

CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
November 10, 2009

1. Call to Order: 6:07 pm in City Hall, Land Use Office, 59 Field Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
 - a. Roll Call: M. Meyer, D. Waugh, K. Fitzgerald, L. Beyus, C. Altman, B. Reardon, B. Klug and staff person K. Barbieri
 - b. Chairman Fitzgerald announced the CT American Planning Association Award for 'Urban Tree' flyer – kudos to all! K. Barbieri will be accepting the award on behalf of the Commission at the CTAPA meeting on December 4th.
3. Minutes for Approval:
 - a. 10/13/09: M. Meyer made a motion to APPROVE the minutes. D. Waugh 2nd. Vote unanimous.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Report: Conservation Commission Account balance \$1439.94
Open Space Account balance \$44,966.79
5. Old Business:
 - a. Plan of Conservation Draft Review – The final draft is posted on the City website for final review. The public Hearing is scheduled for January 13, 2010
 - b. Review Commission Goals for upcoming year – A lengthy discussion followed using a spreadsheet prepared by K. Fitzgerald. Discussion points covered topics such as: Fund raising, acquiring open space, working with the water company to permanently preserve land, increased communications with other City boards and departments, improving information output to residents, new 'right to farm' regulations, and possible new festivals to expand 'green' themes. The spreadsheet will be revised to include new information and refined further at the next meeting
6. New Business:
7. Staff Report:
 - a. National Park Service Update – K. Barbieri explained that Torrington was not chosen for the full week/month partnership with the National Park Service. However they were so impressed by our location in the very active Naugatuck Valley, our potential projects and interest in greenway/trail development that we are getting one day a month to aid us in establishing a 'grassroots' organization of public people interested in supporting greenway and trail development and maintenance. They feel with more public involvement we should be able to get the one week/month service to get us closer to our goals.
 - b. Open Discussion –
 - i. Discussion around inviting Mayor Bingham to the December meeting to make sure he is on board with our various goals. M. Meyer to follow up on.
 - ii. Birthday well-wishes were given to Linda who turned *0 last weekend.
 - iii. The meeting dates for the 2010 calendar year were reviewed. C. Altman made a motion to APPROVE the schedule. B. Reardon 2nd. Vote unanimous.
8. Adjournment: 7:50 pm

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