



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - November 5, 2025 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Iain Kinsella-Chair, called the November 5, 2025, meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Present on ZOOM: Jason Masi, Annette Lott, and Suzanne Rinaldi

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 1, 2025, meeting were emailed for review **Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Laura Saucier. The motion carried.**

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company:

- See under New Business.

Trail Maintenance Report:

- Paul reported that he had checked on the Town Hill trail this month and there are downed limbs that need to be removed.
- Iain reported that the bridges have been ordered for Hart Hollow Trail on East Street North -Aquarion Water Company land, and should be taken care of over the next few months

Bantam Lake watershed project status: No report this month.

Goshen Town Topics:

- Paul has an article on Japanese Knotweed ready and Annette has an article on spotted lanternfly. Deadline for article for the next issue is November 17, 2025.
- Discussion was had and members felt it seasonally appropriate to submit the spotted lanternfly article.

Goshen Open Space Plan 2026:

- Iain reported that he did submit the Conservation Commission's portion to Planning and Zoning Commission to be included in the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) last month. Iain will attend a P&Z meeting in November as the POCD needs to be completed next year.
- Jason Masi will continue to work on the draft of the OSP.



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2026 Meeting Dates: Dates will be submitted to Town Clerk.

January 5

February 4

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

July - NO MEETING

August 5

September 2

October 7

November 4

December 2

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chair Iain Kinsella explained the issues that local conservation organizations had with the pending agreement between RWA and Eversource to acquire Aquarion Water. He read a public comment letter that was submitted by these local conservation organizations to PURA.
- He proposed that the GCC submit their own comment letter.
- **A motion was made by Paul Gallo and seconded by Sue Rinaldi and it passed unanimously to proceed.**
- Discussion was had on content to be in the letter. Chair Iain Kinsella will draft the letter and circulate for comment.
- He will also reach out to the First Selectman and see if he would like to sign on or submit his own comment letter.

ADJOURNMENT: **A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo and seconded by Suzanne Rinaldi at 7:22 p.m. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett
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Received Nov. 11, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

Attest

Brenda R. Blum
Goshen Town Clerk