

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

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KCC Meeting minutes for Thursday, November 9, 2023

This was a virtual meeting.

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1. Call to order: 7:05pm
2. Attendance: Marilyn Campbell, Maureen Farrell-Charney, Jim Fullmer, Alec Martin, Guy Vecchitto, Stephanie Warren.  
Absent: Roslyn Reeps.
3. Visitors: None
  
4. Approval of minutes of October 12, 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 reports CACIWC's Annual meeting is coming up and Vecchitto will be attending this year. Vecchitto said the all day event will discuss climate change in CT, Sustainable CT, along with various other environmental topics. Warren suggests going on the CFPA website to check on their activities. Fullmer reports the DEEP is proposing repaving and increasing the parking at Chatfield Hollow State Park. Unfortunately many trees will need to be removed and many people are displeased by this.  
Vecchitto reports Rockfall's website notes on November 12 from 1 to 4pm there will be a Tour of The Young Forest Habitat Project at Nehantis State Forest. November 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm at Thai Garden Restaurant in Middletown there will be a talk on Eating Greener. November 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:30pm at Jewett Preserve there will be a hike on the Red Trail.
  
  - Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: Maureen Farrell-Charney: Charney reports on Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup> CLCV will be having their 2024 Environmental Summit from 9:30am to 3:30pm. It will take place at The Connecticut Science Center in Hartford. There is a cost of \$50 which will include lunch and refreshments.
  
6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations

- Parmelee Farm: Jim Fullmer: Fullmer reports Christmas at the Farm will be on December 2th from 2pm to 5pm. The event is free and they will be accepting gifts for the Stuff a Cruiser project.

- Historical Society: Jim Fullmer: Fullmer reports on December 2th from 8:30am to 3:00pm The Historical Society's Christmas Fair will be at the Farm House. Fullmer reports he gathered the information on these events from the website All things and something else in Killingworth.

- LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: Martin reported on the Land use Accreditation courses which are being offered live and also on Zoom. Warren attended the 4 hour course. Martin reported that Rivercog is looking into how different towns are approaching the Affordable Housing issue; and if Rivercog could handle the necessary funding which might be required.

- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren: Warren reports on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Killingworth Library 2 of the 3 winners were on hand to receive their prizes. One of the winner's mother was thrilled to learn about vernal pools with her children. Very encouraging to see people are eager to learn. Warren took some pictures and will forward them to us.

- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: Campbell reports on Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm The Land Trust will be at KES hosting a program on Bears.

7. Old Business: Charney reports the Towns Food Scrap Recycling Program is up and running. Blue Earth's bins are on site. Charney and Reeps were at the Transfer Station giving out information to our citizens about the program. They also went to the Pumpkin Carving Party at Parmelee Farm to give out information on the Food Scrap Recycling Program. Charney also reports the Textile Recycling Program is going well and the Town is beginning to receive rebates from the recycling program. All good news and a very positive change for the Town. Warren has been replenishing the flyers on the textile recycling program at the Town Hall and the Library. Citizens have been picking them up at a very good rate. Charney also reports the Town's website has the flyers available for citizens to revue. The Town has already distributed the 100 free recycling containers; the Town may be distributing more in the future as this program becomes more popular.

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8. New Business : Warren discussed our KCC offering at least 2 public programs; one in March and one in May. Warren asked for suggestions. Fullmer and Vecchitto will look into offering a program on light pollution possibly utilizing The Lights out Connecticut organization. Warren will look into a program on Bears. Martin will look into a program on Tree Mortality. Charney and Campbell will look into a program on Polinators. Warren asked the group to report on their progress at our KCC meeting in January.

- General Member Announcements: Fullmer reports Venus is visible in the Eastern sky at twilight. Jupiter is very visible in the Northeast sky in the early evening. On November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> the Leonid Meteor Shower will be occurring.

9. Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn by Vecchitto, seconded by Martin. Motion passed.

Adjournment:7:43pm

**Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, December, 14,2023 at - 7:00 pm. This may be another virtual meeting.**

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Respectfully Submitted by: Guy Vecchitto