

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting, March 2, 2017
BARKHAMSTED TOWNHALL, 7:30 p.m.
Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Scott Johnstone.

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

Absent: None.

Guest: Debbie Simon.

Approval of Minutes:

The Commission approved the minutes from August 2016, September 2016, and February 2017.

Old Business:

- Resource List – Debbie Simon had concerns about wood chips near a roadside swale/vernal pool that contains a threatened type of salamander. The area was alongside West River Road. This Commission welcomes Debbie and others to bring resources to our attention.
- Plan of Conservation and Development – Scott Johnstone attended the 2/23/2017 Planning & Zoning (P&Z) meeting and reports that P&Z intends to share a draft of the POCD with the BCC.
- Greenwoods Path – Nothing new.
- Recruiting members – The BCC needs members.

Meetings/seminars attended:

- Scott Johnstone attended the P&Z meeting on 2/23/2017. Scott mentioned to P&Z that he would like the BCC to present the draft of the Aquifer Protection Zone.
- Upcoming P&Z meetings: March 9 will be Mario Santoro; March 23 will be Ginny Apple.

New Business:

- Mike Beauchene presented the Macro Invertebrate (CT DEEP Fish Community Data - Inland Waters) interactive website. Wild Brown Trout, Wild Brook Trout, Slimy Sculpin are the most important indicator fish for water quality.

Correspondence: Aquarion Water Company sent a package request nominations of environmental champions for the Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards.

Motion to adjourn: Roger Behrens made a motion to adjourn and Mike Beauchene seconded. Meeting closed at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Santoro