

### FRACKING WASTE BAN in Killingly

Killingly joined many other Northeastern Connecticut towns in preventing waste materials from fracking to be deposited in our town.

To frack a shale gas or oil well, millions of gallons of fluid - a blend of water, sand and chemicals - are pumped underground at high pressure to break up shale rock, allowing gas to flow into the well. There is no fracking in Connecticut at present, and the state of New York banned the practice within its boundaries. Companies look for places to deposit this waste.

The Killingly Conservation Commission submitted a sample ordinance to ban this toxic waste water from being dumped in Killingly.

An ordinance banning this waste was adopted, along with other town ordinance updates, at the October 10th Town Council meeting.

### WALKTOBER -- 1892 Conservation Property/Sherman Memorial Forest.

On October 15th over forty walkers enjoyed the trail and old stone foundation homestead off 175 Breakneck Hill Road. The moderately rough 2/3 mile trail is now well marked with white paint. There are a number of other side trails, but if you follow the white paint markers you will discover a stone foundation with a center chimney base and a well. Here you can ponder who would build a house in the middle of the woods back in the mid 1800's.

The Town of Killingly acquired the 72 acre property back in 1892 (thus its name); the adjoining 90 acres is managed by the Wolf Den Land Trust named Sherman Memorial Forest. The kiosk at the parking area was built by Ethan Miller as an Eagle Scout project, and now shows a map and guidelines for the use of this conservation property.

This parcel, along with others in town, is kept undeveloped by legal conservation easement outlining the permitted uses, and is overseen by the Killingly Conservation Commission. Open Space Stewards are our important watchdogs and maintainers; local volunteers who usually live nearby and monitor the property.

### STEWARDS NEEDED

We have a number of other Killingly properties that need stewards to report to the commission when concerns arise. Give a call or email if you might consider serving in this capacity to help keep our town green for future generations. Contact Eric Rumsey Town Planning staff, or Donna Bronwell, Chair of Conservation Commission.

### OPENING ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

We currently have a position open for an alternate member of KCC. Our regular meeting is the third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in Room 102 of the town hall. We are quite informal and you'll get to know environmentally friendly folks.

Interested citizens are always welcome!

Donna Bronwell, Chair  
Killingly Conservation Commission