

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

Meeting called to order at 7:46 p.m. by Scott Johnstone.

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

Absent: Mike Beauchene.

Guest: Debbie Simon.

Approval of Minutes:

Ginny Apple made a motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2016 and Scott Johnstone seconded. July minutes were approved.

Old Business:

- Resource List – Mario Santoro mentioned a new resource at northwesthillscog.org. Roger Behrens presented a list of approximately 10 areas with environmental or scenic features that may be worth conserving.
- Plan of Conservation and Development - Scott Johnstone attended a recent P&Z meeting (see Meetings below). BCC discussed the POCD, and feel that the BCC needs to have an opportunity to provide input on the new draft. Group spoke about potential conservation items that we might offer as input.
- Greenwoods Path - Debbie Simon reminded us of the additional state listed species of special concern - the Spotted Turtle - found in this area. We will review the minutes of New Hartford meetings related to the path.

Meetings/seminars attended:

- Scott Johnstone attended the Planning & Zoning meeting on 7/14/2016. P&Z spoke about POCD, Marty Conner suggested the current draft be rewritten. Needs to be ready by October. Aiming for a rough draft by September 8.

New Business:

- Poster Contest - Ideas for 2016 include Birds of Prey in Barkhamsted, Your Favorite Tree, and the FALPS trail challenge. We decided that Birds of Prey in Barkhamsted were the best idea. Ginny Apple moved that we approve money to be set aside for poster boards and awards. Scott Johnstone seconded. Item passed.
- Riverton Fair - FALPS will try to get a table next to the BCC table. There will not be a main 'theme'.
- Beach Rock vandalism – Shared that vandalism occurred.

Correspondence: None.

Motion to adjourn: Scott Johnstone made a motion to adjourn and Ginny Apple seconded. Meeting closed at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Santoro