



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - December 3, 2025 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Iain Kinsella - Chair, called the December 3, 2025, meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Present on ZOOM: Jason Masi and Annette Lott

Excused: Cindy Barrett, Sue Rinaldi, and Laura Saucier

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 5, 2025, meeting were emailed for review Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes with revision of the date for the January 2026 meeting which should be January 7 not January 5, and it was seconded by Jason Masi. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Iain reported no correspondence received in the mailbox this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company:

- Iain reported that he had talked with Joe Welsh, the contact at Aquarion Water Company, and the bridges on Hart Hollow Trail on East Street North are close to being installed with work having been done on the landings. Hopefully, they will be installed in a few weeks and Iain will report next month on the progress.
- PURA rejected the proposed sale of Aquarian to RWA. More details will be reported at next meeting.

Trail Maintenance Report:

- No reports at this meeting. Members will visit trails over the next months.
- Discussion of maintenance to the wood duck boxes was had. Paul will check ice on the pond to do this. He will notify members of possible times.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: No report this month.



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Goshen Town Topics:

- Annette's article on spotted lanternfly will be submitted for next issue. Deadline of November 17, 2025, was missed. Annette will post it on social media. Next deadline is approximately the first week in February. Iain will submit it.
- Paul has an article on invasive plants which will be the following submission, and Iain will be drafting an article on the Open Space Plan.

Goshen Open Space Plan 2026:

- Iain updated members that he will drop the photographs into the OSP document.
- Iain reported that he will attend the next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in December in regard to the OSP.
- Jason Masi will continue to work on the draft of the OSP with regards to the table with percentages.
- Iain reminded members that the plan can be updated at anytime when needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Front Town Hall planting beds will be tended to in the spring with cutting back and mulch being applied.

NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 7, 2026 - AGENDA: Will remain the same as this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo and seconded by Jason Masi at 6:45 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett
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Received Dec. 8, 2025 @ 9:44 A.M.

Attest: *Bridget L. Brun*
Goshen Town Clerk