



**KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, October 16, 2019

7:00PM

**ROOM 102, KILLINGLY TOWN HALL
172 MAIN STREET, DANIELSON, CT**



- I. **Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order at 7:23PM.
- II. **Roll Call-** Attending Bonni Piccione, Sharon Fekete, Donna Bronwell; Staff: Ann-Marie Aubrey; Citizen Participants: Richard Fedor, Jean Mountford, Jacob Gadbois, Andy Hansen.
- III. **Citizens Participation:** Bonni made a motion to allow citizens to join in the conversation throughout the meeting; Sharon seconded; all in favor; no further discussion.
- IV. **Minutes**
Agenda Addendum: Sharon made motion to add the adoption of the September 25th workshop minutes. All in favor. No further discussion.
 - A. **June 19, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes:** Bonni made a motion to adopt the minutes as is; all in favor; no further discussion.
 - B. **September 25, 2019 – Workshop Minutes:** Sharon made a motion to adopt the minutes as is; all in favor; no further discussion.
- V. **Business**
 - 1) **Walktober Cancelled Oct 6 - Reschedule?:** Cancelled due to EEE threat. Still had 12 people present at the originally scheduled Walktober. Hoping to reschedule for October 26th, pending approval from town manager. Would need to get an advertisement in the turnpike buyer by Friday (October 18th). Agreed it may be a good idea to wear orange for hunting.
 - 2) **Stewards for Conservation Properties:** Compiling a list of stewards for each conservation property. A work in progress, but some stewards are already doing the work;
 - Chase Reservoir: Jacob & Richard
 - Quandoc: Shane White & Adam Griffiths
 - Ross' Cliffs/Old Furnace: Shane WhiteIdeas for expanding into getting community service hours from the high school & EastConn to manage properties. There was a discussion of issues with maintenance and unpermitted uses, such as removal of signage, vandalism, and ATVs.
 - 3) **Chase Reservoir Forest Management Plan:** TLGV may have funding to assist in the cost of a forest management plan. Marina will look into it and provide an update for the next meeting.
 - 4) **Updates-**
 - o **Tomato Festival:** A success!
 - o **EastConn Summer Youth Employment:** Would like to further utilize this labor force to steward conservation properties.
 - o **Trash issue:** No update.
 - o **Plan of Conservation and Development:** A work in progress. New maps and a large section on conservation and KCC's work.
 - 5) **Open Space Brochure:** Needs to be updated. A work in progress. Formatting may change.
 - 6) **KCC Website:** Needs to be updated.

- 7) **Town Open Space / Inventory of Potential Properties for Open Space Preservation – Letters:** Explanation to citizen participants on KCC's role in acquiring new town open space and conservation easements. Burlingame Farm is current priority.
- 8) **Sustainable CT - Killingly Green Team:** Towns can apply for classification under 'Sustainable CT'. Killingly town manager is looking to achieve bronze classification. Solar will propel us toward this goal as well.
- 9) **Wider issues discussion:** Limited to issues within the purview of the town of Killingly.
 - a. **Proposed Ash landfill expansion on Quinebaug River:** Denied by Putnam IWWC.
 - b. **Youth Climate activists:** CT youth activists organizing Friday demonstrations at the statehouse.
 - c. **Other Events:** KCC interested in expanding public events.
- 10) **Chairperson Updates**
 - a. **Agriculture Commission:** Great film on local agricultural by Frank Anastasio!
 - b. **Trainings:** Donna sends out webinar opportunities. Voluntary, but educational.
 - c. **Open Space Land Acquisition Comm.:** No report.
 - d. **490 Open Space Program Working Group:** Explanation to citizen participants on PA-490 program.
 - e. **Five Ponds:** History and recap of previous meetings.
 - f. **WCCC 10/30 Stone walls:**
- 11) **Staff report-** Presented by Ann-Marie Aubrey: POCD is priority, hoping to have it voted through on Monday night by Planning & Zoning to move onto the Town Council and NECCOG. Dates for 2020 meetings of the KCC were provided. Needs a formal approval or verification of the dates. Donna declared the dates adopted. Donna requests that any notices of meetings do not use the acronym 'KCC' and rather spell out the full name of the commission to prevent confusion.

VI. **Correspondence to the Commission:** Notices and mail provided to Donna Bronwell, chair.

VII. **Other**

1. **Attendance at next Town Council meeting – Nov 5th and Nov 12th, 2019**
2. **Vote on Nov. 5th** - Town elections.
3. **Next KCC meeting – Nov. 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm**
4. **Volunteer tracking time-** TLGV looking for the time and money we've spent throughout the year. The organization is looking to document work done in the Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor that fulfills the mission of TLGV. They need this information for continued funding from the National Park Service.

VIII. **Town Council Liaison** – Not present.

IX. **Adjournment:** Sharon made a motion to adjourn; seconded; meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM

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