

Killingworth Conservation Commission
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Minutes of Meeting of February 9, 2012 – 7:30 PM, Town Hall

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

Absent: Secretary Stephanie Warren

1. Call to order 7:32 PM
2. Visitors: None
3. Approval of minutes of January 12, 2012.
MOTION: Ewers/Fullmer
CARRIED
4. Communication/Correspondence
 - Request from First Selectwoman - Information on the health and safety factors regarding the use of artificial turf. There was discussion on the pros and cons of its usage. It outlasts natural turf and seeding. However, it is harder and usually has a concrete sub-base. Additional discussion centered around the chemical components of artificial turf. More information and research is needed for a final recommendation.
 - Legislative Information - The Legislative session in Hartford began February 8. CTLCV will be reporting on possible conservation, environmental issues arising that could be enacted into law.
5. Reports of Officers and Committees
 - Parmelee Farm-Doug Ewers
Bids have been received for upgrade work at the farm. Additional work needs to be done on the schoolhouse on the property. There was discussion the future parking, bathroom facilities, and activities for the next few years.
 - Land Trust – No report.
 - CREPA - No report.
 - Historical Society-Lew Scranton
Lew further reported on the condition of the Parmelee Farmhouse and the schoolhouse.
 - GIS Website – No report.

- Other Reports-It was commented that we should think about having liaisons to the IWWC as well as to the Land Trust, and someone who can work with the GIS updates, changes, etc. in light of Peter Richards resignation.

6. Old Business

- KCC site on Killingworth town website. We will be able to set up a link for pertinent articles. Doug suggested that we have a summary for each article to make it easier for readers. We could also set up a link of suggestions for gardeners, for use of household products, etc. One idea was the use of vinegar for weed prevention.
- The 2012 KCC budget was given to Gina Regolo at the Town Hall. In addition membership was officially renewed to the three organizations (The Rockfall Foundation, CACIWC, and the CPFA).
- Contact will need to continue with Gwenne Celmer regarding the plaque for the Pat Smulders Memorial Garden at the Town Hall.

7. New Business

- KCC Resignation of Peter Richards. His work for the commission has been very important. Susan will speak with Cathy Iino about a replacement. We will need someone with some conservation knowledge. Links to the Land Trust (Sue Davenport) and work with the GIS are vital.
- Recommendation for the IWWC- Glenn Johnson. Susan discussed his qualifications and his dedication. He is a land designer and was instrumental on the Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission developing and supervising work on the Wettish activity fields.
- MOTION: to recommend Glenn Johnson for the IWWC vacancy.
Ewers/Scranton
CARRIED
- Delegation of activities for commission members
 - Planetary Walk-Jim Fullmer (meet with school superintendent)
 - KES Trail revisited (meet with school superintendent)
 - Marilyn Campbell-Green ideas for website, for media publication

8. Adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dean, KCC acting Secretary

Next KCC Meeting is March 8, 2012-7:30 pm, Killingworth Town Hall