

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting, March 6, 2014
BARKHAMSTED TOWNHALL, 7:30 p.m.
Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Chairman Scott Johnstone.

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

Absent: Deb Ciriello, Khea Cook.

Approval of Minutes: Ginny made a motion to approve the February minutes, Roger seconded, unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Scott presented summary description of Old Business items for our new members.
 - Cluster Housing Regulations – Similar to Conservation Development. Discussed and clarified the distinction between Cluster Housing and Affordable Housing.
- Aquifer – Need data on the Stratified Drift area. BCC might look at what other towns have.
- School Contest – Roger had worked with Goulet Printery to get materials printed.
- Grassland Volunteer Activity – Set Saturday March 22 as a tentative work date.
- New Members – Debbie Simon and Lynn Bartolucci.
- Budget Balance – approximately \$120.
- Ideas for 2014:
 - Earth Day – Is April 22, but decided we would plan an event on April 27. Possibly reserve the pavilion in People's Forest. Clean up activities, perhaps connected with FRWA or other orgs. 'Rock Snot' aka Didymo. Nature Walk.
 - Salamander Migration – Protect salamanders crossing Park Rd and West River Rd during warm rains at end of April. Organize crossing helpers.
 - Ashborer Beetle/Tree Fund Grant – We did not qualify.
 - Resource List – Work in progress.
 - Conservation Conference March 15 – Ginny and Debbie S plan to attend.
 - Econ. Development support for Canoe/Bike/Hike event – Ginny is working on this. Probably in August. Canoe and Bike ride with multiple categories.
 - Shared site for Plan – Mario began investigating potential options. Lynn will help.
 - Protect Forest & Trails

April 23 Land Conservation Day, Hartford

Meetings/seminars attended: Ginny attended P&Z meeting on Feb 27. At this meeting MDC generator, rewrite of accessory apartments, out structures larger than house, were discussed.

New Business:

- Vulture Fest idea was introduced by Debbie Simon.
- Debbie Simon discussed repaving of Rt. 181 and cutting of trees.
- Attendance at upcoming P&Z Meetings – Mario on March 13; Bill and Lynn on March 27.
- Other New Business – This year Earth Day is about Greening our Towns.

Correspondence:

Motion to adjourn: Scott made a motion, seconded by Roger, unanimously approved.
Meeting closed at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Santoro