

## **KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2020 7:00pm

# **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.
- II. Roll Call: Attending- Jean Mountford, Donna Bronwell, Bonni Piccione, Ed Grandelski (town council liaison), Marina Capraro (staff); Absent without Notice- Jacob Gadbois
- 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 <a href="https://www.killinglyct.gov">www.killinglyct.gov</a>: None

#### IV. Minutes

a. October 21, 2020–Regular Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the 10/21/2020 meeting, as written; motion seconded; all in favor; passed.

#### V. Business

- a. Five Ponds Update: A discussion ensued regarding the town council's decision to not pursue the acquisition of the 'Five Ponds' property. The KCC had submitted a letter to the town council in support of the acquisition. The town will instead advocate on behalf of the State's acquisition of the property. Additionally, it seems that a private investor is also pursuing the property, but the commission had limited information on this matter.
- b. 2020 Environmental Award Nominations: A discussion of the environmental award ensued; a motion was made to nominate both Bruce Kohl and Sharon Fekete to receive the awards for 2020; motion seconded; all in favor; passed.
- c. OSLA Ordinance: The Commission was provided a copy of the OSLA Ordinance. The Commission read through and discussed their interpretation of it; there was previously some doubt that the funds could be used for the associated fees of land conservation such as the cost of a survey, legal fees, etc. The commission agreed that based on the language in the ordinance, it seems that the funds could be used for associated fees.

### VI. Correspondence to the Commission

a. CT Land Conservation Council – Membership (Received 11/04/2020): A discussion ensued about the potential to become a paying member of the CT Land Conservation Council; how it would benefit the commission and perhaps how the CTLCC could advocate on behalf of the KCC and land conservation in Eastern CT. A motion was made to become a member of the CTLCC at a rate of \$150/year; motion seconded; all in favor; passed. Staff

will send it membership fee, along with a letter introducing the commission and stating what we hope to get out of the membership.

VII. Town Council Liaison – Mark LaPrade; Alternate- Ed Grandelski: Town council liaison, Ed Grandelski, provided a briefing on the business of the town council.

# VIII. Other

- a. Next Town Council Meeting 12/01/2020
- b. Next KCC meeting –December 18, 2020: Donna noted that the date of the next KCC meeting on this agenda is an error and the next meeting will be held on 12/16/2020
- **iX. Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.