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KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2019

7:00PM

ROOM 102

**KILLINGLY TOWN HALL
172 MAIN STREET, DANIELSON, CT.**

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Roll Call

Attending Members: Donna Bronwell, Ralph Chartier, Sharon Fekete, Bruce Kohl

Absent with Notice: Bonnie Piccione

Staff: Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director of Planning & Development

Town Council Liaison Ed Grandelski, arrived at 7:24 pm

Public: Alfred Dufresne; Tom O'Rourke, Andy Hanson, Joseph Desnoyers, Greg Davis, and Richard Fedor

III. Citizens Participation

NOTE: Sharon Fekete made a motion to suspend the rules and open the floor to the general public for comments throughout the night. Bruce Kohl seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, vote was 4/0, motion passed.

IV. Minutes

- A. May 15, 2019 – Regular Meeting Minutes – Sharon Fekete made the motion to adopt, Ralph Charier seconded the motion; there was no further discussion, vote was 4/0, motion passed.

V. Business

- 1) Spring Bus Tour – Was held on Saturday, June 8th, there were approximately 22 people on the tour. Donna and Sharon acted as the tour guides and Maggie Weaver from the Historical Society also helped out. Another successful tour.
- 2) Walktober Sunday, Oct 6 – This is done as part of the Last Green Valley's Walktober event. Ours will be entitled "What's a Quandoc?" time 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, on a 1.5 mile trail, moderate trail, will feature "re-created wetlands". We will need volunteers!!
- 3) Tomato Festival Sept 14 – Asked if anyone would be available to set up a booth. It was determined that Ralph, Bruce, and Donna would all be available. Donna encouraged all commission members to volunteer some time during the day. More information to follow on possible activities to be done at the booth.
- 4) Paving of Dirt Roads – Greg Davis, from Stone Road discussed the possible paving of the road. Ann-Marie Aubrey (Director P&D) explained the process that the DPW and Engineering Office go through to determine if a road will or will not be paved. Explained that the residents on the street were asked whether they would like to see the road paved or not; if not, or if the yes votes and the nay votes were close – the road did not get paved. Stone Road will not get paved – the

responses were basically split down the middle therefore, DPW and the Engineering Office determined it would be best to leave the road as a dirt road for now.

- 5) Youth Environment interest – Donna showed the commission a newspaper article about two local youth, Olivia Swanson and Nathan LeFleur that received recognition for work they did within the community related to the environment.
- 6) Killingly Trash Issue – Recycling – Donna stated that July 9th would be a public hearing on whether to have a ballot question regarding town wide trash pick-up. There was some general discussion regarding how the cost would be covered (pay as you throw – buy the bags); what the question on the ballot would be like (it is unknown at this time) and some discussion regarding the transfer station and how it would be run (if it would be run) if town wide pick-up was approved.
- 7) Open Space Brochure – Donna and Sharon have been working on the open space brochure, they provided everyone with a rough draft of their latest efforts. Ann-Marie stated that when they felt they had all the information on the brochure that they wanted, then someone from her staff could help them put the brochure in its final format. It was suggested that a list of the trails be put on the front page listing the “difficulty” of the trail and if the trail was handicapped accessible.
- 8) KCC Website – George is working on the website, volunteering his time. Donna reminded everyone that George is looking for pictures to put on the website.
- 9) Chase Reservoir Forest Management Plan – Ann-Marie stated that this was still in process. She also noted that there were a number of open spaces, conserved areas that did not have any type of conservation management plans in place which concerned her. There should be management plans in place; there should be stewards in place to watch the properties. At present, the only steward is Mr. Richard Fedor and he cannot do all of that himself. Ann-Marie mentioned that the new staff member (starting Monday, July 29, 2019) has experience doing such plans – (conservation not forest management) – so that will be a priority once the staff member begins.
- 10) Town Open Space / Inventory of Potential Properties for Open Space Preservation – letters – Donna explained that in 2010 letters were sent out to a list of the owners asking if they were interested in possibly preserving their land. It is getting to be time that letters are sent out again to see if anyone is interested.
- 11) Sustainable CT - Killingly Green Team – Nothing new to report on this item.
- 12) Plan of Conservation and Development – Still in process, nothing new to report on this item.
- 13) Chairperson Updates – Agriculture Commission, Trainings, Open Space Land Acquisition Comm .490 Open Space Program Working Group, Five Ponds – Donna mentioned that during the first week in July there should be 4 to 6 Eastconn students available to do some work at Chase Reservoir. They would be borrowing tools from the DPW garage (no power tools). The parishioners from the cornerstone Baptist Church will help to provide work-boots for the students; the students will need supervision and they will be working on the trails, marking boundaries, etc.

- 14) Staff report – Ann-Marie reported that there will be a new staff member beginning on Monday, July 29, 2019 in the P&D Department, the title will be Planning Assistant; however, that person will be more of a Natural Resources Officer.

VI. Correspondence to the Commission
None

VII. Other

1. Attendance next Town Council meeting – July 2, 2019 and & July 9, 2019
2. Next KCC meeting – July 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm
3. Volunteer tracking time – Everyone signed the tracking sheet.

VIII. Town Council Liaison - Ed Grandelski discussed that the town's mill rate had been set and approved; that there was a proposal put before the Town Council and the Board Of Education regarding installing solar panels on various town buildings – mostly schools, town hall, DPW garage, library, etc.; however, there could be an issue accessing the roofs and if the roofs have the ability to withstand the weight of the panels – so that is still being researched.

IX. Adjournment

Ralph Chartier made a motion to adjourn, Bruce Kohl seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.