



City of Torrington
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 9, 2014
Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 6:43pm, Land Use Office (Rm 324)140 Main St, Torrington, CT.

Roll Call & Announcements

Members present: Chris Altman, Diane Carroll, Butch Klug, Reese Piper, John Czapor & staff Rista Malanca

Minutes for Approval

9/18/14 – Special Meeting:

Motion made by Ms. Carroll seconded by Mr. Piper to APPROVE the meeting minutes from 9/18/2014 as written. Vote unanimously passes

Treasurer's Report

Open Space Fund: No update

Operating Budget: No update

New Business

No new business was discussed

Old Business

CC Open Space inventory and update:

The Commission reviewed an open space map (draft) which identified parcels that are designated as protected open space, unprotected open space, state land and other city owned land. The Commission wants to study the parcels that are within the Conservations Commission's jurisdiction in order to have a better understanding of what parcels they have and the characteristics of each parcel. The Commission would like to do a site walk of each parcel but this will not be able to happen until the spring when it stays light out longer. The Commission has asked Ms. Malanca and Ms. Altman to do a preliminary site walk of each parcel and report back the findings back to the Commission. The Commission will use this information to prioritize the parcels they want to walk first.

The Commission would like to know who is part of the Torrington Land Trust and see if they can begin to build a relationship with that group. Ms. Malanca along with Commission members will see if they can gather that information for the next meeting.

Committee or Board updates

Torrington Trails Network:

The Torrington Trails Network will be holding a Buttrick Trail Work Day on October 18th. Each Commission member will post one flyer to help get the word out.

Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee:

The NRG Steering Committee has recently submitted a grant to the NW Community Foundation so they can do a study to determine what economic benefits a greenway can bring to the City.

National Park Services:

National Park Services will be working with the City to organize and moderate a 1 day charrette to help incorporate the NRG into plans for our downtown.

Open Discussion/Public Comment:

The Clean up the world day was very successful; approximately 90 people showed up to participate. The Commission wanted to thank Keith Mutch for all his hard work organizing this event as well as Carl's True Value Hardware and Salerno's Deli for their donation.

Due to the success of this event the Commission anticipates this being a yearly event.

Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Piper seconded by Mr. Czapor to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:40pm. Vote unanimously passes

Rista Malanca, CZ&WEO
Staff to Conservation Commission

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