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Town of Vernon Open Space Task Force



Minutes of Special Meeting April 22, 2021

Meeting Location: The meeting was held via Video Zoom

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by acting chairman Ann Letendre. Members present: Tom Ouellette, Karl Hasel, and Ann Letendre
Staff present: George McGregor, Town Planner

2. Discussion of recent draft of Goals, Objectives, and Strategies document for the Plan of Conservation & Development.

The Town Planner summarized status and schedule of POCD process. He noted the public workshop scheduled for April 29th.

Committee members commented on the current draft. Tom suggested adding canoe and kayak locations to recreational objective 7.2; Karl noted corrections to land trust references. Ann noted several preserved open space parcels missing from the map that need to be added. She will provide the list to the Town Planner. She also expressed concern with the Exit 67 Node on the future land use map, particularly with planning commercial development directly abutting Walkers Reservoir and Gages Brook, the headwaters region of the Tankerhoosen Watershed. She also noted that recommendations and strategies of the Tankerhoosen Watershed Management Plan should be included in the POCD, as in the prior POCD.

Mr. McGregor noted that continuing dialogue on the POCD final document will take place at future meetings.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Letendre, acting Chairperson