



## KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2020  
7:00pm

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm.
- II. **Roll Call**  
Attending: Donna Bronwell, Jean Mountford, Bonni Piccione, Ed Grandelski, Marina Capraro (staff). Absent with notice: Jacob Gadbois
- III. **Citizens Participation-** Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 7B, all public comment can be emailed to [publiccomment@killinglyct.gov](mailto: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](http://www.killinglyct.gov)
- IV. **Minutes**
  - a. **September 16, 2020--Regular Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes from the 09/16/2020 Regular meeting, as written; motion seconded; all in favor; passed.
- V. **Business**
  - a. **Chase Reservoir:** A discussion ensued regarding trail improvements made and needed to be made at Chase reservoir.
  - b. **Walktober Review:** 44 participants came for the Walktober event. Some suggestions were made on how to make the event more orderly in the future, such as separating the larger group into smaller, more manageable groups with a group "leader" assigned to ensure that the entire audience is able to hear talking points and features of the property.
  - c. **KCC members status:** Staff provided an updated list of the current KCC members, which reflects the resignation of Sharon Fekete and Bruce Kohl. The KCC currently has a vacancy of 1 regular member and 1 alternate member. It was noted that Jean Mountford is listed as an alternate member, and the commission expressed interest in having her designated as a regular member. Jean agreed that she would prefer to be a regular voting member; a motion was made for the Killingly Conservation Commission to support and advocate for alternate member Jean Mountford to be re-designated as a regular member; seconded; all in favor. Staff will inquire with the town managers office on how to move forward on this process.
  - d. **Five Ponds Update:** Donna Bronwell provided public comment that she received via email that was originally part of the Planning & Zoning Commission's presentation on the five ponds property that occurred on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>. A discussion ensued about the benefits, potential costs and liability, and significance of a proposed acquisition of the Five

Ponds property and dams by the town. A motion was made to write a letter to the town manager/town council in support of the acquisition; motion seconded; all in favor; passed.

- VI. **Workshop: Identify Priorities & Criteria for Open Space Property Acquisition:** Due to Jake's absence and time constraints, the commission agreed to postpone the Workshop until the November meeting.
- VII. **Correspondence to the Commission:** Donna Bronwell read a letter from Killingly landowner Rick O'Keefe, stating his support of the town's acquisition of the five ponds property.
- VIII. **Town Council Liaison – Mark LaPrade; Alternate- Ed Grandelski:** Town council liaison alternate Ed Grandelski provided the commission an update on the business of the town council.
- IX. **Other**
- a. **Next Town Council Meeting – 11/1/2020:** Ed noted that the date on the KCC agenda for the next town council meeting is incorrect; their next meeting is Tuesday, 11/10
  - b. **Next KCC meeting –November 18, 2020**
- X. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

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