

KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, March 15, 2023 7:00pm

ROOM 102

KILLINGLY TOWN HALL, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
- Roll Call: Donna Bronwell, Jean Mountford, Claudette Rogers, Allison Brady (staff), Ed Grandelski (Town Council Liaison).
 Mike Montville and Bob Mullen both absent with prior notice.
 Claudette Rogers is seated as a voting member for this meeting.
- III. Citizens Comments/ Participation- All public comment can be emailed to publiccomment@killinglyct.gov or mailed to Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 on or before the meeting. All public comment received prior to the meeting will be posted on the Town's website www.killinglyct.gov

Richard Fedor sent in comment about concern for trees along Pratt Rd that appear dead. Allison will communicate with DPW.

IV. Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – February 15, 2023: Jean made a motion to approve the minutes; Claudette seconded, passed 3-0.

V. Business

- a. Properties 1892/Sherman Memorial, Chase Reservoir, Quandoc, Mason Hill, Other: Discussed the map of conservation easements that are overseen by the KCC. Donna found the information for the kiosk at 1892/Sherman. Will discuss with Richard Fedor and Bill Reid to create updated 1892/Sherman kiosk and brochure information. Discussed possible funding from Ed Eramian for the missing wooden 1892 sign. Jill St. Clair and Allison are coordinating on an EPA grant that could provide funding for Chase Reservoir forestry plan and work. Dave Capacchione is helping with a request for quote for Chase Reservoir. Allison will look into other funding possibilities including Yale School of Forestry, USDA, TLGV. Allison will print more Quandoc brochures for Sunday's walk. Allison will put a notice to remove sticker on the hunting stand at Quandoc. Allison discussed a possible Eagle Scout project at Quandoc for a bridge on the yellow trail. Discussed new signage at Mason Hill directing people to the entrance on Quarry Rd. Jean and Claudette will work on creating a walking path at Mason Hill that provides Mason Hill Rd access.
- b. Environmental Award: The presentation is rescheduled to March 21st at 7PM.

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- c. Spring Activities TLGV Spring Outdoors Walks, Bus Tours, Other: The Spring Outdoors walk schedule will be added to town websites. Jean made a motion to approve the purchase of one week of advertising in the Shopper's Guide/Turnpike buyer for the Quandoc walk; Claudette seconded; passed 3-0.
- **d.** Funding for Forestry Management Plan: Mary Calorio proposed a \$10,000 forestry management reserve account in the new budget. KCC members are in support of this reserve account.
- e. Goals for 2023 and Bylaws: Jean made a motion certifying that the Rules of Procedure have been reviewed and that the KCC members still affirm these rules; Claudette seconded; passed 3-0. Goals for 2023: continued search for conservation easements in town, walks in spring and fall, bus tours, forestry management plans, checklist for evaluating good locations for trails.
- f. Chairperson Updates and KCC Members Update: Chris McDonald has resigned, and Claudette has applied to be a regular member. Donna gave updates from the woodcock habitat workshop she attended; the field should be mowed every 8 years. Donna discussed food waste and which commission should be addressing the issue.
- VI. Correspondence to the Commission: None.
- VII. Other
 - a. Next Town Council meeting April 4th and 11th, 2023
 - b. Next KCC meeting April 19th, 2023
 - c. Volunteer Tracking Time
- VIII. Town Council Liaison Brief updates given by Ed.
- **IX. Adjournment:** Jean made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Claudette seconded; passed 3-0; the meeting was adjourned at 8:59pm.