

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

REGULAR MEETING
June 14, 2017

MINUTES

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

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

- A. Draft Agenda
 - B. Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting May 10, 2017
 - C. Approved Minutes of the April 2017 meeting
1. Call to order.
A quorum being present chair Connie Manes called the meeting to order at 7.04 pm.
 2. Accept/Amend Agenda.
Upon a motion by Carol seconded by Wendy the agenda as presented was unanimously accepted with the addition of item 8C: KCS Outdoor Classroom.
 3. Review, amend, approve minutes of Regular Meeting of April 12, 2017.
Upon a motion by Connie seconded by Melissa the Minutes as drafted were unanimously approved.
 4. Treasurer's Report and Budget.
With the treasurer absent Connie presented Liddy's written report, which showed expenses in the last month of \$560 for recycling signs and \$290 for wildlife shrubs for the Kent Center School outdoor classroom, leaving a balance of \$65.89. Carol will check on the cost of enlarging and laminating the Kent trails map, unless the money is needed to dispose of the tires (see 7C).
 5. Public Comment None
 6. Kent Land Trust Picnic
Most commissioners attended this Memorial Day picnic. Rain restricted attendance, but 7 more trail guides were sold, and many attendees had used the guide already.
 7. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle campaign
 - 7A,B. Streetside recycling containers and Kent Visitor Center
The first pair of containers has been placed at the new visitor center, and signs have been ordered. It was considered best to let town staff decide on the locations of the other ones.
 - 7C. Village Cleanup - tires
During the cleanup 8 tires were collected. Connie will take them to D&S Auto for disposal/recycling.
 - 7B. WRAP plastic bag and film recycling campaign. Tabled.

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8. Reports
 - 8A. River Road and North Kent Road gates
No gates are up yet. Connie has seen DEEP patrols on River Road.
 - 8B. West Aspetuck River bridge
The bridge opposite Straight Road will be rebuilt this summer, and Rick expressed concern for the river.
 - 8C. KCS Outdoor classroom
Melissa relayed gratitude from the KCS Wildlife Habitat Committee for the contribution by the Conservation Commission towards the purchase of native shrubs, to form the boundaries of an outdoor classroom behind the school. She and Jos helped schoolkids and teachers plant them. Schoolkids also built benches with donated materials.
 9. Old business
 - 9A. P&Z zoning regulations. No news
 - 9B. NCRI update and Open Space Plan
Jos will set up a meeting with the new GIS person at the HVA to discuss updating our resource maps.
 - 9C. Hatch Pond. No news
 - 9D. NHCOG PoCD update. See 10A
 10. New Business
 - 10A. NHCOG forum
Connie noted that the Northwest Hills Council of Governments will hold a forum in Goshen on June 29 to present their recommendations for the new regional Plan of Conservation and Development. State representatives will also be present to solicit input on the state PoCD update.
 - 10B. Welcome to Kent brochure
Connie suggested that Wendy present her ideas to the Board of Selectmen and ask for assistance from town staff.
 11. Correspondence None
 12. Adjourn.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8.10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jos Spelbos, July 4, 2017

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