



GOSHEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes - AUGUST 5, 2026 - Meeting - Goshen Town Hall Conference Room and Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: Iain Kinsella - Chair, called the August 5, 2026, 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, Jason Masi, and Laura Saucier-Krukar

Present on ZOOM: Annette Lott **Excused:** Sue Rinaldi

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 3, 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 the following:

- No correspondence in the mailbox.
- Other correspondence will be covered under Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS:

Torrington Water Company:

- Iain reviewed that he was elected to the **Aquarion District's Representative Policy Board (RPB)** and he will keep members posted on upcoming meetings.
- Iain reported that the bridge replacement on the first one as you come in from the East Street North gate has been done. Iain showed pictures that he had received. The next one will be installed next week. Iain will do a future article for the Town Topics with pictures of the bridge replacements.

Trail Maintenance Report:

- Iain reported that the Commission will publicize the availability of hiking on the trail again. He suggested that a check of the trail be done by the Commission. Aquarion does do maintenance on that trail.
- No reports for other trails at this meeting.

Bantam Lake watershed project status: No email alerts to report on this month. Laura noted that some type of herbicide treatment was done and possibly pesticides as well.



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Goshen Town Topics:

- Deadline for the next submission is August 17, 2026.
- Possible article for bridges will be done by Iain.
- Iain suggested that members write a bio on who we are, what our general interests in conservation are, our backgrounds, length of term on the Commission, photo, etc. to share with Goshen residents via the Goshen Town Topics. Discussion was had by members.

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:

- Iain shared that weeding was done on the front borders after the June meeting and tonight members will do a thorough weeding of the entire front border.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Iain updated that he will be meeting with other conservation groups that are interested in making sure that the new AWA that owns the Water Company land in Goshen is vested in making sure that it gets preserved. Iain will report at next meeting.
- **NEXT MEETING - September 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM.**

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Iain Kinsella, and seconded by Jason Masi at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Barrett

Cynthia A. Barrett

Received Aug 10, 2026 @ 12:19 P.M.

Attest Brian Z. Breen
Goshen Town Clerk