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TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 18, 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 7:45 returned 8:25)

STAFF PRESENT: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of May 21, 2012.

Changes to the amended minutes of April 6, 2012 and also to the minutes of May 21, 2012 should read as follows: #12 Other Goals "Main Street Bridge is being replaced. This bridge is one of six bridges of this particular design left in the state and the age of the bridge is over 100 years old. Scott Wieting suggested the possibility of relocating the bridge for a rail trail."

Change to #2D Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month should read as follows:

"Thomas Ouellette submitted a nomination form for Aquatic Management"

"Russell Kunz submitted a form to nominate Nancy Strong."

"Ryan Goad submitted a nomination form for LID Watershed Plan."

Change to #3A

Review of Conceptual Plan second sentence should read:

"This review of the *conceptual* plan is to have the Conservation Commission brainstorm about what may be in the best interest for Vernon over the next 2 decades".

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to accept the minutes as amended. Second to motion was made by Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

Communications received not related to the agenda.

- Membership Renewal Notice for CACIWC Members.
Shaun Gately will contact Len Tundermann to ensure the Commissions CACIWC application is renewed as a sustaining member.
- The Connecticut Environmental Review Team (ERT)
- Connecticut Wildlife (May/June 2012)
Russell Kunz will contact Jane Seymour to confirm that a project is in place to provide wood duck nest boxes.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

No New Applications.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

None

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Shaun Gately reported that the Conceptual Plan was presented to a variety of groups and commissions. A public forum will be planned soon for more input.

CRCOG hosted a meeting on June 14, 2012. No Public Hearing date at this time. Shaun Gately will keep the Commission posted on the schedule. The public forum is at the state level, not the town.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION

No Action. This item will be changed to read "Low Impact Development Implementation" on future agendas. Thomas Ouellette noticed the LID Information had been deleted from the Town web site. Shaun Gately will look into and advise.

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

Thomas Ouellette sent letters to owners of private ponds. Recipients have until July 20, 2012 to reply. The number of volunteers needed will depend on the responses returned by owners. George Knoecklein feels the Hockanum could potentially be dangerous for volunteers to walk. The focus will be on the Tankerhoosen and smaller ponds.

Mr. Knoecklein will sample 4 ponds. Based on his previous findings, suction harvesting was suggested for the remaining invasives.

Thomas Ouellette noticed the Tankerhousesen Watershed management plan was not on the Planning webpage. Shaun Gately will investigate and advise.

6. SCENIC ROADS

No Action.

7. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Tulip Tree Trail hike was rained out. It will be rescheduled to take place in the fall. Thomas suggested placing an article in the newspaper to promote increased response. Thomas will contact Aaron Nash to place the Habitat Program on the town website. Scott Wieting will provide Aaron with the latest map for an overlay

8. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No Action.

9. OPEN SPACE PROCESS ZONE

No further action has been taken to combine the OSTF with the Conservation Commission. Both OSTF and C.C. have submitted letters to the administration on their support of the consolidating the two. The next step is for administration to consider letters and begin the process if supported.

10. VERNAL POOLS

No Action.

11. TANKERHOOSEN WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

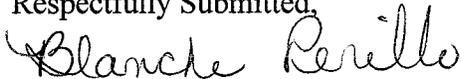
12. OTHER GOALS

Ryan Goad suggested a Facebook page be linked to the Conservation Commission site to solicitate new members referring all interested to Scott Wieting for more information.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 PM. Second to motion was made by Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanche Perillo".

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary