



CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 13, 2014

1. Call to Order: 6:30pm, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
Members: Chris Altman, Tara Jo Holmberg, Brian Reardon, Diane Carroll, Butch Klug, Reese Piper & staff Kim Barbieri and Rista Malanca. Visitor – John Czapor.
3. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. 1/9/14
MOTION made by D. Carroll seconded by B. Klug to approve the meeting minutes for January 9, 2014 – Vote Unanimously passed
4. Treasurer's Report:
K. Barbieri stated she would pass along the treasurer's report to the Commission members by email for their review.
5. New Business:
 - a. Meet Rista Malanca the new CZ&WEO – K. Barbieri introduced R. Malanca to the Commission. Rista's first day will be March 17, 2014 and will be taking over for K. Barbieri as her last day is April 11, 2014.
 - b. Earth Day preparations - This year Earth Day cleanup will be on April 26 starting at 9:00 am. Flyers have been printed and each Commission member has been asked to display 2 flyers in locations that they frequent to help get the word out. All Commission members should arrive at the Armory around 8:00 am on the day of the clean up to help set up and distribute glove, garbage bags and help guide people on what areas of the City need to be cleaned up. Volunteers are also needed to go around at the end of the day to pick up the filled trash bags left by the volunteers.
6. Old Business:
 - a. CC Open Space inventory and update – C. Altman, D. Carroll, K. Barbieri and R. Malanca will meet on April 3, 2014 to work on this project.
 - b. Solarize update – The process is moving along, the Committee has narrowed down their list of installers from 7 to 4. On March 18th interviews for all of the installers will be held, after the interviews the Committee will pick their 3 top favorite installers and submit them to the state. The State will then assign an installer for each City to prevent one installer from having too much work and being unable to meet demand.
 - c. Rain Barrel Sale Update – Rain barrel pick up will be the same day as Earth Day cleanup. At least one volunteer will be needed to help hand out rain barrels. To help promote rain barrel sales Commission members will post the information on their Facebook accounts.
 - d. Trails Grant Update – We are still in the running for this grant. No decision has been made yet by DEEP.
 - e. Open Discussion – This will be the last meeting that K. Barbieri will be attending. She expressed her gratitude toward the Commission as she has enjoyed working with them and thanked the Commission for all their hard work.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION made by C. Altman seconded by D. Carroll to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm

Kimberly H. Barbieri, CZ&WEO
Staff to Conservation Commission

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