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**KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

**7:00PM**

**Room 102 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**KILLINGLY TOWN HALL**

**172 MAIN STREET, DANIELSON, CT.**

**I. Call to Order – 7:04 PM**

**II. Roll Call** – Donna Bronwell, Ralph Chartier, Sharon Fekete, Eric Rumsey, staff liaison; Ed Grandelski, council liaison (7:13PM). Absent with notice: Shane White, Bruce Kohl. Absent w/out notice: Bonni Piccione.

**III. Citizens Participation** – Marge Porter of the Connecticut Audubon Society and Parker Mandeville, a student at the KHS Vo-ag came and spoke about a project they are working on in which they created a survey and are utilizing an app to quantify plastic garbage found on the ground. Their focus is watershed protection with this project. They discussed their project and where they will be going forward from here. They will be going to the Town Council meeting in February and will be discussing this with the Killingly Business Association. They were pointed to the Last Green Valley as well.

**IV. Minutes**

- A. November 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes – December meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. – Sharon motion to accept as written, Donna second, all approved.

**V. Business**

- 1) **Eagle Scouts work at 1892 Open Space, Breakneck Hill** – Ethan Dougherty is working on his Eagle Scout project at 1892. He has been in contact with Bill Reid and Richard Fedor regarding his project. Ethan has been working on the parking area to prevent weeds, removing brush from the trails, and has demarcated the trails with logs. He plans on creating interpretive signs at the historical site. He would also like to work on the Sherman Memorial Trust sign. He will be working on this project this Sunday, specifically to put a cover on another well that was found recently.
- 2) **KCC Website** – Sharon will respond to a teacher and student who had done a project on flowers. She suggested that the commission may want to put a link to a site that she used for the project. Since that website is for a business, the commission came to a consensus to not add that link.
- 3) **Environmental Award** – The commission is seeking nominations for the 2018 Environmental Award. Any publicity will go in both the Shoppers Guide and the Turnpike Buyer. Donna will submit an ad for the Environmental Award.
- 4) **Killingly Trash Issue** – The town manager and finance director have been requested to attend the next solid waste subcommittee meeting to discuss the financial burden the town has to pay to keep the transfer station open. The town is still researching options for town-wide pickup and how to fairly conduct that. Mansfield has an option for small, medium, or large containers

currently; however they may be removing this option. The commission discussed the potential of purchasing composting bins for individuals to purchase at a reduced rate.

- 5) **Signs & Kiosks and Brochures for Conservation areas** – Richard questioned the signs at Chase Reservoir were mounted on trees not on posts. The Commission would like them on cedar posts rather than lagged into trees. The Commission will check on the signs and will come to a decision at the next meeting.
- 6) **Open Space Brochure** - Tabled
- 7) **DEEP grant for Recreational Trails** – The town received \$130,000 in grant funds for design of Phase VI of the river trail.
- 8) **Chase Reservoir Forest Management Plan** – Donna will email Eric Hansen regarding doing a plan for Chase Reservoir. Eric has reached out to several foresters regarding a forest management plan for Chase Reservoir. This time of year is very busy for foresters, so it is unlikely that a plan would be made prior to the spring.
- 9) **Town Open Space / Inventory of Potential Properties for Open Space Preservation** – Donna has started to draft a letter to the owners of the potential properties.
- 10) **Sustainable CT - Killingly Green Team** – Nothing happening
- 11) **Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD)** – 60 people attended a meeting Saturday January 12, 2019 to discuss the POCD. A schedule was posted regarding future POCD meetings with the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 12) **Chairperson Updates – Agriculture Commission, Trainings, Open Space Land Acquisition Comm .490 Open Space Program Working Group, Five Ponds** – The Agriculture Commission is hosting a film on local farms. Donna passed around the flyer for the dates and times. The Pomfret Green Team is hosting films such as A Plastic Ocean (January 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM), and Trashed (February 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM) as well. Richard discussed a few issues at Chase Reservoir, on the property still owned by the Connecticut Water Company, namely signage and a hole in the ground by the fence; he asked who to contact at Connecticut Water Company. The Commission came to a consensus to hold bus tours again in the spring.
- 13) **Staff report** – None.

**VI. Correspondence to the Commission**

**VII. Other**

1. Attendance next Town Council meeting – Feb 12, 2019
2. Next KCC meeting – Feb 20, 2019
3. Volunteer tracking time

**VIII. Town Council Liaison** - Ed Grandelski – Gave an overview of the last Council meeting.

**IX. Adjournment** – Ralph motion to adjourn, Sharon second, meeting adjourned at 9:22PM