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Town Clerk

TOWN OF VERNON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES – MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013, 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE  
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - Meeting was called to order 7:08 PM
  - Regular Members Present: Thomas Ouellette, Melissa Kracke, Ryan Goad, and Logan Senack.
  - Alternate Members Present: None
  - Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator
  - Recording Secretary: (Acting) Diane Wheelock
  
2. Administrative Actions
  - A. Acceptance of Minutes of August 19, 2013  
*(No minutes provided)*
  
  - B. Communications
    - CACIWC – Annual Meeting November 16, 2013
    - Discussion of CACIWC survey for its Strategic Plan
  
  - C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC Applications
    - *Application (IWC-2013-07) John Drost III – construct a new home at 2 Lakeview Drive.*  
A discussion took place relative to erosion control and the consideration of a recommendation for a vegetative buffer and standard language relative to fertilizer application.  
Commissioner Ryan Goad will put together a letter for the Chairman's review.
    - *Application (PZ-2013-15) of Rockville Bank special permit for lot coverage and modification 6 Pitkin Road.*  
No comments or recommendations at this time.
  
  - D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.  
Comments submitted to Inland Wetlands Commission on Application IWC-2013-05.
  
  - E. Organizational considerations  
Nothing to report
  
3. Continuing Business
  - A. Invasive Aquatic Plant Management
    - a. Lakes Management

- \$2,500 was approved by the Town for the removal of milfoil from Valley Falls Pond, fanwort from Tankerhoosen Pond and water chestnut from Dobsonville Pond.
- b. Tankerhoosen River Survey
- Chairman Ouellette thanked the Commissioners for their assistance with the Survey and provided a status report on the information gathered.
- B. Bolton Lakes Issues
- A meeting was held on August 29, 2013 to review the Lower Bolton Lake relative to Channel catfish concerns of neighboring residents. Residents requested that DEEP institute a moratorium on catfish stocking going forward.
  - Chairman Ouellette shared that local resident Karl Prewo has isolated four spots around the Lake where milfoil is present. Mr. Prewo requested that it be studied and spot treatment be done.
- C. Bolton Lakes ERT Report
- Chairman Ouellette shared that the ERT report is due in two more weeks or so. September 28, 2013 is the one-year anniversary of the field review.
- D. Open Space Program  
No report
- E. Intertown Collaboration
- Commissioner Logan Senack has contacted the Manchester Conservation Commission to try and work together on events and projects. Perhaps working collaboratively on future assessments or survey materials.
- F. Website Revision
- No news at this point. Chairman Ouellette requested that Administration update the computer in the Chambers to be more compatible with internet use and the GIS Systems.
  - IT is going through an upgrade.
- G. Tulip Tree Trail Maintenance
- Commissioner Ryan Goad announced the work party date October 20, 2013, park on Bolton Road. The maintenance will be focused on the Bolton Road area only this time.
- H. Rapid Bioassessment (RBV)
- Flyer has been posted for the September 28, 2013 event. Fourteen people have signed up to participate. Commissioner Melissa Kracke has contacted Rockville High School and MCC, but has received no response from Goodwin College. Chairman Tom Ouellette said that a number of media outlets have been contacted.

I. UCONN/CT Water Co. Diversion

- Nothing new on this subject. We may try to coordinate involvement on this issue with the Manchester Conservation Commission. More to come.

4. New Business

ADDITIONAL ITEM: Chairman Tom Ouellette added a discussion and request for assistance with the survey for the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission – Strategic Plan. Responses to various questions were discussed and Chairman Ouellette will submit the results of the discussion on behalf of the Commission.

5. Other Goals

Nothing to report

6. Adjournment 8:04 PM - Motion made by Commissioner Logan and seconded by Commissioner Ryan.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Wheelock  
Acting Recording Secretary