

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2026 – 10AM
HELD AT GOSHEN TOWN HALL
Hybrid Meeting

PRESENT: Jon Carroll, Lu-Ann Zbinden, Shilo Garceau, Patrick Lucas, Jared Denis (Z), and Jerrold Abrahams(A,Z). (Z=Zoom A=Alternate)

EXCUSED: Dustin Mosley(A), and Chris Hurlburt (A)

OTHERS: Spencer Musselman, Land Use Official, and Lori Clinton.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATES: The meeting was called order at 10:06am, by Mr. Carroll.

2. ATTENDANCE: Taken by Ms. Garceau.

3. POCD: Updates/status:

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES:

Issues: Section 1: Mr. Musselman made some language changes and if during the public forum they would like it changed, it can be. **Section 2:** The 15 was changed to many.

The meeting paused at 10:10 am while Ms. Zbinden arrived. The meeting resumed at 10:13 am.

Any fundamental changes can be sent to Mr. Musselman and not done in meetings.

Put the address of each facility in the header.

Municipal Facilities - Background Assessment: Scoville Park (square in the middle) is to be conveyed in a few weeks. Ms. Zbinden to follow up. Discussion had on putting Scoville Park under other, in Park and Rec.

Town Hall Complex 42A North Street: Change capacity to 44..

Public Library 42B North Street: Reach out to Library Commission as well as the new library director.

Goshen Center School 50 North Street: Add the address.

Public Works Garage 38 Torrington Road: Add the address.

Fire and Ambulance Station 181 Sharon Turnpike: Take out volunteer and the following change was made: The Goshen Fire Company Inc., located at 181 Sharon Turnpike, is an all volunteer organization.

Police: No changes.

Recreational Facilities 291 Beach Street: Add address. Section Other: Wording

suggested: On E Street South, the land that can be farmed should be farmed. Last sentence something along the lines: Other organizations not affiliated directly with town government are also maintaining trails. Mr. Musselman to double check the 95 acres on East Street North and work on wording.

Recreation Facility Recommendations: Several suggestions made and Mr. Musselman is going to revamp this section for review by the Commission.

Recommendations: Section 1: First sentence change business to businesses. **Section 2:** add renovation after expansion. **Section 3:** Business to businesses.

It was noted that next meeting is February 24, 2026 and Mr. Musselman said he would get the revision to everyone Wednesday.

It was also noted that suggestions will be brought to GCC before making changes to the POCD.

2025 Goshen Open Space Plan: Mr. Musselman is going to confirm that this was the final version that is now posted on the Town website. The following suggestions were made: 3rd paragraph down change 2nd sentence: "It also stresses the importance of supporting the Goshen LandTrust and other entities, as well as providing conservation options for private landowners who wish to keep their land open and free from development."

2025 Conservation Commission Open Space Plan Action Proposal: Repword "Looking forward to the 21st century". **Section 1:** Briefly discussed. **Section 2:** Add to the end of 3rd sentence " with the exclusion of farming activities" or something along those lines. **Section 4:** change to "Traditional outdoor activities such as but not limited to..". . Possibly add any programs to preserve or restore forestland to the Open Space Prioritization and add Housatonic Valley Authority in as well. Mr. Musselman to look into the hunting and camping permits section to be addressed in next meeting and will follow up with Mr. Kinsella.

Inland Wetlands: POCD was discussed at the last IWC meeting and they are looking to make some regulatory changes and will get those suggestions to P&Z as soon as they have decided.

Housing bill 8002 and impervious paving was discussed and possibly adding under Housing (Recommendations #6) and IWC. This will be brought back up when the housing section is discussed.

Ms. Garceau to send out EMD information in the next couple days to be reviewed before the next regular meeting. March 7, 2026 10am will be a special meeting. Ms. Zbinden clarified and asked for changes on 8a of roads and circulation, Mr. Musselman to make change.

6. NEW BUSINESS: None.

7. ZEO REPORT: Only one permit was issued and Mr. Musselman will do a report next month.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION: Elections

IN A MOTION BY Ms. Zbinden and seconded by Mr. Denis, to Nominate Jon Carroll for Chairman. Motion carried.

IN A MOTION BY Ms. Garceau and seconded by Mr. Carroll to Nominate Lu-Ann Zbinden for Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

IN A MOTION BY Mr. Carroll and seconded by Mr. Lucas, to Nominate Shilo Garceau for Secretary. Motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: Wendy Costa, 26 Meadow Crest South: Thanked the Commission for their work on the POCD.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION BY Mr. Lucas and seconded by Ms. Garceau, to adjourn the meeting at 11:21pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Clinton Commission Clerk

Received Feb. 12, 2026 @ 9:55 A.M.

Attest Barbara X Bren
Goshen Town Clerk

