



CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 10, 2013

1. Call to Order: 6:30pm, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
 - a. Tara Jo Holmberg, Brian Reardon, Stephen Michna, Butch Klug, Diane Carroll & Chris Altman with Staff Kim Barbieri.
 - b. Guests: Torrington Trails Network – Judy Bekasi, Tom Ross & Kathy Ross
3. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. 10/11/12 - TJ Holmberg Motion to APPROVE, 2nd B Reardon, Passed unanimously
 - b. 11/15/12 – S Michna Motion to APPROVE, 2nd B Reardon. Passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer’s Report:
 - a. none
5. Old Business:
 - a. Jacob Strong House assessment update - project is moving forward. Architect Mark Thaler has completed the physical review and is now compiling the recommendations for the site/property.
 - b. CC Open Space inventory - Wednesday January 16th Chris & Brian will be coming in to go over open space information.
 - c. Oil leak in Naugatuck Status – Final cleanup plan being engineered. Anticipate it coming before the IWC no later than March.
 - d. Community Gardens – S Michna went over his letters to the editors that have been published in the Register and talked about their effectiveness. Steve is to work with Kim on finding a good South Main Street neighborhood site.
 - e. Urban Farming – TJ Holmberg anticipates getting a rough draft together by February’s meeting.
6. New Business:
 - a. The Torrington Trails Network members outlined their goals and interests in obtaining grants through the DEEP River & Trails grants. They reviewed the possible projects and wanted to get feedback and ideas on prioritizing their projects. Talk revolved around partnering with the Conservation Commission for a private/public partnership that would be advantageous in a grant review. Kim reviewed new opportunities that have presented themselves recently with available land in direct relationship to the areas where the TTN were looking to expand trail access.
 - b. It was decided that Kathy & Kim would try to meet with Laurie Giannotti from DEEP to get help choosing the best project and format for the DEEP grant. Kim would contact Laurie.
 - c. Kim is to push for some sort of answer on the Red Mountain Trail railroad property to find out its assessment and why it hasn’t been on the tax rolls.
 - d. Buttrick trail needs basic grading to clean up the bottom of the trail and make it more walkable. Dick Miska of DEEP Parks Management has a gate for the trail head and the TTN just needs to find someone who can install it for them. Kim to contact some contractors to see if they can help.
 - e. Anticipating the Conservation Commission to have the transfer of property for the new parking area at the Buttrick Trailhead on Friday January 18, 2012.

7. Adjournment: 8:34 pm Motion to adjourn TJ Holmberg. Second B Reardon. Passed unanimously.

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

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