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Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2014
7:00 pm
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Chairman Tom Ouellette. Commissioners present were C. Ryan Goad, H. Russell Kunz, and Logan Senack. Mr. Shaun Gately, Acting Town Planner was present.

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of Minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Logan Senack and seconded by Commissioner Ryan Goad to accept the minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Communication Received

The commission received CACIWC Habitat newsletter.

C. Application related correspondence: IWC and PZC applications

Application (IWC-2014-04) of Eric A. Santini and Kevin W. Santini for the Redesignation of Wetlands and Wetlands Permit to conduct a Non-significant activity within a regulated area at the properties known as #1108, 1116 Hartford Turnpike and other adjoining parcel (Assessor's ID: Map #38, Block #0068, Lot/Parcel #0020B, #0021, #0021A).

Application (IWC-2014-08) of Eric A. Santini and Kevin W. Santini for a Special Permit/Site Plan of Development to construct Multi-Family Housing Units at # 1108, 1116 Hartford Turnpike and other adjoining parcel .(Assessor's ID Map #38, Block #0068, Lot/Parcel #0020B,#0021, #0021A)

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Ouellette and seconded by Commissioner Senack to draft a letter with concerns and recommendations regarding the proposed activities located at #1108, 1116

Hartford Turnpike. The letter is to address concerns in the areas of vegetative buffers around the perimeter of the property, the impact of the access road on the wetlands, the silt fences and the plan for erosion control during construction.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gately informed the Commission that there will be an application (IWC-2014-05) to conduct an as of right activity within the wetlands and watercourse areas at # 60 South Frontage Road. There will be a jurisdictional ruling made on May 27th by Inland Wetlands Commission. *A motion was made by Commissioner Goad and seconded by Commissioner Kunz to have Commissioner Senack review the plans and draft a letter addressing their concerns and comments on this application. Motion passed unanimously.*

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

A letter was sent by the Commission regarding Senate Bill 405. Commissioner Ouellette reported that the bill was not acted upon.

E. Organizational Considerations

Commissioner Ouellette reported that a formal letter of resignation from Commissioner Melissa Kracke had not been received.

3. Continuing Business

A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management

Treatments are going to be made at five ponds over the next few weeks.

B. Bolton Lakes Issues

Mr. Paul Weisser, Treasurer of the Friends of Bolton Lakes, addressed the commission concerning the placement of highway millings on the roads in the Bolton Lake area. Although there are no regulations regarding the recycling of asphalt, he wanted to call attention to this process and to seek resolution. After a brief discussion, *a motion was made by Commissioner Ryan Goad and seconded by Commissioner Russell Kunz to have Ryan Goad draft a letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission to the Department of Public Works expressing environmental concerns when using this paving process. Motion passed unanimously.*

George Knoecklein will be presenting his results of his analysis of the Bolton Lakes at the Watershed Alliance meeting to be held on June 3rd. Commissioner

Ouellette distributed the ERT report to the members and suggested that the Commission review Chapter One.

C. Open Space Program

Commissioner Ouellette reported that the Strong Farm Family Trust has had an appraisal done and the trust is looking to keep one parcel and selling the other two parcels of the land. The Open Space Task Force is looking to preserve the agricultural property. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss the effort.

D. Intertown Collaboration

The commission is still attempting to set up a meeting with Manchester's Conservation Commission.

4. New Business

A. Environmental Legislation

Commissioner Ouellette reported that Senate Bill 5424 for State Water Resources Planning passed and Senate Bill 70 to provide DEEP the ability to designate conservation easements on state owned property passed. He also reported that the Connecticut Land Conservation Conference will hold a Conservation Easement workshop on June 20th.

5. Other Goals

No other goals were reported.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan Goad and seconded by Commissioner Russell Kunz to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
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