

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

KCC Meeting Minutes Thursday, October,10, 2024 7:04pm

This was a virtual meeting. Connection information:

K. Conservation Commission
Thursday, October,10,2024 7:04 PM - 9:00 PM (EST)

1. Call to order:

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

Absent: Alec Martin

3. Visitors: None

3. Approval of minutes for September, 12, 2024. Marilyn Campbell made the motion to approve the minutes. Katie Digianantonio seconded. Rosilyn Reeps abstained. Motion approved.

4. Communications/Correspondence

* General Correspondence Update: Warren received a reminder from Dawn, the town clerk, that we have to get our meeting schedule to her. Warren suggested we continue to hold our meetings on the second Thursday of each month. All committee members agreed.

- Organization Information: CACIWC: Stephanie Warren reminded our committee of the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration of CACIWC on November 16th. Warren asked each committee member if they would be interested in attending this event. After some discussion, the members who will be attending will be Warren and Vecchitto.

CFPA: Stephanie Warren reports on November 6th they are sponsoring a fall hike. On November 7th they are having a holiday paper twisting creation program using paper that would normally get discarded, like old newspapers, magazines, and journals. All the details can be found on their website.

Rockfall: Guy Vecchitto reports on October 17th at Saybrook Point Resort and Marina there will be a presentation on Adapting to a changing shoreline. Climate impact on Connecticut's coastal region.

On October 26th at the Estuary Council of Seniors at 220 Main St Old Saybrook there will be a repair café clinic. Items in need of repair can be brought to the clinic and hopefully repaired. All is done free of charge.

- Legislative/Conservation news from CLCV: Katie Digianantonio reports the CLCV has endorsed Christine Cohen in our district for state senator, and Chinzia Letterias for our state representative.

Chinzia has also been endorsed by the Sierra Club.

5. Reports of Officers, Committees, and Organizations

- Parmelee Farm: Jim Fullmer reports on October 26th from 12 to 3 pm there will be pumpkin carving instructions at the farm.
- Historical Society: Jim Fullmer nothing to report.
- LCVRPC: Alec Martin, Stephanie Warren: Stephanie Warren reports there was a meeting two weeks ago which focused almost entirely on affordable housing issues. The consensus was each town has to review this issue cautiously and carefully.
- KCC Education Projects: Stephanie Warren reports our winner of the Kids contest was a 10 year old named Vienna. She did a good job and received her prizes.
- KLCT: Marilyn Campbell reports on Saturday October 12, from 9am to 12pm the cranberry harvest will take place at the cranberry bog at Green Hill Rd and Papermill Rd. The KLCT fall meeting will be on November 7th at 7pm at the firehouse. There will be a talk on the spotted lantern fly, which is an invasive insect becoming a problem in our area.

6. Old Business

* Updates on Food waste recycling: Rosilyn Reeps reports for the month of September we had 1,650 pounds of food scraps. Since December the total is 15,325 pounds. This is the equivalent of 3,214 pounds of CO2 mitigated, which is also the equivalent to planting 25 seedlings.

Rosilyn also reported so far in 2024 up to the month of June, we have collected 5,990 pounds of textiles and have received a rebate of \$359.40.

*Summary of KCC info table at the Killingworth Town Picnic on October 5th: For the Killingworth sustainable CT Table, Katie Digianantonio reports 5 compost bins were given to town residents. Katie discussed composting and the food waste recycling programs underway in Killingworth with interested residents.

Cambell also put in several hours at the KCC info table meeting with residents and handing out informational materials.

Stephanie Warren will be making packets of the information on the spotted lanternfly, jumping worms, and invasive plants. She will place them on a table by the town hall main entrance.

*Follow up on The KCC Invasive Vine Program: Katie Digianantonio reports the Invasive Vine Program she hosted on August 31st at Parmelee Farm was well attended. Katie gave about a half hour talk on invasive plants to residents from Killingworth, Haddam, and East Haddam. The participants brought their clippers and clipped vines for about one hour. There was plenty of feedback and many asked when the next session will occur. With permission from Katie, pictures of her taken during the event by Warren will be posted on the KCC town website.

Stephanie Warren thanked Katie for a doing a good job. Many members were happy to hear it was well attended and went so well.

Public program proposals

Trees: Warren reports Alec Martin has confirmed that Gail Reynolds, who is an expert on trees and forestry, will be presenting the talk and a program at the Killingworth Library on October 22, at 7pm. Warren sent information concerning the program to the Source, HK News, and to All Things Killingworth .this program also falls under the KCC Education area.

Bears: Katie Digianantonio suggests we obtain from DEEP the new municipality toolkit packed with resources you can share with residents for the basics of living with black bears; it is called " Live BearWise in CT Tool Kit". The town could distribute the appropriate information to residents thru emails etc.

Stephanie Warren would also like to have a speaker who is an expert on bears host a program in March. The committee members were in favor of moving forward with these suggestions.

Jim Fullmer suggested we consider doing a program on coyotes in the future.

7. New Business

*Katie Digianantonio informed the committee that The Connecticut Invasive Plants Working Group will be having a symposium on October 29th at UConn. It's an all-day event and it sounds very interesting.

- General Member Announcements: Jim Fullmer gave us an update on celestial happenings.

8. Adjournment: 7:51pm

Next KCC Meeting: Thursday, November 14,2024, at - 7:00 pm. This may be another virtual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by: Guy Vecchitto KCC Member