

**TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Approved Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 14 Park Place
3rd Floor, Council Chambers, Vernon, CT**

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1. Call to Order and roll call

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ryan Goad. Also present were Commission members Richard Clark, James Simon, Jason Seacat and Alternate Carlos Adamson
Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development
Kathleen Minor, Recording Secretary

2. Administrative Actions/Requests

- 2.1 Amendment(s) to Agenda, if any
 - None
- 2.2 Approval of the Minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting

James Simon motioned to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2019 meeting with one spelling correction. Ryan Goad seconded and the motion passed with Jason Seacat abstaining due to absence.

- 2.3 Communications received not related to Agenda items, if any
 - Connecticut Wildlife – September/October 19 issue
- 2.4 Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month, if any
 - None
- 2.5 Organizational considerations
 - Nothing discussed

3. Open Space Program Update

- Nothing discussed

4. New Business

4.1 Pending Inland Wetlands Applications:

Continuation of Meeting for Application [IWC-2019-05] of Chilstone, LLC by Evan Gerber, Member, for a Redesignation of Wetlands, and Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the construction of a 4 unit apartment building, parking and associated infrastructure, at **624 Dart Hill Road** (Assessor's ID: Map 04, Block 0004, Parcel 0001A). *(Redesignation was approved at the IWC meeting held October 22, 2019)*

4.2 Pending Planning & Zoning Applications:

Application [PZ-2019-14] of Rashid Hamid, President of Naek Construction Co., Inc., for a Zone Change from the SED Zone to the Planned Development Zone: Gerber Farm Area, for seven parcels: **291 Talcottville Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 09A), **293 Talcottville Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 09E), **26 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-8), **32 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-7), **37 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-4), **38 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-6), **46 Naek Rd.** Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block

0004, Parcel 008-5); and a Special Permit has been requested for 291 Talcottville Rd., to allow the existing single family home on this parcel, once the zone has been changed.

Applications were discussed and no action was taken.

- 4.3 Natural Resources
 - Vernal Pools
 - No discussion
 - Bolton Lakes Issues

Jason Seacat reported that there was a sizable amount of fanwort discovered in a new part of the lake. It is being monitored by the Friends of Bolton Lake, the lake consultant and the Town of Vernon which resulted in quick treatment. Discussion regarding initiation of a screening system to help stop spread of invasive species from lake to lake ensued.

- Non-Point Source Pollution
 - No discussion

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

- 5.1 Future Activities
 - a) Annual Goals
 - b) Potential Activities

There was discussion regarding the implementation document from the 2012 Plan of Conservation and Development and how the commission can continue forward with those initiatives, as well as future educational and community outreach efforts. The commission will identify specific topics to address in 2020 at the next meeting.

- 5.2 Sustainable CT –
 - a) Submission update
 - b) Discussion of Tankerhoosen Watershed Management Plan

Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development, shared that the Town of Vernon has achieved Silver Status with Sustainable CT. A ceremony is scheduled for December 3, 2019.

6. Adjournment

Jason Seacat motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary