

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
Barkhamsted Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting, May 1, 2014
BARKHAMSTED TOWNHALL, 7:30pm
Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm by Chairman Scott Johnstone

Members present: Mario Santoro, Deb Ciriello, Ginny Apple, Scott Johnstone, Bill Winchester, Khea Cook, Debbie Simon; Absent: Roger Behrens, Lynn Bartolucci

Guest: First Selectman, Don Stein

Motion was made by Ginny, seconded by Scott to move New Business first on the agenda, unanimously approved.

New Business:

- First Selectman, Don Stein spoke on the following topics:
 1. Energy commission: establishing and asking for volunteers to join
 2. P&Z proposed Accessory building regulation
 3. Tree Cutting Activities in town
- Attendance at upcoming P&Z Meetings- May 8 = Khea; May 22= Scott.
- Ginny handed out the “Join the National River Cleanup” information sheet, which will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Motion made by Ginny, seconded by Bill, unanimously approved for Khea to send a letter to Pura and also a similar letter to the DOT about our view on CT’s tree trimming activities.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Bill to approve minutes, seconded by Khea and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Aquifer- Ongoing: Several members will contact towns asking how they delineate their aquifers.
- School Contest- Khea will notify winners, awards will be presented on the last day of school; regarding the awards: Khea to contact Deb Gilpin/Scott to contact Don Stein.
- Grassland Volunteer Activity- date to be set; Ginny will ask a DEEP forester to attend a future meeting to talk about forest succession, September meeting is a possibility.
- First Selectmen still seeking people to serve on the Energy commission.
- Budget Balance: Khea will contact Deb Gilpin.

- Salamander Migration; on hold; Scott will contact Don Stein; suggestion: public talk.
- Earth Day: was held April 27, at Peoples Forest; very successful, good turnout.
- Resource List- Scott distributed a list; members were assigned a topic to collect information; each member will give a progress report at the next meeting.
- Shared site for Plan; Don Stein suggested a drop box account.

Meetings/seminars attended: Bill, Lynn, Deb S., Mario reported on the P&Z meetings they attended.

Correspondence: Letter from Aquarion asking for nominations for conservation grants, deadline May 7. No nominations. Scott handed out the CACIWC newsletter.

Motion to adjourn: Ginny made a motion, seconded by Scott, unanimously approved. Meeting closed at 9:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Ciriello, Secretary