

KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00PM

Room 204 – 2nd Floor

KILLINGLY TOWN HALL

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Elizabeth M. Wilson

I. Call to Order – 7:10 PM

II. Roll Call – Donna Bronwell, Sharon Fekete, Shane White, Bruce Kohl, Ralph Chartier (7:12). Absent w/ notice: Bonni Piccione. Others present: Eric Rumsey, staff liaison; Ed Grandelski, council liaison; Cheryl Desjardin, citizen.

III. Citizens Participation – Cheryl Desjardin was introduced to the commission. Cheryl had received a letter stating that a parcel of open space behind her house was available for sale. Her family put in a bid and are purchasing the open space. The commission discussed preserving existing town open space, and should the properties be sold, and where the money should go (recommendation to the council is to put it in the Open Space Land Acquisition Fund).

IV. Minutes

- A. April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes – Correction: Item #1: Add # of attendees at 68; also 10 books were sold rather than 6. – Shane motion to approve as corrected, Sharon second, all approved.

V. Business

- 1) **Walktober** – The commission came to a consensus to hold the walk this year at Cat Hollow Park. The walk will be titled, "Over the Bridge" held Saturday, October 13th at 1:00 PM.
- 2) **KCC Website** – Nothing to report.
- 3) **Town Open Space / Inventory of Potential Properties for Open Space Preservation** – Donna presented a letter written several years ago to a property owner from out of town regarding their property as a template. The commission discussed several properties as potential to receive a letter. The commission will review and in June will compare properties to the existing open space map.
- 4) **Signs & Kiosks for Conservation areas - Chase Reservoir** – The Chase Reservoir Kiosk sign is in place. Text for the Quandoc Conservation Area kiosk was distributed. The Cat Hollow kiosk has been vandalized. Bruce purchased a cleaner that will likely take care of the marker and paint on the kiosk. Eric will provide a map and work with DPW to get our Chase Open Space signage installed (trail head, boat launch, etc).
- 5) **Open Space Brochure** – Sharon is still working on the brochure. Sharon, Donna, and Andy toured several properties taking photos of kiosks and/or signs. They will go out again in the near future to finish that process.
- 6) **LGV Grant** – The commission came to a consensus to submit an application for the Last Green Valley for their grant for the purpose of printing brochures.

- 7) **Sustainable CT - Killingly Green Team** – Donna gave an overview of the Sustainable CT group and process for the town to form a green team.
- 8) **Cat Hollow Trails - Briarwood Trail Committee** – Donna transferred the trail development with Briarwood trail builders to Tracy Mason, Director of Parks and Recreation, since Cat Hollow Park is overseen by Parks & Rec.
- 9) **Plan of Conservation and Development** – Meetings for commissions and social groups may be held in June, or more likely September, with public meeting(s) taking place in October of 2018 in preparation for the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development.
- 10) **Chairperson Updates – Agriculture Commission, Trainings, Open Space Land Acquisition Comm .490 Open Space Program Working Group, Five Ponds** – Donna presented a draft of language for the Quandoc Conservation Area. The commission reviewed the proposed language. Specifics such as dates the property was acquired, and acreage will be entered prior to printing. Hunting is allowed on the property. The suggestion for the language on the kiosk is to state that hunting is allowed by permit only. Other edits were made to the proposed language. Donna spoke at the Windham County Conservation Consortium meeting regarding the Back Roads Driving Tours, etc. Donna has been working on a proposed route for a northern back roads tour #3.
- 11) **Staff report** – Nothing to report.

VI. Correspondence to the Commission

VII. Other

1. Attendance next Town Council meeting – June 12, 2018
2. Next KCC meeting – June 20, 2018
3. Volunteer tracking time

VIII. Town Council Liaison - Ed Grandelski – Ed reported that Hutchinson will be taking over the Borough sewer plant and all environmental responsibility. He also reported that NTE is proposing a larger capacity plant within the same footprint.

IX. Adjournment – 9:20 PM – Motion made by Bruce, seconded by Ralph, all approved.