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TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2011, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3RD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON. CT

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

STAFF PRESENT: Shaun Gately

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of July 18, 2011.

Item #4 correction: Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Thomas Ouellette made a motion to amend the minutes as stated. Second to motion was Ryan Goad. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

- Connecticut Wildlife Brochure
- Public Notice – Reissuance of the Department of the Army CT General Permit
- Permit application for the use of Pesticides in State Waters

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

- 129 Talcottville Road – Disposal of Town owned property

Tom Ouellette will contact Ann Lentendre to inquire if the Commission should back up her recommendations.

- ECHN – Permit to construct a parking lot on 8, 11, 12 Ward Street and 35 Village Street.

Update

60 South Frontage – the owner requested a private meeting to discuss making the property marketable to include sewers and traffic support.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

None

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

There is a public meeting scheduled for September 29, 2011.

Concerns are as follows:

- The web site includes hyperlinks whereas the printed copy does not include the newest additions which should be included as a supplement.
- There is inconsistent information in the natural resource plan. Page #28 recommends the protection of slopes greater than 20% versus the Natural Resource Map which recommends protection of slopes greater than 25%.
- Valley Falls should be added in the list of Scenic Roads, Ridgelines, and Vistas.
- Historic Sites Inventory – the train depot on Phoenix Street should be added.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION

Thomas Ouellette attended the meeting on July 27, 2011.

The meeting in November will be for all Commissions. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the revised information in Material Set 2.

Tom is reviewing the material and is asking the Commission to review it for additional input.

The Commission will work with prioritizing the tasks associated with the LID regulations implementation list.

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

Three watercourse areas were inspected, plants were bagged and sent to George Knoecklein for examination. Nothing major was found.

6. SCENIC ROADS

Shaun Gately will follow up with Len Tundermann to confirm if the current version of the application was used.

7. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

No Action

8. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No Action

9. OPEN SPACE PROCESS / ZONE

The Commission is reviewing properties that are already considered open space to recommend adding them to the open space zone. This would add another layer of protection to these properties.

10. VERNAL POOLS

No Action

11. TANKERSOSEN WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

As part of the implementation plan the task of Aquatic Invasives is work in progress.

12. OTHER GOALS

Thomas Ouellette recently attended a seminar regarding cold tar base sealants used for industrial and municipal areas. These sealants are toxic and can impact water quality. The Commission feels PZC would be interested in the review of their use in the town's parking areas. Shaun Gately will contact Public Works to inquire about the use of these sealants.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Russell Kunz to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.
Second to motion made by Thomas Ouellette. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanche Perillo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary