

**TOWN OF VERNON  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Monday, October 17, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**

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1. **Call to Order and roll call**

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

Members Present: Nicholas Cranmer, Jeff Carlson, Jeanette Smith

Members absent: Jason Seacat

Staff Present: Ashley Stephens, Town Planner; Leslie Campolongo, Planning & Zoning Specialist; Jen Walker, Recording Secretary

2. **Administrative Actions/Requests**

2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting

Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Smith, made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **New Business**

3.1 Update regarding Planning and Zoning/Inland Wetlands Applications, if any

No updates.

3.2 Request by Tom Ouellette, endorsement of 2022 Statewide Riffle Bioassessment

Tom Ouellette gave a brief history and overview of the program and answered questions. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Cranmer, seconded by Mr. Carlson, made a motion to endorse the 2022 Statewide Riffle Bioassessment. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Other Business/Goals/Discussion**

4.1 Discussion – Plan of Conservation and Development – *Implementation Plan*

Mr. Cranmer led a discussion on the implementation plan, focusing on objective 6.3.

Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Smith, made a motion to invite Don Bellingham, Director of the Vernon Greenway Volunteers, to the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

After continued discussion, Mr. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Smith, made a motion to amend the previous motion to include an invitation to the heads of Vernon Parks & Recreation, Vernon Greenway Volunteers, and Northern Connecticut Land Trust. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff members Ms. Stephens and Ms. Campolongo indicated they would reach out to inquire as to interest and availability to attend a Conservation Commission meeting.

4.2 Meeting Schedule for 2023

Mr. Cranmer, seconded by Ms. Smith, made a motion to approve the meeting schedule for 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Cranmer, seconded by Mr. Carlson, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jen Walker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jen Walker  
Recording Secretary