



KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2021
7:00pm

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm.
- II. **Roll Call:** Attending: Donna Bronwell, Jacob Gadbois, Jean Mountford, Bonni Piccione, Kevin Kertula, Richard Peloquin and Marina Capraro (staff).
- III. **Citizens Participation-** Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 7B, all public comment can be emailed to publiccomment@killinglyct.gov or mailed to Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 on or before the meeting. All public comment received prior to the meeting will be posted on the Town's website www.killinglyct.gov: None submitted.
- IV. **Minutes**
 - a. **November 18, 2020–Regular Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the 11/18/2020 meeting, as written; motion seconded; all in favor; passed.
- V. **Business**
 - a. **Chase Reservoir Management Plan Updates:** An inquiry from a citizen about getting permission to hunt on the Chase Reservoir property prompted a discussion about the management plan, wildlife habitat, and trapping/hunting rules. It was decided that the KCC would not currently make any recommendations to allow any hunting/trapping, but that we may consider requesting a change in our management plan language with Wyndham Land Trust to allow more flexibility in decision making.
 - b. **Old Trees Inventory:** An inquiry was received by the town for an inventory or list of old, historic trees in Killingly. Donna suggested that we make this an initiative of the KCC and that any knowledge of old, historic, or notable trees be directed to Marina so she can begin to compile an inventory.
 - c. **Environmental Awards:** Donna notified Bruce Kohl and Sharon Fekete of their nominations for the 2020 Environmental Award.
 - d. **Website Enhancements:** It was suggested that all members take the time to review the websites to make suggested improvements.
 - e. **Five Ponds Update:** Donna inquired about the status of the Five Ponds property. It was reported that the holding company had found a buyer, and the transaction was due to be completed by the end of 2020. It has not yet been transferred to a new buyer as of 01/20/21.
 - f. **Focus Project for 2021:** A discussion ensued about the focus of our initiatives for 2021. It was agreed that the February meeting will be used partially as a workshop for easements and the KCC priority property list. Additionally, it was identified that we would like to do some

work completing the hatchet section of the Chase Reservoir Trails, and establish trails at the Litchfield Ave property.

VI. Correspondence to the Commission: None.

VII. Town Council Liaison – Mark LaPrade; Alternate- Ed Grandelski: In the absence of both the regular town council liaison and the alternate, Kevin Kertula provided an update on the business of the town council.

VIII. Other

- a. Next Town Council Meeting – 02/09/21**
- b. Next KCC meeting – February 17, 2021**

IX. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

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