



**CITY OF TORRINGTON**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, December 11, 2014**  
**Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order: 6:45pm, Land Use Office, Room 324, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT.
2. Roll Call & Announcements:  
Members: Tara Jo Holmberg, Butch Klug, John Czapor, Jim Fedorich & staff Rista Malanca
3. Minutes for Approval:
  - a. 11/13/14 – Regular Meeting – tabled
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Open Space Fund – No Change
  - b. Operating Budget Update – No Change
5. New Business:
  - a. Discuss River Clean Up: Mr. Fedorich, who is also a member of Trout Unlimited (TU), stated that TU had been doing a River Clean up for almost 20 years. He indicated that over the past 6 years the River Cleanup has been hosted by both TU and the City of Torrington Conservation Commission. In the past the River Cleanup has been done in April or May, but it was deemed that the water is too cold and dangerous for families to participate. Therefore, the cleanup has traditionally been on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June when the conditions are much safer. On behalf of TU Mr. Fedorich would urge the Commission to add a River Clean up in 2015 on the first Saturday in June (6/6/15).

Motion made by Ms. Holmberg seconded by Mr. Czapor it was voted to add a Naugatuck River Cleanup to the Regular Meeting schedule for June 6, 2015. Vote Unanimous

6. Old Business:
  - a. Update on CC Open Space inventory - Due to weather no further site visits have been performed this month. Site visits will resume as soon as weather allows.
7. Committee or Board updates:
  - a. Torrington Trails Network – No Update
  - b. Naugatuck River Greenway Steering Committee
    - a. Danielle MailerMs. Malanca is working with a local artist, Danielle Mailer, and the NRG Steering Committee to incorporate a conceptual plan to incorporate and encourage public art into the Greenway.
  - c. National Parks Services
    - a. Torrington Walks Charrette – update

Ms. Malanca is working with John Monroe from National Parks services to organize a one day design workshop, Torrington Walks!, on January 22, 2015. This workshop will help create a plan to develop the Naugatuck River Greenway in Torrington and link it to existing sidewalks, woodland trails and state parks. All advocated for downtown Torrington and greenways are urged to attend this workshop. Invitations were sent out earlier in the day to all Commission members and they are encouraged to attend as well as forward the invitation to anyone who may be interested.

8. Open Discussion/Public Comment:

Mr. Fedorich discussed Besse Pond, he feels this pond is an asset to our community and would like to see it used as a state designated as an inner city community pond. This program encourages this pond to be used for fishing and would stock the pond for that purpose. The reason this cannot be done is that pond is too shallow and needs to be dredged. Dredging this pond is a costly project. Mr. Fedorich will check with Trout Unlimited to see if they have any funds available to do this type of project.

9. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Klug seconded by Mr. Fedorich to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.  
Vote Unanimous.



Rista Malanca, CZ&WEO  
*Staff to Conservation Commission*

cc: P/Z, IWC, City Clerk, Mayor's Office