

TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED
Barkhamsted Conservation Commission
May 3, 2018
Barkhamsted Town Hall, 7:30 PM
Unapproved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:38 PM by Scott Johnstone

Members Present: Mario Santoro, Bianca Beland, Ryan Caouette, Noelle Linke, Scott Johnstone, Wes Poole, Roger Behrens

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for April 5th were reviewed. Scott made a motion to approve, Wes seconded, approved unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Resource List:** discussed Granby's resource list and decided to contact Granby Conservation Commission for an idea as to how/if they use their list
- **Earth Day Festival review:** less attendance, but for the weather, great turn out. The bear talk was well received and the recording may be made available. A new Conservation Commission banner should be made.
- **Sustainable CT:** Some members will be attending the May 17th meeting
- **Sustainable CT Checklist:** to be reviewed further

Meetings/Seminars Attended: April 12 P&Z: Mario, April 26 P&Z: Wes - took notes

Future Meetings to be Attended: P&Z Meetings: May 10th: Scott and May 24th: Ryan

New Business

- **Big Down Marsh:** an amazing place, most is owned by Barkhamsted Land Trust, donated by Arthur Sweeton from Canton. Marsh is man-made from dam presence - this has created an excellent heron rookery. The property is somewhat land-locked. At "dead-man's curve" there is a road that goes through it but it's been long abandoned. Walking through a 3.2 acre parcel is a right of way through Russack's property. At the end of Lavander, there is a cul-de-sac where you can park and walk 1000 yards uphill, which brings you to a forest road that leads you down to the marsh. The Marilyn Thompson parcel would help to complete the Big Down Marsh parcel.
- Discussed the potential to acquire the parcel to preserve the sensitive environmental and ecological resources located on and adjacent on the previously acquired Barkhamsted Land Trust parcel.

- Discussed the Tunxis State Forest grassland management burn up in West Hartland

Correspondence: none

Wes moved to adjourn the meeting, Ryan seconded, meeting adjourned 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bianca Beland