




City of Torrington
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 9, 2021

1. Call to Order:
6:30 p.m., City Hall Auditorium Room 218, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.

**Remote attendance optional and available using the ZOOM meeting platform.
(Meeting ID: 795-950-7035, Passcode 907148).**
2. Roll Call & Announcements:
Members: Chris Altman, Dan McGuinness, Tomasz Kalinowski, Robert DeMaille & staff
Jeremy Leifert
3. Minutes:
 - a. July 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
4. New Business:
 - a. "Clean Up The World Day", September 18, 2021, planning discussion
5. Old Business:
 - a. Continued discussion:
 1. Food forests – possible project locations and funding
 2. City open space plan – purpose and funding sources
 3. Leoni property acquisition progress update
 4. Open space parcel inventory and data collection progress
6. Communications:
7. Adjournment:

 9-3-21

Jeremy Leifert, Assistant City Planner
Staff to Conservation Commission



CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

Members present in person in Council Chambers of Torrington City Hall unless otherwise noted.

2. Roll Call & Announcements: Members present: Christine Altman, Tom Kalinowski, Dan McGuinness, Robert DeMallie (Via ZOOM) and staff Jeremy Leifert.

Members Absent: None

Members of the public: None

3. Minutes:

a. May 19, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2021 special meeting as presented was made by T. Kalinowski and seconded by D. McGuinness. Motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business:

None

5. Old Business:

a. Continued discussion of short term and long term projects and commission goals

- The commission discussed a possible site walk date for Bowman Gardens, Mountain Road, for a potential food forest plot and possible other sites for food forests. A suggested site walk to combine a Bowman Gardens visit with an open space parcel review site walk at the University Drive town owned open space land was agreed by the commission for Saturday, July 17 at 9:00 to start at Bowman Gardens.
- R. DeMallie shared a conversation that he had with people for the UConn master gardeners program for possible volunteers and coordination on the food forest project. He also suggested reaching out to the northwest conservation district.
- J. Leifert stated that there is an agreement in place for the City to purchase the Leoni property on Winsted Road, but some issues with title, property cleanup, and old trolley line ownership had to be worked out before it could be finalized. Not much else could be discussed at the moment due to the pending land transaction.

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

J. Leifert shared a recap of open space parcels walks that were walked the previous morning along Cedar Lane and Colin Drive. He also discussed encroachment concerns with a property on Colin Drive as well as other open space parcels within the City.

Discussions also took place on the future open space plan and costs associated with the plan for budgeting. C. Altman expressed concerns with a lack of a budget that the commission used to have. J. Leifert said he would discuss with the mayor about the budget issues along with funding for the open space plan.

6. Communications:

J. Leifert shared that due to changes to state statute, the Commission could hold hybrid meetings (both in person and with a ZOOM option) through next April.

7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by D. McGuiness and seconded by T. Kalinowski. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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

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PRESS RELEASE

7th ANNUAL CITY OF TORRINGTON "CLEAN UP THE WORLD DAY" COMMUNITY CLEANUP EVENT

The City of Torrington is proud to announce the 7th Annual Clean-Up the World Day! The cleanup will take place Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 9 am to noon. Staging will be at the Coe Park, located at 101 Litchfield Street, Torrington.

"Clean Up the World" is a worldwide environmental campaign. The campaign's flagship event is *Clean Up the World Weekend* which has been held on the 3rd weekend in September every year since 1993. Each year an estimated 35 million people in over 130 countries participate in community-based activities that address local environmental issues. See website for further information on this campaign <https://www.cleanuptheworld.org/clean-up-the-world-weekend>.

Volunteers are needed to help clean up the along roadways and in parks throughout Torrington. During the annual Earth Day Clean in April, volunteers filled a 30-yard dumpster with trash and litter from City streets and parks! Due to overwhelming support from volunteers who are looking to take part in community and environmentally based events, we have coordinated this second clean-up before the winter to help keep our City clean throughout the year.

This is a great event and will make a big difference in our community. If you plan to participate, remember to dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes to walk distances in. If you have an orange vest or neon colored shirt, please wear it so we can outfit as many people as possible with bright safe colors. Latex gloves and trash bags will be provided; however, we encourage individuals to bring their own tools, work gloves, and water to this event.

All who participate are invited to join us back at Coe Park at noon to enjoy a volunteer lunch.

This is a rain or shine event!!! We have kid friendly places so bring the whole family; we'll find places for everyone! You end up leaving feeling like you made a difference and that's a great feeling!

If you have any further question or comments please do not hesitate to contact Jeremy Leifert, Assistant City Planner at 860-489-2221 or Jeremy_Leifert@torringtonct.org.

Come be part of one of the largest community-based environmental campaigns in the World!

Clean Up



the World

Join us for Torrington's 7th Annual
"Clean Up The World" Community Cleanup Day



Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00AM
Registration will be at Coe Memorial Park
101 Litchfield Street, Torrington

9am-Noon: Clean Up
Noon -1: Volunteer Lunch

Clean up the World Weekend is celebrated globally on the 3rd weekend in September. There are an estimated 35 million volunteers from 130 countries who participate in events to help keep our environment clean!

For more information call (860) 489-2221 or email Jeremy_leifert@torringtonct.org



Date: July 14, 2021

To: Conservation Commission
City Hall, Room 324
140 Main St.
Torrington, CT 06790

Re: Proposed Wireless Communication Facility Modification
52 Summer Street
Torrington, Connecticut

To comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, T-Mobile Northeast, LLC and affiliates (T-Mobile) have retained All-Points Technology Corporation, P.C. (APT) to evaluate proposed tower facilities for any adverse effect they may have on historic properties. As part of this evaluation, and in conformance with the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement (NPA) for review of effects on historic properties for proposed undertakings, APT is submitting this notification to the City of Torrington.

T-Mobile is proposing to modify an existing rooftop wireless communications facility at 52 Summer Street in Torrington, CT. T-Mobile will remove and replace six (6) antennas, three (3) combiners and nine (9) remote radio units (RRUs) with nine (9) new antennas and six (6) remote radio units. Five (5) equipment cabinets will be removed and replaced with two (2) new cabinets on the rooftop platform. All existing cables will be removed and replaced with three (3) hybrid cables.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the public notice of this proposed facility was published in the Register Citizen on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 and to invite written comments from relevant individuals or groups that you may be aware of regarding any potential effects that the proposed facility may have upon historic properties.

Any comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: All-Points Technology Corporation at 567 Vauxhall Street Extension – Suite 311, Waterford, CT 06385, to the attention of Jennifer Young Gaudet, (860) 663-1697 ext. 231, jyounggaudet@allpointstech.com. Please respond within 30 days if you wish to comment.



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June 7, 2021

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Torrington Conservation Commission
Christine Altman, Chair
140 Main St, Rm 304
Torrington, CT 06790

Dear Christine:

Thousands of individuals, businesses, and organizations across Connecticut are dedicated to environmental protection and sustainability. Thanks to their efforts, the state can benefit from cleaner water and air, fertile soils, and protected habitats for plants and wildlife. As proud *Stewards of the Environment*, Aquarion Water Company is pleased to celebrate these achievements through our Annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards program.

Now in its 11th year, the Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards is an opportunity for Connecticut's environmental leaders and advocates to earn statewide honors. Winners in the Adult, Non-Profit Organization, Large Business, Small Business, and Communications categories will earn the chance to select an environmental non-profit to receive a \$2,500 grant, and the winner of the Student category (grades 9-12) will receive a \$1,000 award.

In addition to honoring worthy volunteers, the program encourages others to get involved in local environmental projects. We hope that you will consider nominating one of your own projects for an award and help us inform others in your community about the program. To assist in this effort, you can download social media graphics and a poster at www.aquarionwater.com/docs/toolkit. We've also included a printed poster in this mailing. You can learn more about the program at www.aquarionwater.com/awards.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, July 16, 2021** and the winners will be announced in August.

Thank you in advance for your support of this program as well as your ongoing work on behalf of environmental conservation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Peter Fazekas
Director – Corporate Communications



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Help Aquarion Water Company Find Connecticut's Environmental Champions

The 11th Annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards

As New England's largest investor-owned water utility, Aquarion carefully protects the natural resources of more than 20,000 acres of land surrounding our Connecticut water sources. This gives us a special appreciation for the thousands of volunteers who tirelessly work to protect and improve the health of natural resources throughout the state.

Now we invite you to help honor those volunteers by sending us your nominations for the Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards. Awards will again go to outstanding volunteers for their projects that have improved and protected Connecticut's air, water, soils, or plant and wildlife habitats.

Award Categories

Aquarion will honor winners in the ***adult, student, small and large business, non-profit organization, and communications*** (Traditional and digital media) categories.

Nominate someone today (self-nominations and re-nominations are welcome). And help Aquarion put even more green into Connecticut's best environmental efforts.

Nomination deadline: July 16, 2021

***For Award Details & Nomination Form:
Visit aquarionwater.com/awards***

AWARDS

- **Adult, small and large business, non-profit and communications:** \$2,500 grant to the environmental non-profit of each winner's choice
- **Student:** \$1,000 award

