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TOWN OF VERNON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2009 7:00 P.M.
THIRD FLOOR
MEMORIAL BUILDING, TOWN HALL
14 PARK PLACE
ROCKVILLE/VERNON, CT.

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

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 7:11 p.m. by Scott Wieting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Acceptance of Minutes of April 20, 2009

Corrections to the minutes are as follows:

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

#6 – Last sentence should read "Signs are now posted on Reservoir Road **at** Bolton Road".

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to accept the minutes to the April 20, 2009 meeting with the changes above. Motion was seconded by H. Russell Kunz. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Communications

Communications received not related to the agenda.

C. Application related Correspondences: IWC and PZC applications

IWC-2009-02 Ticket Network Forest, LLC, redesignation due to town map not adjusted accordingly.

A public hearing will be held on May 26, 2009 at the IWC meeting.

No comments from the Commission.

IWC-2009-03 Parks and Rec Dept to rebuild Braille Trail

Reviewed at the last meeting; wetlands permit approved at IWC meeting of 4-27-09.

PZC-2009-06 366 Lake Street – Virkler residence – no wetland issues – PZC Public Hearing

PZC-2009-09 421 Lake Street - to be received at the May 21, 2008 PZC meeting.

3. MATURE TREES

The two revisions on the site plan (Section 9 & 14) that Tom Ouellette and Lawrence Geissler worked on will be resubmitted to the PZC.

Mature Trees will be remaining on the agenda.

4. NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

The Commission feels there is no clear definition of Natural Resource in the Plan of Conservation Development. The definition on page 15 needs to be expanded.

The Commission feels open space should be managed to support habitat, targeting wildlife.

Maintaining habitat diversity and promoting health and welfare of endangered species is important. Pages 71-72 of POCS need to elaborate on this issue.

Jane Seymour will be called upon to work on a map that identifies habitat types. The map found on the page before page 17 of the POCD needs to be expanded.

The Commission will work on listing goals and resources.

5. BOLTON LAKES ERT

No news on the rescheduling of the tour from April 29, 2009. It has been postponed according to the letter from the ERT Program date 4-23-09.

6. SCENIC ROADS

Marina passed around to the Commission a draft of the language revision dealing with the two issues in question.

The Commission can review and compare this draft to the original.

The Commission agreed to change Section 3B as follows:

- B. After an application has been filed for such designation, the Commission shall send notice to the owners of lots with frontage abutting the road. Said notice shall provide that the owners shall have sixty (60) days to vote either for or against the approval of the proposed designation. The Vernon Town Clerk shall certify the vote and the results. No road or portion of the road may be designated as a Scenic Road under this ordinance unless owners of a majority of lot frontage abutting the road or portion of the road agree to the designation by filing a written statement of approval with the Vernon Town Clerk.

7. LONG ISLAND SOUND DRAINAGE STICKERS

This project is on going. No further news.

8. EDUCATION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

This item will be deleted from the agenda.
#11 will be changed to "Web Site & Public Outreach"

9. 2009 PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

The Commission feels this item should be combined with #4 Natural Resource Inventory.

10. RECYCLING PROGRAM

Scott Wieting requested that "Rockville High School Students" be dropped from this item and only read "Recycling Program" and be placed under "Other Goals".

Due to cost the Town of Vernon will not be doing single stream recycling.

11. WEB SITE

The Commission will continue to add questions to the list for a survey and present these questions to the Mayor upon completion.

Some suggestions were as follows:

- Have a trail section and be able to click on a map on the website
- Open space facts
- Place an ad in the Reminder to remind the public to visit the town site to build interest
- Make the public aware of opportunities
- List facts regarding recycling

12. TALCOTTVILLE MILL PROGRESS ON WETLANDS REMEDIATION

No further news

13. OTHER GOALS

The Commission will write a letter to the Mayor in support of the funding for the milfoil problem. This letter will reference Parks and Receptions concerns.

George Knoecklein will identify treatment methods and will make recommendations for the Commission to review.

Motion was made by Scott Wieting to have Thomas Ouellette write this letter of support.

Motion was seconded by Thomas Ouellette.

Motion carried unanimously.

An item was requested to be added to the next agenda "AQUADIC INVASIES"

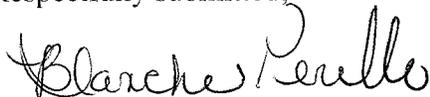
14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Thomas Ouellette to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 P.M.

Motion was seconded by H. Russell Kunz.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Blanche Perillo, Recording Secretary