

**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Monday, October 15, 2018  
7:00pm  
Town Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Richard Clark and James Simon. Jason Seacat was absent.  
Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner  
Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions/Requests**

**2.1 Amendment to Agenda – Additional business to be considered under “Other Business requires Commission vote**

James Simon motioned to add under Other Business items 5.2 and 5.3 discussion regarding the Conservation web page and political signs on town owned property respectively. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2.2 Acceptance of minutes of September 17, 2018**

James Simon motioned to accept the minutes from the September 17, 2018 meeting as presented. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2.3 Communications Received not related to agenda items**

- CT Land Conservation Council membership application
- CT Land Conservation Council – OSWA program information
- Conference on Urban and Community Forestry information

**2.4 Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- A letter was sent to Mayor Champagne regarding the planned upper Bolton Lake Dam Refurbishment.

**2.5 Organizational Considerations**

- Discussion ensued regarding the members recruiting new members in person

**3. Open Space Program Update**

No communication has been received regarding Open Space.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **4.1 Application Review and Comments**

- Application [IWC-2018-05] of Norman Nicotera for Wetlands Re-Designation at 942 Hartford Turnpike (Assessor's ID: Map #37, Block #68, Lot/Parcel #12)
  - Discussion of Application ensued

James Simon motioned that Chairman Ryan Goad will send correspondence to the Inland Wetlands Commission requesting that a soil scientist confirm the data from 2007, the location of test borings used to delineate and to clarify the soil mapping term used in the report that is currently depicted. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

##### **4.2 Natural Resources**

- Vernal Pools

Nothing discussed.

- Bolton Lakes Issues

Nothing new to present.

#### **5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion**

##### **5.1 Future Activities**

Membership opportunities were discussed – Holistic Healthfest in the Spring of 2019 and earlier discussion of commission members personally recruiting

##### **5.2 Web Page**

Town Planner Marina Rodriguez advised the Commission that the Town is redesigning all Town related web pages. Information will continue to be shared.

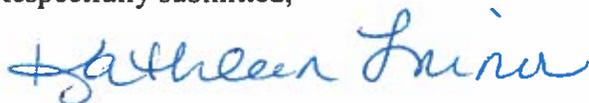
##### **5.3 Political signs on Town owned property**

Discussion ensued about the prominence of political signs on Town owned property. Town Planner Marina Rodriguez stated she will research the rules and express the concerns to Administration.

#### **6. Adjournment**

James Simon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary