

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

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KCC Meeting Minutes Thursday September 12, 2024 7:06pm

This was a virtual meeting. Connection information:

K. Conservation Commission  
Thursday, September 12, 2024 7:06 PM – 7:53 PM (EST)

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1. Call to order:

2. Attendance: Marilyn Campbell, Katie Digianantonio, Jim Fullmer, Stephanie Warren, Guy Vecchitto.

Absent: Alec Martin , Roslyn Reeps.

3. Visitors:None

3. Approval of minutes for July 11, 2024. Jim Fuller made motion to approve. Seconded by Guy Vecchitto. Motion passed.

4. Communications/Correspondence

\* General Correspondence Update:

- Organization Information: CACIWC: Warren reminded our committee that CACIWC will be having a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$85 per person. If committee members are interested in attending; Warren will look into possibly obtaining the necessary funds for us to attend.

CFPA: Warren suggested that our committee members go onto their website to see a list of events.

Rockfall: Vecchitto reports The Rockfall Foundation is sponsoring a talk on shorebirds. It will be held on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Audubon Society Estuary Center 100 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT. Joe Atwater will be the guest speaker. There will be light snacks and refreshments.

Registration is on their website; there is a limit of 30 people.

- Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: Katie Digianantonio met with Cinzia Lettieri who is running for state Representative from the 35<sup>th</sup> District which would represent Killingworth. Katie said she is awesome and if she is elected hopefully environmental issues will be on her radar. The league has not endorsed any candidates yet. There is a meeting coming up in October and hopefully some endorsements will be made. Katie will be keeping an eye on this; hopefully there will be someone we can endorse.

5. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations

- Parmelee Farm: Jim Fullmer: The Artisan Market was held on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Warren reported that she attended the Market and observed that there were about 30% more vendors this year. This also was the first year that they had over 90 different vendors.

On December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm to 4:30pm there is Christmas at the Farm.

- Historical Society: Jim Fullmer. On December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 3:00pm there is The Christmas Fair
  - LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: There have been no meetings in the last two months so there is nothing to report.
  - KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren: Warren did an educational program on Monarch Butterflies which was held at the library. Jen Figurelli from the library then helped the participants make little monarch butterflies out of pipe cleaners and wool. Warren and Mrs. Figurelli also did a program in July on beavers. There were five children and two adults who participated. The third project was the KCC Kids Contest, which Warren started about 9 years ago. Kids were to focus on either deer or bears. We do have a winner who is a 10-year-old girl. A prize date has not yet been set. Warren will let us know when it will be held if we would like to attend.
  - KLCT: Marilyn Campbell: Campbell reports the summer program they held this year was a success. The Fall newsletter will be coming out fairly soon, and there will be a lot of information on it. The KLCT will be having a speaker talking about the spotted lantern fly. The KLCT will also have a table at the Town Picnic with informative handouts. The KLCT will be having their cranberry harvest again.

## 6. Old Business

\*Recycling update: No report

\* Chemical use for controlling weed growth on town roads. Warren met with our First Selectman and he said he is aware of this. Vecchitto noted the town did not spray this year on the road he lives on. Warren also noted the town did not spray on her road.

## 7. New Business

\* Killingworth Town Picnic: Katie Digianantonio suggests the KCC sets up a table at the Town picnic from 1:30pm to 6:00pm on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Katie would like to give out informational packets on invasive vines, the Lights Out program, and other appropriate items.

\* DEEP Program on Live BearWise in CT Tool Kit: Katie Digianantonio would like us to review this DEEP Tool Kit and discuss utilizing this program to better inform the community on bears in our area. Committee members agreed to review the materials available on the DEEP website and discuss our course of action at upcoming meetings.

- General Member Announcements: Jim Fullmer announced there will be a partial lunar eclipse on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Jupiter isn't visible until after midnight this month, but next month it will be visible around 10pm.

## 8. Adjournment: 7:53pm

**Next KCC Meeting: Thursday October 10, 2024, at - 7:00 pm. This may be another virtual meeting.**

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Respectfully Submitted by: Guy Vecchitto