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TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011 7:00 PM
VERNON TOWN HALL
3RD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouellette, 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 7:00 P.M. by Scott Wieting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of January 24, 2011

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to accept the meeting minutes to the January 24, 2010 meeting as amended. Second motion made by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

#3C – correct spelling “Dorian Famiglietti”.

#12 – correct spelling “Ed Pawlak”

9 – last bullet changed to read “Information regarding invasive aquatic plants at Walker Reservoir”.

B. Communications

Communications received not related to agenda.

The meeting schedule from 2011-2012 is as follows:

February 28, 2011	March 21, 2011	April 18, 2011
May 16, 2011	June 20, 2011	July 18, 2011
August 15, 2011	September 19, 2011	October 17, 2011
November 21, 2011	December 19, 2011	January 23, 2012

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC and PZC applications

Application (**IWC-2010-07**) of Barbara Cantor for a Wetlands permit to conduct activities in a wetlands regulated area for the restoration and reconstruction of the retaining wall and storage building at #98 East Main Street.

The applicant's surveyor verbally informed the IWC staff that the survey was not yet ready to be presented to support the application.

The Public Hearing was opened and continued at the March 22, 2010 IWC meeting.

Application (**PZC-2011-01**) Lots and More to add an outside display - not located in a sensitive area.

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month.

Daniels Mill letter

Capstone/Laurel Woods letter

3. PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Scott Wieting will contact Ryan Goad to verify the Commission's notes were received at Plainmetrics. They will be submitting a revised final draft to the PZC Commission. A meeting will be held for all town Commissions to attend in April.

4. LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID) GRANT APPLICATION

The grant has been approved. Thomas Ouellette and Chip Bellows are members of the steering committee. Completion date is June 1, 2012.

5. AQUATIC INVASIVES

Thomas Ouellette met with Bruce Dennie, George Arthur, and George Knoecklin regarding inspection for the 74 water bodies in Vernon. A spreadsheet was created with color coded priorities. Aaron Nash composed a map corresponding to the bodies of water indicated on the spreadsheet. Thomas Ouellette will set up the volunteer training program and will also draft a letter to the property owners. George Knoecklin will assist with the volunteers identifying the invasives.

6. BOLTON LAKES ERT

No action

7. SCENIC ROADS

Scott Wieting suggested Elm Hill Road as a possible candidate for a scenic road. He will look into ownership and Russell Kunz will drive through for observation and report to the commission.

8. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Healthfest may have a day for Town Commissions on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Suggestions were discussed to create a program schedule for presentations of interest from a laptop computer;

- * Ongoing slide show of the gorge
- * Vernal pool presentation
- * GIS application

The commission proposed a handout displaying a trail map along with on-line links showing;

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| * Conservation Commission's webpage | * Calendar of events |
| * DEP anglers guides | * Belding Wildlife area |
| * Parks and Recreation | * Recycling information |
| * Earth Day | * Northern Connecticut Land Trust. |

Scott Wieting will create a draft and discuss with Len Tundermann.

9. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No action

10. OPEN SPACE PROCESS

No action

11. VERNAL POOLS

Thomas Ouellette passed to the Commission members a revised package.

Included in the package: Town owned properties, resource inventories, and vernal pool information.

If a second vernal pool inspection is agreed upon, Tom Ouellette will discuss funding with Len Tundermann.

Tom will draft a letter to property owners who previously denied the last inspection, or have changed property ownership since the last attempt to inspect.

12. OTHER GOALS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blanche Perillo".

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary