



## **GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes - March 4, 2026 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Iain Kinsella - Chair, called the March 4, 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 Laura Saucier-Krukar

**Present on ZOOM:** Cindy Barrett and Jason Masi

**Excused:** Annette Lott and Sue Rinaldi

### **APPROVAL of MINUTES:**

The minutes of the February 4, 2026, meeting were emailed for review **Paul Gallo made a motion to accept the minutes, and it was seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar. The motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Iain reported no correspondence received in the mailbox this month. Other correspondence will be covered under Agenda items.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Torrington Water Company:**

- Iain reported no new update as of this meeting from PURA (Public Utilities Regulatory Authority) about the acquisition of Aquarion Water by RWA(Regional Water Authority). It did get bounced back to PURA by the Courts.
- Iain reported that he did meet with Goshen First Selectman, Seth Breakell, and a letter was drafted which was submitted to PURA for comment on behalf of the Town of Goshen. Iain read the letter to the Conservation Commission members.
- Bridges under repair are still snowed in due to the weather. Iain will continue to report at the next meeting.

#### **Trail Maintenance Report:**

- No report this month on Town Hill Trail.
- Iain reported that the East Street North Trail parking lot area had not yet been plowed and he notified Garret Harlow, Goshen Public Works. He asked to please keep the parking lot plowed to accommodate the people who use the trail system.
- Paul and Iain were able to clean the wood duck boxes on the pond at the East Street North trail on Sunday, March 1. The task was successfully completed through deep snow and details were shared.
  - Picnic area wood duck box - No egg shells were found. Some feathers were present. It was cleaned and new wood shavings were placed in.



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- Marsh wood duck box - This one is located at the end of the pond. 2 nests were in it and appeared to be one on top of the other. The bottom nest had 9 unhatched eggs and the top nest had none. Iain noted that the game camera that had been on this wood box since 2023 recorded 845 videos. Iain is reviewing the videos and will report. He believes the camera did capture a duck which he is going to hopefully identify. Iain did take pictures. Laura gave input into identifying the eggs. Hopefully, the cam will be replaced before the ice thaws.

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

### Goshen Town Topics:

- Thanks were given to Paul Gallo for the submission of an article for the Goshen Town Topics.
- Deadline for the next submission is May 18, 2026. Laura will work on an article.
- Iain will be drafting an article on the **Open Space Plan**. He would also like to get an article done on the bridge replacements in the Goshen Town Topics as soon as they are installed. Members were encouraged to work on articles of interest for future submissions.

### Goshen Open Space Plan 2026:

- Iain reported that the **OSP** document had been sent to the State of Connecticut.
- Feedback was received from **P&Z** regarding 5 specific minor changes. As reported at the last meeting, Iain attended the **Planning and Zoning Commission** meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in regards to submitting the **OSP**.
- The changes were identified on the **OSP** document with Jason Masi screen sharing for members to review. Discussion was had. Iain explained that with these 5 changes, **P&Z** could then adopt it into the **POCD** which is due by the end of this year. **A motion to accept the 5 revisions, that were suggested by P&Z, and edited into the 2026 OSP text, was made by Paul Gallo and seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar. The motion carried.**
- Iain will report back to **P&Z**, edits will be made to **OSP**, the new copy will be forwarded to the State and to Goshen Town Hall.

**Goshen Town Hall Planting Beds:** Work will be done on the beds as early as possible.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**NEXT MEETING - April 1, 2026 - AGENDA:** Agenda will remain the same as March meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **A motion to adjourn was made by Paul Gallo and seconded by Laura Saucier-Krukar at 7:23 p.m. The motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia A. Barrett*  
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