



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - November 1, 2023, Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman, Iain Kinsella, called the November 1, 2023, meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Iain Kinsella-Chair, Paul Gallo-Vice Chair, and Laura Saucier-Krukar

Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett, Annette Lott and Sue Rinaldi. Excused: Jason Masi

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 4, 2023, meeting were mailed for review. Sue Rinaldi made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Iain reported that the "2023 Updates and Highlights" publication from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council "CLCC" was received and he will leave it in our mailbox in the Goshen Town Hall Conference Room for members.

An email invitation from David Irvin from DEEP was received for a public hike to discuss the upcoming timber harvest at Mohawk State Forest in Cornwall, Mohawk Spongy Moth Salvage, on Friday, November 3, 4:00 pm. Member Sue Rinaldi, Jason Masi and Cindy Barrett are going to try and attend and will report at the next meeting on the talk.

Iain reported that he has been officially reappointed to be the liaison from the Goshen Conservation Commission to the board of the Goshen Land Trust.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir:

Iain reported that Joe Welsh, in the Aquarion Land Management department, did contact him regarding the rebuilding of the bridges. Iain will meet with Joe and his boss to walk the trail to the bridges and discuss strategy to repair them which could include possible donation of materials from Aquarion and labor from the Conservation Commission and possibly the Boy Scouts.

Trail maintenance reports: Members had no reports of being on the trails. Paul Gallo will check the camera on Town Hill Road Trail and may retrieve it and move to another trail.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: No report at this meeting. Laura reported that she has not received anything as well.

East Street North trail grant discussion: No report at this meeting.

Goshen Town Topics future articles: Annette Lott has worked on an article for the next issue on the spotted lanternfly. Future articles are welcome.



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Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds/Pollinator Garden Maintenance:

Iain reported the members will get the fall maintenance done in the coming month.

Cindy reported that fall cleaning will be done on the Pollinator Garden but will be kept to a minimum to remain natural with removal of any large weed plants and possible mulch will be put down. Watering was not a problem this year.

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. It will be worked on by the commission.

New Business: Meeting dates will be done for 2024 and will be submitted appropriately to the Town Clerk.

Agenda for next month was reviewed and the update of the spongy lanternfly hike will be added.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo, seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar at 6:45 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett

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Attest *K. Call*
Asst. Goshen Town Clerk