



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - August 6, 2025 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Iain Kinsella-Chair, called the August 6, 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 Sue Rinaldi

Excused: Cindy Barrett, Annette Lott, and Laura Saucier

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 4, 2025, meeting were emailed for review **Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Jason Masi. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Iain reported no correspondence in the mail box.
- Iain reported that he did receive communication from Spencer Musselman, Goshen Land Use Officer, regarding input for the 2026 Goshen Plan Of Conservation and Development via the review/updating of the Goshen Open Space Plan which the Conservation Commission will be doing.
- Iain reviewed that he had had contact with Janell Mullen, Town Planner.
- Due to a Board of Finance Special Meeting being held tonight in the Conference Room and Conservation Commission members being not able to attend, Iain reviewed that he will send an email with exact questions to consider on the Open Space Plan and discussion will be had at our September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company:

- Iain reported that they have committed to purchasing and installing new bridges to replace the ones washed out by the flood. Status on when the equipment will be ordered is forthcoming.

Trail maintenance reports:

- Cindy Barrett reported to Iain Kinsella that she had been on the East St. North property trail head and parking area and all looked good. No damage to report.
- Paul reported that he had checked around the pond for wood duck activity and it was nicely mowed.
- No report from Joe Welsh this month on Town Hill Trail.

Bantam Lake watershed project status:

- No report at this meeting.

Goshen Town Topics:

- The upcoming deadline is August 19, 2025, and Iain asked if there was a prewritten article that could be submitted. Paul Gallo stated that he has several, will pick one and send it in for publication to Virginia Perry.



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Goshen Open Space Plan 2026: See above under correspondence. Discussion will be held at September meeting.

Goshen 2026 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD): Will be working on Open Space Plan at September meeting which is a part of the POCD.

NEW BUSINESS: The following was discussed...

CAMPING POLICY:

- Iain asked if Jason Masi had revised and sent to him the updated policy. Discussion was had. Jason stated he had and it is ready to submit to the Board of Selectmen and then the Town Clerk for posting on the town website.

TOWN GARDEN BEDS:

- Iain reported that Cindy had worked on the Pollinator Garden by edging, weeding and mulching.
- Discussion was had on the front Town Hall garden beds. Iain asked if the front boxwood bushes should be trimmed into a hedge. Sue Rinaldi agreed that they should and she will stop by and trim them soon.
- Iain asked her to alert all the members by email so we could come over and help clean up the trimmings and the walk.

- Agenda for September - same as August Agenda

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett
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Received August 11, 2025 11:15 AM
Attest *[Signature]*
Asst Goshen Town Clerk