

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

KCC Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 11, 2024, 7:00 pm

This was a virtual meeting. Connection information:

1. Call to order: 7:02
2. Attendance: Jim Fullmer, Alec Martin, Roslyn Reeps, Guy Vecchitto, Stephanie warren
Absent: Marilyn Campbell
3. Visitors: Katie Diagianantonio,
4. Approval of minutes of November 9 , 2023 Martin made a motion to accept, seconded by Vecchitto.
Unanimously approved.
 - It was then agreed that the Minutes for the rest of 2024 i will be done as follows:
 - February and March -A. Martin
 - April and May – K. Diagianantonio
 - June and July – M. Campbell
 - August – no meeting
 - September and October. G. Vecchitto
 - November and December - R. Reeps
5. Communications/Correspondence
 - * General Correspondence Update: no new correspondence
 - Organization Information: CACIWC, CFPA, Rockfall:
 - CACIWC Conference review from Guy Vecchitto who attend the Fall, 2003 meeting He stated that the conference was very good and well organized. There was a general focus throughout the conference on sustainability and Info about dark skies, Vecchitto brought copies of various conference handouts which will be made available to the KCC members for review.
 - Rockfall: Vecchitto noted Rockfall will present in Essex at the Scotch Plaina Tavern on Thursday the 18th of January from 5 30 to 7 30 PM a talk about habitat.
 - Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: no report . Katie Diagianantonio agreed to Talker over reviewing that CLCV website and providing feedback to the KCC .

6. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations

- Parmelee Farm: Jim Fullmer: Only Event coming up will be at the end of the summer
- Historical Society: Jim Fullmer : no activities to report at this time.
- LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: No meeting was held in December.
- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren: Ann article on the KCC 2023 “Kids Kontest” was placed into the H+K Paper website. Warren will be working with the Killingworth Library on spring programs on conservation. Suggestions from the KCC members referenced beavers, night light pollution . Warren also asked , if anybody else would be interested in doing a program for kids at the library to let her know, and we'll try to work it out.

- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: No report

7. Old Business

- * Update on Textile and Food Scrapes recycling programs.

Roslyn Reeps stated that in November, the K. Transfer station Textile “received 1, 420 lbs. of textiles and that amounts to 85 dollars and 20% rebate for us”.

Reeps also reported on the Food Scrapes program, “recycling, in the month of December, we had £1350 of waste and that amounts to taking out £283 of CO2.”

Reeps also noted that there are questions about compostable plates and flatware recycling . Apparently Blue Earth has indicated “lack of standardization around that that they just wanted to say that they're not going to accept any compostable plates or flatware at all. are not acceptable. “

The Killingworth Public Works has put out a survey for town residents to get feedback on these recycle programs, and that information is still being collected. The Survey is still open for responses about the collection process. . Using Blue Earth may be less costly then if the town pays a separate hauler.

Smaller bags for recycling are available from True Value.. She also noted that people can use their own containers and empty them into the bin at the Transfer Station, so that they don't have to purchase any special containers or bags for that purpose.

- * Discussion of ideas for public programs.

Reeps did a program about the food scrape program, and noted that there will be a Repair Café at the Killingworth Library in the Spring.

8. New Business

Reeps noted that the library is starting up a program of things such as garden tools and kits that people can take home to use and then return the item/s to the library.

The library is asking the public for things that might be included, such as home cooking , garden tools, Located near the check out desk.

Warren reviewed past sponsorship of the Killingworth Girls Scouts Troop Clean-up Day, Girl Scout troop Town Cleanup Day,(suspended during the Covid restrictions). She will contact the current troop leader to see if they are planning to do that this year , again with the LKCC .

Warren also mentioned the potential for PSA announcements made with the High school Media program students. She had done this several years ago with the school focus on conservation and it might be possible to have another PSA done, perhaps on recycling and/ or other conservation topics.

Vecchitto indicated that at the CACIWIC conference, he was impressed with Mr. Leo Smith, the speaker on Nighttime light pollution ,and this person may be available for a public talk that the KCC could sponsor to take place at the K. Library. He and Fullmer are both interested in this and will follow up with more information.

Diagianantonio is interested in setting up a public walk sponsored by the KCC, to help people learn how to spot and identify invasive plants.

Martin expressed interest in having a speaker for a public talk on tree mortality and the invasive species that are killing the ash and beech trees. He will follow up to get more information on this.

- General Member Announcements: Fullmer, Jupiter is high in the south , close to the moon on January 18th. 13th and the crescent moon will be nearer Saturn in the southwest sky.

9. Adjournment: 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Warren

Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, February 8,2024 , at - 7:00 pm. This will be another remote meeting.