

**CITY OF TORRINGTON
FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2015**

Present: Richard Calkins, Chairman
Greg Mele, Vice Chair
Doris Murphy, Member/Secretary & IWC Liaison
Paul Summers, Member
Jon Sheaffer, Jr., Alternate

Not Present: Greg Perosino, Member
Donna Greco, Alternate
Jim Bobinski, Alternate

Also Present: Martin Connor, AICP, City Planner

1. Call To Order:

Chairman Richard Calkins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., Torrington City Hall Council Chambers, Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT

2. Attendance/Announcement:

Chairman Calkins announced present and serving on the Board this evening will be Greg Mele, John Sheaffer, Doris Murphy, Paul Summers, and Richard Calkins. Also present is City Planner Martin Connor.

3. Minutes for Approval:

a. October 10, 2012

MOTION by Mr. Summers to approve the 10/10/12 minutes, seconded by Mr. Mele, unanimously carried. (Mr. Sheaffer abstained from voting)

4. Old Business/New Business:

Public Works Director Gerald Rollett appeared before the Board and gave an update on the clearing project on the Naugatuck River. Tours and visits have been conducted with

the Army Corps of Engineers, and they are pleased with the results. The work that remains is final inspection, minor repairs. All structures that have been found to need major repairs have been completed pending final inspection. The City will be fully accredited in the near future. Going forward, the City will be budgeting \$40,000 to \$50,000 to maintain what we have now, including mowing, weed control, etc. Additional improvements along the river will be done to improve walking trails and access for the public.

Mr. Connor noted an excellent meeting was held with Rista Malanca, Zoning Enforcement Officer, representatives from Army Corps and Mr. Rollet.

Mr. Rollett explained walking trails will be created from Toro Fields all the way down to and around the Water Pollution Control Plant and down Bogue Road. This will be done in partnership with the Bogue Road Bridge project so there will be temporary access for trucks along that route when the bridge is taken out of service for reconstruction. A new sewer line will be construct to replace an old and expensive “siphon” line across the river. A very nice trail for the public’s access will go forward in this year’s budget.

Regarding the Nidec project, Mr. Rollett updated the Commission, they want to get the “sheeting” out of that area. DEEP is done with remediation.

Mr. Rollett has been working with the Corps to do selective tree planting on the banks, and this is a longer term project. The river is much cleaner, and the fishing is great now, and stocked by the DEEP.

5. Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Summers to adjourn at 7:09 p.m, seconded by Ms. Murphy, unanimously carried.