

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
March 14, 2018

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

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

- A. Draft Agenda
- B. Draft Minutes of Meeting of February 14, 2018
- C. Approved Minutes of the January 2018 meeting

1. Call to order.  
A quorum being present chair Connie Manes called the meeting to order at 6.40 pm.  
Future meetings will start at 7 pm.
2. Accept/Amend Agenda.  
Upon a motion by Liddy seconded by Wendy the agenda was unanimously accepted.
3. Review, amend, approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 14, 2018.  
Upon a motion by Connie seconded by Rick the Minutes as drafted were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's report and Budget planning  
Liddy reported no new expenses in the previous month. A bill for \$1300 has been received from HVA for updating the GIS maps for the resource inventory (see 6F). Carol has a bill for \$18 for two children's books about birds for the library (see 7C).
5. Public Comment  
None
6. Old Business
  - 6A. LID  
Connie will edit the draft letter regarding our support for Low Impact Development regulations and send it to the Kent P&ZC.
  - 6B. Fracking waste ordinance  
Jos will bring this up at the P&ZC public hearing. It was decided to table further discussion to when Melissa is present.

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- 6C. Cricket Valley power plant in Dover, NY  
An informational meeting will be held at the Sherman Firehouse on Sunday April 8 at 3pm.
- 6D. NHCOG and regional planning  
Connie announced a meeting at Kent Town Hall on March 21 at 9am regarding the HouBike Trail, and the options for a bike trail connection from Bulls Bridge to Cornwall Bridge.
- 6E. Sustainable CT  
Connie attended a meeting at the Northwest Hills COG in Goshen on 2/15 regarding the sustainable effort. A number of area towns expressed interest. Ten possible actions were prioritized. An intern will this summer inventory what steps the towns have taken so far towards environmental, social and economic sustainability.
- 6F. NCRI resource maps  
Jos reported that most of the maps are finished in digital format. He will ask HVA for a set of printouts too. We will ask P&ZC to sponsor a revised Soil-based Zoning map after the zoning regulation revisions are finalized.
- 6G. P&Z zoning regulation rewrite and public hearing  
A public hearing on the latest and maybe final draft is scheduled for March 29 at 7pm in Town Hall.
- 6H. HVA-Greenprint Regional corridors and connectors  
Connie noted that the Kent Land Trust Acquisition Committee would like to get together with the Weantinog Heritage Land Trust and the Conservation Commission to look at open space priorities in Kent. Jos would like to add a Conservation Priorities map to the NCRI update.
- 6I. Welcome to Kent brochure  
Wendy has looked at what exists in other towns, and is creating a framework for an informational brochure for new and prospective residents.
- 6J. KCS WRAP program  
Connie reminded the state DEEP about the promised plastic wrap recycling bins.
- 7. New Business
  - 7A. Annual planning  
Connie will update our annual calendar of events.
  - 7B. CT Bird Atlas  
Bird inventories will start this spring. Laurie Doss will be involved.
  - 7C. April events  
Road cleanup April 13-22  
Donna will assist Liddy in organizing the town wide cleanup. Sunday April 22 there will be a celebration at the Transfer Station. Liddy will buy cakes to thank the CubScouts and South Kent School students after they complete their cleanups.

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Children's Library program on April 18 at 10.30am

Laurie Doss will do a presentation about bird identification. Carol will buy some small pine trees and will distribute shadblow shrubs donated by the Kent Greenhouse. She proposed updating the signs.

Arbor Day tree planting and poster contest April 27 at KCS

Jos has met with Kent Center School teacher Ane Starr, and they decided on planting a tupelo tree (sour gum – *Nyssa sylvatica*) behind the school. Kent Greenhouse will supply the tree. Students will be involved in digging the hole on April 26 after school, and the planting ceremony on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Liddy will contact the Kent Garden Club regarding sharing in the cost with the KCC.

Connie and Melissa will contact Ane Starr about the recycling poster contest.

Rick suggested donating a tree to the town for Veteran's Day; he will contact the Veterans Memorial Committee.

8. Correspondence

A. NWCD newsletter and Earth Day plant sale announcement

B. Letter from Kent Park & Rec. thanking the commission for the donated tree at Emery Park

C. Notice from Kent Park & Rec. about solar cellphone charger

D. Request for nominations for Environmental Champions Awards from Aquarion

9. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8.10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jos Spelbos

April 7, 2018

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