

CITY OF TORRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes November 22, 2022 Special Meeting

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7 pm

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

Roll Call & Announcements: Members present: Steven Ivain, Dan McGuiness, and Christine Altman

(Chair).

Via ZOOM: None

Members Absent: Tom Kalinowski and Michael Kaneb Staff: Nate Nardi-Cyrus – Assistant City Planner

Members of the public: None

2. Minutes:

a. October 13, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve Ivain, seconded by Christine Altman. Steve Ivain and Christine Altman voted to approve the minutes; Dan McGuiness Abstained.

3. New Business:

Review of 232 Klug Hill Road Site Plan

Nate Nardi-Cyrus gave an overview of the application, as it was presented to the Inland Wetlands Commission on 11/21/22, and provided details on current conditions, as observed during his 11/21/22 site visit. Discussion ensued as Mr. Nardi-Cyrus documented the comments and concerns of the commissioners. The comments will be incorporated into a memo, signed by the Chair, to be submitted into the record for the public hearing and site plan approval before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Commissioners will get an opportunity to review the memo by November 30th and submit comments within the week.

Old Business:

1. World Clean-up Day / Earth Day Follow-up

No discussion.

Food forest planting on Mtn Road - Debrief

The planting was held on November 6th, with about 15 volunteers showing up to plant blueberry and hazelnut bushes and two small peach trees. Overall, the planting went

smoothly, and it received positive press coverage from the Waterbury Republican American. For future plantings, we should continue to focus on low maintenance native species and education to local communities to promote their use.

4. Open Space parcel inventory and data collection process

Nate has finished site visits for the remainder of the year. In 2023, he will invite the commission on any planned site visits by e-mail and at meetings.

5. Conservation Commission website page edits and clean-up

Mr. Nardi-Cyrus recommends cancelling the December Conservation Commission Meeting. All commissioners agree. Mr. Nardi-Cyrus will notice the cancellation and post to the website.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan McGuiness, seconded by Steve Ivain. All commissioners voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mate Nardi-Cyrus, Assistant City Planner

11-23-22

Staff to Conservation Commission