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Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday, March 21, 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 7:02pm 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 February 16, 2016 meeting.
A motion to accept the minutes of 2/16/16 Conservation Commission was made by Chairman Ryan Goad. Jim Simon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Communications Received

- CT Wildlife Magazine - Jan / Feb 2016 issue
- Habitat Newsletter - Winter 2016
- A notification letter from the State DOT in regards to the bridge replacement on Route 74 over the Hockanum River.
- A Public Notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers dated 3/8/16 in regards to a proposal of revisions to the General Permit covering activities in waters of the US in the State of CT. Public comment should be submitted by May 8, 2016.
- The Open Space Task Force sent a report update to the Commission on 3/20/16.
  - Chairman Ryan Goad made a motion to send a letter to Ann Letendre in support of the OSTF activities. Jim Simon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month
The Commission sent a letter with comments to the PZC on Application (PZ-2016-01).

D. Organizational considerations
None

3. **Open Space Program Update**

Ann Letendre sent an email, dated 3/20/16, to the Commission with updates.

4. **New Business**

A. Application Review and Comments

Application (PZ-2016-04) of Swiss Laundry of Rockville, Inc. for a modification of an approved site plan & site plan of development / special permits for an expansion of the existing Swiss Laundry at #4 & #6 Regan Street (Assessor's ID: Map #22, Block #41, Lot/Parcel #3 and Map #22, Block #41, Lot/Parcels #17 & 18).

- Town Planner Marina Rodriguez and Commission members reviewed a site plan dated 3/15/2016.
- After careful consideration the Commission agreed that there were no Conservation concerns for this site.

Jim Simon made a motion to submit a letter to the PZC stating that the Conservation Commission has reviewed the site plan and has no detailed comments or concerns. Ryan Goad seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Natural Resources Update

Bolton Lakes Issues

- The Bolton Lakes Conservation Alliance met on Thursday March 3, 2016

Solar Power

None

Future Activities

- Chairman Ryan Goad will be conducting a Trails Day Hike on Saturday June 4, 6-8:30pm. The walk will start at Valley Falls Park and end on the Tulip Tree Trail.

5. <u>Other Goals</u>

None

6. <u>Adjournment</u>

Chairman Ryan Goad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Lanz

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Recording Secretary