

TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
APPROVED MINUTES
Monday, January 27, 2020 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 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Ryan Goad
Members Present: Ryan Goad, Richard Clark, Jason Seacat
Members entered during meeting.: James Simon, Carlos Adamson (both at 7:11 p.m.)
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 Election of Officers

Jason Seacat motioned that the Conservation Commission continue with the current Chairman, Ryan Goad, and Vice Chairman, James Simon, for 2020. Richard Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2.3 Approval of the Minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting

James Simon motioned to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting. Richard Clark seconded. The motion carried with Ryan Goad and Jason Seacat abstaining due to absence.

2.4 Communication(s) Received not related to Agenda items, if any

- None

2.5 Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month, if any

- None

2.6 Organizational considerations

- An email and information from Nicole Freidenfelds, Program Coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Academy at the University of Connecticut regarding Conservation Training workshops being offered

3. Open Space Program Update

- Nothing discussed

4. New Business

4.1 Pending Inland Wetlands Applications:

Application [IWC-2020-01] of the Town of Vernon by Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator, (David Smith, Town Engineer, Project Contact Person), for a Wetlands Permit by Commission for work to be performed within an upland review area, to create a public park at 19 Grove Street (Assessor's ID: Map 41, Block 0122, Parcel 00037).

Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development reviewed the Application with the Commission. Discussion ensued.

Jason Seacat motioned that Ryan Goad will send an email to the Inland Wetlands Commission in support of Application IWC-2020-01 and request that any additional information on the project be shared. Richard Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 4.2 Pending Planning & Zoning Applications, if any
 - None
- 4.3 Natural Resources
 - Vernal Pools - Nothing discussed
 - Bolton Lakes Issues

Ryan Goad distributed and discussed an email from John Williams, Friends of Bolton Lake and shared a summary regarding the 2020 EPA 319 Grant regarding the Bolton Lakes Watershed. Discussion ensued.

Jason Seacat motioned for Ryan Goad to send a letter to the Town Administrator requesting support regarding the EPA 319 Grant application. Richard Clark seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Non-Point Source Pollution – Nothing discussed

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

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

Discussion regarding a proposed forum on recycling. Shaun Gately reported that he did reach out to the Community Voice Channel and they indicated they would be willing to record the event when scheduled and that he spoke to the Town of Vernon Director of Public Works and Recycle Foreman who stated they would contribute to any future presentation.

6. Adjournment

James Simon motioned to adjourn at 7:37pm. Ryan Goad seconded and the motioned passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary