

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting, February 4, 2016  
BARKHAMSTED TOWNHALL, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:41 p.m. by Scott Johnstone.

Members present: Scott Johnstone, Roger Behrens, Debbie Simon, Ginny Apple, Mike Beauchene, and Mario Santoro.

Absent: None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes for December 3, 2015: Scott Johnstone made motion to approve December 3 minutes; Ginny Apple seconded; Deb Simon made motion to change a Greenwood's Trail item to "The town also held a public meeting to update residents on the current status of the process. "; as new bullet. Approved.

Approval of minutes for January 7, 2016: Scott Johnstone made motion to approve Jan minutes, Deb Simon seconded. Approved.

**Old Business:**

- Shared site
- Resource List - Mike to select an available subject from the list; Mario is wetlands; Khea was farmland; Deb S was flora & fauna; Scott was geologic points of interest; Dec C was Historic; Ginny is areas of import for wildlife; Roger is open space (>10 acres). Deb has turtle data - spreadsheet & photos - Mario to add to Google site.  
Mike asked if invasive species should be listed as threats to habitat, etc. Roger suggested that the commission could consider sponsoring removal of invasive plants from certain sites.  
Mario to add "Potential Threats" as a column on Resource List. Mario to invite Mike.
- Greenwood's Bike Path - Ginny mentioned that the town would apply for grant(s) to hire Dr. Clemmons to study reptiles and amphibians. If any studies move forward, then studies of other flora & fauna should be pursued. Deb went to various town commission meetings. Recreation had not heard of the proposed path project. Selectman meeting. Inland Wetlands - might consider a site walk in the spring. P&Z. Econ Dev. Deb talked about a recent turtle cove preserve created in Eastham, MA, where that town purchased 2 building lots to protect the turtles.
- Stanclift Cove - Meeting to be held on Feb 16 at town garage. An arborist will give a presentation to the Stanclift Cove Authority on the results of his study of the trees.
- New members - Mike Beauchene and Cheryl Harrington. Welcome back to Mike - this is his second time on the BCC.

**Meetings/seminars attended:**

- Upcoming P&Z meetings: Feb 11 will be Mike; and Feb 25 will be Ginny.

**New Business:**

- Earth Day will be April 24, 12:30 - 4:30 in People's Forest.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Motion to adjourn:** Scott made motion to adjourn at 9:02 and Roger seconded; all approved. Meeting closed at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Santoro