



**CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 13, 2012**

1. Call to Order: 6:45pm, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
 - a. Tara Jo Holmberg, Christine Altman, Stephen Michna and Brian Reardon. Also attending Kim Barbieri staff.
3. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. 8/16/12 - Motion to APPROVE TJH, seconded by BR. Vote passed unanimously with one abstaining.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. A new report has not been issued since June – the Finance Department is still catching up to when their system was changed over. A new and up-to-date report should be available in October.
5. Old Business:
 - a. Lippincott Property – Jacob Strong House: RFP for architectural assessment will be opened on Friday September 7, 2012.
 - b. CC Open Space inventory – The Commission discussed the responsibilities we have as a group to properly manage any open space held in our name. Responsibilities include posting the land as 'protected', managing the resources etc. Needed items could include surveys, boundary markers and management plans (if suitable). The Commission felt the first thing was to get all members acquainted with the current parcels. It was suggested to make the next regular meeting a site walk to cover as many parcels as we are able. The meeting time shall be move to 5:30 instead of 6:30.
 - c. Oil leak in Naugatuck Status: After 2 months NIDEC has been finally convinced there is a leak and contamination from their property. Additional booms have been placed in the river to capture leaking oil. The leakage has increased during low water times. Laurentano Engineering will be presenting at the 9/18 IWC meeting to discuss the cleanup efforts. There have been some issues regarding the work being done with Army Corps and how it affects the flood project.
 - d. Community Gardens – Table until October
 - e. Urban Farming – Table until November.
6. New Business:
 - a. KB mentioned DEEP had contacted the Land Use office regarding some possible funding. We are pursuing grants for an LID parking lot at the southwest corner of Main Street and Route 4 and a Phase 2 rain barrel give away.
7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn BR. Seconded by TJH. Vote passed unanimously at 7:27.

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

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