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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE

ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT

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

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of Minutes of March 19, 2012.

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to accept the minutes from the 3/19/12 meeting. Second to motion was made by Ryan Goad. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

None

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

Application (**PZ-2012-06**) of Chuck Meek on behalf of First Hartford Realty Corp. for Approval of Special permits and Site Plan of Development to construct and operate a convenience store with sale of gasoline and diesel fuels at #333 Talcottville Road and a portion of #327 Talcottville Road (Assessor's ID: Map #04, Block #0004, Lots/Parcels #0007 and #0007B).

Maps were not available for viewing. Ryan Goad will submit a letter to the IWC Commission outlining the Commission's concerns about the proximity of the identified Vernal Pool and will recommend that a NDDB review be done.

Application (**IWC-2012-05**) of Subpeak, Inc. and Peter Krause and James Martin, Trustees, Krause Realty Trust, for a wetlands redesignation and a wetlands permit to install a stormwater drain culvert and stormwater discharge into a watercourse on

property of Suburban Subaru at #6 and #14 Hartford Turnpike (Assessor's ID: Map#01, Block # 0159, Lots/Parcels #0001A and #0001B).

Maps were not available for viewing. No comments on redesignation as long as an Engineer's stamp is presented on the application. The Commission was concerned about the percentage of impervious surface and felt the stormwater be appropriately treated for quality. Thomas Ouellette will contact Shaun Gately regarding this when this application will be presented to the Commission and if a letter of concern is warranted.

Application (**PZ-2012-07**) of Jane Moore Properties, LLC for a Special Permit/Site Plan of Development to construct a Building Addition and associate improvements at #1237 Hartford Turnpike (Assessor's ID: Map #46, Block #78, Lot/Parcel #23).

The Commission agreed the stormceptor would be an improvement as well as the complete project. The recommendation on the use of organic lawn care was the primary concern.

- D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

None

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

No Action.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION

LID presentation will be on April 26, 2012. Scott Wieting will attend.
Material Set 3 is now on the Town Web site.

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

Thomas Ouellette will meet with Bruce Dinnie and George Knoecklein on the sampling plan. Mr. Knoecklein felt it would be beneficial to hire a contractor to transplant native plants from West Walker Reservoir to East Walker Reservoir as well as suction harvesting for the permanent solution. He also felt the use of volunteers would be helpful to inspect the area of the treatment plant up through Dart Hill Road in the summer months when the water is low. Mr. Ouellette will review the table and look at ponds that did not get surveyed last year. He will concentrate on getting access to mostly high priority water bodies as well as some lower priority. Mr. Knoecklein will inspect Papermill Pond in June for evidence of milfoil and pondweed in this area.

6. SCENIC ROADS

The Commission was satisfied with the sites labeled with signs.

7. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Russell Kunz will circulate his essay to the members for the nomination of Nancy Strong. Thomas Ouellette will submit maps and his excel table for back up on the Aquatic Invasives. Ryan Goad will submit articles and web links for the LID Watershed plan.

8. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No Action.

9. OPEN SPACE PROCESS/ZONE

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to (a) endorse the concept of combining the Open Space Task Force with the Conservation Commission, (b) Make the Open Space Task Force a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, (c) Open Space Task Force members would be eligible to become members of the Conservation Commission, and (d) Open Space preservation would be a specific goal of the Conservation Commission. Second to motion was made by Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

10. VERNAL POOLS

No responses were returned from property owners. The possibility of gaining access through the condo complex will be the plan for next year.

11. TANKERHOUSEN WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

12. OTHER GOALS

Thomas Ouellette and Ryan Goad will meet with Rod Parlee to flag the Tulip Trail on April 21, 2012. Scott Wieting and Ryan Goad will blaze the trail on April 28, 2012.

Main Street Bridge is being replaced (one of six bridges) and Scott Wieting suggested the possibility of relocating the bridge for a rail trail.

Thomas Ouellette will contact Rod Parlee to check if the ERT can be scheduled now or if this must be done after the sewers are in.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche Perillo

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary