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**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Monday, December 18, 2017  
7:00pm  
Council Chambers, Third 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 7:06pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon and Richard Clark

Absent Member(s): Jason Seacat

Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner and Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of minutes of October 16, 2017.**

Richard Clark motioned to accept the minutes as presented. James Simon seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

**B. 2018 Schedule of Meetings**

- The schedule was reviewed and yearly "Freedom of Information" form was distributed

James Simon motioned to accept the 2018 Schedule of Meetings as presented. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**C. Communications Received**

- Connecticut Audubon Society – membership
- Connecticut River Conservancy – donation request
- DEEP letter dated 10/12/17
- CT State of the Birds Magazine – 2017
- Land Conservation Council - membership
- The Habitat – Fall 2017

**D. Letters Sent by Conservation Commission Last Month**

- None

**E. Organizational Considerations**

- New members needed

**3. Open Space Program Update**

Ann Letendre, Tom Ouellette and Virginia Gringas attended.

- Property Update

- The merger of the Open Space Task Force with the Conservation Commission was discussed

Richard Clark motioned to have Chairman Goad represent the Conservation Commission with Ann Letendre to discuss reorganization with Town Administration. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

##### **A. Application Review and Comments**

- **Referral for the sale of parcel 19-0144-00001 of 133 Tunnel Road**

Chairman Goad read a request from Town Administrator Michael Purcaro regarding the sale of the Town owned property.

James Simon motioned to that the conservation as no comment on the planned sale of this parcel. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Natural Resources Update**

###### **Bolton Lakes Issues**

- Chairman Goad met last week with members of several Bolton Lake organizations regarding protecting the Atlantic white cedar.

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

- Holistic Health Fest is scheduled for 4/7 & 4/8 at VCMS

###### **Earth Day Activity**

- Discussion on how the commission can promote and participate in this event.

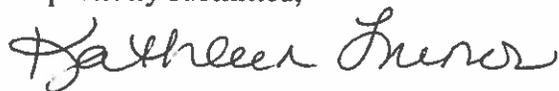
#### **5. Other Goals**

- None

#### **6. Adjournment**

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary