



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - January 7, 2026 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Iain Kinsella - Chair, called the January 7, 2026, meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Present at Goshen Town Hall Conference Room: Iain Kinsella - Chair

Present on ZOOM: Cindy Barrett, Annette Lott, Jason Masi, Laura Saucier-Krukar, and Sue Rinaldi

Excused: Paul Gallo-Vice Chair

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting were emailed for review Laura Saucier-Krukar made a motion to accept the minutes, 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 now in the final stages of fabrication. Hopefully, they will be installed in a few weeks. Sue reported that she had walked the trail recently and they were not installed. Iain will take pictures when installed and will write an article for Goshen Town Topics.
- Iain reported no new information on PURA and the proposed sale of Aquarian to RWA. More details, when available, will be reported.

Trail Maintenance Report:

- As noted above, Sue had walked the Hart Hollow Trail and Cindy reported that in December she had checked out the East Street North Trail base area around the pond and trail sign area, and there was evidence of hikers with prints in the snow. Iain reminded members if they see that the parking lot there needs plowing, to please let him so he can notify Public Works.



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- Discussion of maintenance to the wood duck boxes at East Street North trail was had. The ice on the pond will be checked, and Iain and Paul will take care of this. Iain will notify members of the possible time.
- No report on Town Hill Trail this month from Joe Welsh.

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

Goshen Town Topics:

- Thanks were given to Virginia Perry for being able to get Annette's article on spotted lanternfly in the issue.
- 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**. He would like to get an article done on the bridge replacements in the Goshen Town Topics as soon as they are installed.

Goshen Open Space Plan 2026:

- Jason screen-shared the **OSP** document with members to review placement of the photographs. It was noted that the photos are very good and original photos will be returned to Goshen Good Neighbor Fund.
- Jason will continue to work on the draft of the **OSP** with regards to the tables and land percentages of protected/open space land. Discussion was had on the percentages to double check all the numbers, points of interest, and Jason created a table to use moving forward with changes that occur for the next **OSP**. Thanks were given to Jason and all members for their work on the **OSP**.
- Iain will drop the maps in once the document is converted to a PDF.
- Iain will attend a future Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to the **OSP**.

NEW BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING - February 4, 2026 - AGENDA: Agenda will remain the same as this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Sue Rinaldi and seconded by Cindy Barrett at 6:59 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia A. Barrett

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Received *Jan 12, 2026 @ 9:30 A.M.*

Attest *Bauman & Bauman*
Goshen Town Clerk