map with greater detail. Iain Kinsella will make final revisions and distribute via email to Commission members for review prior to the March meeting.

PERCENTAGE GOAL FOR TOWN PERMANENTLY PROTECTED PROPERTY: Discussion of reasonable percentage number for Goshen's permanent open space, 21% decided upon as reasonable and in line with State of Connecticut goal (also 21%). Iain Kinsella noted that current figures are at 17% for Goshen. Anders Nygren provided some comparative figures for other Connecticut towns: Ridgefield, 30%; Woodbury, 20-25%; Coventry, minimum 20%; Willington, minimum 24%. Chris Marino made a motion to accept 21% as the town goal for permanently protected property; Iain Kinsella seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed were future projects for the Commission to work on. An article on the new trail could be put in the Town Topics once trail work is complete. Noted was the work remaining to be done to complete the trail which included the marking of the trail. No date was

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set at this time for more trail work. Anders Nygren suggested a possibility of making a new trail at Camp Cochepianee or improving the existing trail at the Camp.

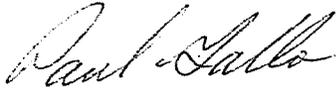
COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP: New members needed on GCC to replace members who have moved away. Anders Nygren will approach First Selectman Robert Valentine with a request to recruit 2 new members. Iain Kinsella mentioned that Jason Masi is interested in joining the Commission. Sean Quinn is also awaiting nomination by the First Selectman to the GCC.

AGENDA ITEMS for the March 2, 2106 CC meeting: Finalization of the Goshen Open Space Plan and New Projects.

There was no other business to come before the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Marino, seconded by Iain Kinsella and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Feb. 8, 2016

Paul Gallo
Acting Secretary

Received Feb 8, 2016 11:01 AM.
Attest *Bruce Z. Breen*
Goshen Town Clerk