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Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Monday, October 27, 2014  
7:00pm  
Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 14 Park Place  
Rockville / Vernon, CT

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman Tom Ouellette. Present were Commissioners Ryan Goad and Ronald Szrejna, Jr., and Town Planner Brianan Nolan. Inland Wetlands Commissioner Robert Lewis was present as a guest.  
Recording secretary: Audrey Lanz

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of minutes of September 15, 2014 meeting**

A motion to accept the September 15, 2014 minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Ouellette and seconded by Commissioner Goad. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Communications received**

- Request from CACIWC for payment of annual membership dues. Planner Nolan reported that dues have been paid.
- Registration materials for the CACIWC annual meeting, Saturday November 15, 2014. Planner Nolan asked Commissioners to notify her of plans to attend, as the Town will pay the registration fee.
- Request for donations from the CT Land Conservation Council.
- Fall 2014 CACIWC Habitat Newsletter.

**C. Application related correspondence: IWC and PZC applications**

None.

**D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month**

Commissioner Goad sent a report to the D.E.E.P. on the condition of the recreation trail in Vernon, stating that it is in good condition.

**E. Organizational considerations**

In light of two new members joining the commission, Commissioner Ouellette gave a review of CT General Statues 7-131(a), which states the duties of the commission, and handed out various packets on what the commission is about, different projects recently completed, and upcoming projects.

Commissioner Ouellette reminded commission that two member's terms will be up in December.

**3. Continuing Business**

**A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management**

Nothing new to report.

**B. Bolton Lakes issues**

- Tuesday October 14 was the first annual Bolton Lakes Watershed Community Forum to educate the public and make them aware of what the Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance is looking for and taking care of.
- The Eastern CT Bolton Lakes Watershed ERT report is available on [ctert.org](http://ctert.org).

**C. River Bioassessment by Volunteers**

Next RBV is Saturday November 8th at 9am in the TAC (Tolland County Agricultural Center) building.

**D. Open Space Program**

Nothing to report.

**4. New Business**

None.

**5. Other Goals**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

Commissioner Ouellette made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Goad. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted

Audrey Lanz

Recording secretary