

KENT CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Kent Town Hall
41 Kent Green Boulevard
Kent, Connecticut 06757

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2018

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Present: Commissioners Carol Franken, Connie Manes and Wendy Murphy; advisor Jos Spelbos. Absent: Liddy Baker, Melissa Cherniske, Rick Levy and Donna Sommers.

Prior to the meeting the following items were distributed via email:

- A. Draft Agenda
- B. Draft Minutes of Special Meeting of January 24, 2018
- C. Approved Minutes of the December 2017 meeting
- D. Info regarding fracking waste and Cricket Valley powerplant
- E. Draft letter to P&ZC regarding LID

1. Call to order.

A quorum being present chair Connie Manes called the meeting to order at 6.59 pm.

2. Accept/Amend Agenda.

Upon a motion by Connie, seconded by Carol the agenda was unanimously accepted.

3. Review, amend, approve Minutes of Special Meeting of January 24, 2018.

Upon a motion by Wendy seconded by Carol the Minutes as drafted were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's report and Budget planning

With the treasurer absent Connie reported that there were no new expenses in the previous month, but that 20 more trails books were sold, and the \$240 from this was deposited in the Kuga account.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Old Business

6A. Fracking waste ordinance

It was decided to discuss this when Melissa is present.

6B. Cricket Valley powerplant

Wendy reported on a town meeting in Sherman. The Sherman Conservation Commission wants to set up a meeting with neighboring towns to collectively push for emission monitoring stations in Connecticut and to give Connecticut towns a say in the process.

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6C&E. Sustainable CT

Connie will attend a meeting at the NHCOC on 2/15 regarding the sustainable effort. A main goal is to get stakeholders from various commissions and organizations from area towns to share experiences and ideas about actions that can improve social and economic life and the environment in the region. An intern will be hired to create baseline assessments for each town, from which we can move forward.

6D. NCRI resource maps

Jos reported that he has been working with the HVA GIS manager on updating the various maps that will be part of the update to the Natural and Cultural Riches of Kent report, including the protected open space. The bill from HVA is expected to be \$1300.

6F&G. Low Impact Development and P&Z zoning regulation rewrite

The letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding LID drafted by Jos will be edited by Connie and presented as a KCC input on the revised zoning regulations. A Public hearing is scheduled for March 29 at 7pm in town hall.

6H. HVA-Greenprint Regional corridors and connectors

Connie presented an HVA map that shows some conservation priorities for the town of Kent.

6I. Welcome to Kent brochure Tabled

6J. KCS WRAP program Tabled

7. New Business

7A. Annual planning

Connie will update our annual calendar of events.

7B. April events

Carol has organized a presentation for kids by Laurie Doss at the Kent library about identifying birds, to be held on April 18 at 10.30.

The Earth Day town street cleanup is being organized again by Liddy Baker, and will take place April 13-22, with the scout cleanup probably on the 13'd.

Jos will contact Kent Center School regarding the Arbor Day planting of a tree donated by the Conservation Commission and the Kent Garden Club, set for April 27.

The commissioners decided not to organize a separate hike for Connecticut Trails Days on June 2 and 3, but the Kent Land Trust is planning a hike.

8. Correspondence

Connie distributed brochures for the Connecticut land Conservation Council conference on March 17 in Middletown. She also mentioned that on April 28 and 29 the Natural Resources Conservation Academy will host conservation training partnerships in Kent.

9. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8.36 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jos Spelbos March 8, 2018

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