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Town of Vernon
 Conservation Commission Meeting
 Special Meeting
 Monday, November 17, 2014
 7:00pm
 Probate Conference Room, First Floor, 14 Park Place
 Rockville / Vernon, CT

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Chairman Tom Ouellette. Present were Commissioners Ryan Goad and Jim Simon, and Town Planner Brianan Nolan. Open Space Task Force Chairperson and Council Member Ann Letendre was present as a guest. Applicant Jonathan Boynton was also present.
 Recording secretary: Audrey Lanz

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of October 27, 2014 meeting.

A motion to accept the October 27 minutes as revised was made by Commissioner Goad and seconded by Commissioner Ouellette. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Acceptance of Annual Meeting Schedule.

- Accepted and signed the 2015 Conservation Commission Meeting dates.

C. Communications Received.

- 2015 Conservation Meeting dates.
- Application (IWC-2014-08) of Kenneth Boynton for a Wetlands Redesignation and Wetlands permit at #263 South Street (Assessor's ID: Map #24, Block #65, Lot/Parcel #6).

D. Application related correspondence: IWC and PZC applications

- Application (IWC-2014-08) of Kenneth Boynton for a Wetlands Redesignation and Wetlands permit at #263 South Street (Assessor's ID: Map #24, Block #65, Lot/Parcel #6).
 - Jon Boynton of Boynton Construction gave an over view of the application.
 - Jon walked the commission through the proposed plan, starting with the cover sheet.
 - 4 of the 10 acres are set aside as open space.
 - 2 ½ acres of this space are not wetlands, the remaining 1 ½ acres are wetlands.
 - The development's detention basin is also included in the acreage.
 - Open Space regulations exclude detention basins as part of the open space acreage planned for development sites.
 - In drawing 5 of 10, lot #5, there is a concern on how steep the land slope is.
 - Craig Perry, Vernon Town Engineer, walked the site.
 - Conservation Commission members would like to make a site visit as well.

- Concerns brought up by the Commission and being submitted in a letter to the IWC:
 - The environmental report that is being prepared should address both on- and off-site impacts to wetlands and watercourses, including Ecker Pond and Ogden Brook.
 - The proposed detention basin must be designed appropriately to prevent the excess discharge of storm water and associated contaminants to the adjacent wetlands and watercourse, and to off-site water resources, under extreme weather conditions.
 - All appropriate LID (low impact development) measures should be incorporated into the project design.

E. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

None

F. Organizational considerations

- Just a reminder that next meeting is the last meeting for commission members Tom Ouellette and Russell Kunz as their terms are up.
- Commissioner Ouellette advised that a commission member should keep attending the Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance meetings as the Vernon liaison.

3. Continuing business

A. Invasive aquatic plants and lakes management

Nothing new to report.

B. Bolton Lakes issues

- Commissioner Ouellette gave an overview of the 11/4/14 meeting.
- Next meeting is December 2, 2014 at the TAC building.

C. River Bioassessment by Volunteers

- Commissioner Ouellette gave an overview of the RBV survey which took place on Saturday November 8th.
 - 12 volunteers came out to help and collect organism samples within four Tankerhoosen river tributaries: 2 on Railroad brook, 1 on Tucker brook, and 1 on Barrows brook.
 - Preliminary assessments show that there were at least 4 most wanted organisms at each site.

D. Open Space Program

- Ann Letendre, speaking as Open Space Task Force Chairperson, gave an update on the Strong Farm and the 2 land parcels that are for sale.

4. New Business

None

5. Other Goals

None

6. Adjournment

- Commissioner Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Goad. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted

Audrey Lanz

Recording secretary