

**Killingworth Conservation Commission
Town Office Building
323 Route 81 ☞ Killingworth, Connecticut ☞ 06419-1298**

Agenda for Thursday, May 10, 2012; 7:30 pm

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

Absent :

1. Call to order – 7:34 pm
2. Visitors and Comments: none
3. Additions to agenda with approval of commission: none
4. Approval of minutes: April 12, 2012. Approved.

5. Communication/Correspondence

- General Correspondence:

South Central Regional water authority is seeking to purchase 46 acres off Burr Hill Road. They are asking for a letter of support from the KCC to assist in the funding of the acquisition of the open space property for protection of the public water supply. Motion made to provide the letter and was passed by all in attendance.

- Legislative Information: Legislative Session, CTLCV reports

Updates on the outdoor wood-burning furnaces was proved by S. Dean.

Utility company tree trimming modifications are being included in Substitute for Raised .B. No. 450, Session Year 2012, but there is nothing explanatory in the available information.

6. Reports of officers, committees and subcommittees

- Parmelee – Doug Ewers reporting: Decision was made to retain and restore the restroom in the main building, for those who are working in or visiting the farm building. The cinder block building will be retained, as a storage building.

- CRERPA – Stephanie Warren reporting: 11 of the 17 towns have approved the consolidation into a COG. Linda has been appointed as the Acting Director for the rest of the year.

Efforts continue to find an appropriate office space, still looking in Deep River.

- Historical Society – Lew Scranton reporting : No updates to report.
- Other Reports? (liaison for Land Trust) Marilyn Campbell will be the KCC Representative for the K. Land Trust

7. Old Business

- *KES Beautification Day-April 26, KCC Tree contributed a Krauter Vesuvius Plum tree for the front lawn of the Killingworth Elementary School.
- Parmelee Farm Activity-Nature Awareness-Birding, April 29 . S.Dean conducted a birding activity for children visiting on that day. Approximately 100 children participated. Dean has been requested, as a follow-up to do a bird-walk on June9, at Chatfield Hollow with Anne Nord.
- KES Trail Report: Fullmer and Dean toured the KES trail, cleaned up some sections, and determined that a pathway can be created for the school children.
- KCC Website update and articles link update : D. Ewers reported that it can take about three weeks for submitted articles to be placed into the website.
- Plaque for Pat Smulders garden at Town Hall : KCC designee, S. Warren will contact Gwen Celmer, re the type of plaque to be contributed.
- Education Programs- S. Warren reporting: Warren set up a display at the Killingworth Public Library on invasive beetles (Asian LongHorned, and the Ash Borer). Related to the display is a contest for children between the ages of 4 and 12, to draw or write about these a'Bad Beetles" Prizes will be awarded.
- The Display and contest are being sponsored by both the KCC and the Library. Related to this, the commission voted to approve a \$102. Expense for the display and the contest.

8. New Business

- KCC Budget for the fiscal year 2012/2013. Town meeting budget has cut the KCC budget down \$1000 to four hundred dollars (\$400).
- Designation of Parmelee Farm back wooded area as Open Space to allow for ATV ban. KCC approved a letter of support for this proposal.
- Possible activities for KCC: Speaker, Commission members-ideas will be further discussed.
- Discussion on KCC vacancy. No candidates yet.
- Other: _____

9. Adjournment: 9:10 pm

**Next KCC Meeting: June 14, 2012-7:30 pm, Killingworth Town Hall
Submitted by S. Warren, KCC Secretary**