TOWN OF VERNON, CT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Monday, September 21, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

VIA TELECONFERENCE
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1. Call to Order and roll call

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Ryan Goad
Members Present: Ryan Goad, James Simon, Jason Seacat, Richard Clark
Members Absent:
Staff Present: George McGregor, Town Planner
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 August 17, 2020 meeting

Jason Seacat, seconded by Richard Clark, made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2.3 Communications received not related to Agenda items, if any
None
2.4 Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month, if any
None
2.5 Organizational considerations
None

3. Open Space Program Update

Ann Letendre and Tom Ouellette joined the virtual call on behalf of the Open Space Task Force and provided updates and the status of the open space inventory and the cancellation of the annual Riffle Bioassessment by Volunteers for 2020; information on that cancellation will be shared to the Town Planner who will have the website updated.

4. New Business

Review of Pending Inland Wetlands Applications, if any

4.1 IWC-2020-06, Application of CT Golf Land LLC, for a Wetlands Permit for site grading, new construction, demolition, and other activities in an upland review area, on property located at 95 Hartford Tpke. (Assessor ID: Map 1, Block 158, Parcel 00095).

4.2 Review of Pending Planning & Zoning Applications, if any

Application **[PZ-2020-11]** of CT Golf Land LLC (Steven LaMesa and Jerry Fornelli) for a modification to a Site Plan of Development and a series of Special Permits to modify and enhance a commercial recreation, family fun center located at 95 Hartford Turnpike (Assessor ID: Map 1, Block 158, Parcel 95). The property is zoned Commercial.

Town Planner George McGregor provided an overview of the pending Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning applications. Discussion ensued.

Jason Seacat, seconded by Ryan Goad, made a motion to request that a trail easement be considered on the east side of the river, along the river at the rear of the parking lot, linking the linear trail to Manchester. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Town Planner George McGregor will share this discussion and request with the Inland Wetland and Planning and Zoning Commissions.

4.3 Natural Resources
- Vernal Pools
- Bolton Lakes Issues
- Non-Point Source Pollution

Jason Seacat provided a brief update regarding the Friends of Bolton Lakes participating in training from DEEP that would train members to identify and educate people at the boat launches on identifying and removing invasive plants from boats and trailers.

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

5.1 Future Activities
a) Annual Goals
b) Potential Activities

Town Planner George McGregor provided a status on the implementation of the Plan of Conservation and Development update.

6. Adjournment

Richard Clark, seconded by Jason Seacat, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary