



**TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CT
OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 PM**

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MINUTES

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order around 6:45 by Chair Keith Thurlow. Delay was due to technical difficulties experienced by one of the committee members.

Attending: Keith Thurlow, Byron Martin, Donna Bronwell, William Cheng.

Also attending: Town Council Liaison, Kevin Kerttula; and Director of Planning and Development, Ann-Marie Aubrey.

II. Agenda Addendum

None

III. Citizen Participation – limited to three (3) minutes per speaker for an accumulated time of no more than twenty-one (21) minutes (unless extended by a majority of the Committee Members)

NOTE: Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 7B, all public comments can be emailed to publiccomment@killinglyct.gov or mailed to the Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 before the meeting. All public comment received prior to the meeting will be posted on the Town's website www.killinglyct.gov.

There was no citizen participation.

IV. Adoption of Minutes – (review/discussion/action)

A) SPECIAL MEETING – March 5, 2020 – Byron Martin made a motion to adopt the minutes; Donna Bronwell seconded the motion; there was not discussion; vote was taken; 4 to 0; motion passed.

(It was noted after the vote that there was a scribner error – the title of the document was "Agenda" when it should be "Minutes".)

V. Old Business- (review/discussion/action)

1) Setting Goals and Priorities for upcoming year

Keith Thurlow mentioned that he would like to research a property off Commerce Avenue – he would discuss the property with the Economic Development Director and report back to the board.

2) Review of the following –

- a) Open Space Land Acquisition Fund Ordinance
- b) By-Laws of the Killingly Open Space Land Acquisition Committee

Discussion about whether the OSLA Fund could be offered to help someone trying to preserve their property in perpetuity – OR – was is just meant to be used on property that the Town would somehow have an interest in? Ann-Marie said she would check on that and get back to the committee.

VI. **New Business – (review/discussion/action)**

Nothing new.

VII. **Other Discussion Items – (review/discussion/action)**

- 1) Board of Recreation Report – No report
- 2) Agriculture Commission Report – Byron reported the AG COMM is looking to offer some classes via the web (either WEBEX or ZOOM) – so they can keep an interaction going with the community. Some programs they are looking into offering over the WEB are Bee Keeping, and Microgreens.
- 3) Conservation Commission Report – Donna reported that Walktober went very well, there were 25 registered walkers; however, approximately 30 to 40 people showed up. No bus tours will take place this year. There are openings on the Commission. Discussion regarding Five Ponds property, as the landowner (WISH) wants to divest themselves of the property.
- 4) Economic Development Report – Bill reported that 140 Main Street was being sold to a developer, more news to follow.
- 5) Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission – No report
- 6) Planning and Zoning Commission – Keith reported that WISH (owners of Five Ponds Property) had made a presentation to the PZC. There were no applications considered at the last meeting.
- 7) Citizens Report – No report.

VIII. **Town Council Liaison Report – (review/discussion/action)**

Kevin Kerttula reported that 140 Main Street was indeed sold to Parker Benjamin, a private development company. That their plan was to have retail/commercial on the first floor, and “work-slots” (shared workspace) on the second floor. A development timeline was still being worked out. Also reported that the KMS project was moving forward.

IX. **Enter into Executive Session (if needed/ review/discussion/action)** – Per CT General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(D) [discussion of the selection of a site or the lease, sale or purchase of real estate... when publicity regarding such site, lease, sale, purchase, or construction would adversely impact the price of such site, lease, sale, purchase or construction until such time as all of the property has been acquired or all proceedings or transactions concerning same have been terminated, or abandoned...]

No executive session was required or requested.

X. **Next Meeting – TO BE SCHEDULED.**

XI. **Adjournment**

Donna Bronwell made a motion to adjourn; Byron Martin seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned.