

**Killingworth Conservation Commission**  
**Town Office Building**  
**323 Route 81, Killingworth CT 06419**

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KCC Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2023, 7:00pm

This was a virtual meeting.

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1. Call to order: 7:15pm
2. Attendance: Maureen Farrell Charney, Jim Fullmer, Marilyn Campbell, Roslyn Reeps, Stephanie Warren, Alec Martin, and Guy Vecchitto
3. Visitors: none
4. Approval of minutes: The minutes for November 17, 2022 and December 8, 2022 were unanimously approved with no discussion
5. Writing up KCC Meeting minutes Schedule needed.

Members agreed to the following schedule for taking minutes:

Jan/Feb: Maureen Farrell Charney  
March/April: Alec Martin  
May/June: Roslyn Reeps  
July/September: Stephanie Warren  
October/November: Guy Vecchitto  
December: Stephanie Warren

There is no meeting in August

6. Communications/Correspondence
  - \* General Correspondence Update:
    - Organization Information:  
CACIWC: no update

CFPA: On January 28, 9:45am – 12:00pm, the organization is sponsoring a “Nature Nerds” walk at Chatfield Hollow State Park in Killingworth. Registration and details available on CFPA website.

The Connecticut Wildlife Action plan is available for download on the CFPA website.

Rockfall:

Local middle school and high school students are invited to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship from the organization. Application and eligibility requirements listed on the Rockfall website.

On May 12, 2023, the organization is hosting a symposium, "Trees and a Changing Connecticut"

- Legislative/Conservation news from CTLCV:

SW reminded members that KCC can sponsor attendance at the CTLCV's Environmental Summit on 1/24.

MFC shared update from CTLCV about its legislative priorities for the upcoming session, including the state's waste crisis; habitat conservation; wildlife; pesticides; and next steps in climate goals.

#### 7. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations

- Parmelee Farm: JF reported that maple syrup season is coming soon to Parmelee once weather conditions are right.
- Historical Society: JF reported that the Historical Society's Holiday Fair was a huge success.
- LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: no update
- KCC Education Projects: SW reported she has a meeting scheduled for 1/13/23 with KW Library leadership Laurie and Ben regarding adding educational displays in the library, including one on home composting.
- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: no report given

#### 8. Old Business

\* Updates on the project proposals:

- Review of Textile recycling program/s. Roslyn reported that the project team is making good progress. They have gathered information on a similar program run by Bay State and have scheduled a meeting with Walt Adametz (KW Public Works Dept) to discuss feasibility of implementing a similar program at the KW transfer station
- Commercial compost concern follow-up: Roslyn Reeps reported that RR and MFC are working on drafting articles on home composting and tips on buying safe commercial compost. RR and MFC will submit articles for publication in local media outlets.

## 9. New Business

- Schedule for 2023 KCC Meetings.

The meeting schedule was distributed to members via email prior to the meeting.

- General Member Announcements:

Member discussion on issue of excessive and improperly disposed trash at the Parker Hill recreational area. RR reported this is an ongoing issue, particularly when large sporting events are held at the site. Bins are not visible enough or well-marked. AM suggested additional signage reminding people to remove all of their trash from the property. Suggestion of a scouts' clean-up day and recommending that town provide a larger dumpster for trash instead of smaller trash bins as well as dedicated recycling bins.

Brief discussion on the legislation on "nips" and the funds returned to the towns for use in trash cleanup related to improper disposal of these 1-oz alcohol containers along roadways.

## 10. Adjournment: 7:45pm

**Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2023 at - 7:00 pm. This will be another virtual meeting.**

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Respectfully Submitted by: Maureen Farrell Charney, KCC Member