

Minutes for the Regular June meeting of the Barkhamsted Conservation Commission, June 5, 2014

Attending: Scott Johnstone, Marion Santoro, Ginny Apple, Khea Cook and Deb Simon.

Absent: Deb Ciriello, Bill Winchester, Lynn Bartolucci, Roger Behrens.

The meeting was called to order by Scott at 7:35. The minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved (Ginny and 2nd Khea).

Old Business:

Aquifer Protection Zone- Roger sent a comprehensive summary of his research and we will discuss this when he is present. Scott would like to research how a few more towns in CT handle this issue.

Eco- Poster Contest: Khea will present awards to the top two winners at the end of the year awards ceremony at the school. Ginny will prepare certificates for the other winners.

Grassland Initiative: Ginny will ask a colleague to attend our meeting with a Powerpoint presentation that he has prepared on the management of diverse grassland habitat for wildlife.

Energy Committee: Three members of BCC (Mario, Scott and Khea) attended the meeting called by Don Stein with UI. Barkhamsted can earn points to "spend" on special energy conservation projects that will save the town money and encourage citizens to become more energy efficient. Dates have been set for 4 events in town. The BCC will share its table at the Riverton Fair with Energize CT.

Budget Balance: We have \$38. in our account. For fiscal year 2014-2015, after discussion, Scott moved that we allocate \$144. for the fair, \$100. for the Eco-Poster contest, and \$20. for Christmas trees for Christmas in Riverton. The motion was seconded by Khea and passed unanimously. Mario mentioned that FRCC has grants for Farmington River related projects.

CONNDOT: Deb Simon reported on the meeting with CONNDOT that took place as a result of the tree trimming that has taken place in town and the proposed trimming and cutting on RT. 181. Successful and we will be the "eye and ears" for CONNDOT in Barkhamsted.

NRI: We talked about the categories for the Natural Resources Inventory that we will be working on for a while. Mario will set up an EXCEL format and a "DROPBOX" type set up for us to use while we are compiling info.

National River Cleanup: Ginny will research this and bring it back for next time.

New Business:

P&Z Meetings for June: Mario will attend on the 12<sup>th</sup> and Khea will attend on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Bear Feeding Ordinance: Khea will write a letter to the BOS for BCC.

Respectfully submitted (for Deb Ciriello, Secretary)

Kathleen Cook

