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**TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Vernon, CT
Meeting Notice

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Monday, August 13, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Administrative Actions/Requests
 - 2.1 Amendment(s) to Agenda, if any
 - 2.2 Approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2020 meeting
 - 2.3 Communications received not related to Agenda items, if any
 - 2.4 Organizational considerations
3. Open Space Program Update
4. New Business
 - 4.1 Plan of Conservation and Development-General Commission Questionnaire
 - 4.2 Natural Resources
 - Vernal Pools
 - Bolton Lakes Issues
 - Non-Point Source Pollution
5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion
 - 5.1 Future Activities
 - a) Annual Goals
 - b) Potential Activities
6. Adjournment

C. Ryan Goad, Chairman
Conservation Commission

See vernon-ct.gov/boards/CC for full packet.

DRAFT MINUTES

**TOWN OF VERNON, CT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Monday, June 15, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

Join Zoom Meeting

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order and roll call

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Ryan Goad

Members Present: Ryan Goad, James Simon, Richard Clark

Members Absent: Jason Seacat, Carlos Adamson

Staff Present: George McGregor, Town Planner

Kathleen Minor, Recording Secretary

2. Administrative Actions/Requests

2.1 Amendment(s) to Agenda, if any

Chairman Ryan Goad, seconded by Richard Clark, made a motion to add discussion regarding Tulip Tree Trail to Section 4.4 of this agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

2.2 Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting

Richard Clark, seconded by James Simon, made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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
No discussion.

3. Open Space Program Update

No discussion.

Town Planner George McGregor updated the Commission regarding the status to the Plan of Conservation and Development update.

4. New Business

Review of Pending Inland Wetlands Applications, if any

4.1 IWC-2020-03, Application of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the demolition and replacement of the existing vehicular bridge (bridge number 04575) on Main St., over the Tankerhoosen River (no specific address or parcel id).

Application was discussed and no action was taken.

4.2 IWC-2020-04, Application of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the construction of athletic fields on a 2.25-acre portion of property located on Windermere Ave. (no specific address) near the Ellington Town line (Assessors ID: Map 22, Block 0039, Parcel 00003).

Application was discussed and no action was taken.

4.3 Pending Planning & Zoning Applications, if any
None

4.4 Natural Resources
- Vernal Pools – no discussion
- Bolton Lakes Issues:

Chairman Ryan Goad discussed the status of the Cyanobacteria Bloom that was found in May.

- Non-Point Source Pollution – no discussion
-Tulip Tree Trail

Chairman Ryan Goad discussed the condition of the Tulip Tree Trail and the cooperative efforts of the Vernon Conservation Commission, Bolton Conservation Commission and DEEP.

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

5.1 Future Activities
a) Annual Goals
b) Potential Activities

Town Planner George McGregor shared with the Commission that the meeting format will continue to be virtual until the protocol is changed by Administration.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Ryan Goad, seconded by Richard Clark, motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary

Plan of Conservation and Development



Town of Vernon

Plan of Conservation and Development – 2020 Update

Introduction

The Town of Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission, with assistance from Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI), is preparing an update to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, or POCD. The POCD is a policy document that provides a long-term vision for the Town and guidance on decision-making related to growth, development, and conservation over the next ten years. The State of Connecticut requires municipalities to update their POCD every ten years.

We are in the initial data and information gathering phase of the planning process, and are seeking to understand your commission's views on the key planning, conservation and development issues facing Vernon, your major accomplishments in these areas over the past decade, as well as your goals and objectives in these areas for the next ten years. We are asking that you distribute the following questions to your board/commission members, and include a discussion of the questions as an item on one of your next agendas.

Please record your commission responses and return this form to Liz Esposito (eesposito@mminc.com) and George McGregor (gmcgregor@vernon-ct.gov) by September 1, 2020.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this questionnaire or the POCD process, please contact George McGregor, Town Planner.

Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge in the service of this important project!



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Name of Board or Commission: _____

Name of person completing the form: _____

1.) Generally, and in brief, what are the three to five most important planning, conservation and/or development issues facing Vernon from your board/commission's specific perspective, area of expertise and/or governance?

2.) Thinking about land use, what would you like to see change in Vernon over the next 10-20 years?



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3.) Thinking about your respective board/ commission's charge, what are your top 3 objectives for the next several years?

4.) What strategies would your board/ commission need to work on to achieve those top 3 objectives?



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5.) Please review the current Vernon POCD, the current POCD action agenda can be found as an attached pdf. Goals and strategies are explained throughout the [2012 POCD document](#); however, the attached implementation chapter provides a compilation of all strategies. Which goals and strategies are still relevant (please mark all, even if outside the purview of your board/ commission)? Which should be changed, and what is missing?

6.) How is your board or commission incorporating the sustainability initiatives of [Sustainable CT](#) into your work? Are there plans to incorporate these initiatives over the next 10 years?