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Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2016
7:00pm
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place
Rockville / Vernon, CT

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APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Jim Simon and Richard Clark.

Staff Present: Town Planner Marina Rodriguez

Recording secretary: Audrey Lanz

2. Administrative Actions

A. Acceptance of minutes of December 14, 2015 meeting.

A motion to accept the special meeting minutes of December 21st with corrections on the Strong Farm presentation, as noted on email from Ann Letendre who presented the Strong Farm update, was made by Chairman Ryan Goad and seconded by Commissioner Richard Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received

- North Central Conservation District Municipal funding request
- CT. Conservation Council Annual Report
- CT Wildlife Newsletter
- Draft letter from the Hockanum River Linear Park Committee in regards to Application of Talbott Partners, LLC for a site plan / special permit to construct a multi-family housing facility / commercial project at #241 & #253 Talcottville Road (Assessor's ID: Map #10, Block #0004, Lot/Parcel #0009B & Map #03, Block #0004, Lot/Parcel #00009).

C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

None

D. Organizational considerations

None

3. Open Space Program Update

- The Open Space Task Force would like to meet quarterly with the Conservation Commission.

4. New Business

A. Application Review and Comments

Chairman Ryan Goad made a motion to add section 4A to the agenda. Commissioner Richard Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- Town Planner Marina Rodriguez handed out 2 site plans for #243 & #253 Talcottville Road.
- Chairman Ryan Goad read into record the draft letter from Hockanum River Linear Park in support of application.
- The Commission members deliberated over the plans and came up with some suggestions to put into a letter to PZC in regards to application.
- A special meeting will be held on February 8th to further discuss ideas and form a letter to PZC before their next scheduled meeting.
- The regularly scheduled Conservation meeting on February 22 has been cancelled.

B. Natural Resources Update

Nothing new to report

C. Solar power siting

Commission agreed to keep this item on the agenda in regards to the regulation of solar farms.

D. Future Activities

Update website. Commissioners to send a short bio to Chairman Ryan Goad to be posted on the Vernon Conservation website.

5. Other Goals

None

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Jim Simon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Richard Clark seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Audrey Lanz
Recording Secretary