

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting, April 7, 2016  
BARKHAMSTED TOWNHALL, 7:30 p.m.  
Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Scott Johnstone.

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

Absent: Roger Behrens.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Approval of minutes for February 4, 2016: During discussion, Deb Simon suggested we correct Dr. Klemens name; Ginny suggested we change “Jan” to “Jan.” or “January”. Ginny Apple made a motion to approve the minutes; Deb Simon seconded. Approved pending proposed changes. Scott Johnstone abstained.

**Old Business:**

- Shared site: Site is functioning, so this item can be removed from upcoming agendas.
- Resource List - Mike Beauchene shared a large printed copy of the NDDDB – Natural Diversity Database. There was a brief discussion on how to incorporate NDDDB info into our Resource List.
- Greenwoods Bike Path - Deb Simon mentioned that she talked to Don Stein about the path. The town is waiting for funding for a biodiversity study. Deb said that timing of the study is crucial due to seasonal changes in wildlife activity.
- Stanclift Cove – An arborist’s plan called for cutting 38 trees – these trees have been cut. Next step is cabling and limbing. Also planned is a cleanup of debris by volunteers. All to be completed by opening day. The Stanclift Cove Commission has asked the BCC to recommend species of trees to plant that will offer shade.
- Earth Day Fair – Ginny Apple said plans are moving along, with 20 or 22 tables planned. It would be good to have a BCC table (perhaps next to an FRCC table). Ginny Apple made a motion to use the remaining BCC funds for fiscal year 2015; Mike Beauchene seconded; approved with Scott Johnstone abstaining.

**Meetings/seminars attended:**

- Mike Beauchene reported there was a short P&Z meeting on February 11. The draft of Plan of Conservation & Development is in progress.
- Upcoming P&Z meetings: Apr 14 will be Scott Johnstone; and Apr 28 will be Ginny Apple.

**New Business:**

- Earth Day will be April 24, 12:30 - 4:30 in People's Forest.
- BCC discussed our meeting dates for the remainder of 2016. We decided to keep the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at Town Hall. Scott Johnstone to send dates to Holly.

**Correspondence:** The Habitat.

**Motion to adjourn:** Mike Beauchene made motion to adjourn at 9:11 and Ginny Apple seconded; all approved with Scott Johnstone abstaining. Meeting closed at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Santoro