



KENT CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard

Special Meeting  
March 20, 2019 - 6:30 pm.  
AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Review, amend, approve minutes of Regular Meeting Feb 13, 2019
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Old Business:
  - A. Recycling Initiatives
    1. Straws & Single Use Plastics in Kent  
Education Initiative with Kent Chamber of Commerce,  
Merchant Participation Survey  
Progress with KCS
    2. WRAP- Trex Recycling Challenge at KCS
    3. HRRR- separating glass from mixed single recycling stream
    4. Fast Company Program
    5. Effects of China closing markets for recyclable material
    6. CT Legislative Bills Update:
      - Expanding the Bottle Bill (HB 7294)
      - Reducing Single-Use Plastic Bags (HB 5019 and SB 1003)
      - Eliminating Polystyrene Containers and Trays (HB 5384 and SB 229)
      - Eliminating Single-Use Plastic Straws (HB 5385)
  - B. Use of Road Salt in Kent
  - C. Review April Events
    - Litter pick-up April 12<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Transfer station collection Sat. April 20<sup>th</sup>
    - Library Program Wed 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am
    - Earth Day Mon April 22
    - Arbor Day Fri April 26 tree planting program at KCS
  - D. WCCAA Update
  - E. NCRI
  - F. "Trails" Brochure
  - G. Fracking Waste Ordinance
5. New Business:
  - A. Review wording of KCC Mission Statement
6. Correspondence
7. Adjourn

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7. Goals and strategies for 2019  
Tabled

8. Old Business

8A. Recycling initiatives

8A1. Straws and single-use plastics

Maddy Stevens will do a classroom presentation at Kent Center School, and she has persuaded the principal to make plastic straws only available upon request. Carol will arrange with Melissa to get some publicity for this at the KCS Earth Day event.

Peter Jensen attended a Chamber of Commerce board meeting and found some support for a single-use plastic survey among merchants, but also some hesitation to cut back on single-use plastic. Carol will ask Connie to use her diplomatic skills to achieve progress.

8A2. WRAP – Trex Recycling Challenge at KCS

The commission decided that KCS can use a second collection bin, since the first bin fills up quickly, and that a bin at Town Hall may not get enough use.

8A3. Glass separation

The Transfer Station will start collecting glass separately from other recyclables.

8B. Use of road salt in Kent

Jos asked Rick Osborne and Bruce Adams in an email about ways the town is limiting its use of road salt and negative effects on the environment, but received only a referral to the deicing product used.

8C. Review April events

Liddy is again organizing the town-wide litter pickup, planned for April 12-19, with a Transfer Station celebration on Saturday April 20.

Carol is organizing an Earth Day event for children at the Memorial Library, with as theme Air. She will get a speaker, small plants for the kids and some books on the subject.

Jos, Melissa and Connie will be involved in the KCS Arbor Day/ Earth Day celebration on Friday April 26.

8D. Tree planting

A new tree will be planted at KCS on April 26. Jos will check the trees that have been planted or sponsored by the commission in town in recent years for maintenance needs.

8E. Trails book

Tabled

8F. NCRI and resource maps

Jos sent an updated Soil chapter to Wendy. He got a funding commitment from the Land Use officer for an updated Soil-based zoning map, and will provide the HVA-GIS manager with the new information.

8G. Fracking waste ordinance

Tabled

9. New Business

9A. Eversource clearing in powerline corridors

Wendy drew attention to seemingly excessive clearing and graveling under major powerlines, such as near Bulls Bridge and Gaylordsville. New safety and maintenance standards require gravelpads under the powerline transmission towers and gravel access roads to allow larger machinery, destroying early-successional habitat.

10. Correspondence None

11. Adjourn.  
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8.25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jos Spelbos  
January 20, 2019