



CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2011

1. Call to Order: 6:23pm in City Hall, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
 - a. Roll Call: B. Klug, C. Altman, TJ Holmberg, B. Reardon and staff K. Barbieri
3. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. 11/8/11 – Motion to Approve C. Altman, 2nd TJ Holmberg Vote Unanimous.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. K. Barbieri reviewed the Open Space Account. Current balance in \$45,216.79. \$1250 was removed for payment for tree removal from a current open space. This is an error and needs to be corrected. By statute monies collected for the Open Space account can be used solely for the purchase of land.
5. Old Business:
 - a. **Goals for 2012**: C. Altman – to contact land owners of high priority properties that were identified in the Plan of Conservation & Development. If possible get permission to highlight special features on the land to help gain support in the public forum.
B. Reardon – Still interested in pursuing news article idea. He would like to expand Earth Day Clean Up to include showing of a video about organic lawn care. He explained an idea he saw done with Planters Choice Nursery – a plant swap – bring in your invasive species and get a new plant. We could also do the rain barrel lottery then and maybe bring in Grian MacGregor to entertain the kids.
 - b. **Changing Ordinance** for Conservation Commission to allow more members – With the City council Ordinance Committee.
6. New Business:
 - a. **Torrington Trails Meetings Update** – Meeting 12/15 at 5:00 with John Monroe. Their clean up at Buttrick Trail had 25 people and was quite a success.
 - b. **Calendar/Meetings** – 2012 meeting will begin at 6:30.
7. Staff Report:
 - a. Open Discussion - none
8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn C. Altman, 2nd TJ Holmberg. Passed unanimously.

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

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