

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

SPECIAL MEETING
August 19, 2015 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Present: Commissioners Liddy Baker, Melissa Cherniske, Carol Franken, Rick Levy, Connie Manes. Advisors Laurie Doss, Jos Spelbos; guests Lindsey Kerr; reporter Lynn Worthington. Absent: Wendy Murphy, Donna Sommers.

1. Call to order.
There being a quorum present, Chairperson Connie Manes called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. Accept/Amend Agenda.
Carol Franken made a motion to accept the agenda. Melissa Cherniske seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
3. Review, amend, approve minutes of Regular Meeting July 8, 2015.
Franken made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 8, 2015. Cherniske seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report.
Treasurer Liddy Baker provided an oral report and submitted a written report. There were no expenses over the past month. Baker will confirm the Commission's July 2015 – June 2016 budget with the Town Treasurer
5. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Campaign.
Manes reported that the application to CT DEEP for a Recycling Rewards Grant was rejected. Manes spoke with the program representative to receive clarification on the decision. There will be a second round of the Grant in February 2016, and the Commission will reapply.

Manes will continue to draft a proposal for DEEP Waste Reduction Initiatives funding, incorporating comments from Commissioners and feedback from Town personnel. Manes will circulate an updated draft for further comments prior to submission.

The Commissioners discussed the recent use of the temporary event bins at Kent's Sidewalk Festival, and plans for further usage including at the upcoming public showing of Back To The Future II, and the CAMA Fall Festival September 25-27. Manes will contact John Palowski to make the arrangements.

There is a need for some signage or display information, to clarify that all single-stream items can be collected in the bins. Laurie Doss will draft signage. Franken will put out 2 bins for Back To The Future II.

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The Commissioners will review the Town Ordinance for future meetings' discussion regarding potential updates.

6. Macroinvertebrate Madness 2015

The Commissioners discussed which streams to monitor for the upcoming season. Macro Madness 2015 will kick off on Sunday, September 27th. Doss will coordinate a training session at Macedonia, preferably in a location needing revisiting if one can be identified. During this session we will set a few leaf packs for demonstration in a public follow up session on Sunday, November 1st. Monitoring of 4-7 additional streams will be conducted by Commissioners and volunteers on their own time, over the period of September 27th to October 18th. Manes will reserve the Pavilion between 10:30 and noon on November 1st.

Streams under consideration include:

Streams for 1st-time monitoring

Stewart Hollow Brook

North Kent Brook (downstream?)

Bog Hollow Brook

Yuza Mini Brook

Streams for revisiting

Pond Mountain Brook

Thayer Brook

Cobble Brook

Choggam Brook (further up Skiff Mountain Rd)

7. Old Business. Tabled

8. New Business.

A. CT Wildlife Action Plan. The State has published a final draft of its Wildlife Action Plan, available on the DEEP website.

9. Correspondence. Manes distributed the Summer edition of CACIWC's newsletter The Habitat. Several articles were noted. Manes circulated a thank you note from Al Coffill at Kent Center School, in connection with Arbor Day 2015.

10. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Manes
September 7, 2015

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