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TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouellette, Ryan Goad, Russell Kunz

STAFF PRESENT Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

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2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of September 17, 2012

Change wording to Item #12 Other Goals – second sentence: “All are welcome to attend the site visit following the meeting.”

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to amend the meeting minutes. Second to motion was made by Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

None

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

Application (IWC-2012-28) of Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) for a wetlands permit for the installation of sewers in Phase 5 in Vernon.

Maps were available for the Commission to review. No comments from the Commission.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

Letter sent regarding comments from the Commission on the state POCD.
Scott Wieting will contact Len Tundermann regarding the next step.

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

No Action.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID)

No Action.

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

Thomas Ouellette met with Bruce Dinnie and George Knoecklein. To date the Papermill Pond is a concern due to strong evidence of milfoil. The quote to treat the pond is in process. The biggest concern is the ownership of the pond and who will pay for the treatment. When this issue is resolved & the proper permits applied for treatment will begin next year.

Snipsick has not yet been surveyed by an independent scientist and the Commission questions the potential benefit of treatment.

Walker Reservoir East will be resurveyed to get a more accurate estimate of the invasives.

Mr. Knoecklein will recommend a course of action between suction harvesting or chemicals for treatment.

Valley Falls is clean. The Tankerhoosen Lake will have to be resurveyed each year. A report will be provided by Mr. Knoecklein in December 2012 and in March 2013 processes will be organized.

Scott Wieting questioned if the state would share in the funding due to the affected area being up stream from a state body of water. Thomas Ouellette will organize the river walk once again in 2013

6. SCENIC ROADS

No Action.

7. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Scott Wieting would like to solicit new members for the Commission by placing ads thru the following:

- Town Web Site
- Facebook
- Journal Inquirer
- Cable Access Channel

- Reminder
- MCC Green Club members (registered voters)

Recycling in the Rockville High School has been an ongoing topic. Shaun Gately will investigate this issue and report to the Commission.

Russell Kunz suggested installing recycling bins at the landfill. Proceeds can benefit any town organization.

Public Outreach (new member task) – Education for lake residents – work in conjunction with Bolton Conservation Commission to brainstorm preventative measures regarding the current algae bloom.

8. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No Action.

9. OPEN SPACE PROCESS/ZONE

The application for the Northern CT Land Trust has been submitted.

10. VERNAL POOLS

No Action.

11. TANKERHOUSEN WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Being addressed – New Public Outreach Plan.

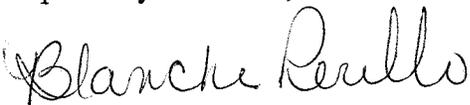
12. OTHER GOALS

- Potential violations in Middle Bolton Lake (grass clippings and dirt piles).
- Better storm water management in Newhoca – improved catch basins.
- Bio Assessment survey – The Conservation Commission would encourage new members to get involved.
- Shaun will advise if the CACWIC dues are paid so the members may attend.
- Combining Open Space Task Force with the Conservation Commission – no action at this time
Shaun Gately will inquire and advise.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Scott Wieting to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Second to motion was made by Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanche Perillo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary