

Town Clerk

Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes 4-15-2013 1/3

Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Monday, April 15, 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(7:08 P.M.).
 - ◆ **Alternate Members Present:** None
 - ◆ **Staff Present:** Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator
 - ◆ **Recording Secretary:** James Krupienski
2. Administrative Actions
 - A. Acceptance of Minutes of March 18, 2013
 - ◆ **C Ryan Goad, seconded by Logan Senack moved a Motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2013 as amended.**
 - **Correct Minutes Approval – Bullet #5 – George Knoecklein**
 - **Page 2 - #4 Continuing Business – Friends of Bolton Lakes:**
 - **Correct spelling nyad to naiad;**
 - **Correct spelling fen wart to fanwort;**
 - **Page 2 - Bolton Lakes ERT Study – Correct Tom Lee to Chuck Lee;**
 - **Second bullet – Change “that” to “the”;**
 - **Page 2 – Vernal Pools Study:**
 - **Change Ed Pollock to Ed Pawlak;**
 - **Change statement to read “Ed Pawlak is unable to do the site inspection and asked for the review to be moved to next spring.”**
 - **Page 3 – Holistic Health Festival**
 - **First bullet should read – “Taking place on April 6 & 7, 2013.”**
 - ◆ **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - B. Communications
 - ◆ **Aquarion Water Company memorandum dated April 4, 2013 regarding third annual Aquarion Environmental Champion Awards nominations.**
 - ◆ **Connecticut State of the Birds 2013 Magazine.**
 - C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:
 - ◆ **Low Impact Development (LID) regulations are currently before the Planning & Zoning Commission for adoption.**
 - D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month
 - ◆ **None**
 - E. Organizational considerations

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette indicated that he would not be able to attend the July 15, 2013 meeting.**
- ◆ **Discussion took place regarding the scheduling of a Special Meeting.**
- ◆ **C. Ryan Goad indicated that he would not be available on July 22 & July 29.**
- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette, seconded by C. Ryan Goad moved a motion to cancel the July 15, 2013 Regular Meeting and Schedule a Special Meeting on July 22, 2013.**
- ◆ **Motion was rescinded based on verification of meeting room availability.**

3. Continuing Business

A. Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette indicated that a meeting would be taking place with Bruce Dinnie, Director of Parks and Recreation and George Knoecklein regarding treatment for Walker Reservoir East and Paper Mill Pond. Will also receive input from George Knoecklein regarding the walking survey stream walk.**

B. Friends of Bolton Lakes

- ◆ **Website has been established www.friendsofboltonlakes.org**
 - **Treatment of the lake information, conditions and activities associated with lake treatment.**
 - **Permit pending with DEEP for treatment of the lake.**
 - **Grant from Pratt & Whitney for rain garden at Indian Notch Park on the lake to help with nutrient enrichment.**
- ◆ **Carl Prewo, Grier Road – representing the Board of Directors as the only Vernon resident.**
 - **Bolton has paid for herbicide application in the lakes.**
 - **In the process of establishing a long term plan for the lakes and possible modification to the lake dams.**
 - **Two (2) studies are being conducted – Channel Catfish & Flow of Water:**
 - **Channel Catfish:**
 - ◆ **Felt withholding of stocking the lake until balance has been restored.**
 - ◆ **Requested the Town communicate with Bolton to request that the catfish not be restocked this year.**
 - **Flow of Water:**
 - ◆ **Organization has access to over 40 years of reports for review of the lake system.**

C. Bolton Lakes ERT Report

- ◆ **Still pending:**
 - **Waiting on Fisheries report, Forestry and Lake Management.**
 - **Should be utilized as a guidance document for review and management of the lakes.**

D. Vernal Pools Study

- ◆ **No change – will be postponed.**
- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette will contact the Condominium Association regarding site access.**

E. Open Space Program

- ◆ **NRCS was not able to attend the meeting.**
 - **Assists with inventory and help in applying for grants.**

- Sent for information for review process and newsletter.
- Open Space Task Force will have a walk on for review of 2nd parcel across from the Strong Farm on April 17, 2013.

F. LID Regulations

- ◆ In front of PZC for review and action on April 18, 2013
 - Regulations will incorporate by reference to the Town of Vernon Low Impact Development Stormwater Quality Manual.
- ◆ Thomas Ouellette will supply a memorandum of support to Leonard Tundermann, Town Planner for entry into the record at the Public Hearing for review and adoption. Draft will be sent by email for commission member review.

G. Holistic Healthfest

- ◆ All flyers were handed out for the Earth Day Festival.
- ◆ Interest from visitors in commission projects and Trail walks.

H. Earth Day

- ◆ On May 4, 2013 two presentations will take place at the Tolland Agricultural Center (TAC)
 - One on Rain Gardens and one on Belding Habitat restoration projects.
 - Has been advertised extensively.
 - C. Ryan Goad indicated that he would add the information to the Facebook page.

I. AMC Hike - Tulip Tree Trail

- ◆ Requires Annual survey to the State regarding the condition of the trail.
- ◆ Thomas Ouellette will supply information to C. Ryan Goad for Trail review criteria.

4. New Business

- ◆ C. Ryan Goad requested that the Membership listing supplied be updated to indicated status as a Regular member, removal of Scott Wieting and change in elected positions.
- ◆ H. Russell Kunz questioned the status of possible appointment of Melissa Cackley.

5. Other Goals

- ◆ None

6. Adjournment

- ◆ Logan Senack, seconded by C. Ryan Goad moved to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

James Krupienski
Recording Secretary