RECEIVED
VERNON TOWN CLERK
09 MAY 27 PM 1:25

TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009 7:00 P.M.
THIRD FLOOR
MEMORIAL BUILDING, TOWN HALL
14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Scott Wieting, Thomas Ouelette, Lawrence Geissler, Jr., Scott Sierakowski, 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 7:09 p.m. by Scott Wieting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of February 23, 2009

Motion was made by Lawrence Geissler, Jr., to accept the minutes with the following change:

"At Walker Reservoir fanwort is in abundance"

Motion was seconded by Thomas Ouelette. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

Communications received not related to the Agenda.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC and PZC applications

IWC-2009-01 – Town of Vernon, drainage improvements for Ironwood Drive and #259 Phoenix Street – approved by the IWC
IWC-2009-02 – Ticket Network, 60 S. Frontage Road – received on April 15, 2009, redesignation.

IWC-2009-03 – Town of Vernon, Parks & Recreation Dept to rebuild 170 ft of Braille trail at Valley Falls Park with a concrete surface 4 ft wide x 5 ft deep.

Motion was made by Lawrence Geissler, Jr. to write a letter to the IWC to voice the concerns of the Commission regarding if enough is being done to prevent future erosion. The correction process is not clear and the Commission would like the Town Engineer look closer at the plans. Motion was seconded by Scott Sierakowski. Motion carried unanimously.

PZC-2009-04– Rockville Public Library addition – there are no wetlands surrounding the area.

PZC-2009-05 - 75 Talcottville Road (Sonoco near Tri-City Plaza) – reconfiguring to a Convenience Store.
There are no wetlands however the property abuts a property in the wetlands.

PZC- 2009-07 – Vernon Historical Society – the addition in rear to make it handicap accessible No wetlands.

PZC-2009-08 – 560 Talcottville Road, applicant Sovereign Bank, vacant Car Dealership - modification to approved plans for bank use.

The rear part of the existing structure will be demolished which will result in the proposed development being further away from the wetlands than originally approved.

D. Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month.

None

3. MATURE TREES

The regulation will not be re-written.
If the Conservation Commission feels this issue should go forward, Tom and Lawrence will regroup and resubmit.

4. NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

Scott Wieting will forward to the Commission the link to P.O.C.D.
The Commission will update and add and include to the GIS.

5. BOLTON LAKES ERT – IN THE SPRING (R. KUNZ)

H. Russell Kunz attended a meeting on March 11, 2009, at the TAC building for a plan to tour the Bolton Lakes so an Environmental Review Team report can be prepared.

Ron Parlee, Chariman of the Bolton Conservation Commission chaired the meeting.
Representatives from Vernon, Tolland, and Coventry Conservation Commissions attended the meeting as well as several residents on Bolton Lake.
Elaine A. Sych, ERT Coordinator of the Ct. ERT Program also attended the meeting.
A walking tour of the Bolton Lakes is planned for April 29th.

6. SCENIC ROADS

Lawrence Geissler, Jr., spoke to Hal Cummings who feels the language is acceptable and defendable.
Lawrence Geissler, Jr. will contact Len Tundermann to discuss this again.
Marina Rodriquez will review the original language changes that were proposed and revise accordingly for discussion with Len and Lawrence. This will be emailed to Lawrence Geissler, Jr.
Signs are now posted on Reservoir Road at Bolton Road.

7. LONG ISLAND SOUND DRAINAGE STICKERS

Scott S. spoke to Jeff at Public Works. He will suggest where these stickers should be placed.

8. EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH/ EARTH DAY 2009

Scott Wieting reported a good turnout at the Vernon Health fest in April.
Six individuals took applications to be appointed to the Commission.
Three potential members attended the April meeting.
The Earth Day walk was successful and included approximately 12 people.

9. 2009 PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

A consultant is being interviewed but not chosen yet.

10. RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH ROCKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Nothing to report – Rockville High School

Scott Wieting is investigating single stream recycling 1 thru 7.
He will contact Public Works and will question and pursue.

11. WEB SITE

Scott S. now has a contact with the town.
Scott Wieting will contact Mayor McCoy regarding a survey as the Commission feels this would be valuable information for the town.

12. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No new developments

13. OTHER GOALS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by H. Russell Kunz to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. Motion was seconded by Lawrence Geissler, Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche Perillo

Blanche Perillo