

**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Monday, February 25, 2019  
7:00pm  
Town Hall, 14 Park Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Council Chambers  
Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order and roll call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members James Simon, Jason Seacat and Richard Clark (entered at 7:18pm). Alternate member Carlos Adamson was welcomed.

Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development  
Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**1.1 Election of Officers**

James Simon motioned to nominate Ryan Goad to remain as Chairman. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ryan Goad motioned to nominate James Simon as Vice Chairman. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Administrative Actions/Requests**

**2.1 Amendment to Agenda - Additional business to be considered under agenda item #5 "Other Business" requires Commission vote**

Jason Seacat motioned to add C.G.A. House Bill 6637 – An Act Requiring an Invasive Species for the Operation of a Motorboat of the Inland Waters of the State under section 4.3 Natural Resources of the Agenda. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2.2 Acceptance of Minutes of January 28, 2019**

Richard Clark motioned to accept the minutes of January 28, 2019 as presented. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

- Aquarian Water Company– Information and poster regarding grant opportunity

James Simon motioned to add discussion regarding correspondence from Meetinghouse Hill, LLC to agenda under item 5.3 of this agenda. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Commission comments were sent to IWC supporting Applications IWC-2019-01 and IWC-2019-02.

**2.5 Organizational Considerations**

Nothing to add.

### **3. Open Space Program Update**

Nothing to add.

### **4. New Business**

#### **4.1 Pending Inland Wetland Applications:**

- Determination of Significance to be made at 02-26-2019 meeting for IWC-2019-01 of Ann Letendre, Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park, Inc., for Commission Modification of a Wetlands Permit for boardwalk and general trail improvements at 27 Pleasantview Drive, 37 Pleasantview Drive and additional parcel on Pleasantview Drive.
- Determination of Significance to be made at 02-26-2019 meeting for IWC-2019-02 of Robert Grasis, WPC Director, for a Wetlands Permit by Commission for upgrades and rehabilitation of existing structures, building new electrical substation, upgrades to pipes and utilities, demolition of various buildings at the Town of Vernon's Sewer Treatment Plant, 100 Windsorville Road.

Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development, presented status on items. No Commission action taken.

#### **4.2 Pending Planning & Zoning Applications:**

- PZ-2019-01 William Dowty for a Zone Change at 80 Wilson Lane
- PZ-2019-02 Meetinghouse Hill, LLC for a Zone Change at 780 Hartford Turnpike and parcel on West Street

Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development, presented status on items. No Commission action taken.

#### **4.3 Natural Resources**

- Vernal Pools

Discussion ensued including what future action Commission would like to take moving forward regarding funding. Shaun Gately will research and report back to Commission.

- Bolton Lakes Issues

Jason Seacat reported the State of CT plant biologist did a plant survey of Lower Bolton Lake for curly leaf pond and per the updated map showing that there are 4 possibly 5 sites of this plant. At the last Friends of Bolton Lake there was discussion regarding hydrilla and how these invasive plants could affect the Vernon side of lake.

James Simon motioned to add non-point source pollution to section 4.3 Natural Resources on future agendas. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- House Bill 6637

Discussion ensued. Updates to follow during future meetings.

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

**5.1 Future Activities**

- Vernon Holistic Healthfest (April 6-7, 2019 at VCMS)

Discussion ensued. Plans for the event will be discussed at the March meeting.

**5.2 Sustainable CT**

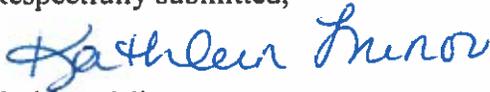
Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development, provided information on initiative.

**5.3 Meetinghouse Hill, LLC**

**6. Adjournment**

James Simon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary