



CITY OF TORRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Record of Meeting

February 13, 2020

1. Call to Order: 6:43 pm, Land Use Office, 3rd Floor, Torrington City Hall, 140 Main Street

2. Roll Call & Announcements:

Members Present: Dan McGuinness, Bob DeMallie

Members Absent: Christine Altman, Jim Fedorich, Tom Kalinowski

Also Present: Nick Tella – Resident

It was noted for the record that the required quorum of three members was not present. No motions could be presented or voted on at this meeting.

3. Minutes:

- a. January 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
- b. January 19, 2020 Site Walk
- c. January 21, 2020 Special Meeting

No minutes listed on the agenda were reviewed at this meeting due to lack of quorum. Minutes will be held over to the next meeting.

4. New Business:

- a. Earth Day Cleanup planning discussion, April 18 or 25, 2020

Discussion ensued on setting a date for the 2020 Earth Day cleanup. J. Leifert noted that the actual date for Earth Day 2020 is Wednesday, April 22, so other events around the country and in the northeast appear to be evenly split between both weekends. Upon recommendation from staff, the date of the Torrington cleanup will be set on April 25, 2020.

5. Old Business:

- a. Review of final draft comments for P&Z Site Plan #1324, Notting Hill Gate/Wimbledon Gate North, Site Development for 120 apartment units in 4 buildings

J. Leifert presented the final draft of the conservation commission advisory memorandum for review by the commission members. Discussion ensued. Specific discussion and comments concentrated on observations from the January 19, 2020 site walk and recommendations to evaluate possible reductions to parking, recommendations for additional conservation easements due to disturbance of important wildlife habitats and important farmland soils and evaluation of historic resources.

Due to the inability for the conservation commission to make an official motion on acceptance of the memorandum due to lack of quorum, the commission members present recommended that the memo be addressed from staff and not the conservation commission. It was agreed that language stating that the memo is from staff “on behalf of the conservation commission” is acceptable language.

b. Continued discussion/schedule for open space parcel inventory and data collection

J. Leifert went over the pre-determined sites for the next set of open space reviews, and updated the members that all of the abutting landowners had been notified of the future site walks. Walks will be organized as the weather improves.

6. Communications:

a. CACIWC Conference Summary – Saturday, Nov 23, 2019

J. Leifert stated that he had not yet obtained copies of the materials. This item will be left on the agenda for the March meeting.

b. Connecticut Wildlife Magazine – November/December 2019 issue
Discussion ensued.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.



2-18-20

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