

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

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KCC Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 11, 2025 7:00pm

This was a hybrid meeting.

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1. Call to order: 7:05pm
2. Attendance: Katie Digianantonio, Jim Fullmer, Marilyn Campbell, Guy Vecchitto, Stephanie Warren.  
Absent: Alec Martin
3. Visitors: None
4. Approval of minutes for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Katie Digianantonio made a motion to approve the
5. informational minutes. Seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Motion passed. 4.

Communications/Correspondence

\* General Correspondence Update: None

- Organization Information: CACIWC: Stephanie Warren reports CACIWC is having their annual meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. Katie D and Marilyn are the next KCC members in line to attend this CACIWC meeting. Katie D indicated she could attend, Marilyn would not be able to attend. Jim Fullmer would be the next in line to attend; Jim F indicated he would be interested in attending.
- CFPA : Warren reports there is an events menu on their website that lists a number of activities from September to the end of October. Warren suggests if a KCC member is interested in an activity which has a fee to let her know so the fee could be covered by the KCC's budget. Warren also reports the CFPA is looking to fill their Executive Director position if anyone is interested.

Rockfall: Guy Vecchitto reports on September 13 from 10am to 12pm at the Rockfall Forest in Middlefield there will be an Invasive Plants Workshop. Tools will be provided for volunteers who will be instructed on identifying and removing invasive plants in the forest.

- Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: Katie Digianantonio reports the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters is having a fundraiser in Mystic on September 15, 2025 at 6:30pm. They will be featuring a movie called Carbon Men Salvation. The CLCV has also posted their 2025 score card that reviews the entire legislative session in CT. The wins, the losses, and what still has to be done.

There probably will be a special legislative session with minimal environmental issues, but an edited form of the affordable housing bill will be one of the items to be addressed. Warren commented that an edited form would be good, considering that many items in the original bill had many P&Z officials from numerous towns expressing serious concerns with the bill.

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

- Parmelee Farm/ Historical Society: Jim Fullmer reports on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 3:00pm the Historical Society is having its Christmas Fair.

- LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: Stephanie Warren reports the LCVRPC did not have a meeting so there is nothing to report. There is a meeting coming up on September 22, so Warren will have a report for us at our next meeting.

- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren: No current projects.

- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: Marilyn Campbell reports the KLCT is looking for a Trails person who can focus on their trails. It would be a voluntary position and would involve trail clearing etc. The KLCT is also looking for a new Student Director to replace the outgoing Director who is going on to college to pursue a degree in Environmental Science.

The KLCT will be having a Fall public meeting, time and topic yet to be determined.

There will be a Cranberry Harvest on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Papermill Rd / Green Hill Rd bog . The Pizza for Preservation Event went very well.

## 7. Old Business:

Public Program Proposals:

Leave The Leaves:

Guy Vecchitto submitted a Project Proposal Outline. Vecchitto informed the committee that the project will be an informational article explaining the Leave The Leaves initiative developed by environmentalists. The article will be distributed to local newspapers and social media outlets.

Conservation for Kids; Busy as a Beaver:

Stephanie Warren submitted a Project Proposal Outline. Warren informed the committee that the start date will be in February. The project will be all about beavers what they are, where they live, what they do. Are they nuisances or are they good for the Earth. There will be beaver art activities to do and to take home. The Objectives are to help children understand more about beavers and the contributions they make to the environment. The benefits to the community will be learning how to protect the environment and it's natural habitants.

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7. New Business

: Katie Digianantonio announced the Town Picnic at Dear Lake will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> 11am to 6pm. The KCC will have a table inside. Setup is from 9am to 11am. Vendors will not have to pay to gain entry into the Picnic. There will be a \$5 fee for cars parking for the event. All the fees and proceeds collected will go toward the Deer Lake Scholarships and the Kelly Allen Leach Foundation. There will be food, bands, demonstrations, and contests. Also there will be a recreated street set from Killingworth's Cowboy Valley with actors reenacting scenes from the old west.

Warren asks if KCC members can attend and help at the KCC table to email and let her know.

- General Member Announcements: Guy Vecchitto informed the committee that the DEEP is asking the public for ideas that could be incorporated into the State Forests and Parks.

8. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

**Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, October 9th, 2025, at - 7:00 pm. This will be a remote meeting.**

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Respectfully Submitted by: Guy Vecchitto KCC Member