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TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 (exited meeting at 7:35 P.M.)

STAFF PRESENT: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of July 16, 2012.

Section 2D – Second bullet (Erosion) “How quickly does erosion *affect* the lakes?” Change the word from *effect* to *affect*.

Section 2D – last paragraph – “*Rod* suggested inviting town officials for a ribbon cutting.” Change the name *Rob* to *Rod*.

B. Communications.

No new communications.

Scott Wieting questioned if the CT Wildlife pamphlet can be arranged to be received electronically. Ryan Goad will investigate and advise.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

Talcottville Mill, 47 Main Street – Application was received at the IWC Meeting. The Wetlands Enforcement Officer and the IWC Commission both agreed that the plantings were satisfactory. When project is complete this will end the Cease & Desist Order. The Conservation Commission requests review of the site plans when they are available.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

A letter of concern was presented to the town staff in reference to the proposed Cumberland Farms Convenience Store, formerly Thornton's, located at 333 Talcottville and Hockanum Blvd.

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

The Commission felt there were inconsistencies with the score. Scott Wieting questioned the criteria used and wanted to be sure the current open space map was used by the state. Shaun Gately reported that Len Tundermann will comment for the areas he feels are not in line with Vernon POCD. The Commission will review the map and each bullet for discussion at the next meeting to collect thoughts to form a letter.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID)

No Action.

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

The survey is half completed. Nothing was found from the last inspection of the ponds. Five ponds will be inspected next weekend. One sample from a pond on Phoenix Street has been forwarded to George Knoecklein for inspection and identification. The Commission would like to expand next year's volunteer pool further, possibly opening up to UCONN Environmental Club as well as others.

6. SCENIC ROADS

No Action.

7. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Scott Wieting will copy Len Tundermann on his text to solicit volunteers for Commission members.

8. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

The Commission is requesting the site plan for review. Shaun Gately will email the information to the members.

9. OPEN SPACE PROCESS/ZONE

Scott Wieting is awaiting answers from Gail Faherty, Northern CT Land Trust. The Commission feels the land owners should be the applicant vs. the Conservation Commission.

10. VERNAL POOLS

No Action.

11. TANKERHOUSEN WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

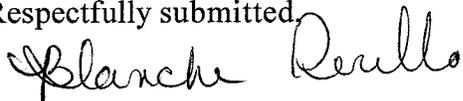
12. OTHER GOALS

- Receiving CT Wildlife pamphlet electronically.
- Management plan for Town properties – how public properties are managed concerning Conservation – protection of resources.
- ERT – Scheduled for September 26, 2012 (Field Review), Conservation Commission members are welcome to attend.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Second to motion made by Thomas Ouellette. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary