

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

KCC Meeting minutes for Thursday, October 12, 2023

This was a virtual meeting.

1. Call to order: 7:15pm
2. Attendance: Maureen Farrell-Charney, Alec Martin, Roslyn Reeps, Guy Vecchitto, Stephanie Warren
Absent: Marilyn Campbell, Jim Fullmer,
3. Visitors: None
4. Approval of minutes of September 14, 2023 . Vecchitto made a motion to approve the minutes, Martin seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
5. Communications/Correspondence
 - * General Correspondence Update: None to report
 - Organization Information: CACIWC, CFPA, Rockfall: Warren relayed information on the upcoming annual CACIWC meeting scheduled for November 11th. Warren informed the committee that our KCC yearly budget has \$125 available to pay for members to attend meetings and workshops. Warren asked if a member that has not previously attended would like to attend. Vecchitto has not yet attended a meeting; Warren and the other members were in favor of Vecchitto attending the November 11th meeting. Vecchitto will monitor the CACIWC website for the upcoming meeting registration. Warren reports the CFPA website has a lot of information on activities on trails, open space, and state forests. Warren recommends we check the site for possible activities we might be interested in. Vecchitto reports the Rockfall Foundation is hosting a free presentation on Living with Black Bears on Tuesday October 24th from 6:30 to 7:30pm. On Saturday October 28th from 1 to 4pm at the Estuary Council of Seniors , 220 Main St. Old Saybrook will be hosting a Repair Café.
 - Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: Maureen Farrell-Charney : No report
6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations
 - Parmelee Farm: Jim Fullmer: No report
 - Historical Society: Jim Fullmer: No report

- LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: Martin reports there has been no progress in finalizing the Regional Conservation Development Plan. Warren suggested they step forward at next months LCVRPC meeting to try and move it along.

- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren: Warren reports there were 3 winners on the Kids Contest hosted at the Killingworth Library. Warren reported Jennifer, the new children's librarian, has a great cooperative attitude, very enthusiastic, and really helpful with our contest. Warren would like to send her a thank you card and asked the committee if it would be ok. All agreed it would be a good idea.. On October 21st 9:30am the prizes will be presented to the winners. Warren shared the pictures and the writings of the winners.

- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: No report

7. Old Business

Reeps reports the town has signed the contract with Blue Earth . The recycling of food scraps by our citizens will begin on November 1st at the transfer station. Containers will be available to accept the food scraps. Blue Earth will transport the filled containers to Quantum Biopower in Southington, CT. Biopower will convert the scraps into renewable energy and soil products. The town will institute an educational campaign for our citizens. The town is also going to be giving away composting kits to the first 100 households who are interested in this program. The recipients will be required to attend a webinar and fill out a survey on recycling and waste disposal. The webinar will be held at the Library on October 24th at 7pm. It will be a virtual and in person event which will also be open to all Killingworth citizens. Blue Earth and a DEEP representative will be there. There also will be an informative table setup at the Parmelee Farm Pumpkin Carving event on October 21st. Also Reeps could use some help picking up the 100 compost bins from HRA in Brookfield,CT.

Vecchitto asked Reeps if RSD17 will be getting involved in this program. Reeps said RSD17 hopefully will be getting on board in the future.

8. New Business :

Warren asked if our members had any ideas for topics for public programs we could offer to our citizens. They would be held in the Library's meeting room. The programs would begin at the start of next year. Warren suggested a program on bears. Martin would like a talk on tree infestations; Warren would also like a talk on tree mortality. Charney suggested a program on pollinators'. Martin suggested a talk on how many species are in our area and their numbers. Charney suggested a talk regarding the use of rodenticides and its negative affects on birds of prey.

- General Member Announcements: No announcements.

9. Adjournment :

Motion made to adjourn by Vecchitto, seconded by Martin. Motion passed.

Adjournment: 7:51pm

Respectfully submitted by Guy Vecchitto

Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, November 9,2023, at - 7:00 pm. This may be another virtual meeting.