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TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010 7:00 PM
VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 1st FLOOR, 26 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Blanche Perillo

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Scott Wieting

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of December 2009.

No meeting in December

Acceptance of Minutes of the January 19, 2010 Special Meeting

Scott Wieting made a motion to accept the minutes.
H. Russell Kunz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

Communication received not related to the agenda.

C. Application related Correspondences

None

D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month

A letter was sent to the PZC from the Conservation Commission dated February 16, 2010 regarding 60 S Frontage Road (PZ-2009-26) in reference to potential vernal pools.

3. BOLTON LAKES ERT – postponed

No action

4. LONG ISLAND SOUND DRAINAGE STICKERS

There are no more stickers. Scott Wieting will contact former member, Scott Sierakowski, along with the Public Works Department for any available stickers.

5. WEB SITE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

No action

6. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No further correspondence at this time

7. AQUATIC INVASIVES

The Commission received a report from George Knoecklin, PhD., from Northeast Aquatic Research explaining his recommendations for treatment to Valley Falls and Walker Reservoir. This information will be presented at a Public Meeting on Wednesday.

The Commission had several questions and concerns such as:

- Acute Toxicity
- What would the impact be on insect larvae?
- What can be done to retain nutrients from highway runoff? (biofilter)
- Potential oxygen depletion
- Can the recommended treatments be done in segments so vegetation does not die all at once?
- What happens to the dead plants? Will there be new growth?

The Commission will communicate comments after George Knoecklin's presentation at the Public meeting and the comments will be sent to the Town Council to get on the agenda for the March 16, 2010 meeting.

Thomas Ouellette made a motion to write a letter to be presented to the Town Council for the meeting March 16th.
Motion was seconded by Ryan Goad. Motion carried unanimously.

8. OTHER GOALS

Ryan Goad briefed the Commission on the presentation for Planimetrics, November 12, 2009. Heidi requested that the commission streamline their specific goals.

The Commission listed the following goals:

- Adopting Low Impact Development regulations
- Aquatic invasives management plan
- Scenic Vistas
- Habitat and aquatic enhancements
- Public Educational aspects on Conservation

9. ADJOURNMENT

Scott Wieting made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 P.M.
Motion was seconded by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary