

**New Hartford Open Space Preservation Commission (OSPC) Special Meeting Minutes**  
Sunday, February 11, 2024, 1:00 p.m., Goula Open Space Preserve, 370 Cotton Hill Road, New Hartford

**Members Present:** Doug Roth (chairperson), Eva Barham, Rusty Warner, Karen Griswold Nelson, Madeline McClave, Jean Darlington (secretary). **Members of the public present:** Jay Bailey, Jerry Aleskwiz, Gordon Ross.

Doug called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Review hiking trail routing and conditions:** Doug introduced the meeting by explaining that the purpose of this meeting was to investigate a possible new loop trail, as well as to discuss existing conditions. Jay left at this point. We entered the Goula Preserve at the trailhead at 370 Cotton Hill Road, hiked downhill (east) into the woods along the white-blazed trail, and then left the marked trail to investigate the possibility of adding a new loop trail. We noted and discussed various conditions, including wooded wetlands and small watercourses, as well as locations where ATV's, dirt bikes, etc. have been illegally encroaching on this preserved open space land. Doug used an app to map our route today for discussion at future OSPC meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Darlington, Secretary