

Killingworth Conservation Commission
Town Office Building
323 Route 81 ☞ Killingworth, Connecticut ☞ 06419-1298
April 12,2012
7:35 pm – 9:15 pm Killingworth Town Hall

Attending: Susan Dean, Chair, Doug Ewers, Jim Fullmer,
Lew Scranton, Marilyn Campbell, Stephanie Warren

Absent :

Call to order at 7:35 pm

1. Agenda: Amendments and Approval

2. Visitors : none

3. Approval of minutes: February 9, 2012 minutes approved.

4. Communications/Correspondence

* General review of various brochures and letters received.

Review of the Haddam Land Swap and implications for legislature about use, misuse of public lands. The committee voted to approve a letter to be sent to Ed Meyer and Jim Crawford supporting protection of public lands.

- Legislative information includes information about a pending Senate bill to Allow utility companies to cut trees on private property without permission. Ct League of Conservation Voters is monitoring this bill.

5. Reports of officers, committees, and subcommittees.

. Parmelee – Doug Ewers: Current activity centers on the old farm house.

Bids for roofing the school house are being evaluated.

. CRERPA – Stephanie Warren: CRERPA is in process of merging into the larger regional association. Of the 17 towns involved in the merger, 11 have now approved the merger.

Issues of transitional staffing plan were reviewed and discussed by the board

. Historical Society – Lew Scranton – Interior of the farmhouse is being remodeled including stripping walls covering the original plaster and removing baseboard to uncover the original baseboard, and paint stripping .

- Other Reports: Land Trust has provided the Conservation Commission with a list of open spaces, and will be providing a list of easements in the town.

Education: Stephanie Warren: a display and information about tree-damaging beetles will be placed in the Killingworth Library , available throughout May.

6. Old Business

- KCC Website update- KCC links have been put into place, but the Conservation Commission hopes to have more content available in the next several editions.
- Killingworth Today, KCC information will be updated as needed.

*Budget for 2012-13 was discussed. Dean discussed several ideas for projects that might be feasible and within the budget.

Commission members agreed that Dean will check into the cost of a decorative Tree, to be placed in front of the elementary school as a gift from the Conservation Commission. A tree may be purchased, for up to \$150.

* Contact will be made with G. Celmer regarding the plaque for the Pat Smulders Memorial garden at the Town Hall.

*Outside wood burning furnace legislation is being considered by the state, but there is nothing specific.

*Planetary walk , by Jim Fullmer, being considered for fall , at the two schools.

* KES Trail feasibility was discussed. Dean and Fullmer plan to walk the property again. We recommended contacting the Town Attorney to review liability issues for the trail.

9. New Business

- * The Conservation Commission needs to replace P. Richards, with a new member.

Adjournment : 9:15 pm

Next KCC Meeting: May 10, 2012, 7:30 pm, Killingworth Town Hall

Respectfully submitted by:
Stephanie Warren, KCC Secretary