

March 3, 2009
MINUTES
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3rd Floor
VERNON, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, March 3, 2009 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

A.) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members Bill Campbell, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Bill Fox, Marie Herbst, Nancy Herold, Brian Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Harry Thomas, Michael Winkler

Absent: Daniel Anderson

Entered During Meeting:

Also Present: Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Michael Carlo, 458 Talcottville Road spoke voicing concerns regarding uncertified employees who retire and then collect a Town pension.

Melanie Smith, 165 South Street spoke citing concerns of funding the lobbyist position.

Marie Herbst, 245 Brandy Hill Road concerns on funding lobbyist.

Citizens forum closed at 7:46 PM.

B.) PUBLIC HEARING

None

C.) PRESENTATION

Proclamation presented by Mayor Jason L. McCoy declaring the week of March 8, 2009 as Girl Scout Week here in the Town of Vernon.

Presentation by Town Planner Len Tundermann and Ann Letendre, Project Manager on the Tankerhoosen - A Key Inland Watershed. **Appendix A**

Discussion took place during the presentation.

7:51 p.m. Mayor McCoy left the table. Deputy Mayor Motola carried on.

8:21 p.m. Council Member Etre left the table, returned at 8:24 p.m.

9:14 p.m. Mayor McCoy returned to the table.

Deputy Mayor Motola made a correction to Consent Agenda Item #5 changing the date from 10-10-08 to 10-01-08.

Council member Winkler requested Item #5 be pulled for discussion.

Council Member Herbst requested Items #2 & 6 be pulled for discussion.

Council Member Herold requested Item #3 be pulled for discussion.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items #1 and #4 as presented. Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as amended.

D.) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- C 1. Request for Tax Refunds Prior Years and Current Year.** (A copy of the memorandum from Carol L. Nelson, Collector of Revenue to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated 02-23-09 is included in the Council packet.) **Appendix B**

PROPOSED MOTION:

March 3, 2009

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES ONE (1) TAX REFUND TOTALING \$546.60 FOR THE PRIOR YEARS, AND SIX (6) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$1,368.79 FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED FEBRUARY 23, 2009 TO JOHN D. WARD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to accept the request for tax refunds for the prior and current years. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 2. Request the Town Council approve a bid waiver for the software GeoTMS.** (A copy of a memorandum to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council dated 02-26-09 is included for your review.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 9, OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE VENDOR GEOTMS TO SUPPLY A SOFTWARE UPGRADE, WITH MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING, TO THE TOWN OF VERNON. AFTER INVESTIGATION, THIS SUPPLIER IS FOUND TO MATCH THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF VERNON AND THE COSTS OF SAME.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to approve the bid waiver for the software GeoTMS. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. Request the Town Council endorse the selection of Cardinal Engineering and authorize the Mayor to sign the Consultant Agreement between the Town of Vernon and Cardinal Engineering for the West Main Street Bridge Design.** (Copy of a memorandum from Terry McCarthy, Town Engineer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated 02-23-09; copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council dated 02-26-09; and a copy of the Cardinal Engineering contract are included in your packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 9, OF THE TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CONTRACTOR CARDINAL ENGINEERING AND AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE PROJECT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF VERNON AND CARDINAL ENGINEERING FOR THE DESIGN PHASE OF THE WEST MAIN STREET BRIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,900.00.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to approve the Town Council's endorsement for the selection of Cardinal Engineering and authorizes the Mayor to sign the Consultant Agreement between the Town of Vernon and Cardinal Engineering for the West Main Street Bridge Design. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Herold requested a list of bridges and their conditions be supplied to the Town Council at the next Council meeting. (1 Page summary)

- C 4. Request the Town Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Social Service Block Grant #146-SBG-34/08DSS5002BG.** (A copy of the grant and a copy of a letter from Grant Contract Administrator Phyllis McManus, State of Connecticut, Social Services dated 02-25-09 are included for your review.) **Appendix C**

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK GRANT #146-SBG-34/08DSS5002BG, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,354.00 FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING ~~10-10-08~~ **(10-01-08)** THRU 09-30-10.

March 3, 2009

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Social Service Block Grant #146-SBG-34/08DSS5002BG. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 5. Request the Town Council send to Public Hearing “An Ordinance Amending the Vernon Code on Buildings and Building Regulations.** (A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached for your review, along with a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council dated 02-26-09.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTION SIX OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, ENTITLED “PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES”, HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VERNON CODE ON BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”, AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Herbst moved a friendly amendment to paragraph #2 of the Draft Ordinance to state, *“The Mayor shall have the authority to override the withholding of the issuance of such permits on property for which a tax delinquency exists, if it is determined by the Mayor that such hardship or extraordinary circumstances warrant such override action.”* be changed to read *“The Mayor shall have the authority to override the withholding of the issuance of such permits on property for which a tax delinquency exists, if it is determined by the Mayor that **public safety** warrants such override action.”*

Mayor called the friendly amendment to the Draft Ordinance “Out of Order”.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member O’Shea made a motion to send to Public Hearing “An Ordinance Amending the Vernon Code on Buildings and Building Regulations” on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 7:35 PM in the Council Chambers. Motion carried 10 to 1, Herbst against.

- C 6. Request the Town Council approve a bid waiver for software purchases recommended by the Town Attorney.** (Copy of memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council members dated 02-27-09 is included for your review)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 9, OF THE TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE SOFTWARE LISTED ON DATA PROCESSING DIRECTORS LIST DATED 02-27-2009 WITH MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING, TO THE TOWN OF VERNON. AFTER INVESTIGATION, THESE SUPPLIERS ARE FOUND TO MATCH THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF VERNON AND THE COSTS OF SAME.

Discussion took place.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Herbst made a motion to approve a bid waiver for software purchases recommended by the Town Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

D.) IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

F.) PENDING BUSINESS

None

G.) NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Requested written update of activities by the Zoning Enforcement Officer as requested by Town Council Member Mark Etre.** (Agenda item request dated February 11, 2009 from Council Member Etre is included in the Council packet for your review.) Zoning Enforcement Officer Abraham Ford was present for comment and questions.

Abraham Ford reviewed process and procedures used during daily review of Zoning violations.

March 3, 2009

Discussion took place.

PROPOSED MOTION:

No motion is proposed.

9:37 p.m. Council Member Herold left the table, returned at 9:47 p.m.

9:46 p.m. Council Member Motola left the table, returned at 9:48 p.m.

10:00 p.m. Council Member Etre left the table returned at 10:02 p.m.

Councilmember Herbst recused herself from the meeting with regard to New Business #2.

2. **Request the Town Council endorse a selection, based on the results of the RFQ for State Advocacy/Lobbyist Services dated January 26, 2009.** (A copy of a memorandum dated 02-26-09 to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town Council from John D. Ward, Town Administrator, along with a copy of the RFQ is included in your packet.)

PROPOSED MOTION:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE SELECTION OF THE FIRM OF _____ AND AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR UP TO \$30,000.00 *WITH AN OPTION FOR THREE ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS* AND TO EXECUTE SAME. THE COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR AND TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT *WITH AN OPTION OF THREE ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS FOR UP TO \$30,000.00 WITH EITHER OF THE ALTERNATE CHOICES IF A CONTRACT CAN NOT BE SIGNED WITH THE COUNCIL'S FIRST CHOICE.*

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to endorse the selection of a State Advocacy/Lobbyist Service based on results of the RFQ of January 26, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to extend curfew at 10:12 P.M. until the completion of business. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion took place. Three firms were available for Q & A.

10:13 p.m. Mayor McCoy left the table. Deputy Mayor Motola carried on.

10:22 p.m. Council Member Herold left the table, returned at 10:24 p.m.

10:29 p.m. Council Member Schaefer left the table, returned at 10:34 p.m.

10:31 p.m. Council Member Etre left table, returned at 10:33 p.m.

Council Member Winkler, seconded by Council Member Fox made a friendly amendment to the motion on the floor to change it as follows:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE SELECTION OF THE FIRM OF _____ AND AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR UP TO \$30,000.00 ~~WITH AN OPTION FOR THREE ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS~~ AND TO EXECUTE SAME. ~~THE COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR AND TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH AN OPTION OF THREE ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS FOR UP TO \$30,000.00 WITH EITHER OF THE ALTERNATE CHOICES IF A CONTRACT CAN NOT BE SIGNED WITH THE COUNCIL'S FIRST CHOICE.~~

Motion failed 3 for (Schaefer, Winkler, Fox); 5 against (Campbell, Champagne, Etre, O'Shea, Thomas). Herold abstained.

Council Member Campbell, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to add the name Gaffney, Bennett, & Associates to the motion on the floor. Motion carried.

Council Member Etre, seconded by Campbell made a motion as a friendly amendment to add "THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 9, OF THE TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF GAFFNEY, BENNETT, & ASSOCIATES. Motion carried as amended to read below: 6-2. Council Member Herold abstained.

March 3, 2009

THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 9, OF THE TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE BID PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF GAFFNEY, BENNETT, & ASSOCIATES. THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY ENDORSES THE SELECTION OF THE FIRM OF GAFFNEY, BENNETT, & ASSOCIATES AND AUTHORIZES THE MAJOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR UP TO \$30,000.00 WITH AN OPTION FOR THREE ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS AND TO EXECUTE SAME. THE COUNCIL FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR AND TO EXECUTE A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH AN OPTION OF THREE ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS FOR UP TO \$30,000.00 WITH EITHER OF THE ALTERNATE CHOICES IF A CONTRACT CAN NOT BE SIGNED WITH THE COUNCIL'S FIRST CHOICE.

Council Member Fox made a Point of Order to include that the second choice is Sullivan & LeShane, Inc. and that the third choice is Murtha Cullina, LLP

H.) INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

I.) ACTION ON ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

None

J.) DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

None

K.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2009 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 Town Council Meeting. Motion carried. Champagne abstained.

L.) EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

M.) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. January, 2009 monthly report for the Vernon Youth Services Bureau as submitted by Alan Slobodien, Director.
2. December, 2008 monthly report for the Vernon Town Clerk as submitted by Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk.
3. January, 2009 monthly report for the Vernon Town Clerk as submitted by Bernice Dixon, Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT (11:16 p.m.)

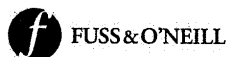
Council Member Etre, seconded by Council Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Received: March 6, 2009

Approved: April 21, 2009

**Respectfully Submitted,
Bernice K. Dixon
Clerk of the Council**

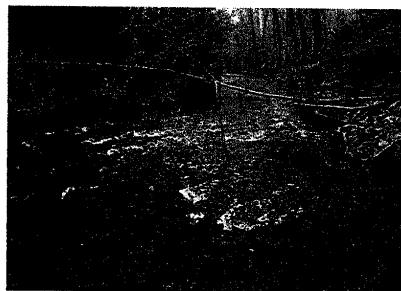
James E. Krupienski, Asst



#2 PRESENTATION Executive Summary

E.1 The Tankerhoosen – A Key Inland Watershed

The Tankerhoosen River watershed is an approximately 12.9 square-mile sub-regional basin within the larger Hockanum River and Connecticut River watersheds in north-central Connecticut. Approximately 70% of the watershed is located within the Town of Vernon, with the remaining portions within the Towns of Tolland, Bolton, and Manchester.



The upper Tankerhoosen River is a cold water stream supporting self-sustaining native trout populations that rank among the best of their kind in the state.

The Tankerhoosen River has long been recognized as an important natural resource and a key inland watershed critical to the health of Long Island Sound. The high water quality (classified as A) in the upper regions of the Tankerhoosen River sustains a significant natural resource of the State of Connecticut – the Belding Wild Trout Management Area, one of only two Class I wild trout areas east of the Connecticut River. The importance of these small, high-quality watersheds to the downstream health of the larger river basins, and therefore to Long Island Sound, is well recognized. Of utmost importance to these high quality watersheds is protection of the headwaters regions.

The importance of protecting the Tankerhoosen is recognized by both local and state agencies. The State Plan of Conservation and Development identifies the riverway as a proposed preservation and conservation area. The Vernon Open Space Plan proposes a greenway plan of 2000 preserved acres along the Tankerhoosen. Most recently, The Nature Conservancy has identified several key watersheds in the state that it considers particularly important to the future protection of Long Island Sound, including the Tankerhoosen River watershed.

E.2 Potential Threats to Water Quality

The headwaters region of the Tankerhoosen River is bisected by Interstate 84. Development pressure in this headwaters region at the Exit 67 interchange in Vernon poses a major threat to the long-term health of the watershed. Further stresses on the headwaters have been created by development of an industrial park in Tolland through which a key headwater stream flows, as well as the presence of the highway itself, which continues to generate increasing traffic loads from development along the I-84 corridor. There has also been declining water quality in the lower reaches of the Tankerhoosen River in recent years. The lower region of the watershed is classified as “B”, and was cited as impaired in the Connecticut Department of Environmental



FUSS & O'NEILL

Protection's (DEP) most recent list of water bodies not meeting water quality standards.

E.3 The Need for a Comprehensive Watershed Plan

The need for local decision-makers to consider the environmental consequences of development proposals that would impact the Tankerhoosen River has been expressed by the watershed towns, local advocacy groups including the Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park and the Hockanum River Watershed Association, The Nature Conservancy, and the DEP.

An informal partnership was formed in 2005 to build upon the successful community-based river monitoring and assessment program of the Connecticut River Watch Program and the Hockanum River Watch Program. Led by the Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park, this group also included representatives of the Hockanum River Watershed Association, the Belding Wildlife Management Area, the North Central Conservation District, the Town of Vernon, and other local volunteers. Their objective was to address the immediate and long-term threats to water quality and natural resources in the Tankerhoosen River watershed by developing and implementing a comprehensive, scientifically-based watershed management plan.

In 2007, the Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park retained Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. to develop a management plan for the Tankerhoosen River watershed. The goal of the watershed management plan is to identify recommendations that will help maintain and enhance water quality and ecological health in and along the Tankerhoosen River and its tributaries. Funding for the project has been provided by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Long Island Sound Futures Fund, Rivers Alliance of Connecticut, and the Town of Vernon. A Technical Advisory Committee was also formed to guide the development of the plan, including representatives of the previously mentioned groups. This plan reflects the combined efforts of Fuss & O'Neill, the Technical Advisory Committee, stakeholders, and state and local resource agencies.

E.4 Plan Development Process

The Tankerhoosen River Watershed Management Plan is the culmination of desktop analyses and field assessments performed by the project team under the direction of the Technical Advisory Committee. The plan synthesizes information from earlier studies and reports on the watershed, Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping and analyses, review of land use regulations, and detailed field assessments to document baseline watershed conditions, the potential impacts of future development in the watershed, and recommended actions to protect and restore water quality and natural resources.

The plan has also been developed consistent with EPA's guidance for the development of watershed-based plans, which includes nine key elements that establish the structure of the plan. These nine elements include specific goals, objectives, and strategies to

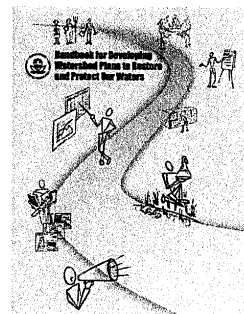


FUSS & O'NEILL

protect and restore water quality; methods to build and strengthen working partnerships; a dual focus on addressing existing problems and preventing new ones; a strategy for implementing the plan; and a feedback loop to evaluate progress and revise the plan as necessary. Following this approach will enable implementation projects under this plan to be considered for funding under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act

Development of the watershed management plan consisted of the following five major tasks:

1. Assessment of baseline and potential future watershed conditions,
2. Review of land use regulations in the watershed,
3. Field inventories of stream corridors and upland areas in the watershed,
4. Identification of watershed management goals, objectives, and potential management strategies to address watershed issues,
5. Development of watershed-wide, targeted, and site-specific watershed management recommendations.



The management plan was developed to satisfy EPA's criteria for watershed-based plans.

The initial task was to develop an understanding of the current conditions of the Tankerhoosen River watershed. To accomplish this, the project team reviewed existing watershed data, studies, and reports; compiled and analyzed GIS mapping of the watershed and various subwatersheds; and developed pollutant loading and impervious cover models to evaluate areas in the watershed that are most at-risk from future development.

A comparative subwatershed analysis was also performed to identify the Tankerhoosen River subwatersheds that 1) are more sensitive to future development and should be the focus of watershed conservation efforts to maintain existing high-quality resources and conditions and 2) are likely to have been impacted and have greater potential for restoration to improve or enhance existing conditions. The results of the baseline assessment were documented in the report, *Baseline Watershed Assessment, Tankerhoosen River Watershed*, dated May 28, 2008 (Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.).

The results of the comparative subwatershed analysis were used to target individual subwatersheds for detailed field inventories. Using screening-level assessment procedures developed by the Center for Watershed Protection and EPA, field crews assessed approximately 8.7 miles of stream corridors, potential hotspot land uses, and representative residential neighborhoods, streets, and storm drainage systems. The field inventories identified a number of common issues and problems, as well as potential candidate sites for stormwater retrofits, stream restoration, and other targeted projects.

The project team also reviewed municipal land use regulations and planning documents within the watershed towns, focusing on Vernon and Tolland, which comprise the majority of the land area in the Tankerhoosen River watershed and have the greatest



FUSS & O'NEILL

potential for future development. The land use regulatory review identified a number of recommendations to improve stormwater management, encourage or require the use of Low Impact Development (LID), reduce the amount of impervious cover generated by future development, and better protect watercourses, wetlands, and riparian areas.

The combined results of the watershed field inventories and land use regulatory review are described in the report, *Watershed Field Inventories and Land Use Regulatory Review, Tankerhoosen River Watershed*, dated October 2008 (Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.).

The project team then developed a series of goals, objectives, and potential management strategies for the watershed based upon the results of the watershed inventory and evaluation phases of the project. Potential management strategies were further refined with input from the Technical Advisory Committee, culminating in the plan recommendations that are presented in this document.

E.5 Watershed Management Goals

The Tankerhoosen River Watershed Management Plan is intended to be an affordable and effective plan that can be implemented by the watershed municipalities, residents, and other stakeholders. The overall goal of the plan is to maintain and enhance water quality and ecological health in and along the Tankerhoosen River and its tributaries, which is essential to the economic well-being, environmental and public health, recreational opportunities, and quality of life for the residents, local governments, and visitors of the Tankerhoosen River watershed. This can be achieved by:

- Protecting the upper region of the Tankerhoosen River watershed, including high-quality headwater streams that sustain significant natural resources such as the Belding Wild Trout Management Area, from existing pollutant sources and future threats related to new development and redevelopment.
- Restoring and enhancing the water quality and ecological health of impacted portions of the Tankerhoosen River and its tributaries to support designated uses for fish and wildlife habitat and recreational uses.

E.6 Plan Recommendations

A set of specific objectives and recommended actions were developed to satisfy the management goals for the watershed. The plan recommendations include watershed-wide recommendations that can be implemented throughout the Tankerhoosen River watershed, targeted recommendations that are tailored to issues within specific subwatersheds or areas, and site-specific recommendations to address issues at selected sites that were identified during the watershed field inventories. Recommendations can be viewed as short-term, mid-term, and long-term according to their implementation priority.

- **Short-Term Recommendations** are initial actions to be accomplished within the first one to two years of plan implementation. These actions establish the

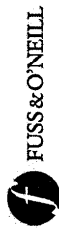


FUSS & O'NEILL

framework for implementing subsequent plan recommendations. Such actions include development of local regulations and stormwater design guidance, discharge investigations, education program planning, and field inventories within previously unassessed subwatersheds. Small demonstration restoration projects could be completed during this phase, however construction of larger retrofit practices and stream restoration projects requiring extensive design, engineering, and permitting should be planned for later implementation.

- **Mid-Term Recommendations** involve continued programmatic and operational measures, delivery of educational and outreach materials, and construction of one or two larger retrofit and/or stream restoration projects over the next two to four years. Progress on land conservation, LID implementation, and discharge investigation follow-up activities should be completed during this period, as well as project monitoring and tracking.
- **Long-Term Recommendations** consist of continued implementation of any additional projects necessary to meet watershed objectives, as well as an evaluation of progress, accounting of successes and lessons learned, and an update of the watershed management plan. Long-term recommendations are intended to be completed during the next 5- to 10-year timeframe and beyond.

Table ES-1 summarizes the management recommendations for the Tankerhoosen River watershed. The recommendations are organized by implementation priority (short-, mid-, and long-term) and scale/location (watershed, targeted, or site-specific). Successful implementation of this plan will require a cooperative effort and commitment from the key watershed stakeholders, including a recommended watershed coalition consisting of the Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park and other members of the Technical Advisory Committee, the watershed municipalities and citizens, state and federal agencies, and other groups. The table also identifies the watershed stakeholders who should be involved in implementing the plan recommendations in either a lead or support role.



FUSS & O'NEILL

Table ES-1. Watershed Management Plan Recommendations Summary

Key Actions	Who Should be Involved (L = lead, A = assist)														
	Priority	Scale/Location	Watershed Towns		Friends of HRLP	Watershed Coalition	Landowners	NCCD	HRWA	Belding WMA	ConnDOT	CTDEP	NRCS	USEPA	Citizens/Volunteers
Objective 1. Build a Foundation for Implementing the Plan															
Form sustainable partnership or coalition	S	W	A	L		A		A	A	A	A				
Adopt watershed management plan	S	W	L	L		A		A	A	A	A				
Identify potential funding sources and submit grant applications	S	W	L	L		A		A	A	A	A				
Objective 2. Enhance In-Stream and Riparian Habitat															
Conduct fish passage assessments	S	T	A		L		A		A						
Revise local stream crossing & stormwater design standards	S	W	L		A								A	L	
Belding Pond Dam removal feasibility evaluation	S	T			A										
Priority stream restoration projects	M/L	S	A		L									A	
Objective 3. Protect/Restore Riparian Buffers															
Priority riparian buffer restoration projects	M/L	S	A		L	A			A					A	
Adopt stream buffer regulations, pending enabling legislation	M	W	L												
Revise riparian buffer recommendations (Tolland)	S	W	L												
Develop and implement invasive species management plan	M	W			L			A	A	A					
Objective 4. Identify and Eliminate Illicit Discharges															
Targeted illicit discharge investigations	S	T	L		A		A								
Implement municipal IDDE programs	M	W	L												
Priority stream cleanup efforts	S	S			L			A							A
Develop education/outreach materials	S	W			L		A						A		
Deliver education/outreach to the public	M	W	L				A								
Objective 5. Residential Management Practices															
Increase watershed stewardship signage in residential areas	M	W	L		A		A		A						A
Encourage disconnection of rooftop runoff	M	W	L		A		A								
Develop education/outreach materials	S	W			L		A		A						
Deliver education/outreach to the public	M	W	L				A								
Objective 6. Municipal and Business Management Practices															
Review municipal facility compliance	S	W	L												
Improve municipal stormwater management programs	S/M	W	L												
Implement street sweeping and catch basin cleaning	M	W	L											L	
Develop education/outreach materials	S	W			L		A								A

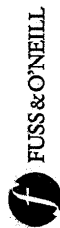


Table ES-1. Watershed Management Plan Recommendations Summary

Key Actions	Priority	Scale/Location	Who Should be Involved (L = lead, A = assist)											
			Watershed Towns	Friends of HRLP	Watershed Coalition	Landowners	NCCD	HRWA	Belding WMA	ConDOT	CTDEP	NRCS	USEPA	Citizens/Volunteers
Deliver education/outreach to the public	M	W	L		A		A	A						A
Increase watershed stewardship signage in commercial areas	M	W	L		A		A	A						A
Objective 7. Implement Water Quality Monitoring Program														
Develop and implement long-term monitoring program	S	W	A		L		A	A						A
Field monitoring study of LID effectiveness	M	W	A		L		A	A						A
Objective 8. Protect Open Space														
Priority land acquisitions	S/M	T	L		A		A			A				
Continue to implement municipal open space plans	S	W	L		L		A			A				
Seek alternative funding sources for open space acquisition	S/M	W	L		L		A			A				
Promote use of open space through trail maps and events	S/M	W	L		L		L			A	A			
Develop and implement invasive species management plan	M	W			L		L			A			A	
Objective 9. Promote LID and Sustainable Site Design														
Monitor effectiveness of LID regulations (Tolland)	S/M	W	L											
Revise Inland Wetland regulations for consistency (Tolland)	S	W	L											
Develop and implement new stormwater/LID regulations (Vernon)	S	W	L											
Form advisory committee	S	W	L											
Develop Town stormwater/LID manual and/or guidance	S	W	L											
Update existing zoning, subdivision, wetlands regulations	S	W	L											
Priority stormwater retrofits	M/L	S	A		L					A				
Incorporate LID into Town projects	M	W	L		L					A				
LID demonstration projects (green roads, public works, schools)	S	S	L		A					A				
Develop education/outreach materials	S	W	L		L					A				
Deliver education/outreach to the public	M	W	L							A			A	
Objective 10. Assess Additional Subwatersheds														
Perform stream and upland assessments	S	T			L					A	A			

Priority Abbreviations: S = short-term, M = mid-term, L = long-term
 HRLP – Hockanum River Linear Park, NCCD – North Central Conservation District, HRWA – Hockanum River Watershed Association, ConnDOT – Connecticut Department of Transportation, CTDEP – Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service, USGS – United States Geological Survey, USEPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Belding WMA – Belding Wildlife Management Area

March 3, 2009



OFFICE OF THE
COLLECTOR OF REVENUE
CAROL S. NELSON -CCMC

TOWN OF VERNON

8 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CT 06066

Tel: (860) 870-3660

Fax: (860) 870-3585

E-Mail: cnelson@vernon-ct.gov

CONSENT#1

TO: John Ward, Town Administrator
FROM: Carol S. Nelson, Collector of Revenue *[Signature]*
DATE: February 23, 2009
SUBJECT: Refunds for Town Council Approval

PRIOR YEARS:

Cab East LLC 546.60
Assessor's Corrections (3) – Sold Vehicles

CURRENT YEAR:

Bianco, Megan dba Naked Leather 389.99
Board of Assessment Appeals – misidentified vehicle
Chasse, Rachel C 52.59
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle
Guillotte, Patrick N 328.42
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle
Pedraza, Aida I and Pedraza, Victor M 333.99
Assessor's Correction – Duplicate billing
Stanley, Matthew R 171.78
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle
VW Credit Leasing Ltd 92.02
Assessor's Correction – Sold Vehicle

(1) Prior Overpayments \$ 546.60
(6) Current Overpayments \$ 1,368.79

March 3, 2009



OFFICE OF THE
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF VERNON

14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CT 06066

Tel: (860) 870-3662

Fax: (860) 870-3583

E-mail: town.clerk@ci.vernon.ct.us

TOWN OF VERNON
CERTIFIED MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO EXECUTE
DOCUMENTS FOR A SOCIAL SERVICE BLOCK GRANT

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS FOR THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE GRANT #146-SBG-34/08DSS5002BG, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,354.00 FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING 10-01-08 THRU 09-30-10.

Adopted by the **Town of Vernon on March 3, 2009**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, James E. Krupinski, Assistant Town Clerk of the Town of Vernon, hereby certify that the foregoing MOTION was adopted by the Vernon Town Council at its regular meeting of March 3, 2009.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that said action has not been modified nor rescinded, and that it remains in full force and effect.

VERNON TOWN COUNCIL

James Krupinski, CCTC
Assistant Town Clerk

Dated at Vernon, Connecticut, this 12th day of March, 2009.

