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**Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2016
7:00pm
Probate Conference Room, 1st FL
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon and Richard Clark.

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Guests Present: Ann Letendre and Tom Ouellette representing the Open Space Task Force

Recording secretary: Kathleen Minor

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2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of August 15, 2016 meeting.

A motion to accept the minutes with corrections from the August Conservation Commission meeting was made by Ryan Goad. Richard Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

B. Communications Received

- HABITAT
- Connecticut Wildlife – May/June 2016
- Solid Earth Technologies, Inc. brochure

C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

A letter was written to the Inland/Wetlands Committee regarding IWC-2016-02 addressing the flood plain regulations. Marina Rodriguez confirmed that it was received by the committee.

D. Organizational considerations

Discussion regarding the bi-annual Greater Vernon Holistic Healthfest facilitated by Jon Roe will take place in approximately 6 months; this commission provides material for that event.

3. Open Space Program Update

Ann Letendre discussed land management of open space efforts and the piles of road millings throughout on town properties. After a group discussion, James Simon made a motion for the Chairman Ryan Goad to contact Mayor Dan Champagne regarding the piling of road millings with Ryan Goad seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. New Business

A. Application Review and Comments

Application (IWC-2016-03) of John William & Jo-Anne Rankin for a Wetlands Permit to construct a single family house at #129 Grier Road (Assessor's ID: Map #52, Block#0140, Lot/Parcel #00027)

- The applicant intends to demo existing home and build a new home removing existing deck.
- A Zoning Board of Appeals variance has been granted to increase lot coverage to 39%
- After discussion, Chairman Ryan Goad made a motion that the Conservation Commission will draft a letter recommending the use of organic fertilizer, leaving an un-vegetated strip and to commend the decision to eliminate the use of pavers. This motion was seconded by James Simon and passed unanimously.

Application (IWC-2016-04) of Evan Gerber for a Wetlands permit for a Retention Pond Clean-up at #624 Dart Hill Road (Assessor's ID: Map #04, Block #0004, Lot/Parcel #0001A)

- Currently only a narrative of the project has been provided; site maps are forthcoming
- Commissioner Ryan Goad made a motion to table this application until Inland/Wetlands receives the complete application. This motion was seconded by James Simon and passed unanimously.

B. Natural Resources Update

Bolton Lakes Issues

Commissioner Ryan Goad reported that the Bolton Lakes Watershed Conservation Alliance (BLWCA) met on September 1, 2016 and discussed the progress of the North Carolina State University / CAMCORE project. The transportation of invasive aquatic plants on the lake and the concerns about flooding and proposed future signage around the Hatch Hill Rd area were discussed.

Future Activities

Tom Ouellette discussed the Riffle Bio Assessment by Volunteers (RBV) project that is scheduled for October 15, 2016 at 9am at the TAC (Tolland Country Agricultural Center). After a discussion of the project the endorsement of the Conservation Committee for him to lead the project was requested. Commissioner Ryan Goad made a motion to endorse Tom Ouellette to lead the RBV project on behalf of the Conservation Commission. This motion was seconded by Richard Clark and passed unanimously.

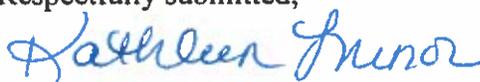
5. Other Goals

No discussion

6. Adjournment

Richard Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Simon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary