

**TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Notice

Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

14 Park Place, Council Chambers (3rd Floor) Vernon, CT 06066

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

Commissioner Cranmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. **Commission members present:** Nicholas Cranmer, Jason Seacat, and Jeanette Smith. **Commission members absent:** Jeffrey Carlson. **Also present:** Karl Hasel, Vice President, Northern CT Land Trust, Ashley Stephens, Town Planner and Leslie Campolongo, Planning Specialist.

2. **Administrative Actions/Requests**

2.1 Approval of the Minutes - October 17, 2022 - Motion made by Commissioner Cranmer, seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **New Business**

- Presentation by Karl Hasel, Northern CT Land Trust

Mr. Hasel's Powerpoint presentation on the Northern CT Land Trust (NCLT) began at 7:04 pm and concluded at 7:22 pm. Discussion regarding the presentation ensued. Topics discussed included the NCLT Annual report and budget, additional partnerships, volunteerism, and the Webster Preserve signage.

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

Ms. Stephens provided a verbal update on the following projects. Discussion ensued.

- **PZ 2023-01 – 234 Talcottville Road** – An application of Benjamin Tinsley (Prime Wellness of Connecticut) for Site Plan and Special Permits (4.9.4.10 and 4.9.4.15.6) for a hybrid cannabis dispensary and cannabis retailer. The property is zoned Commercial [Map #10, Block #15, Lot #40].

No action taken.

- **PZ-2022-16, 985 Hartford Turnpike** - An application of Edward Johansen for a Site Plan and Special Permit (4.10.4.4) to renovate existing building for used car dealership and limited general repair, extend bituminous driveways into parking lot, spread current onsite fill piles at **985 Hartford Turnpike** [Tax Map 38, Block 72, Parcel 30]. The property is zoned Industrial.

No action taken.

PZ-2022-17, Baker Road (Scenic Road) - An application of Shaun Gately, Director of Development Services, Town of Vernon, to make improvements to the current wire rope guide-rail system on Baker Road, a designated scenic road. The property is zoned Open Space.

No action taken.

IWC-2023-01, 10 Snipsic St. – Application of Adam Wing, Project Engineer, Connecticut Water Company to construct a building for new aeration equipment to replace the aging infrastructure and storage building for equipment that is stored onsite for the treatment plant and reservoir Property is zoned Restricted Watershed [Map #45, Block #123, Lot #3].

Request was made by the Commission for future agendas to include application/plans in packet where applicable.

No action taken.

4. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

4.1 Discussion - Vernon Holistic Health Fair, April 15 and 16, 2023, Vernon Center Middle School.

The Commission discussed its participation in the Health Fair. Ms. Stephens advised the Commission that any fees for participation would be waived as a Town commission. Discussion ensued regarding material to be presented, copies of such material, budget of the Commission. Commission requested to invite Mr. Ryan Goad to the next meeting to discuss past experience with the Fair and information presented there. Ms. Stephens will communicate with Mr. Goad to determine his availability to attend.

4.2 Discussion - Plan of Conservation and Development - *Implementation Plan, if any*

Discussion took place regarding the implementation plan, additional partnerships to be fostered by the Commission, identifying/targeting urban green space in Town.

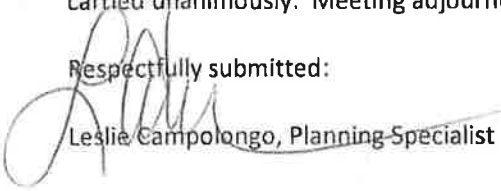
Potential additional partnerships include the CT League of Conservation Voters and organization collaboratives within the Town such as the Vernon Volunteers' Collaborative and the Vernon Community Network.

Ms. Campolongo will send additional information regarding the Plan of Conservation and Development, the Implementation Plan, and the budget portion of the NCLT Annual report to Commission members.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Cranmer motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seacat. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted:


Leslie Campolongo, Planning Specialist