

Town Clerk

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 6/17/2013 1/3

**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Monday, June 17, 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 6:59 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 May 20, 2013
 - ◆ **C. Ryan Goad, seconded by H. Russell Kunz moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2013 as amended.**
 - **Section 2 – Administrative Actions, Organizational Considerations – Bullet # 5 – Change Cracke to Kracke.**
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 - ◆ **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - B Communications
 - ◆ **Shaun Gately, EDC provided comments from Karl Prewo requesting drawdown of the Middle Bolton Lake.**
 - C Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:
 - ◆ **PZ-2013-08 – Zone Change from Commercial to PRD**
 - ◆ **PZ-2013-09 – for Victor Antico to construct a 75 room hotel at 355-361 Kelly Road**
 - ◆ **PZ-2013-10 – Zone Change to Industrial at 1133-1135 Hartford Turnpike.**
 - D Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month
 - ◆ **None**
 - E Organizational considerations
 - ◆ **C. Ryan Goad, seconded by Logan Senack moved to add Item #3H-Discussion on Website Revisions. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - ◆ **Jeff Shaumback will be attending the August 19, 2013 meeting for input.**
 - ◆ **Next meeting will be held as a Special Meeting on July 22, 2013.**
3. Continuing Business
 - A Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey

- ◆ **Permits for Walker Reservoir East and Paper Mill Pond have been submitted for treatment of milfoil.**
 - Paper Mill Pond is being reviewed to determine ownership of the pond.
 - Walker Reservoir East is pending for approval and treatment by July 15.
- ◆ **George Knoecklein has completed several surveys.**
 - Shoreline survey of Middle Bolton Lake found variable milfoil and will complete a followup survey to determine the specific type of milfoil.
 - Completed a Water Quality survey
 - Phosphorus was between 20-25 ppm in Middle Bolton Lake
 - Phosphorus was between 20-26 ppm in Lower Bolton Lake.
- ◆ **Two Summer Intensive Surveys will be completed at Middle Bolton Lake.**
- ◆ **August 24, 2013 – Volunteer Invasive Plant Survey and Riverwalk survey.**

B Friends of Bolton Lakes

- ◆ **Karl Prewo:**
 - Letter was sent to the Mayor regarding Lake drawdown endorsement.
 - Supplied watershed mapping and Bolton Lakes Drawdown summary from 1955 through 2013 and requested action for Winter 2013. (Attachment)
 - Discussion took place regarding impact of drawdown on invasive weed species.
 - Discussion took place regarding fish populations based on weed levels in the lakes.
- ◆ **Tom Ouellette Channel Catfish Survey samplings have been completed but no results are available.**
 - Survey was completed to determine impact of the Flouridone based on heavy rain levels.
 - Concentration levels were still good but may apply a booster application based on sampling levels.

C Bolton Lakes ERT Report

- ◆ **No updates.**
- ◆ **Previous Joint letter and phone calls - no information supplied yet.**

D Open Space Program

- ◆ **Tom Ouellette supplied Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC), 2013 Legislative Session review. (Attachment)**
 - Bond commission allocated most of the requested priorities.

E AMC Hike - Tulip Tree Trail

- ◆ **Will take place on July 29, 2013.**
- ◆ **C. Ryan Goad will supply report to the commission regarding the trail condition with a final report to the State.**

F Intertown Collaboration

- ◆ **Tom Ouellette indicated that correspondence has been sent to survey surrounding towns for possible joint projects.**
- ◆ **Logan Senack is waiting for a response from Manchester for possible joint projects.**

G Garden Projects - Strong Farm/Belding WMA

- ◆ Nancy Strong has spoken with the Rockville Vocational Agriculture Program for possible curriculum at the Strong Farm.

H Discussion of Website Revisions

- ◆ Trails
 - Tom Ouellette supplied "Share the Trail" brochure from the Connecticut Horse Council Inc.
- ◆ C. Ryan Goad suggested expansion of Natural Fertilizers links and data.
- ◆ Add information (PPT) of Rain Garden presentation at the Tolland Agricultural Center under "What You Can Do".
- ◆ Tom Ouellette will meet with Town IT staff to update web links on the commission website.
- ◆ Invasive Plants Protocol – add information regarding process to submit samples for identification.
- ◆ Adopt-A-Trail language was cleaned up. (Hard copy was supplied for commission review.)
- ◆ No change to the Conservation Easement information.
- ◆ Scenic Roads – Added detail for road
- ◆ Vernal Pools – Updated data information.
- ◆ Logan Senack suggested adding a link for Agendas and Minutes to the main commission page.

4. New Business

- ◆ Aquatic Plant Survey – Looking for volunteers for an August survey.
- ◆ Rapid Bio Assessment Survey – to take place on 2nd week of October.
 - Suggested change to end of September.
 - Equipment for survey is located in Hartford.
- ◆ Connecticut Green Schools – West Hartford has received this designation.

5. Other Goals

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6. Adjournment

- ◆ C. Ryan Goad, seconded by H. Russell Kunz moved to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

James Krupienski
Recording Secretary