

**CITY OF TORRINGTON**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2010**

1. Call to Order: 6:04pm at 59 Field Street, Torrington, Conn.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:  
Roll Call: K. Fitzgerald, M. Meyer, B. Klug, L. Beyus, B. Riordan, D. Waugh. Guest attendee: Fred Merrill.
3. Minutes for Approval:
  - a. 12/18/2009: Motion to approve minutes from last meeting made by L. Beyus. 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Reardon. Vote: All.
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Conservation Commission Account opening balance and closing balance: \$1733.94, spent for poster postage \$294.00. Remaining balance \$1439.04.
  - b. Open Space balance \$44,966.79, unchanged. Motion to accept report in its entirety made by L. Beyus. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Meyer. Vote: All.
5. New Business:
  - a. Fred Merrill of Veridian Energy came before the Commission to seek support for a Green Energy Fair. Mr. Merrill's vision of the fair would include a number of energy suppliers, different types of home energy production, energy audits, speakers on government programs and incentives for green energy and energy production products. Mr. Merrill described his company and how it operates but assured the commission that his overriding goal was to promote green energy within our community (regionally). Mr. Merrill discussed need to work with NCD and Jean Cronauer who put on a good fair last year at Northwest Community College. Towns already showing interest in participating are Harwinton, Litchfield and Bethlehem. Discussion followed. The Commission made a MOTION to approve moving forward as a partner for the Green Energy Fair, Dave Waugh as representative. Motion made by K. Fitzgerald. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Meyer. Vote unanimous.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Review/finalize Commission Goals for upcoming year – MOTION to table until next month's meeting to finalize. Motion made by M. Meyer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Waugh.
  - b. Discussion of letter to finance board regarding Open Space– The draft letter was discussed. In general the Commission members felt the letter was too verbose and needed to be reduced from 5 pages to 2. K. Barbieri and L. Beyus will meet to make necessary editing changes to pare down the document. K. Fitzgerald felt strongly that we should be preparing to take this to the Board of Finance and/or City Council in the upcoming months.
7. New Business:
  - a. Discussion regarding Leoni property brochure/fund-raising – A draft brochure for fundraising was reviewed by members. Changes to the brochure were made. K. Fitzgerald volunteered to send a mailing list to K. Barbieri for use. A MOTION was

made to approve the printing and mailing of the fund raiser brochure for \$500. Motion made by D. Waugh. 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Beyus. Vote unanimous.

- b. Discussion events schedule and plan for connecting with public. The following event schedule was discussed and enthusiastically approved. B. Reardon and K. Barbieri will be the point people in charge of public contact through ‘Good News Torrington’ and website. MOTION was made to approve the 2010 events schedule and to contact the paper to begin public outreach. Motion made by K. Fitzgerald, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Meyer. Vote unanimous.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Sunday, January 31, 2010	Hike/Snowshoe	Greenway
Sunday, February 28, 2010	Hike/Snowshoe	Charlene Besse Park
Saturday, March 20, 2010	Spring Hike	Weigold Farm ?
Sunday, March 28, 2010	Hike	Naugatuck
Saturday, April 24, 2010	Earth Day Clean Up	Coe Park
Sunday, May 30, 2010	Hike	Blue Trail Burr-Sunnybrook
Saturday, June 05, 2010	River Clean Up	Sr Center
Monday, June 21, 2010	Summer Hike	Red Mountain
Sunday, June 27, 2010	Trail Work Day	Machuga
Saturday, July 31, 2010	Paddle	Stillwater Pond
Sunday, August 29, 2010	Hike	Burr Pond
Saturday, September 11, 2010	Fall Clean Up	Coe Park
Thursday, September 23, 2010	Fall Hike	Klug Farm ?
Sunday, September 26, 2010	Trail Work Day	Buttrick
Sunday, October 31, 2010	Halloween Hike	Cemetery
Sunday, November 28, 2010	Hike	Hall Meadow
Tuesday, December 21, 2010	Winter Hike	Sunnybrook

8. Staff Report:

- a. Open Discussion - none

9. Adjournment: 7:30pm Motion to adjourn made by d. Waugh. 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Reardon. Vote: all.

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Staff to Conservation Commission

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