

Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015
7:00pm
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville / Vernon, CT

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present where Commission members Jim Simon and Richard Clark, and Town Planner Brianan Nolan.

Recording secretary: Audrey Lanz

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of December 15, 2014 meeting.

A motion to accept the December 15 minutes was made by Commissioner Simon and seconded by Commissioner Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received

Aquarion Environmental Champion Award Nominee letter. The Commission has no nominees for this year.

Friends of Bolton Lakes Inc. sent a letter to DEEP re: opposition of restocking catfish in lower Bolton Lake. Chairman Goad will send a letter of support to Friends of Bolton Lakes. A discussion ensued on what the contents of the letter should be and it was decided that Commissioner Goad would do a little research and data collecting before sending the letter.

Commissioner Simon made a motion to accept submission of a letter and Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Application related correspondence: IWC and PZC applications

Town Planner, Brianan Nolan, received an email from Bob Kleinhans, Director of Public Works, in regards to some road resurfacing that will be done on 2 scenic roads. There is a Public Hearing scheduled for May 7th in regards to this.

There is an application going through PZC from Talcottville Development CO. for an amendment to Vernon Zoning Regulations section 2.121. A Public Hearing has been scheduled for May 21st.

There is a Public Hearing on April 23rd in regards to Application (PZ-2015-04) for Richard Korris for a Site Plan of Development for two new buildings with retail and restaurant space, special permits for a drive through in a commercial zone and for more than 40 off street parking spaces and special permits in an aquifer area, located at #135 Talcottville Road (Assessor's ID: Map #2, Block #4, Lot/Parcel #78A, 135-141).

The Conservation Commission will take these applications under advisement but no action is needed.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

NONE

E. Organizational considerations – Election of Officers

Chairman Ryan Goad nominates Commissioner Simon as Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the nomination and Commissioner Simon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Continuing business

A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management / B. Bolton Lakes Issues

Chairman Ryan Goad gave an overview of the March 4th Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance meeting. The next meeting will be May 7th.

C. Open Space Program

Chairman Ryan Goad gave an update on the preservation of the Strong Farm land.

D. Future Activities / Opportunities

Recruiting new members

- Canvas political parties
- Put notices on Church bulletin boards

The testing of a vernal pool near I-84 has been put on hold due to lack of accessibility and the scheduling of a scientist.

4. New Business

A letter of appreciation will be sent to the late Russ Kunz family for his time with the Conservation Commission.

5. Other Goals

The Conservation Commission discussed the following topics and will look into them:

- Underground disabled propane tanks on route 30 that need to be removed
- Have an overview of the Conservation's past history, maybe get some Town conservators to come and talk to the Commission
- Closing the many sidewalk gaps in Vernon
 - The Town has started working on this
- Look into the parcels of land on Elm Hill & Box Mountain, see what future use might be
- Recruiting more commissioners
- Making wildlife corridors along all bodies of water

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Audrey Lanz
Recording Secretary