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MEETING OF THE TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL BUILDING, TOWN HALL
THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Marina Rogriquez, CED Coordinator, Assistant Town Planner

RECORDING SECRETARY: Blanche Perillo

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Scott Wieting

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of July 21, 2010

Motion was made by Scott Wieting to accept the minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting.
Motion was seconded by Thomas Ouellette. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

- Letter dated August 2, 2010 from Karl Prewo re: transport of aquatic weed by recreational users
Thomas Ouellette will contact the DEP to find out who is responsible to place signs in the area.
Ryan Goad will look for existing signs and appropriate wording.
- E-mail dated August 10, 2010 from Thomas Ouellette re: Invasive Plant Symposium on October 14, 2010
Marina recommended the commission contact Debbie in the Planning Dept for available funds for a few members to attend.

- E-mail Bruce Dinnie to Scott Wieting re: infestation of two exotic wood boring beetles.
Ryan Goad will contact Rose Hiskes to clarify her request.
- E-mail from Lance Chernack to Scott Wieting re: excess weeds near catch basin put in by the town of Vernon.
Scott Wieting will forward this to the Town Administration for them to evaluate the issue and to respond back to the Commission.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC and PZC applications

IWC-2010-05 Applicant Joel Stavens, 310 Lake Street

IWC-2010-06 Town of Vernon Planning Department to amend the Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, Section 11.6 to establish six year validity of permits issued from 7/1/2006 to 7/1/2009, and Sections 15.3 and 15.7 regarding proposed amendments to the regulations and map to specify the statutory requirement of CGS 22a-42a(b) that a proposed regulation or map change must be filed in the office of the Town Clerk at least 10 days before the public hearing on the proposed change(s).

D. Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month.

Letter dated July 25, 2010 to IWC re: **IWC 2010-05**, 310 Lake Street proposed subdivision.

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Marina provided the Commission with a draft of a map showing parks, cemeteries, and open space. Scott Wieting will follow up with Len Tundermann to discuss the next step.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION

No action at this time

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

Thomas Ouellette observed no milfoil at Valley Falls and reduced fanwort at Walker Reservoir during a recent visit.

The Commission would like to focus on an aquatic plan possibly combining both aquatic and terrestrial plan to serve as an example for other towns. Due to limitations of town's resources, the surveys must consist of volunteers.

A matrix will be created listing resources, problems, and solutions which may eventually be used for other towns.

In order to get support from other commissions, Marina suggested the commission informally discuss this issue with other commissions and eventually have it placed on the agenda as a discussion item. Tom Ouellette suggested the members of the commission review and report comments for Tom to put together their vision.

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to have Tom draft an aquatic management plan. Motion was seconded by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **BOLTON LAKES ERT**

No action at this time

7. **SCENIC ROADS**

Russell Kunz observed Fish & Game Road and reported that due to the condition of the road this would not be a good candidate for a Scenic Road. Russell will research other roads in the area and report back to the Commission for potential roads.

8. **WEB SITE, EDUCATION, & PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The Commission is interested in supporting a training session for the infestation of emerald ash borer and Asian long horned beetles per e-mail dated August 13, 2010 from Rose Hiskes. Ryan Goad will contact Rose to clarify her request.

The Commission feels the Aquatic Invasives information should be listed on the Town Web site along with photos.

Thomas Ouellette will contact the Journal Inquirer to write an article on the results of the survey walk.

The Commission will speak to Aaron Nash for suggestions how to refer residents to the Town Web Site and the Conservation page.

9. **TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION**

No action at this time

10. **OTHER GOALS**

None at this time

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanche Perillo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary
