

Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting

June 5, 2018
4:30 P.M. Town Hall

Present: Bruce Adams, Chris Garrity and Jeff Parkin.

Also present: See attached list.

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The pledge was recited.

Mr. Garrity made a motion to add the following item to the agenda:
9f BOE Window Funding

Mr. Adams seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen's meeting, as submitted. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 Special Board of Selectmen's meeting, as submitted. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2018 Special Board of Selectmen's meeting, as submitted. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2018 Town Meeting, as submitted. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Public Communication:

Oral:

Peter Jensen asked the following two questions:

1. Why are the Board of Selectmen's Regular meetings at 4:30 p.m. and how would one go about requesting they be changed to 7:00 p.m.?
2. Why does the Board of Selectmen have so many Special Meetings?

Mr. Adams explained that the Board of Selectmen's meeting schedule is submitted to the Town Clerk in December of the prior year. He added that "things" come up and cannot wait until the next Regular monthly meeting; therefore a Special meeting is warned. Mr. Garrity used the current union negotiation meetings as an example of the need for Special meetings.

Written:

Mr. Adams stated that there are three written correspondences (attached):

- June 4, 2018 letter from Anne McAndrew.
- May 25, 2018 Senior Activities report from Lesly Ferris.
- June 4, 2018 Staff Report from Donna Hayes, CZEO

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BY *Debra Bracey*
TOWN CLERK

Report of First Selectman:

Mr. Adams reported on some things he did during the month of May:

- Met with KML Board
- Two pistol permit applications
- Worked at Transfer Station to cover for employee
- Budget meetings
- Met to discuss Memorial Day Parade
- Went to CASHO with road crew
- Met with A.T. rep
- Met with A.T.&T. reps to discuss additional tower
- Senior lunch every Friday
- IGA - Food Drive for Food Bank

Meetings covered by the BOS – Group or individual:

- Budget Hearing – Full BOS
- Union negotiations – Bruce
- BOS – Full BOS for Union negotiations
- North Kent Road closure meeting – Bruce
- Budget vote – Full BOS
- Streetscape meeting - Bruce

Police Report:

Trooper Fisher has been actively involved, as needed, in the most recent incident in Kent. He has agreed to submit a report for the annual report in 2018. He will work on submission of a monthly report for the BOS.

Report of Selectmen:

Mr. Parkin has nothing new to report.

Mr. Garrity had nothing new to report.

Report of Treasurer:

Mrs. Herbst reported the following:

Revenue:

- If the Town receives the balance of Town Aid Road, revenues will exceed projected amounts (approximately \$52,000) without utilizing ANY of the \$225,000 that was budgeted from the Undesignated Fund Balance.
- Interest on investments has exceeded the budgeted amount by over \$30,000.
- Cell Tower rent has exceeded the budgeted amount by over \$23,000.
- Tax collections on the current levy and delinquent taxes have exceeded budgeted amounts by over \$138,000.
- All other revenues are on target.

Expenses:

- Review contingency budget transfers, at this time, all departments remain within budget.

- Certificate of Deposit for the "General Endowment" has been closed and moved to the GF per discussion with our auditor.
- Audit fieldwork starts tomorrow.

FY 2018-2019

The Town of Kent is entering the 2nd year of CIRMA's highly successful LAP Budget Stabilization Program as well as the 2nd year of CIRMA's highly successful WC Budget Stabilization Program. This letter confirms your rate will not exceed what is stated below for your July 1, 2018- 2019 Liability-Auto-Property and Workers' Compensation renewal:

LAP Rate Insurance:	0%
WC Rate Insurance:	3% has been reduced to 0%

Tax Refunds:

Ms. Devaux stated that there was no tax refunds this month.

Employee(s) report(s) on Seminar/workshops:

Mrs. Hayes stated that she attended the 5th Thursday meeting at COG. The topic was Planning and Zoning's role in creating different types of housing.

John Simoncelli – Greenwoods:

Mr. John Simoncelli of Greenwoods stated that Greenwoods is a non-profit organization that makes mental health assessments and connects people with providers. Mr. Simoncelli stated that sometimes it is more difficult to find providers in the rural areas. He added that Greenwoods also would assist in paying for treatment if a client cannot pay. He thanked the Town of Kent for the annual grant and stated that the trend for mental health and addiction is going up.

Cricket Valley Energy Center:

Mr. Adams stated that he did not want a "forum" on Cricket Valley. He stated that the Board of Selectmen received a very well written letter from Connie Manes, chairman of the Kent Conservation Commission, which was drafted by Wendy Murphy. The letter asks the Board of Selectmen to help form a Regional CVEC advisory committee that might work collectively in seeking help from the State by working with our legislative representatives, DEEP and the Attorney General and to find funds for an air quality monitoring station. Connie Manes stated that the regional Conservation Commission would schedule their June meetings as one group and put together specific requests for the Board of Selectmen.

Tax Collector collection policy:

Mr. Adams asked Debbie Devaux if she has a written collection policy. Ms. Devaux stated the only written policy is with the collection agency. Ms. Devaux stated that for the past twenty years she has been calling the bank to verify funds for "chronic delinquents," and it has worked with the exception of "this one." Mr. Garrity stated that he would like to request that the tax collector have a written policy that states all checks

would be deposited and not calling the bank to confirm funds. Mr. Parkin stated while he, too, would like to request the Tax Collector to have a written policy, he is aware that the Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to mandate she write one. Mr. Garrity stated that the current system of calling the bank to confirm sufficient funds for people who have been "chronic delinquents" seems prejudice. Ms. Devaux stated that the Board of Selectmen seems to have confused two issues: overdue accounts for collection and insufficient funds. Ms. Devaux stated she is not in favor of refunding the taxpayer the collection fees she requested. Mr. Adams made a motion to refund Anne McAndrew the amount of \$166.81 for collection fees she paid. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kent Affordable Housing – connection fee:

Mr. Adams stated no one from the Sewer Commission and/or Kent Affordable Housing was at the meeting. No action taken.

Teamster Union Contract:

Mr. Adams stated that the negotiations are in process. He added that he is hopeful for a settlement next week.

BOE – Window Project:

Marty Lindenmayer, Kent Board of Education Chairman, stated that in order for the school to receive a refund of approximately \$100,000 from the State, the school needs to show that they have the full \$376,000 for the project. Mrs. Herbst stated that all the money is there. The BOE has to ask the BOF to make two motions at their July meeting:

- Ask the BOF to set aside 1% of the total budget.
- Ask the BOF to prefund the \$100,000 in FY 2021

Mr. Lindenmayer confirmed that the project would not be done until next summer.

Public Restroom cleaner:

Mr. Adams stated that Ms. Paine has been hired by PBM, and therefore, fulfills the insurance requirement. The Board of Selectmen agreed to maintain her services. Both Mr. Parkin and Mr. Garrity both reiterated that in the future the Board of Selectmen should default to the hiring policy in the Policy and Procedure Manual.

Management Review:

Mr. Adams stated that the Board of Selectmen has requested a written proposal from Randi Frank Consulting, LLC for the proposed management review.

Grant Request Form:

Mr. Parkin stated that he is still working with Mrs. Brady to tweak the form. The form has been reworked to a one-page form. Mr. Parkin stated he would have an updated form for the next regular meeting.

2018 BOS Goals:

Mr. Garrity stated he is having trouble scheduling the first public forum. He stated that he is trying to schedule a meeting in July.

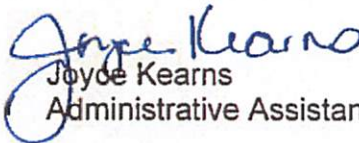
Speed signs:

Mr. Adams stated that the signs are still in the hands of COG.

Electric Car Charging Station:

Mr. Adams stated that the people at Village Barns are interested in purchasing the unit if the Town decides to abandon the unit. He stated that he would have to check the language in the grant.

Mr. Garrity made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion carried.


Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

These are draft minutes and the Board of Selectmen at the subsequent meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.

AGENDA

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

**June 5, 2018
4:30 P.M. TOWN HALL**

Regular Meeting

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a May 1, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - b May 8, 2018 Special Meeting
 - c May 16, 2018 Special Meeting
 - d May 18, 2018 Town Meeting
 - e May 24, 2018 Special Meeting
3. Public Communication
 - a Oral
 - b Written
4. Report of First Selectman
5. Report of Selectmen
6. Report of Treasurer
7. Tax Refunds
8. Employee(s) report(s) on Seminar/workshops
9. New Business
 - a. John Simoncelli - Greenwoods
 - b. Tax Collector written collection policy
 - c. Kent Affordable Housing – connection fee
 - d. Cricket Valley Energy Center
 - e. Teamsters Union Contract
10. Old Business
 - a. Public Restroom cleaner
 - b. Management Review
 - c. Grant request form
 - d. 2018 BOS Goals
 - e. Speed signs
 - f. Electric Car Charging Station
11. Adjourn

Sign-in

6/5/18
4:30

Connie Mames

Melissa Chweniske

Wendy Murphy

Patricia Bailey

Colette Shulman

Katherine Freygang

Inda Jhal - Washington Conservation

Susan Payne, Washington Conservation Comm.

Dana Slaughter

~~Tara Jones~~

Kathy Sawyer

Elyse Sadler - Little Journal

Gynthia Hochstetler - Little Journal

Charlotte Lindsey } KENT

Richard Lindsey } KENT

Jay Brown

Heath Pollaro

CATHERINE RAWSON, WEANTINGE and WASH CONS. COMM

SUSAN KENNEDY KENT

Sandra Palmer, Kent

John Simoncelli, Greenwood Counseling Referrals, Inc.

Debbie DeCamp

Marty Lindenmeyer

Dan and Brady

Don Lowe First Selectman, Sherman, CT

Alice Hicks

Allan Priaulx

Richard P. Levy

Bill Risher

MARGUERITE PERAZZELL

Jen Freed

Sign In

6/5/18
4:30

Rene Osborne

John Grant

Donna Hayes

Ruth H. O'Meara

Michael Benjamin

Jim Norton

Sharon Norton

Dr. Timothy H. Bailey

Victoria Bailey

Jayne Martin

John Mankin

Joseph Dwyer

CINDY DAVIS

Chris Ludwig

Carol Franken

~~ROBERT SEIBER~~

B. HERBST

Rolf Martin, Sherman

LYNN WORTHINGTON

Selectmen, Town of Kent

Due to a prior commitment, I am unable to make Tuesday's BOS meeting, so please accept this letter as a representation of, once again, my formal request for a reimbursement of the collection agency fees I had to pay of \$166.81. Bruce Adams verbally told me I would receive the fees back yet that hasn't happened yet. I understand that the delay may be "red tape" and let it be noted that I am merely stating that as of June 5, 2018, I haven't been reimbursed. I have also asked that the tax collector, Debbie Devaux, submit a written procedure that she must follow when a tax payer gives or sends her a check. I am happy to see that request on the agenda.

I paid my taxes. My check wasn't deposited because Ms. Devaux called the 800 # at the bank and was told there wasn't enough money in my account to cover the check. A phone call is NOT proof of funds. My account was forwarded to a credit collection agency for non-payment. I view this as an abuse of power, unethical behavior, discriminatory behavior and ludicrous behavior. There is no reason for me to be reported to a collection agency and be accused of not paying my taxes when I, in fact, paid my taxes. Ms. Devaux refused to bring my check to the bank and then reported me as not paying my taxes. This makes no sense. If someone comes into my shop, makes a purchase using a check and I don't deposit the check, it's not reasonable for me to call the police and report the customer as a criminal. As a matter of fact, if I called the police to file a report, I would be told that I am wasting people's time; that I should deposit the check and see what happens.

The best way to avoid this happening to anyone else is for Ms. Devaux to submit a written policy procedure. She needs to deposit checks into the bank. She can't refuse to bring a check to the bank and then publicly accuse a citizen of not paying their taxes. She made no attempt to contact me in any way, shape or form.

Further, I had to email her three requests to give me my check back as I had paid the collection agency directly. My check to the collection agency cleared at the end of April, yet she didn't return my check until the end of May.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne F. McAndrew

June 4, 2018

Kent Park and Recreation

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Lesly Ferris



Date: May 25, 2018

Re: Senior Activities

The following special activities took place at the Kent Senior Center during the month of May 2018:

4, 11, 18, 25 – Friday Senior Lunches, including Appreciation Lunch on the 11th
9 – Mother's Day Luncheon
14 – Adult Coloring Class
21 – Kent Center School Student Council luncheon with seniors
23 – Memorial Day Luncheon

Thank you.



TOWN OF KENT LAND USE OFFICE

STAFF REPORT

DATE: June 4, 2018

FROM: Donna Hayes, CZEO

Building Department:

- Permits Issued: 55 (May)
- Total Construction value: \$3,731,265 (May)

Planning & Zoning:

- Permits Issued: 5 (May)
- Certificates of Compliance Issued: 2 (May)
- Applications before the Commission: 5 (May)
 - Applications #23-18C and #24-18SP, by High Watch Recovery Center, Inc., for 54 Carter Road (Map 14 Block 22 Lot 6); 62 Carter Road (Map 14 Block 22 Lot 7); and the 15.48-acre unimproved parcel of land (Map 14/Block 21/Lot 23, Parcel I.D. #1486) abutting the northerly line of Carter Road and the southeasterly line of 47 Carter Road, for a special permit and site plan approval for the following: Construction of two-story addition (including offices, 218-seat lecture hall and 12-bed detoxification wing) to existing administrative and clinical office building at 62 Carter Road; single story addition and kitchen expansion to dining hall at 62 Carter Road; addition of detoxification service at 62 Carter Road; increase in total residential in-patient bed count from 78 to 90 at 62 Carter Road; conducting therapeutic activities associated with the treatment of drug and alcohol addiction at 54 Carter Road; constructing driveway entrance, parking area, retaining wall and stormwater detention basin at 54 Carter Road and 62 Carter Road; constructing new septic system on Parcel I.D. #1486; and associated site work on all three parcels.
 - The public hearing was opened at the May 10th meeting and was continued until the June 14th meeting as there are still questions to be answered.
 - Modification to site plan application #62-15C, Arthur H. Howland & Associates, P.C., for Kent Center, LLC, 9 Maple Street, Map 19 Block 42 Lot 35, modification to include new signage for "Get Back, Inc." at 7 Fulling Lane.
 - Approved
 - Application #37-18C, Karen Butler for Kent Station Square, LLC, 21 Railroad Street, construction of a 24' x 36' barn/garage with storage above, Map 19 Block 42 Lot 18.
 - Approved

- Application #29-18C, John E. Casey for John E. Casey, Trustee, changes of use for 6 Kent Green Blvd (retail to restaurant) and 10 Kent Green Blvd (restaurant to retail), Map 19 Block 42 Lot 8.
 - This was continued to the June meeting due to lack of information.
- Application #38-18C, Kent Center, LLC, 9 Maple Street, change of use from restaurant to restaurant/retail sales (real estate office), Map 19 Block 42 Lot 35.
 - This was continued to the June meeting due to lack of information.
- Filling operation on Upper Kent Hollow Road (ongoing)

Inland Wetlands:

- Approved: May
 - Application #1168-18, High Watch Recovery Center, Inc., 54 & 62 Carter Road, addition to existing administration building, parking area, drainage basin and associated grading, Map 14 Block 22 Lots 6 & 7.
 - Application #1169-18, JRT Construction for Gabriella DellaCorte, 115 A Cobble Road, installation of inground pool, fence and pool equipment, Map 10 Block 22 Lot 3.
 - Application #1170-18, James and Virginia Blackketter, 120 North Main Street, installation of inground pool, replace existing footbridge with culvert, installation of utilities and associated landscaping, Map 9, Block 42, Lot 7 **WITHDRAWN**.
- Pending: May
 - Application #1171-18, 33 Camps Road, LLC, 33 Camps Road, erect an insulated barn for storage of agricultural supplies with concrete foundation and associated clearing. Addition of 12x15 stone patio to existing farmhouse, Map 17 Block 28 Lot 30.
 - Application #1172-18, Kent School Corporation, 50 Schaghticoke Road, construction of a new storage garage at the existing maintenance area, Map 4 Block 3 Lot 5.
 - Application #1173-18, 200 Kenmont LLC, 200 Kenmont Road, lakefront recreation improvements; stone wall and sand terrace, stone terrace, cabana, landscaping and tree work, Map 15 Block 22 Lot 96.
 - Notice of Violation #01-17 for the weekly, illegal removal of a beaver dam. **WAITING FOR APPLICATION**
- Other:
 - We have one opening on the Commission which we are currently trying to fill.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Approved: May
 - Application #03-18, Dolores Schiesel, Esq. for Edward Schullery, 53B Elizabeth Street, relief from Section 5.5, Rear and Side Yard Setback, for the construction of a detached 2 car garage, Map 19 Block 13 Lot 12. (see additional information on legal cases)

Architectural Review Board:

- Approved: May
 - Application #006-18, Chris Rehnberg for Nordic Property Management, LLC, installation of 2' x 1.5' nameplate sign, Map 19 Block 13 Lot 36.
 - Application #008-18, Rick Dolson for Cynthia & Wayne Gustafson, Trustees, 21 Bridge Street, installation of sign on existing sign post and window, Map 19 Block 13 Lot 10
 - Tabled to the June meeting

UPDATE ON CONTINUING PROJECTS:

- Rewrite of the Regulations:
 - A special meeting was held and all the issues raised at the public hearing were addressed. The final version will be reviewed at the June meeting with anticipated approval.

VIOLATIONS:

- Legal Issues:
 - High Watch vs TOK and BHR:
 - The Motion to Dismiss was heard and the judge has ordered briefs from both parties. I don't anticipate hearing anything until the middle of August.
 - Legal fees to date: \$5,242.00
 - The Certificate of Need hearing was held on May 10th. Currently, the applicant (BHR) and the intervenor (HW) are being allowed to prepare briefs in response to comments made at the hearing.
 - 209 Kent Road – An eviction hearing was held on May 8th. An order of stay was granted to the defendant until June 22nd at which time he must vacate the property or be in contempt of court.
 - Watts vs Schullery and the Town of Kent ZBA:
 - The lawsuit was just filed in response to a recent approval granted by the ZBA for the construction of a detached garage within the rear and side yard setback. Appearances have to be filed by June 19th. We have asked that the trial division of Cramer and Anderson take the lead in order to reduce our legal expenses.
 - High Watch Recovery, 47 Carter Road:
 - Complaints were received with regard to the amount of clearing done on the property. I am waiting to find out what board length was cleared to determine if a forestry application was required. A discussion will be held at the upcoming P&Z meeting with regard to representations made about the clearing when the permit was granted.

OTHER

- I attended the 5th Thursday NWCOG forum on: "Planning and Zoning to Provide Housing Options". Discussions covered Incentive Housing Zones, Affordable Housing, mixed commercial/residential and Cohousing.



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

April 29, 2018

Via email firstselectman@townofkentct.org and hard copy mail

Bruce Adams, First Selectman
Christopher Garrity, Selectman
Jeff Parkin, Selectman

Town of Kent Board of Selectmen
PO Box 678
Kent, CT 06757

Re: Cricket Valley Energy Center – Request for Action

The Conservation Commission would like your assistance in bringing to the public and our State authorities' attention the underreported story of the Cricket Valley Energy Center (CVEC), which should be of critical concern to all of us. This 1,100-megawatt natural gas-fired electric generation facility is slated to open in 2020 on Rt. 22 in Dover, New York.

The plant, construction of which began late last year, is literally in our backyard. It rises less than five miles west of Kent, even closer to the state borderlines in Sherman and Gaylordsville. The project began its permitting process in New York State in 2009, but was not required to publicize itself to neighboring Connecticut. It was seen in Dover to be a great boon to Harlem Valley's economically-depressed town and surrounding region. Specific financial incentives were offered to Dover taxpayers by the Boston-based investment group Advanced Power, an international consortium including several Japanese banks, the NongHyup Financial Group of Korea; TIAA Investments; and Black-Rock Financial Management Inc..

New York State's various permitting agencies were eager to approve, swayed in part by the \$1.64 billion price tag and the fact that the Iroquois Pipeline would also benefit. Permission to charge significantly higher electric rates in the region (Zone G) was put in place as an inducement to investors. Lest locals be uneasy about the size and ambitions of CVEC, environmental studies published under the title "Cricket Valley Air Quality" assured everyone that peak impacts from the fallout of CVEC would occur on elevated terrain, and any environmental effects at ground zero (i.e. on the valley floor where Dover's schools and a majority of the residential structures are located) would be "insignificant". The Litchfield Hills, however, are within the fallout zone of the 282' high smokestacks.

Connecticut, contrary to most expectations, has poor quality air right now according to the American Lung Association. Once CVEC's generators are turned on in 2020 it can only get worse in Kent and surrounding towns as the natural gas being burned to produce electricity adds more carbon emissions, toxic particulate matter, and smog to our air. (Smog, incidentally is a photochemical haze caused when solar ultraviolet radiation combines with polluted moisture-laden atmosphere lying close to the ground.)

The Kent Conservation Commission cannot know with certainty CVEC's impact on Kent's environment and our health and wellbeing, but we strongly believe--as do neighboring towns' conservation commissions with whom we have consulted --that the CT DEEP needs to be more proactive in looking after the interests and health of Connecticut residents insofar as CVEC is concerned. We are especially aggrieved that formal notifications were not sent to towns on the Connecticut side of the border at the time New York State examined the CVE project and set its parameters. (Representative Elizabeth Esty recently introduced H.R. 4992 as an amendment to the Clean Air Act directing permitting authorities to notify all States whose air quality may be affected within 30 miles of such a facility when such an application is made. Unfortunately, under the current administration its chance of becoming enacted is slim.)

We are not persuaded that New York State's power grid needs another fossil fuel-based electric generation plant anyway. Information suggests that the electricity produced by the CVEC plant will be more than is needed locally and sold to users outside of the Dover area and potentially the State. The technology for producing economically cost-effective Green Clean Energy (principally solar, hydro, and wind) is on track to supplant coal and gas in the very near future. Rather than CVEC, New York and its neighbors should be aggressively transitioning to 100% clean, renewable energy and improved energy efficiency, not tolerating energy infrastructure that adds yet another long-lived but destructive facility dependent on archaic fossil fuels.

We find it ironic at the very least that New York's Governor Cuomo filed a lawsuit in December 2017 charging the federal EPA for failure to enforce the Good Neighbor Provision of the Clean Air Act to enforce smog standards emanating from the industrial belt of the Midwest and befouling New York air. Cuomo has told the EPA that "when our environment is threatened, New York will step up at every turn to protect our most vital resources for future generations." Cuomo has also excluded fracking in any part of his state while being hospitable to fracked gas produced in neighboring Pennsylvania, which will be piped in to feed CVEC. We are concerned about the role this plant plays in bolstering natural gas extraction elsewhere in our country, and gas pipeline infrastructure across North America.

CVEC, which is located in a "nonattainment area", has sought and been granted emissions offsets for the gases and volatile organic compounds (VOC) it will produce. It will reportedly be allowed to exceed those limits by 115% through the purchase of credits (cap and trade) from some other part of the state not burdened by so much pollution. Estimates vary of what we should expect but they may be as much as 200 tons of nitrogen oxides, over 100 tons of particulates, over 60 tons of VOCs, over a dozen tons of hazardous pollutants, a ton of formaldehyde, and 4 million tons of CO₂, perhaps more if we count the typical leakage from the pipelines that will serve CVE. We must consider not only the emissions levels of each of these particulates and volatile gases but also the unknown cumulative health effects from exposure to the aggregate mix at any level.


What can be done to stop or alter the course of Cricket Valley at this late stage? Despite the fact that it is already somewhere between 9% and 20% built depending on which authority one trusts, CVEC has significant hurdles before it becomes operational. Scores if not hundreds of New Yorkers are engaged in writing campaigns to NYISO, the independent agency that manages NY State energy flow across the grid. Several years ago NYISO offered Advanced Energy financial lures to come to Dover, creating an exceptional higher energy-rate Zone G to serve eastern New York State. NYISO is now reconsidering that decision, possibly revoking its preferential treatment in favor of more uniform market-driven rates for consumers. Advanced Energy countered these rumors in January 2018 with a statement that called such a move "unfair" and "classic bait and switch", arguing that it would "create a material financial hardship on CVEC by reducing cash flows well below those forecasted." Obviously Advanced Energy's concerns are for their investors, not the consumers in Zone G, any more than they are concerned for the health of the region's residents or the environment. But attractive as that thought is to anyone who wants to see CVEC just go away, it is a long shot. We cannot wait to find out. Rather we must do more right now to stop or at least alter the plans for CVEC.

INSTEAD: We believe that all the citizens living downwind of CVEC need to become better informed right now about the direct impact the plant will likely have on our air quality, water purity, farmland productiveness, and consequently, our health. Please help us get Kent's citizens' attention. **We ask that you as our principal local representatives help us to alert the public by declaring in the May Town eNewsletter that CVEC's impact is of critical concern to the citizens of Kent.** Currently the best central location that we have found to learn about the plant and its potential impacts is the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stopcricketvalley>. Alternatively you might consider publishing a link to this letter. We also ask that you consider convening a town meeting to share information and concerns.

We further ask that you assist us in forming a regional CVEC advisory committee that might work collectively in seeking help from the State by working with our legislative representatives, DEEP and the Attorney General. We want to move our citizens quickly from ignorance and/or passive disregard to concern and informed action. At the very least we want studies undertaken about the environmental impact that CVEC is going to have on nearby Connecticut and not just on Dover. As a minimum **we should join with other towns to conduct a multisite, scientifically-rigorous baseline sampling of air quality now, before CVEC opens.** This will allow for an ongoing monitoring program for excess emissions if the facility goes on-line.

Thank you for your attention and assistance. We are eager to work with you and our municipal counterparts to make sure we are informed and take the opportunities available to us, rather than recognize too late that we should have done more.

Sincerely,



Connie A. Manes, Esq.
Chair, Conservation Commission
connie@manes-consulting.com

cc: Lynn Werner, Kent Inland Wetlands Commission

109 route 39 North
Sherman, CT 06784
June 5, 2018

Respected Selectmen of Kent,

I am Colette Shulman, a member of the Sherman Conservation Commission, and I have come to your meeting this afternoon to express appreciation and support for the excellent letter to you from Connie Manes, chair of the Kent Conservation Commission, about the Cricket Valley power plant now a-building just across the border.

I would like to highlight three points in Connie's letter that we think are particularly important.

The first is the general public ignorance in our towns about the nature of this Cricket Valley project and the harm it will do to our health and our environment. In early April our CC sponsored a public meeting on the subject. Over 100 people came, knowing little or nothing. Thanks to two good speakers, they left better informed about the entire gas infrastructure from the fracking process to the network of pipes and compressor stations to the power plant itself. It was a start. Becoming informed is an essential prerequisite for taking action.

The second point is that because the CV plant will be so big, its emissions of poisonous gases will far exceed the upper limits set by NY State agencies. It will have to purchase credits from other less air polluted places, thereby increasing the pollution of the air our citizens breathe. This is a bad way to go. Instead we need to stop building gas power plants and raise the incentives for corporations to invest more, much more, in clean renewable energies, making them more efficient and storable. I say much more investment because it is the only way we can hope by mid-century to have enough renewable energy worldwide -- not to stop climate change, but to stay ahead of it and manage it.

Finally, the Kent Conservation Commission letter calls for regional consultation on Cricket Valley between our CT border towns, on what actions to take, including the excellent suggestion to start air monitoring now, so as to have a base for comparison, when and if the plant emissions start emerging. Our Commission has also recommended regional consultation and action on CV between our Boards of Selectmen and our Conservation Commissions. Let this be the beginning.

Thank you for listening.

Cordially,


Colette Shulman

**Town of Kent
Request for Financial Grant**

Grant requests must be submitted on a timely basis. Requests for the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the following year must be submitted no later than January 15 of the current fiscal year.

Organization:
Address:
Email:
Date of Request:
Is this request timely? Yes No
Amount Requested:
Briefly describe purpose of Grant (Add more detail below):
Prior Year Grant if any:
Change of condition since last Grant:
Please explain in detail the need for this grant.
Name, Title, and Signature of individual authorized to make grant request:

Approval for all grants is at the sole discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

***Letter sent out with application annually to the previous grant recipients
When is the letter sent?**

***Information outlining the process of the application
How the applicant will receive notification of award**

***What type of supporting financial documentation is necessary?
Financial Stmt, Current P&L, Statement of accounts receivable, audited or not
Is documentation required based on dollar amount of grant?**

***Do you want the Board members listed of the organization?**

***Need proof of 501 (c)?**

***Letter sent after budget is approved notifying organizations of the grant approval**

***How does the organization request the funds?**