

Barkhamsted Conservation Commission

Special January meeting, January 12, 2015

Barkhamsted Town Garage Meeting Hall, 7:30pm.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 by Chairman Scott Johnstone.

Members present: Mario Santoro, Ginny Apple, Roger Behrens, Deb Simon, Bill Winchester, Lynn Bartolucci, Scott Johnstone.

Absent: Khea Cook

Special Guests: First Selectman Don Stein, Sue M. Borillo, Cheryl Harrington.

Ginny made a motion to approve December minutes. Lynn seconded. Motion unanimously approved. October minutes still in review.

**Old Business:**

Don Stein discussed at length the genesis and evolution of the upcoming January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting concerning a proposed Greenwoods bike path. The vision is a multi-use bike/walking path connecting the Greenwoods section of New Hartford to Pleasant Valley. This initial meeting will include representatives from FRCC, FRWA, MDC, BCC, Barkhamsted and New Hartford officials and John Monroe from the National Park Service. He stressed this was only a preliminary meeting on the possible viability of such a project.

Resource Inventory site ZOHO.com was sent out to members to join by Mario. Some members still experiencing difficulty enlisting. Mario reviewed process with commission members on his computer. Discussion on developing our own website. Lynn B. to explore options.

Roger read letter he crafted thanking DEEP staff for mowing American Legion fields this past fall. He will mail this week to Supervisor Dick Miska.

No one attended December P&Z meetings. Schedule was setup for January and February coverage at P&Z meetings. January 22<sup>nd</sup>- Ginny, February 12<sup>th</sup>-Lynn, February 26<sup>th</sup>-Mario.

Deb attended Granby Conservation Commission meeting to discuss and share Biodiversity study opportunities. She sent letter to Chairperson with information on websites where they can solicit grant money for their own study.

Ginny, Roger, Khea will need to be sworn in.

**New Business:**

No Correspondence reported.

Ginny discussed 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Barkhamsted Earth Day Celebration to be held on April 26, 2015. More info to follow in coming months.

Public comment: Cheryl Harrington suggested when presenting information at the upcoming Bike Trail meeting that Deb stick only to facts and try to minimize opinions till later in process.

Scott made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:20 pm. Roger seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Bill Winchester, Secretary.