

Town Clerk

**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Minutes – Special Meeting
Monday, July 22, 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 7:01 P.M.
- ◆ Regular Members Present: Thomas Ouellette, 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 June 17, 2013

- ◆ Logan Senack, seconded by H Russell Kunz moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2013 as amended.
 - Page 1, 2E, bullet #3 – Correct Jeff Shaumback to Jeff Shamback.
 - Page 2, 3A, bullet #5 – to read “Shoreline survey of Upper Bolton Lake found variable milfoil and will complete a followup survey to determine the extent of infestation.”
 - Page 2, 3B, bullet #6 – to read “Tom Quellette reported that Channel Catfish Survey samplings have been completed but no results are available.”
 - Page 2,3B, bullet #8 – to read “Concentration levels were still good by Aquatic Control Technologies Inc. may apply a booster application based on sampling levels.”
 - Page 2, 3F, bullet #1 – to read “Tom Ouellette indicated that surrounding towns have been contacted for possible joint projects.
 - Page 3, 3H, bullet #9 – to read “Scenic Roads – Added detail for designated scenic roads.”
- ◆ Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

- ◆ Connecticut Wildlife Magazine, May/June 2013.
- ◆ The Habitat Newsletter, Spring 2013, Volume 25, Number 1.
- ◆ Conservation Commission Membership sheet.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

- ◆ Application of Andre Charbonneau to construct a single family dwelling at 133 Washington Street.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

- ◆ Comments supplied to the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding proposed application for Victor Antico for a 75-room Hotel on Kelly Road.

E. Organizational considerations

- ◆ **Thomas Ouellette requested change to the Agenda for future meetings, Item 3B, Friends of Bolton Lakes to Bolton Lakes Issues.**

3. Continuing Business

A. Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey

- ◆ **Survey & Training scheduled for August 24, 2013**
 - **Notices will be placed in the Journal Inquirer and The Reminder.**
 - **Notice will be sent to previous volunteers, greenways volunteers, conservation commission website and Vernon Patch.**
 - **Town of Bolton may also place on the towns website.**
 - **Looking for twelve to sixteen volunteers.**
- ◆ **Permits have been received for Papermill Pond and Walker Reservoir East**
 - **Milfoil and fanwort have returned in Papermill Pond.**
 - **Treating Walker Reservoir East for fanwort and milfoil.**

B. Friends of Bolton Lakes

- ◆ **Aquatic Control Technologies Inc.**
 - **Two (2) treatments of Flouridone for naiad and fanwort.**
 - **Reduction of naiad in the lakes.**
 - **May apply an additional booster of Flouridone based on water testing levels.**
 - **An increase in coontail (native).**
 - **Applied copper sulfate at the end of June for blue-green algae.**
- ◆ **Plant ID Program.**
 - **Residents have submitted photos for review and identification.**
- ◆ **Lake drawdown requests have been submitted to the State at the beginning of July.**
- ◆ **State Bond Commission approved \$250,000 for Lower Bolton Lake treatment through STEAP funding.**
 - **Reviewing possibility of utilizing funds in Middle Bolton Lake as well.**
- ◆ **Friends of Bolton Lakes meeting: Training session regarding invasive plants.**
 - **Seeking volunteers to assist in the monitoring of boat launches.**
- ◆ **H Russell Kunz indicated that we would speak with DEEP regarding signage request for use of prohibition Felt waders in lakes and streams.**

C. Bolton Lakes ERT Report

- ◆ **No updates**

D. Open Space Program

- ◆ **No updates**

E. AMC Hike - Tulip Tree Trail

- ◆ **C Ryan Goad had previously supplied report copies to commission members.**
 - **Suggested maintenance walk to remove barberry from the trail.**

F. Intertown Collaboration

- ◆ **Logan Senack indicated that the Town of Manchester would discuss the possibility of collaboration projects at its next meeting.**

G. Website Revision

- ◆ Website review has been completed based on previous meeting discussion.
- ◆ C Ryan Goad has been working on updating the Natural Fertilizers page.
- ◆ Thomas Ouellette supplied changes to the Town IT department which have been forwarded to the Administration for review based on the rebranding of the Town website.

H. Rapid Bioassessment (RBV)

- ◆ Scheduled for September 28, 2013.
- ◆ Thomas Ouellette supplied task listing for commission review.
 - Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District – Jane Barrowman
 - Need to appoint and organizer
 - Determine presenters.
 - Jane Seymour and possible others.
 - Gear has been reserved through DEEP in Hartford that will need to be picked up prior to the assessment.
 - Need to contact volunteer organizations.
 - Need at least twenty (20) individuals.
 - Will be completing invertebrate sampling and supply to DEEP for review and verification.
 - DEEP will determine the changes to the river (Good or Bad) over the years.
 - Location – Golfland, Tunnell Road, Gages Brook and two (2) additional site.
 - Supplies needed – Alcohol, waders, snacks and drinks.
 - Training session will be held at the Tolland Agricultural Building (TAC) prior to the assessment.
- ◆ Five (5) minutes recess at 7:45 P.M.
- ◆ Meeting reconvened at 7:50 P.M.
- ◆ Thomas Ouellette will contact Jane Barrowman
 - Will speak to Ann Letendre regarding possible presenters.
 - Will reserve a room at the TAC building.
 - Additional email will follow by email.

4. New Business

- ◆ None

5. Other Goals

6. Adjournment

- ◆ Logan Senack seconded by H. Russell Kunz moved to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

James Krupienski
Recording Secretary