



CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday – August 18, 2014

1. Call to Order: 7:00 pm, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements: Members present were - Chris Altman, Diane Carroll, John Czapor, Reese Piper, Tara Jo Holmberg (via speaker phone) & staff Rista Malanca.

Also present was Keith Mutch from Torrington Family Kempo

3. Discussion of Autumn clean-up : R. Malanca explained to the Commission that K. Mutch has approached her with the idea of having a 2nd “earth day” type clean-up in the fall as he has a significant amount of students and their families who are interested in participating in this type of event. In the Spring K. Mutch usually recruits 40 or more students and their families to participate. She anticipates that this would be run like the Spring Earth Day Clean-up. She also noted that on the 3rd weekend in September is Clean up the World Day.

MOTION made by R. Piper seconded by J. Czapor to support a Fall Clean-up as an annual event, and to participate in the Clean Up the World program if possible. Vote Unanimous

The Commission discussed the details of this event it was decided to hold the event on September 20th from 9-noon with a volunteer lunch afterward. Staging at the Armory has worked well in the past, if possible they would like to have it there again. K. Mutch will talk to local businesses to see if he can get donations of gloves, garbage bags and lunch. R. Malanca will work on getting yard signs, creating a flyer and a press release. C. Altman and K. Mutch will meet once a week (between now and the date of the event) to canvas the City and identify areas that have accumulated the most trash/litter. Their first meeting will be on August 21st at 8:30 am, starting at the Stop and Shop on High St. R. Malanca will pull together the maps that have been previously used to identify problem areas to give them a base to start from. The remaining Commissioners have said that they would be available to volunteer on the day of the event. When the flyer is complete they will each take at least 3 to hang in establishments they visit to help promote this event.

In the past it has been difficult to get enough volunteers to drive around to pick up the trash. K. Mutch indicated that he would reach out to his group of students to see if they would be willing to help, he believes a few may have flat bed trailers which would be perfect for the job.

4. Adjournment:

MOTION made by R. Piper seconded by J. Czapor to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm - Vote Unanimous

Rista Malanca, CZ&WEO
Staff to Conservation Commission