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Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, December 15, 2014
7:00pm
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville / Vernon, CT

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Tom Ouellette. Present where Commission members Ryan Goad and Jim Simon, and Town Planner Brianan Nolan.
Karl Prewo, a member of Friends of Bolton Lakes, was present as a guest.
Recording secretary: Audrey Lanz

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of November 17, 2014 meeting.
A motion to accept the November 17 minutes was made by Commissioner Ouellette and seconded by Commissioner Goad. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received
The September / October issue of CT Wildlife magazine

C. Application related correspondence: IWC and PZC applications
Application (IWC-2014-09) of Richard Topp for a Wetlands Redesignation and Wetlands permit for 658 Bolton Road (Assessor's ID: Map #54, Block #139, Lot/Parcel #74).

- Applicant received a cease and correct order from the IWC for the work he has done on his property.
- Commissioner Ouellette submitted a Natural Diversity Data Base map from the DEEP, in which Applicant's property is right in the middle of.
- Discussion ensued on the accuracy of the map.
- Discussion ensued on what work the Applicant has done to the property.
- The Public Hearing on this application will be January 27, 2014.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

- Sent in **Application (IWC-2014-08) of Kenneth Boynton for a Wetlands Redesignation and Wetlands Permit at #263 South Street (Assessor's ID: Map #24, Block #65, Lot / Parcel #6)**. Application was received by IWC.
- Applicant and IWC received the commission's comments.
- Brianan Nolan, Town Planner, submitted to record a Wetlands Assessment Report and annotated photos of the site.

- Town Planner Nolan gave an overview of the IWC Public Hearing for Application (IWC-2014-08) held on 11-25-2014. The Public Hearing is continuing on 12-23-2014.
- A discussion ensued on the detention basin that is set aside as part of the open space.

E. Organizational considerations – Election of Officers

- Chairman Ouellette thanked Commissioner Russell Kunz for his years of service to the Conservation Commission.
- Chairman Ouellette nominated Commissioner Goad as new Chairman of the commission. Nomination was seconded by Commissioner Simon, vote was unanimous.
- Chairman Ouellette made a motion and was seconded by Commissioner Simon to table the election of vice chairman until the January meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Conservation Commission members thank Tom Ouellette for his years of serving on the commission and his role as Chairman.

3. <u>Continuing business</u>

A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management

Nothing new to report

B. Bolton Lakes issues

- Karl Prewo, a member of Friends of Bolton Lakes, gave an update on Bolton Lakes and what the Friends of Bolton Lakes have accomplished and what they hope to continue to do in the coming year

C. Open Space Program

- Connecticut Farm Land Trust will assist the local groups that are working on preserving the Strong Farm.

D. Future Activities / Opportunities

- Bolton Lakes Water Shed Conservation Alliance
- Holistic Health Fair at VCMS
- Vernal pool evaluation by CT Eco Systems, LLC of West Hartford – mainly the pools on Bamforth Road.
- Earth Day celebrations with Ellington's Conservation Committee
  - A walk along the Hockanum River from Vernon to Ellington
- Speaker's forum with Manchester's Conservation Commission
- Diversion of water from the Hockanum River for the expansion projects at UCONN
- Educational forum for the Conservation Commission with Planning & Zoning and Inland Wetland Commission

4. New Business
None

5. Other Goals
None

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Goad made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Simon. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanz

Recording Secretary