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

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
December 11, 2019

Present: Commissioners Connie Manes (entered at 7.13), Liddy Baker, Melissa Cherniske and Wendy Murphy; advisor Jos Spelbos; 4 residents (for item 7C). Absent: Carol Franken and Donna Sommers.

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

- A. Draft Agenda by Connie
- B. Draft Minutes of Meeting of November 13, 2019 by Jos
- C. Approved Minutes of the October 16 meeting
- D. Cell tower public meeting announcement and visual analysis
- E. Draft letter from KCC regarding proposed celltower by Connie
- F. Draft KCC meeting calendar for 2020 by Connie

1. Call to order

Melissa called the meeting to order at 7.03 pm.

2. Accept/amend agenda

Upon a motion by Wendy, seconded by Liddy, the draft agenda was accepted, but it was decided to move item 7C before item 6 to accommodate the attending public.

3. Review, amend, approve meeting Minutes

The draft November Minutes were approved after a motion by Melissa and a second by Liddy.

4. Treasurer's report

Liddy reported no new expenses. Jos handed over a receipt for the CACIWC conference.

5. Public comment

Several residents asked to participate in the discussion regarding the proposed cell tower; see 7C.

6. Old Business

6A. Reduce, Reuse, Recycling initiatives

6A1. Merchant participation survey

Connie will circulate a draft press release about the survey and single-use plastics.

6A2. WRAP program at KCS

No news. Will be taken off the agenda.

6A3. Recycle bins

Tabled

6A4. Refocus recycling education

Tabled

6B. Use of road salt in Kent

Will be taken off agenda.

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- 6C. Sustainable CT Community Match Fund
Will be discussed at next meeting.
- 6D. WCCAA update
Wendy reported that a proposed bill in the Connecticut House of Representatives will be changed to provide money to DEEP and consultants from UConn for the regional air monitoring efforts.
- 6E. Kent Trails Guide
5 more guides were sold this month
- 6F. Kent information booklet
Is being worked on by Bruce Adams, but may take some time.
7. New Business
- 7A. KCC meeting calendar for 2020
Connie's draft calendar was approved upon a motion by Melissa, seconded by Connie.
- 7B. Connection to new selectmen
Connie will invite new first selectman Jean Speck to our January meeting to discuss recycling, Sustainable CT and other subjects.
- 7C. Proposed cell tower at Richards Road
Several neighbors of the proposed cell tower site options on Bald Hill Road and Richards Road expressed their opposition to these locations. The commission urged the neighbors to express their opinions at the upcoming town meeting and subsequent hearings, and passed a motion by Melissa, seconded by Wendy, to send Connie's draft letter emphasizing the negative viewshed impacts of both alternatives to the Board of Selectmen.
- 7D. Commission membership 2020
Because Rick Levy has resigned his position as a full member, the commission approved a motion by Wendy and seconded by Liddy to elevate Melissa from alternate to regular member. There is now a vacancy for a position as alternate. In January officers will be elected.
- 7E. CACIWC conference
Jos attended and reported on the annual conference of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions in November.
8. Correspondence None
9. Adjourn.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8.02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jos Spelbos
December 29, 2019

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