

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

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KCC Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2023, 7:00pm

This was a virtual meeting.

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1. Call to order: 7:05pm
2. Attendance: Maureen Farrell Charney, Marilyn Campbell, Stephanie Warren, Alec Martin, and Guy Vecchitto and Jim Fullmer
3. Visitors: none
4. Approval of minutes: The minutes for January 12, 2023 were unanimously approved with no discussion
5. Communications/Correspondence
  - \* General Correspondence Update:

Discussion of an anonymous letter sent to KCC members re: Running Brook Farm dated December 16, 2022. Running Brook is in violation of several town ordinances, but this is a matter for P&Z not KCC. Wood-burning outdoor fireplace being used without a permit, and during hours of the day when it is not allowed.
  - Organization Information:

CACIWC: no update

Rockfall:  
February 16: "Meet your Greens" event at Perk on Main in Middletown  
March 21: "The Bobcat" presentation at DeKoven House
  - Legislative/Conservation news from CTLCV:

A recap and video recordings from the Jan. 24 Summit have been posted to the CTLCV website.

CTLCV has also posted its 2023 legislative watchlist. Full list available on the website. Farrell Charney highlighted four bills of particular interest to Killingworth including SB100 (fund to help towns with PFAS); SB 896 (hazardous tree removal in state parks); HB 5571 (development of more recyclable and compostable packaging materials); and HB 6486 (extended producer responsibility for tires).

Martin will follow up with Board of Selectman on question related to tire disposal at transfer station

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

- Parmelee Farm: maple-sugaring starting within a few days
- Historical Society: \$5600 grant from Cultural Fund (CT Humanities) received to grow and improve accessibility to archives
- LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: Discussion of results from report done for the River COG (17 towns) on land preservation/open space
- KCC Education Projects: Warren reported on a new exhibit (on the consequences of moving firewood, emerald ash borer) now on display in the KW Library

Small library space for displays: approximately 14" deep by 2.5/3-feet long space. Nothing organic. Compost exhibit can go on display in March.

- KLCT: Campbell reported that 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of KLCT being celebrated this year. May 25 meeting at Firehouse. Slide presentation on the history of the Land Trust.

## 8. Old Business

### \* Updates on the project proposals

Textile recycling: Sub-committee working on this project held a meeting with Walt Adametz – he will forward contract with Bay State to the BOS. He is supportive and thinks it will go through. Proposal is for new bin at the transfer station.

\$100/ton reimbursement to town

Martin pointed out that useable clothing should still be brought to Goodwill. Textile recycling is intended for other material.

- Commercial compost concern follow-up: Roslyn Reeps and MFC are working on drafting articles on home composting and tips on buying safe commercial compost. Reeps and Farrell Charney will submit articles for publication in local media outlets.
- Earth Day (April 22) programming / KWO: Project proposal for interactive educational activities related to recycling on Earth Day. Memorial Field or Parmelee Farm may be free options; Rocco field – unclear if there are fees for use by a town commission  
\$20 for supplies

KCC could set up a display table at Parmelee pavilion along with other town clubs and organizations. KCC members would have to sign up for time slots at the table.

Possibility of Nine Town Transit to take people from one location to another

9. New Business

- General Member Announcements: None

10. Adjournment: 7:57pm

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

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Respectfully Submitted by: Maureen Farrell Charney, KCC Member