

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

KCC Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 14, 2024 ,

This was a virtual meeting. Connection information:

K. Conservation Commission
Thursday, Mar 14 2024 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EST)

1. Call to order: 7: 06 pm
2. Attendance: Stephanie Warren, Guy Vecchitto, Roslyn Reeps, Alec Martin, Katie Digiantonio
Marilyn Campbell
Absent: J im Fullmer
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3. Visitors: none
- 4.. Approval of minutes for April 8 2024
Motion – Vecchitto second – Martin ----- Unanimously Approved
5. Communications/Correspondence
 - * General Correspondence Update:
 - Organization Information: CACIWC, CFPA, Rockfall:
 - Vecchitto - Rockfall - March 21 (5:30- 7:30) at the Tavern at the Armory in Vienna Middletown. Speaker Amy Patterson – what this years plans for Conn. Land Conservation Council are. Conference is on March 23 --- it's free.
April 28, fundraiser – Oysters at the Point, \$65 per person
From 12;00 to 3:00
 - Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: Katie D.
Lots of Bills around climate change, since their failure last year. The Yankee Institute is Making a lot of investments in research and looking at how our electric grid works and how it can be more equitable. Also transition to tomorrow and how the State can boost it. Legislature looking at increasing caps on commercial solar. There are similar things like heat pumps and energy efficiency that are run through public funding and trying to get home energy audits cheaper. There's and environmental rights amendment to the constitution for everyone to have healthy air, water and soil. Also , transportation, funding for Shoreline East and trying to get back to pre pandemic

levels of funding which will mean more regular service. Also that we'd adopt California's standards of transitioning away from gas powered cars to more hybrids and electrics. Looking at car weights and its effect on our roads, tires wearing out more quickly. The effect on waterways and soil. Placing more charging places. Lots of environmentalists (like Sierra Club and Audubon Society) are testifying. But there's lots of opposition from Conservative think tanks and republicans.

Warren -- Regional Planning Commissioners got a list of those bills. Transportation, people with disabilities, issues related to aging, are some of the major topics for those bills.

Katie D. Let me know if anyone's interested in testifying.

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 – We spoke about small houses for the homeless on church property and allowing the zoning regs to be suspended. Eight or so huts.

Warren – Housing is going to be a huge issue, and one that is not easy to resolve.

- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren:

The library is glad to have Warren do another workshop for kids this summer. Focus will be on beavers.

- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell:

The Land Trust has just received 14 acres (Green Hill road and Paper Mill road).

7. Old Business

* Updates on the project proposals:

- * Vecchitto – A project – 'Dark Skies ' – protecting our night time. An hour presentation Jim Fullmer can get a speaker for about \$100. Ben at the library is putting together things on the eclipse. Dark Skies will be a public event./

Vote to accept the project “Dark Skies”

Martin - motion – Motion to adopt Dark Skies project; Warren - second
Unanimously Approved

Katie D. motion to approve funding of \$100.00 for the Dark Skies speaker ; Martin – second
Unanimously Approved

- Katie D. - a program on ‘Invasive Species’ that would be hands on with clippers in Parmelee Farm – led by a speaker with experience in managing invasive plants.
Warren – We’d have to talk to the Town and Parmelee about liability insurance
Martin – motion – I make a motion to accept this project;Vecchitto – second
Unanimously Approved.

Warren – A budget of \$30 for this proposal

Vecchitto – motion to accept \$30 fee for project; motion seconded
Unanimously Approved.

Follow up discussion of KCC members ideas for community communications
during the Covid-19 restrictions on social distancing.

8. New Business

*Campbell – spraying of the roads and runoff

- General Member Announcements:
Katie D. – Earth Day

98. Adjournment: 8:05 pm

Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, April 11 2024, at - 7:00 pm. This may be another virtual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by: Alec Martin, KCC Member