

Town of Vernon
Conservation Commission Meeting
Approved Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2018
7:00pm
Probate Conference Room, 1st 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 7:05pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon, Jason Seacat and Richard Clark.

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

Chairman Ryan Goad asked if there was anything to add to the agenda. No amendments were added.

2.2 Acceptance of minutes of May 21, 2018

Jason Seacat motioned to accept the minutes of May 21, 2018 with one minor correction. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2.3 Communications Received not related to agenda items

- The Tankerhoosen newsletter – June 2018 events
- Copy of email sent to Conservation Commission email site regarding Vernal pool
- Notification from Tata & Howard to Mayor Champagne regarding repairs and modifications to upper lake dam
- Email notification from Friends of Bolton Lakes
- Email notification of Bolton Lakes Watershed Alliance July meeting

2.4 Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month

- Comments regarding drainage improvement at Rockville High School forwarded to Inland Wetlands Commission

2.5 Organizational Considerations

- Need for additional members
- Commissioner Goad mentioned that his term will be up at the year and will not be eligible to serve on the commission for a year.

3. Open Space Program Update

No communication has been received regarding Open Space.

4. New Business

4.1 Application Review and Comments

None

4.2 Natural Resources

Discussion ensued regarding the last vernal pool study done in 2005 (2003 was the precursor). The results of this study were included with the Plan of Conservation and Development under the natural resources section. The study documents and material will be shared with the members.

James Simon motioned that the Conservation Commission provide the 2005 vernal pool study information to the Town of Vernon Wetlands Enforcement Officer. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Richard Clark motioned that Jason Seacat be the liaison and take the lead and provide all the materials on behalf of the commission to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Bolton Lakes

Discussion ensued regarding the final plans for the spillway for the Upper Bolton Lake.

James Simon motioned that the commission research the DEEP public notices website regarding the application for the Upper Bolton Lake dam repair modification permit and email the commission for discussion at the next meeting. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Future Activities

Chairman Goad mentioned that the annual Riffle Bioassessment by Volunteers (BRV) is coming up in October/early November.

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

- Discussion ensued regarding gypsy moth outbreak

Jason Seacat motioned to have the Town Planner, Marina Rodriguez, reach out to Jeff Schambach, Town of Vernon Tree Warden, for any information he may have regarding the gypsy moth impact in Vernon. Richard Clark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Jason Seacat motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:04pm. James Simon seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary