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Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, June 16, 2014
7:00 pm
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville/Vernon, CT

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

   Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 May 19, 2014

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

   B. Communication Received

   The Commissioners received their copies of the "Connecticut Wildlife Magazine."

   C. Application related to correspondence: IWC & PZC applications:

   Mr. Gately reported that there were no applications relating to correspondence.

   D. Letters sent to Conservation Commission last month

   Mr. Gately reported that the Inland Wetlands application by Santini (IWC-2014-05) has been continued until June 24, 2014. Inland Wetlands Commission is seeking a second opinion regarding the Commission's concerns.

   A letter was sent by the Conservation Commission regarding the "right of use" for 60 Frontage Road. Mr. Gately stated that Mr. George Logan, "Wetlands Specialist", deemed that this project would have no adverse impact on the property.

There was no response from the Department of Public Works concerning the letter sent from the Conservation Commission regarding the impact of the use of milled asphalt on roads near the Bolton Lakes.

E. Organizational considerations

There were no organizational considerations for the commission.

3. Continuing Business

A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management

There has not been an update on the status of permits for treating the ponds.

B. Bolton Lakes Issues

- ERT Report

  Commissioner Ouellette requested that the commission members read the recommendations on Pages 32 through 35 of the ERT report and submit comments prior to the July 1st Bolton Lakes meeting.
- Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance

  Mr. George Knoecklein discussed problems that the lakes were having and stated that there is a need to do a watershed evaluation. The ERT report was not discussed at this meeting.
- Friends of Bolton Lakes activities

  They are continuing to do samplings at the lakes and will be developing a database with the sampling information
- Other Activities

  DEEP is installing staff gauges around the lakes to monitor water levels.

C. Open Space Program

The Open Space Task Force has met and wants to make an effort to protect the Strong Farm's agricultural portion. Members are working on trying to achieve bond funding.

D. Intertown collaboration (tentative) – plan for meeting with Manchester Conservation Commission, Tuesday June 17, 2014.

The Conservation Commission confirmed that they will be meeting with the Manchester Conservation Commission on June 17th at 7:30 PM and will propose the idea of working together on a single event with the Manchester Commission.

4. New Business

Commissioner C. Ryan Goad stated that he is working on the annual report for the Tulip Tree Trail.

5. Other Goals

No other goals were reported.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad and seconded by Commissioner Logan Senack to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
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