

Town of Vernon, CT Conservation Commission  
APPROVED MINUTES  
Regular Meeting via Zoom Teleconference  
Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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**1. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chairperson Ryan Goad called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Regular members present: Ryan Goad, Richard Clark, James Simon, Jason Seacat

Members absent:

Staff members present: George McGregor, Town Planner

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions/Requests**

**2.1. Amendment(s) to Agenda - None**

**2.2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 16, 2020 Meeting**

Jason Seacat, seconded by Richard Clark, made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**2.3. Election of Officers**

Richard Clark, seconded by Jason Seacat, made a motion for Ryan Goad to continue as Chairman and James Simon continue as Vice Chairman of the Conservation Commission for the 2021 term. Discussion ensued regarding the term limits and vacancy recruitment. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Seacat, seconded by Richard Clark, made a motion for Town Planner George McGregor to begin a dialogue with Marty Sitler, Director of Parks and Recreation, regarding signage placement at various locations in town for commission member recruitment. Motion carried unanimously.

The Greater Vernon Holistic Healthfest was discussed. George McGregor will follow up on the status of that event for 2021 and report back.

**2.4. Communications received not related to Agenda items – Connecticut Land Use Law for Municipal Land Use Agencies, Boards, and Commissions virtual meeting to be held on Saturday, March 6, 2021**

**2.5. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month – None**

**2.6. Organizational considerations – No discussion**

**3. Open Space Program Update – No discussion**

**4. New Business**

**4.1. Review of Pending Planning & Zoning Applications**

**IWC-2020-08** Application of Krause Realty Trust, for a Wetlands Permit to create additional parking for inventory storage (new cars), to include installation of pavement, security fencing, lighting, grading and drainage improvements at 6 Hartford Turnpike (Assessor ID: Map 1, Block 0159, Parcel 0001B), 34 Acorn Road (Assessor ID: Map 01, Block 159A, Parcel 00002) and 42 Acorn Road (Assessor ID: Map 01, Block 0159A, Parcel 00001).

Town Planner George McGregor presented the Application. Discussion ensued. The Commission suggested alternative mitigation plantings for and requested George McGregor to share those recommendations to the Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning Commissions.

**4.2. Natural Resources –**

- 4.2.1. Vernal Pools
- 4.2.2. Bolton Lake Issues

Discussion regarding future grant opportunities and the development a formal watershed management plan.

4.2.3. Non-Point Source Pollution

**5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion**

**5.1. Future Activities – No Discussion**

- 5.1.1. Annual Goals
- 5.1.2. Potential Activities

**5.2. POCD Updates –** Town Planner George McGregor provided an update to the Public Workshop held on 1/14/2021 as well as the next steps in the process.

**6. Adjournment –** Jason Seacat, seconded by Richard Clark, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary