

Town Clerk

**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Monday, November 18, 2013  
7:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place  
Rockville/Vernon, CT**

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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Regular Members present: Thomas Ouellette, C. Ryan Goad, Logan Senack and Melissa Kracke

Regular Members absent: H. Russell Kunz

Alternative Member present: None

Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Peggy Jackle

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of Minutes of October 21, 2013.**

- *A motion was made by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad and seconded by Logan Senack to accept the October 21, 2013 minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.*

**B. Communications**

- Included in the Conservation Commission's packet was the DEEP Wildlife Magazine.
- There was a discussion about climate adaptation at the CACIWC annual meeting.

**C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:**

Application (IWC-2013-05) of Andre Charbonneau for a wetlands redesignation and a wetlands permit to construct a single family dwelling and install a culvert for a driveway crossing of a wetland on property at 133 Washington Street (Assessor's ID: Map # 11, Block # 0155, Lot/Parcel 09A10 & # 01B24).

- After a discussion regarding the wetland redesignation on the property at 133 Washington Street, the consensus of the Conservation Commission was to send a letter to the Inland Wetlands Commission stating their concerns and observations of building at 133 Washington Street. Concerns that were raised dealt with vernal pools, paving of the driveway and its potential runoff and the fact that the lot was originally designated unbuildable.

**D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- No letters were sent by the Conservation Commission this month.

**E. Organizational considerations**

- There were no organizational considerations of the Conservation Commission this month.

### **3. Continuing Business**

#### **A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management**

- Chairperson Thomas Ouellette met with Bruce Dinnie to discuss the investigations of George Knoecklein regarding the various ponds in town. They need to meet to prepare a budget for next year.

#### **B. Bolton Lakes Issues**

- There continues to be a dialogue between the various towns concerning the Bolton Lake issues of fanwort and milfoil.

#### **C. Intertown collaboration**

- There is a planned meeting on December 5, 2013 with Vernon, Bolton, Tolland and Coventry to discuss issues related to the ERT report.
- After a brief discussion, the consensus of the Conservation Commission was to invite the Manchester Conservation Commission to co-sponsor an event and invite other area towns' Conservation Commissions to a public forum with a tentative educational subject matter. One possible topic of discussion is movement of firewood and invasive insects. The venue could be the TAC building. Commissioner Logan Senack will send an email to the Manchester Conservation Commission with suggestions about a forum.

#### **D. Open Space Program**

- There was a discussion regarding the possible acquisition of the Strong Farm by a Land Trust.

#### **E. Website revision**

- The proposed Conservation Commission website revisions have been approved.

#### **F. UConn/CT Water Co. Diversion**

- Chairperson Thomas Ouellette attended a meeting in Hartford that addressed stream flow regulations and water diversion.

### **4. New Business**

- There will be an inspection next spring of potential vernal pools near Bamforth Road.

### **5. Other Goals**

- C. Ryan Goad stated that weather permitting, another hike on the Tulip Tree Trail will be held on February 1, 2014 with Ron Parlee, Bolton Conservation Commission Chairperson and Appalachian Mountain Club member leading and he will be co-leading.

### **6. Adjournment**

- *A motion to adjourn was made by C. Ryan Goad and seconded by Logan Senack at 8:24 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peggy A. Jackle*  
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Recording Secretary