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**TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 7:00 PM  
VERNON TOWN HALL, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouellette, Ryan Goad

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 7:07 p.m. by Scott Wieting.

**2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS**

**A. Acceptance of Minutes of August 16, 2010**

Motion was made by Ryan Goad to accept the minutes of the August 16, 2010 meeting.  
Motion seconded by Thomas Ouellette. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. Communications**

- Letter of September 1, 2010 from Carl Prewo regarding aquatic species clean up at Bolton Lake
- Letter from the DEP regarding a Public Hearing for Anocoil Corp. requesting a renewal of a permit
- CCM Town and City News letter

**C. Applications related Correspondences: IWC and PZC applications**

**IWC-2010-05** of Joel Stavens for a wetlands redesignation and a wetlands permit for regulated activities at 310 Lake Street.

The Public Hearing will be continued at the IWC meeting on September 28, 2010.  
The applicant modified the resubdivision proposing a change from two lots to three lots.

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**PZ-2010-12** withdrawal – applicant intends to submit new application. The original map did not satisfy the PZC – revised print will be presented at the October 21, 2010 meeting.

Motion was made by Scott Wieting to have Tom Ouellette write a letter of concern to the IWC to address surface watercourse in river, resource issues, and the mention of Len Tundermann's new letter to the PZC. Motion was seconded by Ryan Goad. Motion carried unanimously.

**PZC-2010-13** Amendment to Zoning regulations regarding Adaptive Re-use. This would affect 1 Ellington Street project.

**PZC-2010-17** Exit 67 P.D.Z. Proposed deletion of incremental setbacks and have the standard setbacks remain.

Ryan Goad will write a letter of concern for the Commission to be submitted to the PZC.

D. Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month

None

### **3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT**

Planimetrics hired a phone survey service which will be completed soon.

Scott Wieting suggested the Commission to review Booklet #6 on the town web-site.

Commission noted that there is already an Open Space Zone in the Zoning Regulations, but not sure when this was added to the regulations. The text does not specify the uses permitted and the zone has not been mapped. Marina suggested the Commission could propose to have the language refined and then sited on the Zoning Map. Commission discussed having cemeteries and parks, even if they do not have deed restrictions, included in the open space zone and zoning map.

### **4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION**

No action at this time

## **5. AQUATIC INVASIVES**

Tom Ouellette created a work plan draft outline. He will refer to other Commissions to find out how they will use the plan and these suggestions will be added to the draft.

The Commission is concerned about the protective measures used for Lower Bolton Lake.

The Friends of Valley Falls will be holding a meeting Sunday, September 26, 2010.

The speaker will present means to identify invasive aquatic plants.

Scott Wieting made mention of a letter from Lance Chernack regarding the lake drawdown.

Scott will contact Robert Kleinhans at the Public Works Department to verify the information on the drawdown is forwarded to Lance.

## **6. BOLTON LAKES ERT**

No action at this time

## **7. SCENIC ROADS**

No action at this time

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

Scott contacted Aaron Nash for suggestions as to how to create more traffic to the web site.

Adding "buzz" words for search queries would be helpful.

Tom Ouellette will forward the results on the River Walk and George Knockelin's report to Aaron Nash to ensure these items are added to the web site.

Other additions for added links would be environment concerns and the vernal pool power point presentation which was presented to the Town Council.

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

No action at this time

## 10. OTHER GOALS

- Tom Ouellette distributed to the Commission the check-list for review of applications. This list will used as a reminder of the issues of concern when reviewing applications.
- Thomas Ouellette would like aerial surveys to identify more vernal pools. Marina will inquire if there is available funding.
- Tom will send to the Commission the Open Space Program with lists all the properties in town proposed in the open space system.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Scott Wieting adjourned the meeting at 9:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Blanche Perillo