



KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, September 16, 2020
7:00pm

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.
- II. **Roll Call**
Attending: Donna Bronwell, Jean Mountford, Jacob Gadbois, Bonni Piccione, Ed Grandelski (town council liaison alternate) and Marina Capraro (staff).
Absent with notice: Ralph Chartier, Bruce Kohl, Sharon Fekete.
- III. **Citizens Participation- Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 7B, 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: No comment submitted.**
- IV. **Minutes**
 - A. **Aug 25, 2020–Special Meeting Minutes:** Donna noticed the mention of an incorrect date for a workday; a motion was made to approve the minutes with edits; seconded; all in favor; passed.
- V. **Business**
 - A. **Chase Reservoir**
 - a. **Trail signs needed:** The commission discussed the need for better signage on Pratt Road to inform the public of hiking access points; it was decided that the commission would request the creation of a new boat launch sign, 4 "hiking man" signs, and one end of trail sign. Staff will see if DPW will be able to make these signs for Walktober.
 - b. **ECFLA Sign:** ECFLA provided a sign that we may use at Chase Reservoir.
 - c. **Work day accomplishments:** The group of volunteers that met for a 09/12 workday at Chase Reservoir marked and cleared what will now be known as the "orange trail".
 - B. **Priority Properties List & Open Space Map:** This will be the topic of the KCC's workshop portion of their October meeting.
 - C. **Conservation Commission Workshop Follow-Up:** The commission benefited from the workshop style meetings and we will continue to focus on certain topics each meeting.
 - D. **Walktober:** Walktober will be held on October 17th at Chase Reservoir from 1-3pm. A lot was accomplished at the 09/12 workday, but the eastern trail, known as the ridge trail, must be marked red, and the northern trail, known as the hatchet trail, must be marked blue. Signs must be installed. A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$280 for advertisements in local papers about Walktober and pre-registration; seconded; all in favor; passed. Marina and Donna

will meet to coordinate advertisement. Donna will put together a guide for "talking point" for all hike leaders.

- E. **Soliciting new KCC members:** Donna announced the resignation of both Bruce Kohl and Sharon Fekete, who will be sending letters of resignation to the Town Manager. Marina suggested the possibility of sending letters out to the abutters of our open space properties, who can become stewards and possibly members. A discussion ensued about the complications of having members of the public attend meetings during the COVID restrictions.

VI. **Correspondence to the Commission:** None.

VII. **Town Council Liaison – Mark LaPrade; Alternate- Ed Grandelski**

Ed provided the KCC with a summary of the business of the town council.

VIII. **Other**

A. **Next Town Council Meeting – 10/13/2020**

B. **Next KCC meeting – October 21, 2020**

IX. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; seconded; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

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