

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
Barkhamsted Conservation Commission
Special Meeting
August 21st, 2023

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Members Present: Mario Santoro, Judy Doyle, Dawn Anstett, Ginny Apple

2. Approval of minutes: Judy moved to approve June, 2023 minutes and Mario seconded.

3. Recognition of Public: None present.

4. Old Business

Sustainable Connecticut

Judy reported that the Town has formed a SustainableCT committee, which will work on actions that will help earn the Town Bronze Certification in two phases. Judy says the SustainableCT committee has turned in documents and now has 185 point and they hope to have 200 points by year's end. This does not include the Natural Resource Inventory, which Judy reworked and Ginny edited and submitted photos. When it is submitted, soon, it will add quite a few points to our Sustainability number.

According to Judy, the Town is one category short of having the necessary 12 categories completed.

An Auto & Ales event will be held at Missy and Bill Ballard's house on October 21st from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. where an Electric Car initiative will be unveiled. The event is co-sponsored by the Ballards, the Riverton and Granby Granges and the American Legion.

Recycling Contest

Flyers and material will be created for another Recycling Contest that will be judged at the 9th Annual Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival on Sunday, April 28th, 2024. Winning entries of this year's contest will be displayed.

Judy and Dawn agreed to work on the flyer and other materials, including a Coloring page suggested by Dawn. The theme will be: *Why Bother? Trash—Recycle, Repurpose, Reuse*. At June's meeting, Jeanine agreed to contact the Barkhamsted Elementary School to see if any teachers there will make the Recycling contest part of their curriculum. Ginny suggested we also contact teachers at the junior and high school levels.

Mario suggested a repair event that might be held over a few weekends in concert with other entities where folks who know how to repair things, like lawn mowers, bicycles, irons, etc. would be on hand to instruct folks how to get those items up and running again.

Riverton Fair

It was decided to have a display booth with no members there. Members will volunteer for set-up and take down. The Fair is October 13th-15th. Dawn suggested that, in addition to handouts on what is recyclable from RRDD#1, we could have items on the table that people could flip over to see if they are or are not recyclable.

Ginny suggested we schedule folks to help put up the display and take it down.

5. New Business

Judy mentioned that Lyne Bartolucci might be interested in rejoining the BCC.

6. Motion to adjourn made by Judy and seconded by Mario. Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ginny Apple