

**City of Torrington**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 8, 2009**

1. Call to Order: 6:10pm in City Hall, Land Use Office, 59 Field Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
  - a. Roll Call: Dave Waugh, Maurette Meyer, Linda Beyus, Kevin Fitzgerald, Chris Altman & Kim Barbieri staff
3. Minutes for Approval:
  - a. 11/10/09: M. Meyer made a motion to APPROVE. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Waugh. Vote: All.
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Report: CC account current balance \$1733.94
  - b. Open Space account current balance: \$44,966.79
5. Old Business:
  - a. Review Commission Goals for upcoming year: Chairman Fitzgerald handed out the current draft updated based on discussions at the last meeting. Members are encouraged to review and suggest changes such that it can be finalized at the next meeting. KB to send to absent members.
6. New Business:
  - a. Mayor Bingham joined the group for a discussion on the state of the City. Discussion included: promoting stability in the City's growth; possible future funding for open space; the Mayor's priorities for conservation and a review of the Commission's goals and plans. The discussion produced several good ideas including hosting another light bulb sale as an open space fundraiser and creating public service announcements about 'green' issues.
  - b. Discussion of Litchfield letter to finance board: Members discussed a copy of a letter penned by Barbara Putnam of the Litchfield PZC to their Finance Board regarding funding of open space. It was agreed that we should follow suit and amend the letter to suit our situation and take to the Finance Board and the City Council. KB will work on draft changes. Volunteers will be needed to take to the Board/Council.
7. Staff Report:
  - a. National Park Service Update – KB reviewed the memo regarding her meeting with John Monroe of the National Forest Service and his ideas regarding starting to gather public involvement in various issues that are important to the Commission – specifically trails – and the steps needed to gather, energize and motivate people into action. KB to work with B. Reardon on getting the word out.
  - b. Open Discussion – Discussion about the Leoni property followed spurred on by recent correspondence with the estate. A last campaign will be started to see if we can gain support in the community for the acquisition of this land.
8. Adjournment: 7:50 pm.

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

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