

**Conservation Commission  
Town of Barkhamsted  
Monday, February 19th, 2024, 7 p.m.  
Barkhamsted Senior Center & Zoom  
Special Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 7:12 p.m.

**Members present:** In-Person: Ginny Apple, Judy Doyle, Ryan Colleoni; via Zoom: Dawn Anstett, Jeanine Reinier

**Recognition of public:** none

**New Business**

**Approval of 2024 Calendar:** A call to change meetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday to 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month; NOTE: Special meeting May 20 (instead of May 27<sup>th</sup> because of Memorial Day Holiday) Motion to approve: Judy, seconded by Ryan, unanimously approved.

**Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival**

- Rekindling river area clean-up with Barkhamsted Lions Club and a few youth groups, morning of Festival.
- Music: asking Cheryl Champagne (who said yes) and Adam Lipman to return.
- Jeanine to help coordinate musician set-up

- Transport and set-up tables and chairs from Town Garage (volunteers from FALPS, EDC and BCC to help out); Don had been point-person, so discuss with Nick.
- Take collection for 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peoples State Forest
- School Contest Participation: Ryan
- Judy will email: Principal Kristin Plotnik at Barkhamsted Elementary School for participants and announcement; Prizes for different ages, to include, perhaps \$25 Gift Certificates to Barnes & Noble and Movies; Judy will seek permission to post flyers at various schools in area, will send via e-mail; over 20 Nature-oriented booths, suggestions for booths welcome; Signage to be put around Town, Ginny will distribute, members urged to be present for the day at Matthies Grove in Peoples State Forest, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 11-5 p.m.

## **Sustainability Workshop on Climate Change**

- Workshops during the day, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays preferred; April 2<sup>nd</sup> on hold for BCC; Need a 30-minute “Core Team Kick-Off” call with Adam Whelchel of the Nature Conservancy, preferably around 1 p.m.
- Think of possible initiatives for BCC at the next meeting, possible grant \$ is available from the Doug and Janet Roberts Fund of the Northwest Community Foundation, these grants are to benefit the Town of Barkhamsted. Judy noted that a plaque has been funded by the Fund to benefit a plaque commemorating the Riverton Grange’s contribution to the creation of the original Peoples State Forest. It will be placed on a large boulder on Park Road, just South of its intersection with Slade Road.

## **Old Business**

- **Sustainability updates:** 270 points; all 12 categories, Barkhamsted will receive Certificate in April
- **NRI:** Judy brought in a printed/bound copy of the document, which will be at Town Hall; she is checking of how to update the Town GIS mapping with the NRI data.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Judy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan.  
Adjourned at 7:46 p.m.