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**TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 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
STAFF PRESENT: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of May 23, 2011

#5 Aquatic Invasives: First two sentences should be revised as such:

“Funding has been approved for the Aquatic Invasives survey including Bolton Lake. George Knoecklein’s survey will consist of eight ponds.”

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to accept the amended minutes to the May 23, 2011 meeting. Motion was seconded by Thomas Ouellette. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

Communications received not related to the agenda.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:

Application by Donald Vaccaro (Ticket Network) to build a 34 space parking lot of and with access to South Frontage Road will be included on the July agenda for Planning and Zoning. Scott Wieting will contact Len for further information due to this area being sensitive and having possible environmental concerns.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

Draft Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) letter dated June 9, 2011 from the Conservation Commission to the Town Planner, PZC, and Planimetrics.

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

The Open Space Task Force drafted a letter with comments directed to Len Tundermann, PZC, and Planimetrics dated June 9, 2011. Ryan Goad will include these additional comments in his letter from the Conservation Commission to the PZC.

Thomas Ouellette and Russell Kunz will attend the June 23rd informational meeting and will brief the members by email.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION

No activity at this time

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

The map submitted with the application to DEP from Aquatic Technologies shows the perimeter of the lake in the shallow water, less than 5 feet. (shaded area on map) George Knoecklein's survey shows the niad only in the deeper water, over 6 feet in depth. The recommended treatment on the application is not where the niad is living in the lake. The treatment area will have to be adjusted from what is shown on the map. Bruce Dinnie will be in contact with Bolton and Aquatic Technologies to clarify.

6. SCENIC ROADS

Russell Kunz completed the application for Banforth and Baker Roads as Scenic Roads. Possible future scenic road – Bread and Milk Road.

7. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

Thomas Ouellette suggested methods to get information out to the public using posters to solicit membership as well as descriptions of projects to be placed in the library, schools, churches, senior center, and town hall bulletin board.

Thomas will use the public information channel and the Reminder to solicit volunteers for the river walk. A link through the website will be used for responses.

8. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRSS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No action

9. OPEN SPACE PROCESS

Shaun Gately will contact Marina Rogriquez and Len Tundermann to discuss the topic to segregate open space from private developable land on the zoning map.

10. VERNAL POOLS

No action

11. OTHER GOALS

Len Tundermann suggested the Conservation Commission include the Tankersoosen Watershed Study Implementation Plan with future agendas. Scott Wieting asked the members to review and discuss this at the July meeting and will be added as an action item on the July agenda.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 P.M.
Motion was seconded by Thomas Ouellette. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Blanche Perillo

Recording Secretary