

**Town of Barkhamsted**  
**Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes, Thursday, Nov 20, 2014**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Brad Martin at 7:38 p.m.**

Attending members Bob Geiger, Ross Herzog, Brad Martin, Ginny Apple, and Tim Sullivan. Also present was Don Stein, First Selectman.

**Review of Minutes:** Bob Geiger moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2014, after amending the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> agenda to change the minutes approval date from August 21 to October 16<sup>th</sup>. Ross Herzog seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Discussion:** Members discussed various projects, including a STEAP grant that will award half a million dollars to redo Park Road. Other discussion revolved around rejoining organizations such as CT Main Street Center and the Northwest Planning Collaborative. It was agreed that the town needs projects that will make residents enthusiastic. One such project would be to build a foot bridge across the Farmington River from Peoples Forest to American Legion Forest and apply for a STEAP grant next year to do this.

Don Stein reported on the proposed bike trail between New Hartford and Barkhamsted and said that a meeting with New Hartford, the National Park Service and other stakeholders, including hunters and biologists, was necessary to determine if the trail could be built without negatively impacting the environment and the many species that thrive there.

Ginny Apple said she is working on a map that will encompass Riverton and Pleasant Valley with the Farmington River in the center of it.

Plans for the Second Annual Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival were discussed. The date is set for Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The Lions' Club will be asked to participate in the River Cleanup again and the local Fire Departments will be asked to assist in lighting the Pavilion in Peoples.

Discussions of other events and a Town Calendar which would include various activities such as the Car Show at the Drive-In and other non-Town sponsored events that bring folks to Barkhamsted. It was agreed that a Calendar with these events and Town-sponsored events was a good idea.

Bob Geiger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 and Tim Sullivan seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Apple, Acting Secretary

