



CITY OF TORRINGTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020 Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order: In response to the Governor's Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, this meeting is being held remotely using the ZOOM online meeting platform and is open for public viewing using the login information provided on the posted agenda.

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm

2. Roll Call & Announcements: Members present: Christine Altman, Tomasz Kalinowski, Robert DeMallie, Dan McGuinness, and staff Jeremy Leifert

Members Absent: None

Members of the public: 1 public attendee

3. Minutes:

- a. August 13, 2020 Regular Meeting: It was a consensus of the commission to table acceptance of the minutes to the next meeting

4. New Business:

- a. Discussion of commission vacancies

J. Leifert informed the commission that Jim Fedorich declined to renew for another term on the commission, so the commission is now down to four members. He stated that the commission is a seven-member board with two alternates, for a maximum of nine members, and by ordinance three members are needed for quorum. The commission discussed ideas for recruitment of new members. It was agreed that the commission and staff would reach out to potential members before issuing a press release, and would discuss progress next meeting.

5. Old Business:

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

J. Leifert shared the open space map with the commission. The commission discussed the impacts of COVID-19 and how to proceed with City-owned open space parcel reviews. It was decided, for the immediate future, to only do reviews on smaller properties that can be conducted by individual members rather than pairs or groups. Discussion ensued on distribution and scheduling of the next parcels for review. J. Leifert will distribute data sheets, maps and parcel information by email to the commission members working on those specific parcels.

6. Communications:

The following items were distributed and discussed:

- 52 Summer Street – notification of proposed modifications to wireless communication infrastructure on the Torrington Towers building

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Chairwoman Altman at 6:56 pm

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