

KILLINGLY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 3, 2018

7:00PM

Room 204

2nd Floor, Killingly Town Hall, Killingly, CT

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Erin A. Brown

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:10 pm

II. Roll Call

Members in attendance – Donna Bronwell, Sharon Fekete, Bonni Piccione, Bruce Kohl

Members absent with notification – Ralph Chartier and Shane White

Also in attendance – Ann-Marie Aubrey, Director Planning and Development

III. Business

1. Discussion of the 2020-2030 Plan of Conservation and Development.

The following are comments made during the discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development:

- a) Please correct the spelling throughout the document of Quandoc Brook;
- b) Concerned about lack of comments regarding water ways and water quality;
- c) Aquifers – there was a question regarding aquifers – were anymore aquifers named and recognized since the previous document – there has been – this needs to be updated;
- d) Agricultural Soils – are the statistics accurate – must make sure this is so;
- e) Please make sure that all farmlands are referred to correctly (Fazio's is now Palazzi's);
- f) Conservation easements and open space – are the amounts correct – reminder the goal is 21% of total acreage of community should be (preserved) open space – has the acreage increased since the last POCD – please make sure the amount of acreage is correct;
- g) Pages 14-15-16 – continue to increase protected open spaces and agricultural lands;
- h) Look into engaging a marketing professional – market the town as a whole – use a consultant – get a logo – get a tag line for the community – they discussed the "Find yourself here..." line that has been used in the past – videos on town website;
- i) Page 58 – Land Use – overlay districts – please make more user friendly – KCC is a part of the land use – let's get it better organized;
- j) Page 59 Section G – 490 real estate – look into getting the right of first refusal for the town for parcels under the 490 classification;
- k) Wants us to review pages 60 & 61 as well – look into "town wide recreation" vs. "neighborhood recreation" – should we be bringing back neighborhood parks, etc.;
- l) Preserved Open Space – we should work on promoting public awareness and use of properties that are already preserved as open space – talked about more back road tours, websites, Facebook, etc.;

- m) Recycling – general recycling practices and particular practices; inform the general public of how and when to recycle – example: QVCC collects batteries for recycling;
- n) Educational Options – how can we promote our natural resources, etc.;
- o) Cultural and Historical Resources – page 19 – bullet C – the Chamber Welcome Center – is not a welcoming center – not welcoming to visitors;
- p) Page 24 – update all the information regarding Cat Hollow – we have added the bridge and trails throughout Cat Hollow;
- q) Page 38 – eliminate letter ‘H’ on that page – did not happen – look to support
- r) Page 38 – letter ‘C’ – sidewalk along Maple Street – would like to see it completed up to QVCC - we don’t want a sidewalk to “nowhere”;
- s) Page 27 – letter ‘G’ – complete River Trail – this should be a priority – can we get some Federal / State / NECCOG funds to do so;
- t) Page 30 – look at the strategies;
- u) Page 37 – Letter ‘D’ – Borough – correct information;
- v) Page 55 – the stats need to be updated – please make sure it is done;
- w) Commission then discussed Strengths; Weaknesses, and Opportunities;
 - 1) Strengths;
 - * the town has many water resources
 - * the town is in a prime location – MA, RI, CT
 - * all of our natural resources
 - * people are committed to helping
 - * trails are blazed throughout town – we have beautiful vistas
 - 2) Weaknesses
 - * we are currently lacking a town wide marketing program
 - * difficult to get and maintain volunteers
 - 3) Opportunities
 - * create wildlife corridors that connect with RI and MA
 - * to create/provide better marketing for the area
 - * possible to save Five Ponds (?)
 - 4) Threats
 - * health of trees along the town roads
 - * the work that is necessary to get / keep our community pristine
 - * lack of caring of community towards the above comment

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.