

**CITY OF TORRINGTON**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 14, 2009**

1. Call to Order: 6:08pm in City Hall, Land Use Office, 59 Field Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
  - a. Roll Call: M. Meyer, C. Altman, L. Tipaldi, K. Fitzgerald, L. Beyus, B. Klug (6:25). Also attending were K. Barbieri, staff and Brian Reardon.
3. Minutes for Approval:
  - a. 3/10/09: Comments were made for staff to 'flag' minutes and agendas on e-mails. Motion to APPROVE the minutes made by C. Altman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Meyer. Vote: Unanimous with 2 abstaining.
  - b. A Motion to approve Kevin Fitzgerald as Chairman, replacing Joe Friscia, was made by L. Beyus. 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Tipaldi. Vote unanimous. K. Fitzgerald took over the meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Report: Open space fund had a \$900 deposit and has an ending balance of \$44,966.79. Staff is requested to get a projection of what the account could total if all 'fee in lieu of' lots were sold. Discussion followed on how to fund the Open Space Account on a more regular basis. Further information is needed about how other towns fund their open space account.
5. Old Business:
  - a. **Open Space Plan Update** – Our section is due for formatting to *Planametrics* by May 20. Staff was requested to supply the members with the draft document in WORD for ease in redlining and commenting. K. Fitzgerald suggested having a 'top 10 goals' or something similar instead of 3 goals for every topic to narrow down the scope for our 'to do' list. The group concurred but also wanted an appendix to list all the ideas considered so that ideas weren't lost and could be identified if circumstances changed or opportunities arise that allowed some of the alternate ideas to be considered.
    - Get 'top 10 +/-' ideas to staff within two week to compile for next month's discussion. Give a short description and reason why it should be included.
    - Staff: identify 'wish list' parcels needed to meet goal set in fall. Set up visitation or contact letters to specific landowners prior to public hearings to inform them of the goals of the open space plan and how their property fits into the overall plan for Torrington.
  - b. **2009 Earth Day Planning** – Staff reported on good progress for the Earth Day Clean Up Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in Coe Park. RJB and the Parks Department will be providing trucks for hauling the garbage back to the dumpster. The same businesses like, Zeller Tire, Doyle's Medical Supply, Giordano Signs etc are supporting the clean up again. Scarpelli's is donating the lunch for all workers to be served at noon to 1:00. Members were asked to arrive early to help in set up and registration of workers.
6. New Business: none
7. Staff Report/Open Discussion:
  - a. Green Drinks – Thursday, April 23 at Hartford's City Steam. Tickets are \$10 bought ahead and \$15 at the door. Discussions and information on green building and networking.

- b. Staff reported on the price quotes received for printing the ‘Urban Tree Posters’ and acknowledged that cheaper prices could have been found if we searched outside of Torrington. It was felt that in the current economic climate it was best to keep City work local if possible. Rainbow Press was low bidder and staff with work with them on finishing the project.
8. Adjournment: 7:42 pm Motion made by L. Beyus to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Meyer. Vote passed unanimously.

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

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