



**KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2020
7:00pm



Room 102
KILLINGLY TOWN HALL
172 MAIN STREET, DANIELSON, CT

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.
- II. **Roll Call:** Donna Bronwell, Kevin Kertula, Bonni Piccione, Andy Hansen, Ian McDonald, Richard Fedor, Bruce Kohl, Jacob Gadbois, Marina Capraro
Absent with notice: Sharon Fekete, Ralph Chartier
- III. **Citizens Participation:** A motion was made to suspend the rules around citizen participation and allow all citizens to fully participate in discussion; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
- IV. **Minutes**
 - A. **Jan 15, 2020 – Regular Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made to adopt the January 15, 2020 Minutes; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed.
- V. **Business**
 - A. **KCC Website: Updates, review of design & content**

Staff shared an update on the new content on the website, asking everyone to please go to it to provide feedback. There is still a need for pictures, and Jacob will post on Facebook to ask the public to provide pictures as well.
 - B. **Budget Update: FB boosting price, Spring Bus Tour Pricing, etc.**

Current budget: \$2157. There was a discussion about the potential to use some money to 'boost' FB; determined unnecessary due to organic growth of FB. Jacob asked for more pictures and more content to post. The commission also discussed the pricing for a spring bus tour.
 - C. **Chase Reservoir:** A citizen reported a fallen tree on the Chase Reservoir trails; Marina had DPW staff clean up. Marina and Richard will coordinate a day to join DPW staff at Chase to monitor mowing of the woodcock habitat. Plans for spring include clean up days with a local Boy Scout troop and with the EastConn youth group, coordinated by Jacob and Richard.
 - D. **Spring Outdoors / Litchfield Ave Spring clean-up on 04/25:** A rain date of Sunday, 04/26 was set.
 - E. **Spring Bus Tour: Five ponds (NE Corner Trip):** For the spring bus tour, the commission discussed doing the Five Ponds route in light of the recent proposal put before town council on the town's potential acquisition of the five ponds property. The date for the bus tour was set for Saturday, 05/09.

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- F. **Five Ponds:** A discussion about the potential for the town to acquire the five ponds property. The conservation commission agreed that this property has high conservation value and will provide a letter in support of the town's acquisition of Five Ponds to the town council and town manager. Marina will draft the letter for the commission's review.
 - G. **Green Team Initiative Sub-Committee:** Marina checked in with the director of Planning & Development on the procedure for creating a sub-committee; a motion was made to form and explore the format of the Green Team initiative sub-committee; motion seconded; all in favor; motion passed. The commission will seek out support from town manager, determine meeting times/location, and staffing.
 - H. **Flyer/Workshop for Conservation Easements:** Donna and Marina had privately discussed either holding a workshop for the public or creating a pamphlet on conservation easements. They sought the commission's opinions; a discussion ensued.
 - I. **Grant Opportunity through state- Open Space Acquisition Funds:** Marina provided a hard copy of a newly announced grant opportunity to obtain funds for the acquisition of open space parcels that allow for public access. A discussion ensued.
 - J. **Environmental Award:** The Killingly Conservation Commission must nominate a recipient for the FY2019 Environmental Award; Donna recommended Ralph Chartier. Jacob will also post to the facebook page to ask for nominations from the public. The commission will vote on the recipient at the next regular meeting.
- VI. **Correspondence to the Commission:** None
- VII. **Town Council Liaison – Mark LaPrade; Alternate- Ed Grandelski:**
Town Councilman Kevin Kertula provided the commission with an update on the business of the town council.
- VIII. **Other**
- A. **Next Town Council Meeting – 03/03/2020 (Special Meeting) & 03/10/2020 (Regular Meeting)**
 - B. **Next KCC meeting – March 18, 2020**
 - C. **Eastern CT Forest Landowners Association: Wildlife Depends on Habitat Quantity and Quality; CT DEEP Wildlife Biologist Peter Picone on Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 PM at the Windham County Extension Center, Brooklyn, CT**
- IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.

*These minutes were written by
Killingly Town Staff Marina Capraro on 02/24/2020*