



CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 12, 2012

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1. Call to Order: 6:34pm in City Hall, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
 - a. Attending tonight's meeting are: Chris Altman, Butch Klug, Brian Reardon, Tara Jo Holmberg, staff Kim Barbieri
3. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. 3/13/12 – Motion to approve TJH. 2nd BR. Vote passed unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. As of 11/30/11, the most up to date tally the Open Space fund has ~ \$51,920 in it.
5. Open Space
 - a. Greenbriar – Open Space Presentation
Ken Hrica, PE presented for his client the last phase of Greenbriar Estates and their proposed areas of open space. The open space was designated under two different headings: 1. Open Space required by Army Corps and Association land (for transfer) and 2: Open Space anticipated under an upcoming subdivision application (for recommendation only). Maps were shown and discussed at length.
Motion for the Conservation Commission to ACCEPT the land identified on the 'Preliminary Mitigation' plan (#0074 dated 4/9/12) totaling ~ 21.13 A made by CA. 2nd by BR. Vote passed unanimously. This approval must now go for PZC 8-24 approval as well as City Council approval.
Motion to the Planning & Zoning Commission to recommend acquiring open space as shown on 'Preliminary Subdivision' plan with the addition of a rectangular block on Wimbledon Gate North (dated 4/9/12) made by CA. 2nd by TJH. Vote passed unanimously.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Earth Day – the Earth Day clean up is set for Saturday April 21 9:00-1:00 Coe Park. The Commission went over all the details for displays, rain barrel contest and trash pick up.
 - b. Open Space Property – the City is in talks with a private land owner about the possible transfer of his property to be maintained as open space, agriculture and historic preservation. KB gave update.
 - c. Urban Waters Small Grant – We heard from the EPA. They received 52 applications and awarded 4 grants. Our grant for the trails system and LID measures along the Naugatuck was not chosen.
7. New Business:
 - a. Torrington Trails Meetings Update – the TTN met with Ray Drew from the WPCA on Tuesday. The meeting went very well. We also met earlier in the day with folks from Timber and Stone and trail building organization out of Vermont on the Buttrick Road Trail.
 - b. Maintenance of Open Space – It was decided that we needed to obtain a line item for maintenance for our open space land especially since the Conservation Commission is accepting

open space land. A motion was APPROVED to assign Gary Eucalitto to head the group to contact all responsible Councils and Commissions to get this done. Motion made by CA. 2nd TJH. Vote passed unanimously.

c. River Cleanup – Scheduled for the first Saturday in June.

8. Staff Report:

a. Open Discussion - none

9. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned 7:45 pm. Motion made by CA, 2nd by TJH. Vote passed unanimously.



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

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