

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
Barkhamsted Conservation Commission

April 7, 2021

Barkhamsted Zoom Meeting
UNApproved Minutes

Video Link:

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1.Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM

- Members Present: Ginny Apple, Lydia Gibb, Dawn Anstett, Linda Pulford, Mario Santoro, Judy Doyle
- Members Absent: Erin Childress

2.Approval of Minutes

The minutes from March 3, 2021 were approved.

3.NCCC Capstone members update on Natural Resource Inventory

Seven members of the Capstone team presented their progress on the Natural Resource Inventory, focusing on the survey and the AppGeo mapping; Crystal Wiggins, Renee Bosse, Garrett West, Will Hobson-Rhoades, Stacey Williams, Lee Greenwald and John Bennett. The survey is in development and they were able to show us many of the questions. We will review to see if we can pare down, leave out some questions and get back to them. Data is being collected into an Excel spreadsheet which will be uploaded annually to AppGeo. The survey will be used to add to that data. The \$500 AppGeo map may only be searched on property unit or address, similar to Google Maps. The \$1500 contract allows searching on other variables. Their contact email is nriapstoneresearchproject21@gmail.com.

4.Old Business

Natural Resource Inventory: We discussed a few major points:

1. Reviewing the survey questions and drop downs to eliminate and simplify the process for the user. Focusing on what is necessary for our purposes. We will review and get back to the team via email by Monday April 12.
2. The cost of the version which is most flexible is \$1,500. Ginny will discuss funding with Don Stein and let us know what is possible this year.
3. As a conservation commission, it is our priority to protect endangered and threatened species, so we need to be able to identify those on the database with a specific field and not reveal their location on the maps.
4. We are wondering if the app can be used on a mobile device with the ability to capture GPS coordinates.
5. We would like a user testing period for us before their semester ends.

After we have feedback, Lydia will contact the Capstone team with our feedback and questions.

Earth Day Ideas: We agreed on Dawn creating a poster which will ask residents to celebrate Earth Day by picking up trash in their neighborhood. Judy will share her video with us as well.

5.New Business

TPZ meetings 7:00 PM. Judy will attend on the 22nd.

6.Motion to adjourn adjourned at 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted, Linda Pulford