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KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019

7:00PM

ROOM 102

**KILLINGLY TOWN HALL
172 MAIN STREET, DANIELSON, CT.**

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

II. Roll Call

Attending Members: Donna Bronwell, Ralph Chartier, Sharon Fekete, Bonnie Piccione

Absent with Notice: Bruce Kohl

Staff: Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning & Development

Public: Andy Hanson, Tom O'Rourke, Donald Aubrey

Town Council Liaison Ed Grandelski, arrived later in the evening.

III. Citizens Participation

Sharon made a motion to open the floor for general comments from the public for the rest of the meeting, Bonnie seconded the motion, no further discussion, vote was 4/0, motion passed. The public would be allowed to comment, once recognized by the Chair regarding anything on the agenda.

IV. Minutes

- A. April 17, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Bonnie made the motion to adopt; Sharon seconded the motion; there was some discussion regarding corrections – Andy Bronwell should be Andy Hanson; George Basilick was the proper spelling of the webmaster's name. A motion to amend the minutes was made by Bonnie and seconded by Sharon. Vote was 4/0 to correct, and the vote was 4/0 to adopt the minutes as corrected.

V. Business

- 1) Environmental Award – Donna still has to do the press release for this.
- 2) Cleanup Funds from Last Green Valley – Did not apply for funds.
- 3) Spring Bus Tours – Next bus tour will be June 8, 2019 at 9:00 am; the route will be the Southern Route; Old Furnace Brook, River Trail, Ross Cliffs etc.; limit will be 25 people; to meet at the town hall; no fee; possible tour guides Sharon, Donna, Shane.
- 4) Youth Environment interest – Discussed how more youth should be involved. Requested members come up with ideas. Also discussed possibly checking on how to get high school students, or any students, to fill their community service time with the Conservation Commission.
- 5) Killingly Trash Issue – Nothing new to report, Donna passed out some flyers with recycling information.
- 6) Signs & Kiosks and Brochures for Conservation areas – Donna and Andy went around and filled the brochure holders at the various kiosks and various stops around town. Donna mentioned that

at least two of the vinyl “signs” need to be replaced at various kiosks – those signs are currently in the Planning and Development Office

- 7) Open Space Brochure – Donna passed out copies of the Open Space Brochure, there were some comments made about putting at least the first page of the Brochure on the KCC Website. Planning and Development will look into updating the maps on the brochures, etc.
- 8) KCC Website – George is still working on this. The commission members were reminded that he still needs updated photos of the sites. There was discussion of putting some of the Backroads Tour flyers on the site as well.
- 9) Chase Reservoir Forest Management Plan – Ann-Marie is still looking into putting together an RFP for this project.
- 10) Town Open Space / Inventory of Potential Properties for Open Space Preservation – Donna will review this list and get together with Ann-Marie to send out letters to owners of parcels we are interested in.
- 11) Sustainable CT - Killingly Green Team – Nothing new to report on this one.
- 12) Plan of Conservation and Development – This process will most likely continue to October.
- 13) Chairperson Updates – Agriculture Commission, Trainings, Open Space Land Acquisition Comm .490 Open Space Program Working Group, Five Ponds – Discussion centered upon Walktober and the Last Green Valley –(1) the LGV annual meeting is May 30th; Walktober deadline is early June to be put on their list for their calendar for Walktober. (2) It was discussed and decided by general consensus that the KCC will do a walk on Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Quandoc Reserve. Donna will let LGV know of the KCC decision. (3) Ballouville Road – 51 house lot subdivision; comments were as follows: a. would like to see more than one exit; b. would like to see 2 to 3 house lots become a neighborhood park; c. due to the density of the subdivision, and that the subdivision would most likely have young children – sidewalks are definitely needed; d. please encourage the developer to maintain and/or relocate the stone walls to locations within the development; e. encourage low impact design for the homeowners;
- 14) Staff report – Staff had nothing new to report at this time.

VI. Correspondence to the Commission

No correspondence

VII. Other

1. Attendance next Town Council meeting – June 4, 2019 and & June 11, 2019
2. Next KCC meeting – June 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm
3. Volunteer tracking time

VIII. Town Council Liaison - Ed Grandelski

The Town has hired a new Director of the Highway Department; the financial audit is almost complete; the town is considering buying additional parking space for downtown; the town is moving forward with selling the real estate to NECCOG; the town is researching the feasibility of going someplace other than NECCOG for the animal control services; the Board of Education's non-lapsing fund was increased to \$1.75 million (Board originally wanted an increase to \$2.5million town council said NO).

IX. Adjournment

Ralph made the motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Bonnie.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:24 pm