

Killingworth Conservation Commission
Town Office Building
323 Route 81, Killingworth CT 06419

KCC Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 13, 2023, 7:00 pm

This was a virtual meeting.

1. Call to order: 7:09 pm
2. Attendance: Maureen Farrell-Charney, Jim Fullmer, Alec Martin, Guy Vecchitto,
Stephanie Warren
Absent Marilyn Campbell, Roslyn Reeps
3. Visitors: None
4. Approval of minutes of June 8, 2023.
Minutes were approved.
5. Communications/Correspondence
 - * General Correspondence Update: none
 - Organization Information: CACIWC, CFPA, Rockfall: Warren briefly reviewed the site and encouraged KCC members to review as they can.
Rockfall is having a program on July 23 on sustainable issues.
 - Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: Maureen Farrell-Charney
The CLCV has written a legislative session document with a score card giving an assigned grade on how legislators voted on various state conservation proposed bills.
6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations
 - Parmelee Farm: Jim Fullmer: Has four more concerts running through September.
Program details are available on the Parmelee Facebook website.
 - Historical Society: Jim Fullmer Farmhouse and the newly build post and beam barn is open to visitors on second Sundays, through September
 - LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: Martin reported that the RPC focused on the new requirements for those in commission regarding land use, housing, and zoning , which will involve approximately 7 hours of program attendance.

- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren: A new display has been set up at the Killingworth Library regarding invasive types of flying insects, and the Asian Jumping Worm. Information handouts were included for visitors to take home.

Warren noted that the information handouts have also been placed just inside the main entrance to the Killingworth Town Hall.

- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: no report.

7. Old Business

- * Textile Recycling update : Fullmer noted that he has put up, at the Killingworth Library, a White Paper on Textile recycling.

- Food Scraps recycling update: Warren noted no new developments at this time.
- Open Space south of Route 80, follow -up: Warren reported that the Killingworth Open Space Committee is still waiting for legal review of the proposed open space transfer from the town to the Land Trust. The KCC members agreed to wait for more information on the proposed transfer and the open space property, before submitting a letter supporting the transfer.

8. New Business

- * Based on concerns expressed prior to this meeting, by M.Campbell, a discussion was held regarding the spraying and or cutting of plants and general vegetation of the grounds that edge the various roadways in Killingworth. It has been noted that spraying is leaving “ugly brown stretches” in some areas and that on some roads, such as Lover’s Lane, vegetation is being cut back to just about ground level, and that the cut plants include native pollinator plants. It was agreed that the KCC will review this issue with the Garden Club, in September, after the summer break.

- General Member Announcements: Fullmer noted that starting on July 19 the moon and three planets will be easy to see: Mercury ,Venus and Mars will be close and visible together for a few days.

9. Adjournment: 7:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Stephanie Warren

Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023, at - 7:00 pm. This will be another remote meeting.