



**CITY OF TORRINGTON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

Members present in person in Room 215 of Torrington City Hall unless otherwise noted.

2. Roll Call & Announcements: Members present: Tom Kalinowski, Steven Ivain, Michael Kaneb (6:38)  
Jeremy Leifert – City Planner, Nate Nardi-Cyrus – Assistant City Planner  
Via ZOOM: None

Members Absent: Christine Altman, Dan McGuinness

Members of the public: Brett Lehner and Ella Frauenhofer

The meeting commenced without the required three members for quorum. Commissioner Kaneb joined the meeting at 6:38, establishing quorum.

3. Minutes:

a. April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting

The record of meeting was distributed to the members. No quorum was established at the previous meeting.

4. New Business:

a. Conservation Commission Website Page Edits and Cleanup

The commission discussed some of the outdated information on the Conservation Commission page on the City website, as well as commission membership updates. Mr. Leifert stated that he and Mr. Nardi-Cyrus would review and update the information. Also, if any commissioners had any suggestions for useful information, to send to staff for review for possible inclusion on the website.

5. Old Business:

a. Continued discussion items:

1. Food Forests – possible project locations and funding

Additional discussion took place on possible funding opportunities through the Northwest Conservation District. Mr. Kaneb will continue to stay in contact with district staff. Two guests for the meeting, Brett Lehner and Ella Frauenhofer discussed possible donations of plantings for a food forest project, and went through examples of projects they took part in with other communities. The commission discussed possible project locations, and focused

on parks on Bannon Street and Jackson Street as good locations with sun exposure. Mr. Kaneb will follow up with Parks and Rec to schedule a property walk.

2. City open space parcel inventory and data collection

Mr. Leifert stated that he went over the project with Mr. Nardi-Cyrus, and he was generally up to speed with the project. The commission agreed that the fall would probably be the best time to pick up with the property evaluations. Mr. Leifert went over, for the benefit of Mr. Nardi Cyrus and the commissioners, the open space map with the properties that have already been reviewed.

3. City open space plan progress, funding and development

The committee and staff discussed the need and purpose for a City Open Space Plan. Mr. Nardi Cyrus will watch for new funding opportunities to assist with the hiring of a consultant to research and write a full open space plan.

6. Communications:

a. Introduce New Assistant Planner, Nate Nardi-Cyrus

Mr. Nardi Cyrus introduced himself and gave a brief history of his work experience for the commissioners. Mr. Leifert stated that Nate will be taking over the staff duties for the Conservation Commission.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Jeremy Leifert, City Planner  
Staff to Conservation Commission  
*Cc: City Clerk, Mayor's Office*