

Town clerk

Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes – Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 20, 2013, 7:00 PM  
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
- ◆ Recording Secretary: James Krupienski

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of Minutes of April 15, 2013

- ◆ H. Russell Kunz, seconded by C Ryan Goad moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2013 as amended.
  - Section 3, Sub-section B – Karl Prewo, Grier Road – Spoke representing the Board of Directors as the only Vernon resident.
    - Request the Town communicate with Bolton regarding request to the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection that catfish not be restocked this year.
  - Section 3, Sub-section E – Assists with natural resource inventory and help in applying for farmland preservation grants.
    - Sent information for review process and newsletter.
    - Open Space Task Force will have a walk to review 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel across from the Strong Farm on April 17, 2013.
  - Section 3, Sub-section F – Regulation will incorporate by reference the Town of Vernon Low Impact Development Stormwater Quality Manual.
  - Section 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet - H. Russell Kunz questioned the status of possible appointment of Melissa Kracke.
- ◆ Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

- ◆ Memorandum from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council dated April 9, 2013 regarding 2012-13 membership contribution.
- ◆ Connecticut Wildlife Magazine, March/April 2013.

C. Application related correspondence: IWC and PZC applications

- ◆ Three (3) application received by PZC on May 16, 2013.
  - Application (PZ-2013-05) of William F. Paluska, Jr. on behalf of Opportunity Works Connecticut.
  - Application (PZ-2013-06) of Bert Juliano on behalf of All American Driving School.
  - Application (PZ-2013-07) of Mark D'Addabbo on behalf of NERP Holding & Acquisitions Company, LLC.

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette questioned review by staff for possible resource impact.**
- ◆ **Shaun Gately indicated that he did not believe there was any impact to resources.**

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

- ◆ **Letter was sent regarding the support for adoption of the proposed Low Impact Development (LID) regulations.**

E. Organizational considerations

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette placed on the Record the wish of the Commission to cancel the July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting and schedule a Regular Meeting for July 22, 2013.**
- ◆ **Shaun Gately will verify rescheduling requirement and respond to the commission.**
- ◆ **Discussion took place regarding the Shade Tree Commission as listed on the List of Appointed & Elected Officials.**
  - **Thomas Ouellette stated that he had spoken to the Office of the Town Clerk. Will request the Tree Warden to attend a future meeting to discuss required duties.**
- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette supplied CGS §7-131a to the Commission members regarding the commissions statutory duties.**
- ◆ **Requested status updated for additional members and specifically Melissa Cracke.**

3. Continuing Business

A. Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette spoke to Bruce Dinnie and George Knoeklein.**
- ◆ **George Knocklein completed Upper Bolton Lake Bottom Survey last week.**
  - **Water Quality survey conducted in Middle Bolton Lake during the last few weeks.**
  - **Vegetation Surveys will be conducted in Middle Bolton Lake around June.**
  - **Valley Falls Pond, Walker Reservoir East and Tankerhoosen Pond Annual Surveys will be completed.**
  - **Advised volunteer riverwalk in August for visibility of fan wort.**

B. Friends of Bolton Lakes

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette attended meeting and spoke with residents from Lower Bolton Lake.**
  - **Lower Bolton Lake was treated on May 20, 2013 with flouridone for naiad.**
  - **Anticipate 1-2 more application using sub-surface injection and effects will be seen within 2-3 weeks.**
  - **DEEP has agreed to suspend catfish restocking and will utilize nets to determine catfish populations.**
  - **DEEP is determining if guidance document is needed to control blue-green algae bloom in the lake.**
  - **On July 20, 2013 an invasives training program will be held to keep invasives off boats at boat ramps.**
  - **Discussion took place regarding possible signage regarding use of rubber sole waders.**

C. Bolton Lakes ERT Report

- ◆ **Joint letter was sent to DEEP regarding the ERT status to the program coordinator.**
  - **Response received indicated that the report would be supplied to the commission once completed.**

D. Vernal Pools Study

- ◆ **Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed to allow for site access to conduct the study in 2014.**

E. Open Space Program

- ◆ **NCRS could come to evaluate soils on the Strong Family Farm parcels.**

F. LID Regulations

- ◆ **Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and approved the LID regulations.**

G. Earth Day Symposium

- ◆ **Presentations had a small turnout and interesting classroom presentations.**
- ◆ **PowerPoint presentation regarding Rain Gardens was received for placement on the Conservation Commission website.**

H. AMC Hike - Tulip Tree Trail

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette supplied guidelines to C. Ryan Goad for trail review and report to the State on Trail status.**

4. New Business

A. Garden Projects — Strong Farm/Belding WMA

- ◆ **H. Russell Kunz indicated that he would speak to Nancy Strong and Jane regarding status on community school gardens.**

B. Intertown Collaboration

- ◆ **Will be making an attempt to speak with Conservation Commissions in surrounding towns.**
- ◆ **Logan Senack indicated that he would speak to former commissioners in Manchester to determine possible interest in joint efforts.**

5. Other Goals

- ◆ **Discussion took place regarding updates to the Commission web page layout and possible linked information that could be added.**

6. Adjournment

- ◆ **Logan Senack, seconded by C. Ryan Goad moved to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.**
- ◆ **Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.**

**James Krupienski  
Recording Secretary**