

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

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call

- ◆ **Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.**
- ◆ **Regular Members Present:** Thomas Ouellette, C. Ryan Goad, Logan Senack and H. Russell Kunz.
- ◆ **Alternate Members Present:** None
- ◆ **Staff Present:** Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator, Leonard Tundermann, Town Planner
- ◆ **Recording Secretary:** James Krupienski

2. Administrative Actions

A Acceptance of Minutes of February 11, 2013

- ◆ **C Ryan Goad, seconded by Logan Senack moved a Motion to approve the minutes of February 11, 2013 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - **Call to order – Remove Julie Clay and add Logan Senack**
 - **Approval of January 14, 2013 minutes - Change Julie Clay to H Russell Kunz.**
 - **Communications – CT Land Use Conservation Conference changed to CT Land Use Conservation Council Conference**
 - **Communications – CAUSE changed to CAWS**
 - **3. Plan of Conservation and Development – Change Worley to Morley.**
 - **5. Aquatic Invasives – George Knockline changed to George Knoecklin.**
 - **6. Scenic Roads – Change None Updates to No Updates**
- ◆ **Adjournment – Change statement to read - H. Russell Kunz, seconded by Logan Senack moved to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**

B Communications

- ◆ **Notice from Aquarian Water Company for submission of nominations for the Environmental Champion awards program.**
- ◆ **Newsletter from Lycott Environmental regarding invasive species management.**
- ◆ **Habitat Bulletin, Winter Issue.**
- ◆ **Notification of the CT Land Conservation Conference taking place on March 23, 2013.**

C Application related correspondence: IWC and PZC applications

- ◆ **IWC-2013-02 regarding redesignation of wetlands along the lower Hockanum River – Overbrook Heights area.**
- ◆ **Vernon Planning Department for proposed changes to various sections of the Wetlands Regulations and Watercourses.**

D Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

- ◆ **Letter was sent to Mayor George Apel for submission to the Connecticut Land Conservation Council for funding of Green Projects. The Mayor chose not to support the application.**

E Organizational considerations

- ◆ **Updates to Agenda outline.**
- ◆ **Updates to projects should remain as discussion in the meeting.**

3. Commission Development

A Education and training:

Len Tundermann Site Plan Review

- ◆ **Leonard Tundermann, Town Planner presented previously reviewed site plans and described important features to review based on plan type and information supplied.**

B Meetings/conferences: opportunities and reports

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette reviewed the Connecticut Land Use Law Conference that he attended on March 16, 2013.**

4. Continuing Business

A Friends of Bolton Lakes

- ◆ **Meeting took place at the end of February 2013. Thomas Ouellette supplied notes of the meeting.**
 - **Will be utilizing sonar for nyad and fen wart infestation.**
 - **Same treatment utilized in Walker Reservoir will be utilized in Upper Bolton Lake.**
 - **Copper Sulfate will be utilized if an algae bloom is experienced during late summer.**
 - **Presently seeking funding for Dam reconstruction between Middle and Lower Bolton Lakes.**

B Bolton Lakes ERT Report

- ◆ **Not yet completed. Still waiting on the Fisheries report and Tom Lee for final report.**
- ◆ **Once completed that commission should have the report to review.**

C Vernal Pools Study

- ◆ **Ed Pollock is unable to the site inspection and asked for the review to be moved to next spring.**
- ◆ **Shaun Gately indicated that he would contact the Town Attorney regarding the status of the proposed Hold Harmless Agreement.**

D Open Space Program

- ◆ **Discussion took place regarding soil survey of Soils of Local Importance to support the Strong Farm acquisition.**
 - **Mapping was previously completed – Official Designation is required.**
 - **Will attempt to have NRCS attend the April meeting for information.**

E LID Regulations

- ◆ **Proposed regulation changes are before the Planning & Zoning Commission based on the adopted Stormwater Management Manual.**

F Holistic Healthfest

- ◆ **Taking place on April 6 & 7, 2013**
- ◆ **Recruiting poster to encourage individuals to join a commission or for future activities assistance.**
- ◆ **Display on the Hockanum River regarding the ecology of the river.**

5. New Business

A Earth Day

- ◆ **Program will take place on May 4, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at the Tolland Agricultural Center (TAC).**
- ◆ **Two speakers will be present:**
 - **Mike Dietz, NEMO @ UCONN from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**
 - **Jane Seymour will be presenting habitat management at the Belding Preserve.**

B AMC Hike

- ◆ **Tulip Tree Trail Hike will take place on June 29, 2013.**
 - **Should be in the AMC Bulletin.**

6. Other Goals

7. Adjournment

- ◆ **C Ryan Goad, seconded by H. Russell Kunz moved to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
- ◆ **Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.**

**James Krupienski
Recording Secretary**