



**CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Record of Meeting
March 12, 2020**

1. Call to Order: 6:39 pm, Land Use Office, 3rd Floor, Torrington City Hall, 140 Main Street

2. Roll Call & Announcements:

Members Present: Tom Kalinowski, Bob DeMallie

Members Absent: Christine Altman, Jim Fedorich, Dan McGuinness

Also Present:

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. 2020 DEEP Open Space Acquisition grant round discussion

The present members and staff discussed the potential of pursuing further discussion with the owner of the Leoni property on Winsted Road, and the requirements for the grant application. The members agreed that we should reach out to the property owner. J. Leifert noted that the application deadline is June 1.

5. Old Business:

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

Discussion ensued on details regarding 2020 Earth Day cleanup, specifically on planning regarding the coronavirus issue. The members agreed that we would make a push to locate food donations for breakfast and lunch, but would likely run the event without the large gathering for the post cleanup food. Suggestions were made for coupon or gift card donations in lieu of breakfast and lunch food donations. Staff will remain in contact with commission members should any changes or restrictions occur surrounding the virus.

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

J. Leifert and R. DeMallie discussed the latest round of parcel inventories that they conducted together. Smaller parcels, numbered 9, 10 and 11 on the open space map were reviewed. There were issues with property clearing and unpermitted structure encroachments that will need to be further investigated by staff.

It was agreed that a larger contiguous parcel identified as parcel numbers 8 and 43 will be planned for a full commission walk. Staff will reach out to commissioners to coordinate.

6. Communications:


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

J. Leifert went over the fall issue of *The Habitat* fall issue which described the conference. None of the presentations or slideshows are up on the CACIWC website. The upcoming issue of *The Habitat* will focus on a conference summary, and will be distributed when received.

b. Record of Meeting – February 13, 2020

J. Leifert explained that because there was no quorum for the February meeting, no formal minutes needed to be accepted. However, there is a record of meeting for review that is set up in the same format as official minutes. The members reviewed the record and discussed.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

 3-19-20

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