



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - November 6, 2024 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman, Iain Kinsella, called the November 6, 2024, meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett and Annette Lott

Excused: Jason Masi, Sue Rinaldi and Laura Saucier

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 2, 2024, meeting were mailed for review. Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Cindy Barrett. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- No correspondence received in the box.
- Iain reported that he was contacted by First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, to ask if he would be interested in serving another term on the Conservation Commission as Chairman. Iain reported that he is interested and will contact Town Clerk, Barbara Breor.
- Iain also reported that he was contacted via email by Janell Mullen, Town Planner, as she is reaching out to heads of Commissions to talk about the upcoming Plan of Conservation and Development and how those affected Commissions and their work gets incorporated. Iain will meet with Ms. Mullen and will report back to the Conservation Commission. Iain reminded members that he was a part of the last Open Space Plan which is incorporated into the Plan Of Conservation and Development.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company fishing by permit at reservoir: Iain reported the following:

- Iain reported that he had no updates.
- Still monitoring the potential purchase by Regional Water Authority (RWA) of Aquarian.

Trail maintenance reports:

- Town Hill Trail - No report from Joe Welsh, resident.
- Iain reported that he did meet with five vocational agriculture students from Lakeview High School and their teacher, Mr. Gino Masi, on 10/17/2024 on the East Street North Trail. Students helped repost the information sheets, cleaned the trail, and assisted in reposting of any trail markers that needed to be done during their 9:30 to 12:30 time frame. Work was done on the south loop, upper loop part of trail but not the north loop. Paul shared that he has signs for the intersection of the upper loop.



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- Mr. Masi was very appreciative of the outing, is going to get more students involved, and will look forward to arranging another outing and allow more time to get things done. Iain noted that a project could be done is the bat box installation.
- Iain shared with the students his experience in college and career, and options that are available for them as vocational agricultural students. The students were appreciative and look forward to meeting again.
- Any ideas for possible projects will be shared by the members.
- Iain also reported that he updated the South kiosk information board and the Water Company southern end board. Iain has had extra kiosk keys made.
- Annette reported that she was on the John Ross Trail (Land Trust) on Pumping Station Road and a few small trees were down. Discussion was had about the kiosk that appeared to be down. Paul reported that work was done on that field with equipment and the Town crew removed it and it should be replaced. Paul will look into this as he was there on behalf of the Goshen Land Trust.
- Informational sheet locations need to be worked on and former member, Gene Newell, has offered assistance.
- Grading around the pond on the East Street North Trail is looking good. Cindy will try to go on the North loop and report.
- No report on bridge repair.

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

Goshen Town Topics future articles: Paul's article on Fisher cats will be submitted for the November 25 deadline. Iain shared pictures of the duck eggs with Laura and an article about wood duck box nesting will be worked on.

Goshen Town Hall Walkway beds/Pollinator Garden Maintenance: Clean up of beds will be arranged for a final cleaning. Date will be shared via email.

Goshen Open Space Plan 2025:

- Iain reported that reviewing the current plan will be done and delegation of reviewing portions to update such as current businesses, acreage amounts, and Goshen scenic sites will be done by members.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo, seconded by Annette Lott at 7:02 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett
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Attest *[Signature]*
ASST. Goshen Town Clerk