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KENT CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kent Town Hall  
41 Kent Green Boulevard  
Kent, Connecticut 06757

SPECIAL MEETING  
June 22, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Commissioners Liddy Baker, Melissa Cherniske, Rick Levy, Carol Franken, Connie Manes, Wendy Murphy; Advisor Jos Spelbos. Guests John Baker, Lindsey Kerr. Reporter Lynn Worthington.

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

- A. Draft Agenda
- B. Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting April 13, 2016
- C. Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 11 2016
- D. Information on a proposed cell tower in Amenia, NY
- E. Information on a webinar on plastic film recycling June 23 2016
- F. Minutes from the Regional Recycling Task Force June meeting and accompanying materials on WRAP campaigns
- G. 2016 Legislative Session Recap from CT Forest & Parks

1. Call to order.  
A quorum being present, Connie called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.
2. Accept/Amend Agenda.  
The agenda was amended to include "E. Outdoor Classroom at Kent Center School; F. Seaplane Ordinance; G. NHCOC Forum; H. NCRI; and I. John Baker – Maple Street plantings" under New Business. Upon a motion by Carol seconded by Melissa the amended agenda was unanimously accepted.
3. Review, amend, approve Minutes of Regular Meeting May 11, 2016.  
The minutes were amended to reflect the designation of the Upper Housatonic as a State Wild & Scenic River. Upon a motion by Wendy seconded by Melissa, the minutes as amended were unanimously approved.
4. Treasurer's Report.  
Liddy reported that within the past month we paid bills for posters, the Kent Trails book design and printing, and printing new macroinvertebrate cards, leaving a balance of \$7.82 for the 2015-2016 budget year ending June 30, 2016. Checks for sales of the Kent Trails book should be made to the Kuga Fund. Liddy submitted her written report.
5. Debrief KLT Picnic + Strollin' for Ceruleans May 29<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup>. Tabled.

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6. Kent Trails PR & Marketing.

Wendy outlined the proposed pricing structure for sales of the Kent Trails books. The books cost \$11.50 each to print for this first run. We are selling the book to the House of Books, Backcountry Outfitters, and the Kent Memorial Library for \$12 each. We also sold the book at \$12 as a pre-publication special at the Kent Land Trust picnic. The House of Books and Backcountry Outfitters are reselling the books for \$19.50, and the Library for \$15. Upon a motion by Connie seconded by Melissa, the Commission agreed to continue selling the book at \$12 to all buyers, and not to take any interventive steps to direct the pricing of resales at this time.

The town will make the book as a whole, as well as individual maps, available on its website. Melissa suggested it be located on the Conservation Commission's page.

The Commission discussed creating a "challenge" event around the Trails book, to generate a buzz and encourage people to use the book. The challenge could include a token prize for people who hike all 18 trails. Lindsey will write a proposal for consideration at the July meeting.

The Commission also discussed ways to market the book, including placing photos and information in local kiosks and other places, with information about the book and where to obtain a copy. We will also email a .pdf and information to the CT Land Conservation Council, DEEP, the AMC and others, and ask local land trusts to link to the book on the Town's webpage.

7. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Campaign.

A. DEEP Recycling Rewards.

We continue to await the public announcement and funds awarded.

B. KAB Parks Grant.

We have applied for 4 recycling containers for placement in our public parks, and await the answer.

C. Other – IGA shopping list pads and giveaway tie-in; HERRA and WRAP.

The Commission discussed the possibility of running a promotion similar to Washington's "Good Bag" program in conjunction with the IGA shopping list pads. We could order reusable bags for sale or giveaway, with a promotional gift certificate "raffle" to those who use their own bags at the store. Connie will inquire whether the IGA has a convenient way to track entrants, such as by scanner.

Connie mentioned the information on WRAP campaigns in the supplemental materials; the Commission will further consider such a campaign at the July meeting.

8. Proposed Cell Tower in Amenia.

An Amenia resident contacted Connie for help in advocating against a proposed cell tower near the CT/NY border. A quick review of the viewshed maps shows that the tower could be visible from Macedonia Brook State Park and the Kent Land Trust's Currie Preserve. Connie has asked the resident to provide further information for the Commission's consideration at the July meeting. There will be no action taken on the proposal until at least July 18<sup>th</sup>.

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9. P&Z Zoning Regulations. Tabled.
10. Old Business. All tabled.
- A. Hatch Pond Watershed Implementation Committee.
  - B. Roxbury Conservation Commission Well Testing Program.
  - C. Open Space Plan.
  - D. HVA culverts project.
  - E. KCC's role in encouraging collection of data for iNaturalist-type programs.
  - F. State budget recap.
11. New Business.
- A. RBV promoting Jacob's new field cards, DEEP poster, RBV Report: [http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/water/volunteer\\_monitoring/2015\\_rbv\\_report.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/water/volunteer_monitoring/2015_rbv_report.pdf). Tabled
  - B. Green Plan. Tabled
  - C. Liberty Elms. Tabled
  - D. Turtles Crossing. Wendy will look for the vendor we previously purchased from, and will order two additional signs.
  - E. Outdoor Classroom at Kent Center School. Five winterberry bushes, donated by the Cherniske family, were planted to form part of the "wall" of the Outdoor Classroom. KCS schoolchildren were involved in the planting, and also learned about horticulture including the importance of pollinators, sexing of plants, and native birds that will benefit from the winterberries. KCS' janitorial staff will water the bushes throughout the summer. The Commission may have an opportunity to contribute to additional plantings in the fall of 2016.
  - F. Seaplane Ordinance. The ordinance passed by a wide majority – two or three people were opposed. The Commissioners discussed reaching out to the Inland Wetlands Commission to inquire whether it would be environmentally beneficial to extend the ban against seaplane landings to additional waterbodies (or all waterbodies) in Kent.
  - G. NHCOC Forum. Jos shared that the Northwest Hills COG would host a forum on Agriculture in the region in Morris next Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. He and Connie will both attend.
  - H. NCRI. Wendy would like for the Commission to update the NCRI this year. She suggests that she assign at least one chapter to each Commissioner to review and suggest needed updates, for discussion at the September meeting and decisions on next steps. Wendy will make a master list of the assignments for distribution.
  - I. John Baker – Maple Street plantings. Guest John Baker presented to the Commission his idea for improving the roadside view at the east entrance to town via Route 341, using native shrubs to screen the commercial and industrial sites located on the Maple Street Extension. John has advocated for the Architectural Review Board and the Kent Garden Club to endorse the idea and take on the project, but neither has responded favorably. Ellen Correll has worked with John in developing his proposal. John will send further materials for review, and he and Ellen will join the Commission's meeting in July for further discussion.
12. Correspondence. See email distributing supplemental materials.

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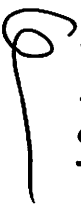
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13. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Manes

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