

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
December 13, 2017

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

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

- A. Draft Agenda
- B. Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 11, 2017
- C. Approved Minutes of the September 2017 meeting
- D. NHCOG Regional Plan of Conservation and Development
- E. Updates on the street tree planting

1. Call to order.

A quorum being present chair Connie Manes called the meeting to order at 5.35 pm.

2. Accept/Amend Agenda.

After adding items 7G and H the amended agenda was unanimously accepted upon a motion by Connie seconded by Donna. Connie will provide the town clerk with a listing of meeting dates for 2018.

3. Review, amend, approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 11, 2017.

Upon a motion by Wendy seconded by Liddy the Minutes as drafted were unanimously approved.  
The November meeting had been cancelled.

4. Treasurer's Report

Liddy presented a balance sheet showing a recent expense of \$50 for the CACIWC meeting. She reported that the state Recycling Rewards Grant was deposited in the Kuga Fund, which had been used to pay the local manufacturer of the new recycling and trash bins, and that 10 more copies of the resource inventory were sold.

5. Public Comment          None

6. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle campaign

6A. TREX and WRAP

Connie was able to enroll KCS in the state's WRAP program, whereby the school will get 3 collection containers for plastic wrap and bags.

6B. America Recycles Day

On November 22 Connie and Melissa delivered a message on recycling, sweetened with a serving of popsicles, to the Green Spirit winning KCS class.

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- 6C. Recyclables list  
Connie explained the new DEEP and HRRA list of recyclables “What’s In, What’s Out?”, and noted that the confusing term “single stream recycling” has been replaced with “mixed recyclables”.
7. Updates
- 7A. Street tree planting  
Wendy elaborated on where in the village the 15 or so trees graciously donated by Kent Greenhouse have been planted, including between the firehouse and Templeton Farms, in South Commons, and in Emery Park. The KGh crew planted the trees in November for \$60 each, some of it paid by the property owners, some of it from the Kuga Fund. Wendy coordinated the effort, and will look into doing a press release together with Connie.
- 7B. Macro-invertebrate sampling  
A training session was presented by Laurie Doss in October, but we weren’t able to sample additional streams this season.
- 7C. Welcome to Kent town guide      Tabled
- 7D. CT State PoCD and Locational Guide Map  
After meeting with the town landuse officer Connie and Jos made adjustments and corrections for the Town of Kent to the interactive draft state map.
- 7E. Cricket Valley power plant  
Connie reported that Katherine Freygang is trying to organize regional opposition to the powerplant approved for construction in Dover, NY.
- 7F. Fracking waste ordinances      Tabled
- 7G. NHCOG  
Connie has sent the new Northwest Hills COG Regional Plan of Conservation and Development to all commission members as an email attachment; see also northwesthillscog.org.  
Jos reported on a November 30 NHCOG forum on the Draft State Water Plan and a new Low Impact Development Manual prepared for the town of Morris by engineer Steven Trinkaus, with a grant from the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA), and sponsored by the Northwest Conservation District. This manual can serve as a model for other towns in the region. Jos will provide weblinks, so we may review and discuss the manual and our follow-up.
- 7H. Kent NCRI update  
Connie and Jos met with HVA on November 1, and discussed our proposed updates to the resource inventory maps, as part of a planned update to the Natural and Cultural Riches of Kent CT report of 2009. HVA quoted us a significantly reduced price of \$1300 for the GIS mapping, which was acceptable to us.
8. Old business
- 8A. P&Z zoning regulations  
Landuse officer Donna Hayes is putting the finishing touches to the proposed revisions of the zoning regulations, after which they will be published on the town website for review, and P&Z will set a public hearing date.
- 8B. Open space tax abatement      Tabled

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9. New Business  
9A. Sustainable CT  
Connie has been in talks with Katie Freygang regarding a program to certify towns related to sustainability (see sustainablect.org).
- 9B. Recreational trails Tabled  
9C. Greenprint corridors and connectors mapping  
Connie presented a map of regional corridors and connectors that HVA-Greenprint recently produced. More discussion about this in the future.
10. Correspondence  
Several thank you notes were received from recipients of street trees (see 7A).  
A copy of CACIWC's The Habitat was distributed.
11. Adjourn.  
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6.40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jos Spelbos, January 1, 2018

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