

GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes April 6, 2016 meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Anders Nygren called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Anders Nygren, Iain Kinsella, Chris Marino, Paul Gallo, Sean Quinn.

APPROVAL of Minutes: The minutes of the March 1, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Chris Marino and seconded by Iain Kinsella. There was no discussion on the minutes, the motion carried.

NOMINATIONS: Anders Nygren noted that Sean Quinn has been nominated and approved by the Board of Selectmen to serve on the Goshen Conservation Commission.
Anders Nygren nominated Iain Kinsella as Vice Chairman of the Goshen Conservation Commission, Chris Marino seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BY-LAWS Revision: Anders Nygren noted that proposed changes voted on at the March 1 meeting have been made to the Conservation Commission by-laws. He asked if there were any (other) corrections to be made, hearing none, the by-laws are accepted as revised. The Secretary will provide the Revised By-Laws to the Town Clerk for the record.

OLD BUSINESS:

Iain Kinsella provided updated copies of the Goshen Open Space Plan to the commission members.

Anders Nygren reminded the members that Joan Lang's retirement party is on Saturday, April 30, 2016, and collected \$25.00 from each member to fund a gift for Joan.

Anders Nygren asked for 3 volunteers to help with the John Ross Trail cleanup in April. Proposed date was April 17 at 7:00 a.m. to meet at the East St. South parking area. Volunteers need to bring 1 small chainsaw and brush clippers. Anders Nygren, Iain Kinsella, Sean Quinn and Chris Marino to attend.

Anders Nygren proposed a date to work on the East St. North trail. Last fall's cleanup took care of heavy cutting, this work party will only require minor cleanup and trail blazing with markers and paint. Date proposed is May 7, 2016. Barry Donaldson will assist the commission members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Topics newsletter submissions:

- Goshen Open Space plan has been revised and accepted by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and is now available on the Town of Goshen website. Anders Nygren to prepare short paragraph describing the Open Space Plan and advising people interested to go to the Conservation Commission section of the Town website to access the OSP.
- New members Sean Quinn and Jason Masi nominated, approved to sit on Conservation Commission.
- Article submission on Invasive Plant species discussed. Individual species write-up, one each quarter, as an ongoing submission from the Goshen Conservation Commission. Anders Nygren to try and find an article originally done in 2011 on Invasive Species to see if we want to replicate that format. Anders also provided a "table-format" article as a sample to review. Paul Gallo has agreed to produce the first one or two articles for review by the Commission members and possible submission.

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Chris Marino asked if the Open Space Plan had been incorporated into the Plan of Development yet. Anders Nygren responded that it has been accepted, but not yet put it into the Plan of Development. There will be a meeting (hearing) by Planning and Zoning for any public input; Anders Nygren will attend that meeting and advise Commission members as to what was discussed.

Anders Nygren asked for input on new ideas for Conservation Commission projects for 2016, not including trail clearing, maintaining and marking.

There was no other business to come before the meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Marino, seconded by Iain Kinsella; motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION



Paul Gallo
Secretary

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Attest Barbara Breen
Goshen Town Clerk