



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - May 6, 2026 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Iain Kinsella - Chair, called the May 6, 2026, meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett, Annette Lott, and Jason Masi

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 1, 2026, meeting were emailed for review. **Sue Rinaldi made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Paul Gallo. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE: Iain reported the following:

- Information regarding Torrington Water Company tabled to the next meeting on June 3, 2026.
- Letter was received dated March 26, 2026, from **Aquarion Water Company** regarding their website to enhance public outreach. They explained that they have created new online content to help the public and local agencies easily navigate source water protection resources.
- Visit www.aquarionwater.com./sourceprotection or for questions or suggestions visit www.watershed@aquarionwater.com.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company:

- Iain reviewed that **Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)** had approved the application to acquire **Aquarion Water Company** by **Regional Water Authority (RWA)** and the formation of **(AWA)**. Iain noted that he will report more in detail on developments at our next meeting.

Trail Maintenance Report:

- No report this month on Town Hill Trail.
- Iain reported that he had been in contact with Joe Welsh and they are still waiting on the completed fabrication of the replacement bridges.
- Paul reported that he had been by Town Hill Trail and noticed an immense amount of dead ash trees. He suggested that a work day be scheduled to make sure the trail is clean. Discussion was had regarding the amount of dead ash trees in our area.



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Bantam Lake watershed project status: No email alerts to report on this month.

Goshen Town Topics:

- Deadline for the next submission is May 18, 2026. Laura is working on an article.

Goshen Open Space Plan - Process and Resources:

- Iain reported that the Commission will report on the process we used with the 2026 update and where the sources of information the Commission used came from in order to provide clarification on sources for the metrics and other information for the next update.

Goshen Town Hall Planting Beds:

- Work was done on the beds by members on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Beds were weeded and mulched. Garret Harlow was thanked for the delivery of mulch that was used.
- Iain suggested that after the next meeting we check for some any needed weed control.
- Cindy will check the Pollinator Garden and it was mulched lightly last summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business

NEXT MEETING - June 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi, and seconded by Jason Masi at 6:43 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A Barrett
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Received May 11, 2026 12:52 p.m.
Attest *Shelly Pannini*
Goshen Town Clerk
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