

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

KCC Minutes for KCC Meeting Thursday, May 11 ,2023, 7:00pm

This was a virtual meeting.

1. Call to order: 7:04
2. Attendance: Guy Vecchitto, Stephanie Warren, Alec, Maureen Charney, Marilyn Campbell (caller 2), Jim Fullmer (caller 3)
3. Visitors:
- 4.. Approval of minutes of April 13, 2023 – unanimous approval
5. Communications/Correspondence
 - * General Correspondence Update: Warren - nothing new
 - Organization Information:
 - CACIWC—flooding awareness workshops and we could join the workshops as long as doesn't cost anything (for the KC Budget limits),to go to CACIWC website (Stephanie)
 - CFPA—nothing new
 - Rockfall— Guy Vecchitto: May 18 aquatic invasive species on CT River talk 5:30-7:30 at Perk on Main, Middletown, Repair Café June 10 from 12-3:00 at DeKoven House
 - Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: M. Farrell-Charney—2023 bill watch list updated with status and testimony
6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations
 - Parmelee Farm: Jim Fullmer—gardening season has begun, 2 gardens--Shared Harvest Garden and Community Garden
 - Historical Society: Jim Fullmer May 13, 8:30-2:30 Historical Society sale and bake sale. Roslyn shared that the Evergreen Garden Club would be selling plants as well to benefit the scholarship fund.
 - LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: Discussion on affordable housing solutions to reach A 10% level of affordable housing of all housing in a town or city community. As an example , a Midwest mall was turned into affordable housing. Alec shared that Killingworth is under 2% affordable housing.

- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren: A composting display was placed at the

Killingworth library by Maureen Farrell – Charney. This will stay until the end of May. June will be recycling. Kids Kontest again for the summer. Very poorly advertised last summer. Stephanie will take over advertising. Another contest on vernal pools because important in Killingworth and need to improve awareness. Marilyn thinks it should be repeated. Contest would start in July and end in August.

- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: May 25 at 7:00 at the Firehouse to celebrate 50th year. Information on forming the land trust and events of the year. Keystone preserve near the circle is beautiful, and Marilyn encourages everyone to take a walk and enjoy, especially the pond and wood duck box and historical earth mound where logs were burned for charcoal.

7. Old Business

- * Updates on the Textile Recycling proposal: Roslyn--Boxes supposed to be installed on April 26th. Members have seen it at the transfer station. Roslyn will talk to Walt about getting information on the town website.

- * Update on Earth Day program/s-- Stephanie Jim and Marilyn and Stephanie managed two tables of displays. Weather not good, and turnout was poor—10 adult visitors and no children. Stephanie put together a packet on conservation and copies will be placed in the Killingworth Town Hall and in the Killingworth Library.

- Update on the 'KCC "Did you Know" series for the Killingworth Krier – Stephanie stated that the first article came out in May and second one on recycling is scheduled for the June . June issue may be the last of the Krier. July and August articles.
Roslyn suggested that we can put articles on the town website and then the new Killingworth Women's Organization All Things Killingworth website can have a link.

8. New Business

- General Member Announcements: Open space map sent by Stephanie. Property behind dance studio and pizza restaurant on route 80. Town wants to transfer property to Land trust so that eventually can be linked to keystone property. Purpose to help protect the open space property. Stephanie urged members to go look at property. Next meeting Stephanie would like us to consider sending a letter of support of the transfer to the chair of the Open Space Committee. No existing trail. 11.5 open space and 2.5 acres are in a commercial zone but are undeveloped and currently open space. No other announcements.

9. Adjournment: motion to adjourn—Maureen motion and Guy second, and Stephanie thanked members and was hopeful about COVID restrictions being lifted.

Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2023, at - 7:00 pm. This may be another virtual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by: Roslyn Reeps