

GOSHEN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday October 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Goshen Town Hall, 42 North Street

1. Call to Order

Chairman J. Carroll called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Attendance

C. Barrett took the meeting attendance.

Members Present -J. Carroll, L. Zbinden, C. Barrett, P. Lucas (Z-6:18p), J. Denis (A), J.

Withstandley (A), J. Abrahams (A), Land Use Official S. Musselman.

Members Absent - S. Garceau

Appointment of Alternates - J. Denis, J. Withstandley (seated until P. Lucas arrived at 6:18p)

3. Old Business:

A. POCD updates / status.

J. Carroll suggested beginning with review of the Board of Finance suggestions. As per the BOF's recommendation L. Zbinden stated that it should be recommended that the Agricultural Land Preservation Fund be funded. The Town has never funded the ALPF since its inception in 1986. J. Carroll stated that the question of whether the ALPF should be funded should be added as a question for the community POCD questionnaire that will be sent out.

The Commission then reviewed the suggestions of the Lake Weed Management Committee. All the proposed suggestions were deemed acceptable and include updating references to Region 6 Schools to Region 20. The Commission discussed whether the various organizations responsible for water quality and weed management in town should be listed out or grouped generally in the POCD update. For now, S. Musselman will update the list with the current names of the organization. S. Musselman also suggested listing the Northwest Conservation District as a resource for the water quality management committees to use for recommendations.

The Public Works and Roads and Circulation sections were then reviewed with the comments received from Public Works Director Garret Harlow. The Police subsection should be updated to specify Troop B in Canaan. L. Zbinden and P. Lucas then suggested

that adaptive reuse of existing non-conforming business or structures should be prioritized if it is deemed that the Town needs new facilities in the future. Use of commercially zoned properties should also be encouraged over residential properties. J. Carroll then stated that this should be added to the list of community questions. Other community questions that were discussed to be added to the survey included whether Low Impact Development Standards (LID) should be encouraged for new developments and adaptive reuse. A statement in the 2016 POCD that there is space for additional development at the firehouse was questioned and the Commission agreed that it should be recommended that the Town studies this going forward. Reference to the Northwest Hills Council of Elected Officials should be updated to reflect the new name, Northwest Hills Council of Governments. J. Carroll asked if G. Harlow could review recommendation #5 on page 31 to reflect future capital improvement projects.

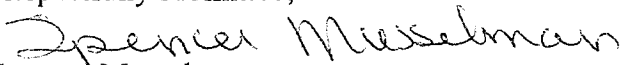
At the 10/28 meeting the Commission will finish their review of the Roads and Circulation section (pages 32-33) of the 2016 POCD. Discussion of the Parks & Recreation, as well as Conservation sections was continued to the next meeting.

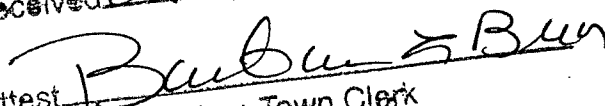
4. Public Comment: None.

5. Adjournment

C. Barrett moved to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. L. Zbinden seconded and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Spencer Musselman
Town of Goshen
Land Use Official

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Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk