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TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2011, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouellette, Ryan Goad, H. Russell Kunz

RECORDING SECRETARY: Blanche Perillo

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Scott Wieting

***The Commission amended the agenda to add:**

Under Application related Correspondences: PZ-2010-24 Laurel Woods .

Under Other Goals: Town Parcels

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Commission agreed not to change the leadership or participation of officers for 2011

3. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of December 13, 2010

#5 Aquatic Invasives – correction in first sentence should read “ Thomas Ouellette spoke to George Arthur regarding water chestnuts.”

#5 Last sentence should read “ The Commission would like to develop an annual budget for management for the 74 water bodies in Vernon as appropriate.

B. Communications

Communications received not related to the agenda.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

Application (**IWC-2010-07**) of Barbara Cantor for a Wetlands permit to conduct activities in the wetlands regulated area for the restoration and reconstruction of the retaining wall and storage building at #98 East Main Street (Assessor's ID: Map #40, Block #17, Lot/Parcel #5)

The Commission would like all precautions taken not to pollute the water with debris including and not limited to excess concrete, wood, or steel during demolition or reconstruction.

Suitable containment measures must be in place for possible hazardous materials stored in shed.

Thomas Ouellette will write a letter of concern to be sent to the IWC Commission.

Application (**IWC-2011-01**) of the Town of Vernon Planning Department to amend the Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, specifically (1) Section 7.11.c to add clarifying language relative to exterior work relating to property subject to a conservation or preservation restriction, (2) section 10.9 to add clarifying language regarding permit reversals on appeals by holders of conservation or preservation restriction, and (3) adding section 10.10 regarding ability to file a permit application when activity will occur on a portion of property not restricted by a conservation or preservation restriction.

No comments from the Commission.

Application (**PZ-2010-24**) Laurel Woods Resubdivision.

At the recent PZC meeting Attorney Dory Famiglietta made a statement that the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Taskforce had approved the application.

The Conservation Commission and the Open Space Taskforce only approved the Open Space plan, not the entire application. Ryan Goad will draft a letter of clarification.

The Commission would like ERT to determine the facts after which the Commission will comment.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

None

4. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Scott Wieting will be in contact with Len Tundermann regarding how to proceed.

5. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION

No action

6. AQUATIC INVASIVES

Thomas Ouellette and George Arthur have been working together looking at all water bodies in Vernon. A spreadsheet has been developed with their findings and an inspection priority list will be determined.

7. BOLTON LAKES ERT

No Action

8. SCENIC ROADS

No Action

9. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Scott Wieting recommended the Commission get involved with the Vernon Health Fest in March. The suggestions for the Conservation booth were as follows:

- Vernon Power Point Presentation (Vernal Pools)
- Membership applications
- Results of fanwort clean-up process
- Pictures of the gorge
- Open Space information
- Long horn beetle information
- Samples of pervious walkways
- Display on LID Program
- Town Savings on Recycling
- Information regarding detention basins at Walker Reservoir

10. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No Action

11. OPEN SPACE PROCESS

No Action

12. VERNAL POOLS

Sheryl McMullen will provide the Commission with a revised CD which will include all of Ed Pollack's data. Discussion will continue once the CD is distributed to the members. Tom Ouellette questioned if the IWC has access to use the Vernal Pools layer on the GIS.

13. OTHER GOALS

Town Parcels – Sheryl McMullen suggested having John Ward give the Conservation Commission the opportunity to review both current and future parcels for their recommendation.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. second motion was made by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary