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**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2014
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT
Minutes**

1. Meeting called to Order & roll call

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Ouellette. Commissioners present were Tom Ouellette, Ryan Goad, Russ Kunz, Logan Senack, and Melissa Kracke.

2. Administrative Actions

- A. Minutes of February 10, 2014:** Approved as presented
- B. Communications received**
- C. Application related correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:**

Application (IWC-2014-02) of Talcottville Development Co. LLC for a Wetlands Permit:

No activity is taking place so the Commission had no comment.

Application (IWC-2014-03) of New Park West Ltd. for excavation work within a regulated area at Park West Apartments:

The Commission reviewed the plans and the presented plantings list provided by the applicant. Because the project will be reviewed by IWC, the CT DEEP, and the Army Corp of Engineers the Commission deferred comment to those entities.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month:

Letters were sent to the IWC and PZC regarding Mill St. Auto's applications, a letter was also sent to PZC regarding the Vernon Manor Application.

E. Organizational considerations

No Comment

3. Continuing Business

A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management

No Comment

B. Bolton Lakes Issues A

. **Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance:** Ouellette reported on the BLCWA meeting of March 4, 2014, which included a discussion ~~took place~~ regarding impaired watersheds and steps that can be taken to help improve watersheds.

. **Friends of Bolton Lakes activities:** Ouellette reported on a meeting held March 11, 2014 to develop drawdown guidelines for Middle and Lower Bolton Lakes, and culvert upgrades/maintenance at Hatch Hill Road.

. **Other Activities:** To date, there is no ERT report.

C. Open Space Program – CLCC Conference: Melissa handed out pamphlets from the conference.

D. Intertown collaboration: A discussion was had regarding possible Earth day hikes/ trail walks that could be held in conjunction with other towns. The Commission will reach out to Bolton, Manchester, and Ellington.

E. Vernal Pools: Preparations are being made for a spring inspection of property off of Bamforth Rd to look for Vernal pools.

F. Earth Day: Discussion took place under item D above.

4. New Business:

- A discussion was had regarding the final report of the River Bioassessment by Volunteers (RBV) and the Multimetric Index used for identification of appropriate RBV sample sites.

- A discussion was had on whether to make a submission for an award by Aquarion Water Co. that could then be donated to a NFP.

5. Other Goals: Commissioner Goad noted the next Tulip Tree Trail hike will take place Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 AM.

6. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Minutes by : Shaun Gately

