**KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

**7:00PM**

**KILLINGLY TOWN HALL**

**Room 102**

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

**I. Call to Order – 7:10 PM**

**II. Roll Call –** Donna Bronwell, Ralph Chartier, Shane White, Bonni Piccione, Carol Wood, Eric Rumsey (staff), Ed Grandelski (Council Liaison). Sharon Fekete absent w/out notice

**III. Citizens Participation –** None present.

**IV. Minutes**

1. December 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – Shane motion to approve as written, Carol second, all approved.

**V.Business –** Bonni motion to suspend the rules, Ralph second, all approved.

1. **Environmental Award –** The environmental award will be given at the March 8, 2016 Town Council meeting.
2. **Cat Hollow** – The donation from Briarwood Acquisitions has been accepted by the Town Council. The town now owns the 5+ acres across the brook and a bridge can now be installed.
3. **Town Open Space / Inventory of Potential Properties for Open Space Preservation –** The commission has recommended a property to the Open Space Land Acquisition Committee which should be considered this month. Eric spoke with an associate of Sarah Kranc who said she would entertain an offer from the town to purchase her property in the area of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. Ralph made a motion to recommend the property for potential purchase to the Open Space Land Acquisition Committee, Bonni second, all approved.
4. **Family Science Nite –** Bonni gave an overview of the event from last year. Bonni and Carol both attended the event. The event will be held again this year June 1st at the Killingly Memorial School. The commission will participate again this year. Bonni and Carol will head up the event. Donna will check on utilizing a water / run-off table at the event.
5. **Walktober –** The commission discussed potential walks for Walktober, Cat Hollow was mentioned as a grand re-opening. The commission came to a consensus to hold the Walktober event this year at Cat Hollow. Potential dates discussed were October 2nd or October 16th. Donna also mentioned further driving tours in Killingly. Maggie Weaver emailed Donna about doing a tour of the mills along the Whetstone Brook / Five Mile River. Donna mentioned a powerpoint presentation that Michael Greene has of the mills in the area. That could be included in the tour somehow.
6. **Zadora Heights Town-Owned Property –** Ed is planning on talking with Sean about this.
7. **Signs & Kiosks for Conservation Areas –** Nothing new
8. **KCC Website –** Shane has done some research into different hosting providers for the website. The cost to transfer the domain name is $14. The cheapest Shane found is $10/year, with the rate going to $40/year. The commission asked Shane to get quotes for the website at the above prices.
9. **Chairperson Updates –** Ann-Marie emailed Donna about naming the Environmental Award after Linda Walden as a land trust had done in Foster, Rhode Island. The commission discussed this and came to a consensus that while this is a nice idea, they do not believe that they should name the award after Linda to avoid bothering the family every year with discussions about who to the award should go to. Donna will forward an email to Eric regarding water quality of the Five Mile River at Rock Avenue.
10. **Staff report –** None

**VI.        Correspondence to the Commission –** As submitted

**VII.       Other**

1.   Attendance next Town Council meeting – February 9, 2016

2.   Next KCC meeting – February 17, 2016

3.   Volunteer tracking time

**VIII.      Town Council Liaison** –The town is buying into NECCOG’s emergency management plan.

**IX.        Adjournment –** Shane motion, Bonni second **9:05 PM**