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TOWN OF VERNON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012  
7:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE  
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouellette, Ryan Goad,  
Russell Kunz (exited meeting at 7:30 returned at 8:20)

STAFF PRESENT: Shaun Gately

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

A. Acceptance of Minutes of April 16, 2012.

Addition to the minutes #12 Other Goals, second paragraph:

“Main Street Bridge is being replaced. There are only 106 bridges left in the state of its type and age”. Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to accept the minutes as amended. Second to motion was made by Ryan Goad. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications.

Habitat Magazine (Spring 2012).  
CT Wildlife Magazine (March/April 2012).

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

No new applications.

**PZ-2012-07** of Jane Moore Properties, LLC – Approved by PZC.

IWC-2012-05 of Subpeak, Inc. (Suburban Subaru) – Approved by IWC. The IWC received the Conservation Commissions comments and asked the applicant to replace some impervious surface with pervious as well as add some plantings around the remaining culvert.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

- Thomas Ouellette's essay for the nomination of Aquatic Management.
- Russell Kunz's essay for the nomination of Nancy Strong.
- Ryan Goad's essay for LID Watershed Plan.

### **3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT**

A. Review of Conceptual Plan

Shaun Gately presented the Commission with several preliminary (first pass) maps of development strategy for Exits 66/67. This review of the conception plan is to have the Conservation Commission brainstorm about what may be in the best interest for Vernon over the next 2 decades. Shaun asked the Commission to put together their concerns and any feedback to promote sound development.

### **4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION**

No Action.

### **5. AQUATIC INVASIVES**

Thomas Ouellette drafted a letter to send to property owners for inspection of ponds on their properties. Each letter will include a photo of the respective pond. Letters will be mailed early June in order to schedule inspections.

Mr. Ouellette will contact Mr. Knoecklein to see if it is feasible to use volunteers for the inspection of the Hockanum. Tom will email volunteers from last year and will also place an ad in the Journal Inquirer and the Concerned Citizens Publication.

### **6. SCENIC ROADS**

The Commission was satisfied with the placement of the Scenic Road Signs.

**7. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH**

Trails Day is scheduled for June 2, 2012.

Scott Wieting will place an article in the CT Trail Brochure to promote the Tulip Tree Trail in time for Trails Day, June 2, 2012.

Scott will contact Bolton's Rod Parlee to set up time to complete the blazing of the trail. Thomas Ouellette and Ryan Goad will be available to assist with the blazing.

**8. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLAND REMEDIATION**

Cease and Desist Order is still in place. Landscape plantings will be a part of the application.

**9. OPEN SPACE PROCESS/ZONE**

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to approve the letter written by Ann Letendre regarding the collaboration of the Open Space Task Force with the Conservation Commission. Second to motion was made by Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. VERNAL POOLS**

No Action.

**11. TANKERHOUSEN WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

This is being addressed in Agenda Items 4, 5, and 10.

**12. OTHER GOALS**

Thomas Ouellette suggested a newspaper article be written to increase membership and to explain the duties and accomplishments of the Commission.

The Commission would like to get the Boy Scouts and/or students involved for assistance. Shaun Gately will advise if an age limit is defined by an ordinance.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

*Blanche Perillo*  
Respectfully submitted, Blanche Perillo