



CITY OF TORRINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes April 8, 2021 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 6:38 pm

2. Roll Call & Announcements: Members present: Christine Altman, Tom Kalinowski, Robert DeMallie (6:56) and staff Jeremy Leifert

Members Absent: Dan McGuiness

Members of the public: None

3. Minutes:

a. Minutes will be tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum

4. New Business:

None

5. Old Business:

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

- J. Leifert went over possible sources of funding for planning and development of food forest properties. Brief discussion took place over the funding sources and the best areas to look for city for city properties to develop.
- Further discussion took place on a future City Open space plan. The first steps in the plan are to complete the open space parcel inventory and identify sources of grant funding to hire a consultant to assist in development of the plan. Discussion to continue after open space property reviews are complete.
- Discussion of the possible acquisition of the Leoni property on Winsted Road continued. City staff have recently resumed discussion and negotiation for the property, and discussions are ongoing.

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

J. Leifert stated that packets for four properties off of Torrington Street are complete and will be sent out to Commissioners for field review. Assignments for specific properties were discussed. T. Kalinowski asked of abutting property owners were notified that we would be out there, and J. Leifert said they were last month.

R. Demallie signed into the meeting at 6:56, establishing quorum for the meeting.

c. April 24, 2021 Earth Day Cleanup planning discussion

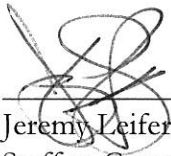
The commission held a brief final planning discussion on planning for the scheduled Earth Day Cleanup to take place on Saturday, April 24, 2021. The committee discussed when members would be available in the morning to help out. The committee discussed food and gift certificates for volunteers who help out. Staff will be at the park to set up around 8:00 am.

6. Communications:

None

7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by R. DeMallie and seconded by T. Kalinowski. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned Altman at 7:07 pm



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