

TOWN OF VERNON  
Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)  
Meeting Notice  
**Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 7:00 PM**  
VIA Teleconference

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## AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Administrative Actions
  - 2.1 Amendment/Adoption of Agenda - Additional business to be considered under agenda item #9 "Other Business" requires Commission vote
  - 2.2 Approval of the Minutes from the July 28, 2020 regular meeting
  - 2.3 Communications received NOT related to Agenda items, if any
3. New Applications for Receipt and Determination of Significance, if any
4. Status of Cease & Correct Orders, if any
5. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Report, if any
6. Inland Wetlands Agent Approvals, if any
7. Other Business
  - 7.1 Plan of Conservation and Development Commission Questionnaire Discussion
8. Adjournment

Rachel Stansel, Chairperson  
Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)

# **DRAFT MINUTES**

**Town of Vernon**  
**Inland Wetlands Commission (IWC)**  
Tuesday, July 28, 2020, 7:00 p.m.  
Teleconference Meeting

**DRAFT MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Rachel Stansel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Also in attendance were Commission Members Don Schubert and Kathy Minor. Staff members present were Craig Perry, Wetlands Agent, David Smith, Town Engineer, and George McGregor, Town Planner.

2. Administrative Actions

2.1 Amendment/Adoption of Agenda – Additional business to be considered under agenda item #9 “Other Business” requires Commission vote  
None

2.2 Approval of Minutes from the June 23, 2020 regular meeting  
*Don Schubert made a motion seconded by Kathy Minor to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

2.3 Communications received not related to Agenda Items, if any  
Permit: Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Upper Bolton Lake Dam (DEEP ID #14628)

2.4 Call for filing(s) of Intervener petition(s) and determination of status  
None

3. New Application(s) for Receipt and Determination of Significance  
None

4. Action on New Application(s)

4.1 **Application [IWC-2020-05]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands Permit by Commission, for the demolition and replacement of the existing vehicular bridge (bridge number 03936) on Dart Hill Road, over the Hockanum River (no specific address or parcel id).

Dave Smith made introductory comments regarding the bridge and plans for demolition and construction.

Kishor Patel, Design Engineer, discussed the project details; extending the length, deck units, road closure, concrete abutments, erosion control, raising road for 50 year storm, temporary erosion control bags, inspections during demolition.

Matt Sanford, Professional Soil Scientist, Milone and MacBroom, Inc., discussed plans working with the watercourse, type of materials, erosion control bags monitored, frac tank if necessary, sand and gravel near excavation point, sediment and erosion control specifications - Sheet 10 of the plan was referenced, a detailed table of inspections will be added to Application.

Discussion took place.

*Don Shubert made a motion to approve **Application [IWC-2020-05]** as respects bridge number 03936 on Dart Hill Road over the Hockanum River.*

*Kathy Minor amended the motion to read as follows:*

*The Vernon Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission does hereby approve **Application [IWC-2020-05]** of the Town of Vernon for a Wetlands permit by Commission for the demolition and replacement of the Dart Hill Road Bridge at the Hockanum River upon consideration of the decision criteria in Section 10.2 of the Town of Vernon Inland Wetland and Watercourse Regulations, and based upon the following findings:*

- 1. The application presents no adverse impact to wetlands and watercourses as evaluated by the criteria of Section 10.2 of the Vernon Inland Wetlands Regulations.*
- 2. No prudent or feasible alternative exists.*

*Amended motion seconded by Don Schubert. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. Status of Cease & Correct Orders, if any  
None
6. Wetlands Enforcement Officer Report, if any  
None
7. Inland Wetlands Agent Approvals  
None
8. Other Business  
Plan of Conservation and Development on August agenda.
9. Adjournment

*Chairperson Stansel made a motion seconded by Don Schubert to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary  
Susan Hewett

# **Plan of Conservation and Development**



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## Plan of Conservation and Development – 2020 Update

### **Introduction**

The Town of Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission, with assistance from Milone & MacBroom, Inc. (MMI), is preparing an update to the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development, or POCD. The POCD is a policy document that provides a long-term vision for the Town and guidance on decision-making related to growth, development, and conservation over the next ten years. The State of Connecticut requires municipalities to update their POCD every ten years.

We are in the initial data and information gathering phase of the planning process, and are seeking to understand your commission's views on the key planning, conservation and development issues facing Vernon, your major accomplishments in these areas over the past decade, as well as your goals and objectives in these areas for the next ten years. We are asking that you distribute the following questions to your board/commission members, and include a discussion of the questions as an item on one of your next agendas.

Please record your commission responses and return this form to Liz Esposito ([eesposito@mminc.com](mailto:eesposito@mminc.com)) and George McGregor ([gmcgregor@vernon-ct.gov](mailto:gmcgregor@vernon-ct.gov)) by September 1, 2020.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this questionnaire or the POCD process, please contact George McGregor, Town Planner.

Thank you for sharing your time and knowledge in the service of this important project!



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**Name of Board or Commission:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of person completing the form:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1.) Generally, and in brief, what are the three to five most important planning, conservation and/or development issues facing Vernon from your board/commission's specific perspective, area of expertise and/or governance?**

**2.) Thinking about land use, what would you like to see change in Vernon over the next 10-20 years?**





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**3.) Thinking about your respective board/ commission's charge, what are your top 3 objectives for the next several years?**

**4.) What strategies would your board/ commission need to work on to achieve those top 3 objectives?**



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**5.) Please review the current Vernon POCD, the current POCD action agenda can be found as an attached pdf. Goals and strategies are explained throughout the [2012 POCD document](#); however, the attached implementation chapter provides a compilation of all strategies. Which goals and strategies are still relevant (please mark all, even if outside the purview of your board/ commission)? Which should be changed, and what is missing?**

**6.) How is your board or commission incorporating the sustainability initiatives of [Sustainable CT](#) into your work? Are there plans to incorporate these initiatives over the next 10 years?**