

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
Barkhamsted Conservation Commission
May 5, 2022 Meeting
Town Hall
Unapproved Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM

Members Present: Ginny Apple, Linda Pulford, Judy Doyle, Mario Santoro

Members Absent: Dawn Anstett, Katie Cox

2. Approval of minutes April 18, 2022 minutes were corrected as follows: Mario Santoro is added to Members Absent. Motion to adjourn is numbered 6 instead of 5.

3. Recognition of Public

4. Old Business

Natural Resource Inventory

Ginny spoke to the professors, and they said it would be finished by the end of May. Ginny will email the document to all of us for review as soon as she receives it.

Earth Day Nature Festival Debrief

- Handing out wildflower seeds. We handed out about 250 of the 500 seed packets. We will hand the remaining packets out at the Riverton Fair.
- Since food went quickly, we should spread out putting out the food instead of all at once. Hopefully we can cook next year.
- All the guest speakers were excellent but the blue tooth microphones were not effective. For announcements and guest speakers, we could use better mics. Mario suggested we apply for a grant from the FRCC to buy a better microphone system / speakers for next year. Ginny will follow up.
- The bird houses were very popular, and we could use more next year. Ginny suggests a sign requesting only one per family.
- We will start planning in January next year to ensure all groups can put forth their best efforts.
- Overall it was a big success!

BCC section of town website

To move forward with enhancing our web page to add more data and photos, Judy and Linda will meet with the town IT support, Andy Dobos. Linda will contact him to arrange a meeting. More discussion June 2nd meeting.

5. New Business

Sustainable Connecticut

Judy presented the Sustainable CT website, and we reviewed the checklists. We noted that we have completed many of the items. Ginny will find out if the town is registered and how we logon. Judy will email us links to the site, and we can discuss at our June meeting.

Riverton Fair

We voted to approve the cost of a BCC table at the Riverton Fair. We will begin planning at our June 2nd meeting. In addition to handing out seeds, some ideas for messages are: abuse of our natural resources, like litter, fires, trash and handling dog waste. The Sustainable CT checklist can also provide a number of ideas.

6. Motion to adjourn: adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Linda Pulford