

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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
May 9, 2018

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

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

- A. Draft Agenda
- B. Draft Minutes of Meeting of April 11, 2018
- C. Approved Minutes of the March 2018 meeting
- D. Email communications regarding Cricket Valley and draft letter to Board of Selectmen
- E. Draft letter to the editor thanking participants in town-wide Earthday Cleanup

1. Call to order.

A quorum being present chair Connie Manes called the meeting to order at 7.06 pm.

2. Accept/Amend Agenda.

The agenda was amended by adding items 6L, 7B and 7C. Upon a motion by Melissa seconded by Wendy the amended agenda was unanimously accepted.

3. Review, amend, approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 14, 2018.

Upon a motion by Carol seconded by Rick the Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's report

Liddy presented a treasurer's report that showed recent expenses of \$79.99 for Arbor Day KCS recycling posters and an Earthday book for the library, and a \$500 payment to HVA for the GIS resource maps. With \$1602.21 left in this year's budget, Liddy will pay the remaining \$800 of the HVA bill also from the regular KCC budget, instead of the Kuga Fund. She will also pay the yearly dues to CACIWC and the Rivers Alliance.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Old Business

6A. Cricket Valley Energy Center

Wendy and Suzanne Charity drafted a letter to the selectmen expressing our worries about the impact of the Dover powerplant. After editing based on KCC member comments Connie sent the letter to the BoS

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on April 30. The letter is expected to be discussed at the BoS meeting of June 5 at 4.30, and hopefully one or more KCC members can be present to elaborate and push for action.

Rick brought the issue to the attention of Fifth District political candidates. The commission decided to share the letter with the public in other ways too, such as via the Kent Community Facebook page and Kent Land Trust. It was also suggested to send the letter to representative Brian Ohler, and to write a letter to the regional newspapers.

6B. Fracking waste ordinance

Melissa will work on a local fracking waste ordinance.

6C. Planning and Zoning

The P&ZC plans to discuss and possibly adopt the revised zoning regulations at its June 14 meeting.

6D. Low Impact Development

Tabled

6E. NCRI resource maps

Tabled

6F. HVA-Greenprint Regional corridors and connectors

Tabled

6G. Sustainable CT

Connie mentioned that the NHCOG now has an intern who will inventory what regional towns have done so far towards sustainability.

6H. Debrief April events

Liddy reported on another successful townwide road cleanup, with large participation. She and Connie will write a thank-you letter for publication in the newspapers.

Carol reported on a well-attended and well-received library event, where kids learned about birds and received bird-friendly plants and activity books.

Jos reported on the Arbor Day tree planting at Kent Center School, which was sponsored by the KCC, and involved a number of students.

6I. Veteran's tree

Rick met with the Veteran's Committee and a Kent Greenhouse representative to choose a memorial tree to be donated by the commission to the Kent veterans, and a suitable location. They settled on a large sugar maple to be planted between the Firehouse and Swifts Lane. The commission considered the estimated cost too high, and asked Melissa to find a similar tree for \$500 or less.

6J. Welcome to Kent brochure

Tabled

6K. Trails brochure

Tabled

6L. KCS Schoolyard Habitat

Melissa showed a video of a presentation by the KCS Schoolyard Habitat Committee to the Kent Board of Education, which among others chronicles the installation of an outdoor classroom behind the school,

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which was in part sponsored by the Conservation Commission. Jos received a special recognition from the BoE for his help.

7. New Business

7A. Tree for Kent Affordable Housing

Carol relayed a request from Kent Affordable Housing to the Garden Club and the KCC for help with landscaping and tree planting at the Maple Street Extension site in the fall. The commission is willing to help, and Kent Greenhouse may again make free trees available in the fall.

7B. KLT Memorial Day picnic

Connie invited all to the picnic, which starts at 11 am on May 28 at the land trust fields. Several KCC members plan to be present and will have trail guides and resource inventories for sale. Wendy and Melissa may put together a photo presentation of all the trees we planted.

7C. UConn – Natural Resources Academy

Connie brought attention to this program that brings students and adult mentors together to do environmental projects and learn from each other. An adult volunteer is needed for July 25-26.

8. Correspondence

Carol wrote Thank you notes to Laurie Doss for her presentation at the library, and to Kent Greenhouse for the plants they donated. We in turn received a Thank-you from the library. Connie handed out CACIWC newsletters.

9. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8.52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jos Spelbos  
May 27, 2018

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