



**CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Record of Meeting
July 11, 2019 Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order: 6:32pm, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements: Members: Tomasz Kalinowski, Christine Altman & staff Jeremy Leifert

It was noted that there is not the required three members present to establish quorum. Staff stated that discussion could still move forward between those present, but no official motions or decision could be made at the meeting. All items requiring decisions would be forwarded to the next meeting.

3. New Business:
 - a. Open Space Parcel inventory – Members and staff reviewed what has been done to date for cataloguing of open space parcels. Standardizing of data gathered on each parcel was discussed. J. Leifert will bring suggestions for standardization for next meeting.
 - b. City owned open space encroachments - Discussion ensued on concerns over abutting property owner property claims and how to deal with issues if they arise. J. Leifert will consult with Corporation Counsel and report back to the Commission.
 - c. 2019 CT Legislative Updates – Staff updated the members on two bills of conservation interest from the recent legislative session: PA 19-112 – Statewide Ban on Fracking Waste and PA 19-35 – Concerning a Green Economy and Environmental Protection
 - d. CT 2020 Forest Action Plan – staff will monitor and update the Commission on the progress of the plan. Could be used to guide local decisions on forest management of city open space.
 - e. Potential Leoni Property Acquisition, Winsted Road – J. Leifert updated the members on the discussions with the property owners of this parcel, who is interested in selling the property to the City. Property is mostly wetlands and contains an old trolley line with some historic features. It would link two other parcels of open space together to form a contiguous piece. Further discussion and updates will take place at future meetings.
4. Communications:
 - a. Winter/Spring Issue of *The Habitat* – distributed to the members present. Extra copies would be held over for the next meeting for those not in attendance.
5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:23

7-12-19

Jeremy Leifert, Asst. City Planner
Staff to Conservation Commission

Cc: City Clerk, Mayor's Office