

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2008
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM
SECOND FLOOR
BUILDING DEPARTMENT
55 WEST MAIN STREET
VERNON, CT 06066

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sheryl McMullen, Lawrence Geissler, Jr., Scott Sierakowski, Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouelette, H. Russell Kunz

STAFF PRESENT: Marina Rodriguez, CED Coordinator/Assistant Town Planner

RECORDING SECRETARY: Blanche Perillo

1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Sheryl McMullen.

2. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

A. Adoption of Agenda Amendments

None

B. Acceptance of the March 17, 2008 meeting minutes

Motion was made by Lawrence Geissler, Jr. to accept the minutes to the March 17, 2008 meeting.

Motion was seconded by Scott Weiting.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Communications

Communications not related to the agenda.

D. Application related Correspondences to be reviewed

- Lee & Lamont zone change of letter of 3/17/08
- Bolton Road IWC app letter of 3/24/08

Bolton Road – the concerns are Vernal Pools as well as following up on constructions sites. The Commission would like Craig Perry, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, to attend a Conservation Commission meeting.

Marina will invite Craig to the May meeting.

The May meeting will be moved to Wednesday, May 14, 2008.

E. Budget requirements

Nothing new since the last meeting.

F. Other Business

(IWC-2008-04) 55 Lawrence Street

A Public Hearing is scheduled April 22, 2008, for a Wetlands permit to replace a damaged pipe.

No comments from the Commission.

(IWC-2008-08) Reconstruction of Bolton Road - South

The Commission is concerned where the fill will go after being dug out. This and other concerns will be brought to the attention of Craig Perry. Lawrence Geissler, Jr. will contact Len regarding the status of the application.

PZC applications

(PZC-2008-01) 670 Dart Hill Road

This site is located near the park and the Hockanum River. The Commission feels there may be activities of concern. Motion was made by Sheryl McMullen to write a letter of concern. Motion seconded by Lawrence Geissler, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

(PZC-2008-09) 6 Franklin Road

No comments from the Commission

3. RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Scott W. visited the high school and took photos of the signs made by students to promote recycling. There were several recycling bins in many areas of the school.

The cafeteria is now recycling cans. The office is recycling office paper.

Scott W. will provide the Commission with the names of the students involved in this project and a letter of commendation will be written to them.

Public Works mailed Scott W. the updated flyer and procedures for town recycling.

The Commission suggests that this flyer be forwarded to town residents by including it with the mailing of property tax bills. Carol Nelson, the tax collector will be contacted.

The Vernon Town Web site has a link to Public Works which will have a link for recycling tips. Scott W. will write a letter to all Commissions explaining recycling tips on the web site.

4. MATURE TREES

Some minor changes and wording was made on the Site Plan.

Lawrence Geissler will provide the Commission with copies.

The Buffer plan expands on the original plan and gives a clearer explanation.

Tom Ouelette provided the Commission with added and modified text to the plan based on excerpts from South Windsor Zoning Regulations and edits recommended by Len Tundermann, Town Planner.

Sheryl Mc Mullen suggested Lawrence and Tom write a cover letter to explain note worthy points.

5. NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

Nothing to report at this time.

6. BOLTON LAKES ERT

Tolland, Coventry, Bolton, and Vernon were invited to a meeting to challenge the concept of ERT.

Hydrology was the utmost concern along with fish and the coloration of the water.

A base line study should be done.

Sheryl would like a member of the Commission to attend the next meeting to become more familiar.

Harry Kunz volunteered to attend a meeting.

7. TANKERHOOSEN WATERSHED STUDY

Tom Ouelette has volunteered to be the spoke person for this study.

A summary was written and presented to the Commission by Tom.

The Commission would like to suggest that this study be presented to the PZC, IWC, and the Town Council.

Tom will discuss with Ann.

Workshop on low impact development (LID) tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2008 for Land Use Commissions.

8. HOW TO MANAGE PROPERTIES CURRENTLY OWNED BY TOWN(>&< 30k LIST

George and Jane visited the properties.

Banforth property may have the most value. (20 acres)

9. SCENIC ROAD CANDIDATES

The agenda for the PZC , April 17th meeting will include the application to be received.

10. LONG ISLAND SOUND DRAINAGE STICKERS

The Commission is waiting on approval.

Sheryl suggests that a letter be written to the Town Council to advise them what the Conservation Commission has done.

Scott S. received approval from George Fetko and the town Tree Warden.

He will also inquire about the storm water management plan.

11. WEB SITE

Scott S. will contact Charlotte Adams, Assistant to the Mayor, to inquire why the Conservation Commission is not on the web site.

12. AQUIFER PROTECTION ZONE

Sheryl has received the old and the new regulations.

Sheryl feels the state regulations should be reviewed and she will get an update from Len.

13. 2009 PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report at this time

14. OTHER GOALS

Scott W. had the Earth Day Tips placed in the Journal Inquirer.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 P.m.