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Mayor Jason L. McCoy is pleased to announce that **Sheryl McMullen, Chairman of the Vernon Conservation Commission** has received the award for “**Commissioner of the Year.**” Ms. McMullen was recognized for her use of the project management approach in the implementation of the conservation recommendations in the Vernon Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Using this approach, she first identified all potential conservation actions for her commission, established a plan of actionable annual goals, and then methodically guided the implementation of these goals. Working in cooperation with other town commissions, she guided the town to complete many important protective actions. Ms. McMullen, who has served on the Vernon Conservation Commission since January 2000, was appointed vice-chairman in 2003, and chairman in 2005. She is a State of Connecticut Wildlife Rehabilitator with federal certification and a certified member of the Project Managers Professional (PMP) organization.

The **Vernon Conservation Commission** received the award for “**Commission of the Year.**” Under the guidance of their chairman Sheryl McMullen, the commission has implemented the conservation recommendations in the Vernon Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). Working in cooperation with other town commissions, the commission also completed many important projects including; development of an expanded upland review area within the Inland Wetlands regulations, implementation of a scenic road ordinance within the Planning & Zoning regulations, completion of a town-wide vernal pool inventory, and the establishment of a process that allows conservation commission review of development proposals within open space priority areas.