



City of Torrington
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2015
Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: 6:35 pm, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
Members: Chris Altman, Diane Carroll, John Czapor, & staff Rista Malanca
3. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. 12/11/2014 – Regular Meeting - Tabled until next meeting
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Open Space Fund – No update
 - b. Operating Budget Update – No update
5. New Business:
 - a. Uconn's Master Compost program - Ms. Malanca asked the Commission if they had any interest, or knew of people who would be interested, in attending a Master's Composting program if UCONN Torrington offered it. Members present thought that there would be interest in the area for this type of program. Ms. Altman knew of 4-5 people who live in the surrounding area, who she thought would be interested in this. The Commission recommended posting something on FaceBook to see if there was interest in the program. Mr. Czapor commented that he has noticed there is a lot of people in Torrington who don't recycle even though it's free, he feels anything we can do to bring awareness to recycling and composting is a great idea and would support this program.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Update on CC Open Space inventory - The weather has been too cold to go out on site visits. They will resume once the weather is nicer.
7. Committee or Board updates:
 - a. Torrington Trails Network – no update
 - b. Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee – no update
 - c. National Parks Services
 - a. Torrington Walks Charrette – There is a lot of interest in this workshop. Approximately 25 people have registered so far. Ms. Malanca encourages all Commissioners to attend if they are available.

8. Open Discussion/Public Comment:

Ms. Malanca informed the Commission that she had just become aware that Torrington is part of the proposed National Heritage Area. She has spoken with Elaine LaBella from HVA and she is willing to come give a brief presentation to the Commission regarding what is involved and the benefits of a National Heritage area. The Commission agreed they would like to hear more information and suggested she come for the March meeting.

9. Adjournment:

MOTION made by Ms. Carroll seconded by Mr. Czapor to ADJOURN the meeting at 6:50

Rista Malanca, CZ&WEO
Staff to Conservation Commission

cc: P/Z, IWC, City Clerk, Mayor's Office