

**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Monday, April 15, 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 7:00pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Also present were Commission members Richard Clark, Jason Seacat, James Simon and Alternate Carlos Adamson

Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development

David Smith, Town Engineer

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions/Requests**

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

- Nothing to add to agenda

James Simon motioned to move item 5 Other Business/Goals/Discussion to beginning of agenda. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**5.2 Sustainable CT**

Interim Director of Planning and Development, Shaun Gately and Town Engineer, David Smith discussed the Town of Vernon's participation in the Sustainable CT certification. One of the action plans refers to watershed protection. An executive summary and plan implementation from a 2009 study conducted by Fuss and O'Neill that included the Tankerhoosen River watershed was distributed to commission members.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Interim Director of Planning and Development will distribute the full 2009 Fuss and O'Neill to the commission members electronically prior to the next scheduled meeting.

James Simon motioned that the Tankerhoosen River watershed is still a valuable natural resource worthy of protecting. There is an existing 2009 watershed management plan. The Conservation Commission recognizes this plan and looks forward to furthering the implementation steps to protect the watershed. Jason Seacat seconded the motion.

Jason Seacat requested that he does support this motion, however in the future he would like to have the materials beforehand with advanced time to read them.

The commission voted and the motion passed unanimously.

## **5.1 Future Activities**

- Vernon Holistic Healthfest was held April 6-7, 2019 at VCMS.

Discussion ensued regarding the event including the River Smart Pledge and workshop presented at the healthfest.

## **2. Administrative Actions/Requests, continued:**

### **2.2 Acceptance of Minutes of March 18, 2019**

Jason Seacat motioned to accept the minutes of March 18, 2019 as presented with one scrivener error. Richard Clark seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

- Solitude Lake Management – 2019 Lake Treatment Contract
- Aquatic Pesticide Permit – Walker Reservoir East
- Aquatic Pesticide Permit – Paper Mill Pond
- Northeast Aquatic Research – Lakes and Ponds 2018 Management Summary

Discussion ensued. Interim Director of Planning and Development Shaun Gately will reach out to the Director of Parks and Recreation regarding the treatment process.

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

- Nothing sent

### **2.5 Organizational Considerations**

- Nothing to add.

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

- Nothing to add.

## **4. New Business**

### **4.1 None**

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

- None

### **4.3 Natural Resources**

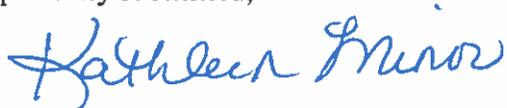
- Vernal Pools – no discussion at this time
- Bolton Lakes Issues –

- Bolton Lake Watershed Conservation Alliance – students at UCONN will be performing sediment coring of the lake relating to white cedar trees
- Northeast Aquatic Research will be providing a training on to FBL members/volunteers Wednesday, 4/17/19 for help in collecting data for a more comprehensive assessment
  - Non-Point Source Pollution – nothing to add

6. **Adjournment**

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary